

ANNUNCIATION PARISH

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, OCTOBER 18, 2026

PARISH OFFICE

626 Willard Ave. (All Mail Please)
Newington, CT 06111
Phone: (860) 666-1591

Office Hours

Monday - Friday:
9:00am - 2:00pm

CHURCH OF ST. MARY

626 Willard Avenue
Newington, CT. 06111

CHURCH OF HOLY SPIRIT

183 Church Street (No Mail Please)
Newington, CT. 06111

Confession

Friday: 8:30-8:50 am, HS
Saturday: 3:00-3:50 pm, HS
Sunday: 7:30-7:50 am, SM

Mass Times

Daily Mass: Monday - Friday
9:00 am, HS

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm, HS

Sunday Masses:

8:00 am, SM
9:15 am, HS
10:30 am, SM
12:00 pm, HS

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annunciationnewington.com



Then repay to Caesar what
belongs to Caesar and to God
what belongs to God.

MATTHEW 22:21



Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform
our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns
with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

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Welcome To Annunciation Parish, The Roman Catholic Community of Newington

Whether you are a long-time parishioner, a returning parishioner, a new parishioner, or a visitor, welcome to our community. We are glad that you are here and hope that you feel at home. If you are not already a member of our parish, please consider joining us. If you are a member of our parish already, please consider joining one of our ministries.

The Catholic Church welcomes new members of all ages. Children are welcomed into our faith through the sacrament of Baptism. Adults can either join our faith, or complete their sacraments of initiation through our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) or our Adult Confirmation program. If you are interested, please call the rectory at: (860) 666-1591.

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Sacramental Ministries

Baptism

To schedule a Baptism, visit our website: www.annunciationnewington.com, - Book a Baptism and then once the form is submitted, Deacon Blanchette will call to arrange a meeting.

Marriage

Please call the rectory at least **six months** in advance. Couples meet with the priest for an initial pastoral conversation before a wedding date can be set. Please do not make other plans until a date has been confirmed with your parish.

For the Sick

We are happy to visit with the homebound.

If you or a loved one would like a home visit, Holy Communion or the Anointing of the Sick, please contact the rectory office.

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**“Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.”
Matthew 22:21**

The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A highlights God’s power, faithfulness, and wisdom. The readings show how God works through people, even those who do not know Him, and how faith should shape our actions.

God’s Control Over History: God used Cyrus, a foreign king, to help Israel. This shows that God guides events and can use anyone to fulfill His plan.

Faith in Action: Paul praises the Thessalonians for their faith, love, and hope. True faith leads to action and is seen in the way people live.

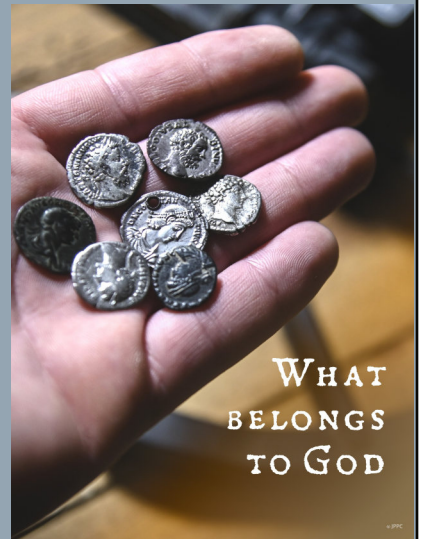
God and Government: Jesus tells the Pharisees to give Caesar what belongs to him and give God what belongs to God. This teaches that people have duties to both their country and to God.

Sincerity in Worship: The Pharisees questioned Jesus with bad intentions. Worship and faith should come from a sincere heart, not for show or to trap others.

The Power of the Gospel: Paul says the gospel came not only with words but with the Holy Spirit. The message of Jesus changes lives when people truly receive it.

Recognizing the One True God: God reminds Israel that He alone is God. People should put their trust in Him, not in earthly power.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK – Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Monday Ephesians 2:1-10 / Psalms 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5 / Luke 12:13-21

Tuesday Ephesians 2:12-22 / Psalms 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14 / Luke 12:35-38

Wednesday Ephesians 3:2-12 / Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 / Luke 12:39-48

Thursday Ephesians 3:14-21 / Psalms 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 / Luke 12:49-53

Friday Ephesians 4:1-6 / Psalms 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 / Luke 12:54-59

Saturday Ephesians 4:7-16 / Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 / Luke 13:1-9

Sunday Exodus 22:20-26 / Psalms 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 / 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10 /
Matthew 22:34-40

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 17th, The Vigil For The Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time

H/S 4:00 p.m. Josephine & Vito Summa,
By The Family

Sunday, October 18th, The Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time

S/M 8:00 a.m. Bernadette Brodeur, By Her Children

H/S 9:15 a.m. Louis & Josephine Rispoli,
By Their Family

S/M 10:30 a.m. Diane Leonard, By Her Daughter & Family

H/S 12:00 p.m. David John Gerent, 12th Anniversary,
By His Family

Monday, October 19th, Saints John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

H/S 9:00 a.m. Mary Benoit, By Clara Suarez

Tuesday, October 20th, Weekday; Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest

H/S 9:00 a.m. Jan Kroch, By Her Sister

Wednesday, October 21st, Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Skip Callahan, Birthday Remembrance,
By Paul & Anna

Thursday, October 22nd, Weekday; Saint John Paul II, Pope

H/S 9:00 a.m. The Alvizo Family, Gratefulness to The Lord,
By Jude Alvizo

Friday, October 23rd, Weekday; Saint John of Capistrano, Priest

H/S 9:00 a.m. Kim Abbattista (Living), In Thanksgiving,
By Ray Gregory

Saturday, October 24th, The Vigil For The Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

H/S 4:00 p.m. Mary Ellen Lutz,
By Her Husband & Daughter

Sunday, October 25th, The Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

S/M 8:00 a.m. Pasquale Golino, By The Family

H/S 9:15 a.m. Monique Graveline,
By The Marchetti Family

S/M 10:30 a.m. Italo Pizzoferrato, By The Family

H/S 12:00 p.m. Gregoria Pacifico,
By Cora Pacifico-Pastor



Please welcome into our parish family, the following child who was recently baptized at Annunciation Parish:

Hayden James Ruel

In Loving Memory

We pray for...

Gail Marie Cyr

Marie Hasson

And for the consolation of
their family & friends.
Eternal rest grant unto
them, O Lord; let your light
shine upon them

Parish Support

October 11, 2026

Weekly	\$10,422
Online Giving	\$3,762
Total	\$14,184

Eucharistic Adoration

Holy Spirit Church

6:00 - 7:00pm

Tuesday Evenings

Spend the whole hour or as
much time as you can give!



From the desk of our Music Director, Mark Neumann:

"A Little Traveling Music" a very famous comedian once said. Mark Neumann states: "Music in the Church is not for traveling, but rather for worship."

As Pope Leo recently said: "In the liturgy, singing and playing means praying. Sacred music is not mere decoration, but part of the liturgical action."



The Knights Sandwich Ministry

Our next sandwich collection is Sunday,
October 18th at 4:30 in the
St. Mary School Parking lot.

K of C Food Collection

Sunday, **November 1st @** both churches.

The Prayer Shawl Group

Meets the third Thursday of every month at
12:30 p.m. at The Holy Spirit church hall from
September to June.

The Men's Club

...meets on the third Wednesday of every month,
at **6:00 p.m.** in St. Mary lower rectory.
Contact: Tom Morris at (860) 666-6331

The Men's Fellowship Group

...meets every Wednesday evening from
6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Holy Spirit Church Hall.
Contact: Angelo Marchetti (860) 202-1612

The Women's Fellowship Group

...meets every Thursday from **6:30 to 8:00 p.m.**
Holy Spirit Church Hall.
Contact: Kim Marchetti (860) 202-0020

The Women's Guild

The Women's Guild Executive Board
will meet on Monday, **November 2nd**, and the
General Membership meeting will be held on
Tuesday, **November 10th.**

All meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. in the
Holy Spirit Church Hall.

Little Sisters of The Poor Visit

On **October 31st & November 1st** the Little Sisters of the Poor will be visiting **Holy Spirit Church**. The collection taken for them will be exclusively for the care of the elderly poor who reside with them at St. Joseph's Residence in Enfield. The Little Sisters of the Poor have been serving the needs of the elderly poor in Connecticut and Western Massachusetts for over 100 years. They are most grateful for your generosity. Please consider supporting their annual appeal by making checks payable to:
Little Sisters of the Poor-St. Joseph's Residence.

Generosity
changes everything

Attention:
Choir Rehearsals

Rehearsals are held Tuesday evenings at
6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church. If you have
sung in a choir before, can blend well with
others, and enjoy group singing, please join
us!

**This year's choir will enhance worship by
alternating at both Saint Mary and Holy
Spirit Church.**



The Women's Guild November General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, the 10th at 6:30 pm in the Holy Spirit Church hall. Our guest speakers for the evening will be from the Newington Human Services Department. Please join us to learn about services offered in our community and how you might help. Guild members are requested to bring a donation(s) for the Newington Food Bank Holiday Assistance Program to be provided at Thanksgiving to those in need. The most needed Thanksgiving non-perishable items include: instant mashed potatoes, stuffing, canned cranberry sauce, and canned or gravy mixes.
New members are welcome to join us at any meeting.

From Broadway to the Met:
A Benefit Concert for Haiti

You are warmly invited to an uplifting afternoon of music on **Sunday, November 1st at 3:00 PM** at **St. James Church** (767 Elm St., Rocky Hill, CT). Admission is **free**, and donations will be gratefully accepted to support our sister parish, St. Anne in Saintard, Haiti. Our program spans Broadway favorites, Classical masterpieces, and Sacred music. Approximately 50 singers from various parishes across our diocese, as well as **professional soloists** Rochelle Bard and Daniel Juarez, will present beloved classics including *The Prayer*, *Bring Him Home* from *Les Misérables*, *For Good* from *Wicked*, *Nessun Dorma*, and much more. Bring your family and friends to experience this musical celebration for a wonderful cause!



While we pray often for our beloved deceased family members throughout the year, we remember on All Souls Day and during the month of November, those who have passed to eternal life with Our Lord.

To commemorate the life of your departed loved ones who have died within the past year, we welcome you and your families to join us here at Holy Spirit Church as we celebrate a

“Mass of Remembrance on Monday, November 9th, at 6:30 p.m.”

During the mass, the names of the deceased will be announced.

At that time, family members or friends will light a candle for them.

We are happy to host you and your family on the evening of November 9, 2026 at 6:30p.m. and look forward to seeing you soon.

With prayers,

Reverend Janusz Kukulka

Reverend Joseph Pullikattil



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FAITH FORMATION NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events

- » GR. 1-7 CLASSES
OCTOBER 11 & 12
- » CONFIRMATION RETREAT
OCTOBER 11TH OR NOVEMBER 1ST
- » FAMILY MASS
OCTOBER 18TH, 2026 9:15
- » GR. K-9 CLASS
OCTOBER 25 & 26
- » GR. 1-9 CLASSES
NOVEMBER 8&9
- » FAMILY MASS
NOVEMBER 15 AT 9:15
- » CONFIRMATION PRACTICE
NOVEMBER 18, 2026
- » CONFIRMATION GR. 9 & 10
NOVEMBER 21, 2026
- » GR. K-9 CLASS
NOVEMBER 22 & 23
- » NATIVITY PLAY
DECEMBER 11, 2026

Important News

We are kicking off October after a remarkable start to Faith Formation in September. Ninth and tenth graders demonstrated exceptional participation in Family Mass, serving on the altar, reading, and collecting. Following Family Mass, students and parishioners were invited back to the hall for coffee and donuts, with a record attendance that truly embodied the spirit of our community. Our first classes were incredibly successful, and the parent meeting also saw a record attendance. To reiterate, what was discussed during our initial parent meeting: Faith formation is an ongoing process that aims to help students develop a deep love and trust in God, fostering a personal relationship with Jesus. Unlike traditional CCD, faith formation allows students to engage both their minds and hearts, enabling them to apply their faith to choices in their daily lives. While students may have an understanding of Jesus, this doesn't necessarily translate into a heartfelt connection. It's a gradual journey from intellectual comprehension to emotional resonance, and we are diligently building the foundation for students to effectively use their faith in their everyday experiences.

Halloween and All Saints Day!



Halloween brings to mind ghosts, goblins, and kids in costumes but the name itself comes from All Hallow's Eve – that is, the Vigil of All Saints' Day, when Catholics remember those who have gone before us to enter our heavenly home. Generally, All Saints' Day is a Catholic Holy Day of Obligation, meaning all Catholics are required to attend Mass on that day. Some schools, especially Catholic ones, allow students to dress up as their favorite saints, learning about their lives and sharing stories with others. Across much of Europe, the day is commemorated with offerings of flowers left on the graves of the dead. In Eastern Europe, candles are lit on graves instead of offerings of flowers.





OPERATION SWEATERS FOR VETS

On November 11, 2026 Americans throughout the world will commemorate Veteran's Day. A day set aside to thank the nation's veterans for service given and sacrifices made to protect the freedoms of this great land. Duksa Family Funeral Homes has teamed up again this year with the Chief of Volunteer Services at the Newington VA Hospital for "Operation Sweaters for Vets".

From Thursday, October 15th through Wednesday, November 11th our funeral homes will be collecting **NEW** sweaters, sweatshirts, gloves and hats to donate to the veteran's homes throughout Connecticut.

SWEATER DROP OFF

MONDAY – FRIDAY FROM 9:00AM – 4:00PM

**NEWINGTON
MEMORIAL**
20 Bonair Avenue
Newington
860-666-0600



**BURRITT
HILL**
332 Burritt Street
New Britain
860-229-9021

**Annunciation Parish
Womens Guild
Holy Spirit & St. Marys
2026 Bake Sale!**



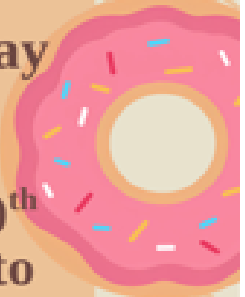
Saturday, November 21st
(After 4pm Vigil Mass)



Sunday, November 22nd
(After All Masses)



**Anyone wishing to donate baked goods may
bring them to Holy Spirit Hall.**



**Drop off baked goods Friday, November 20th
or Saturday, November 21st between 9am to
1pm!**



**Help is needed with sales and packaging.
Participation would be greatly appreciated!**



*For more information call:
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Jackie Gilligan 860-667-1441
Patty Keiltonic 860-967-5928*





Birthright

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860-290-8800

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HELP A MOTHER GIVE BIRTH TO HER BABY!
Opportunities include friendship counseling and clerical and clothing work. Training is provided.