

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF
ST. PIO OF PIETRELCINA

REVEREND THOMAS J. WALSH, PASTOR
REVEREND MATTHEW CHERIAN, PH.D., PAROCHIAL VICAR



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God." - Lk 12:20-21

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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 3, 2025

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, August 2 - First Saturday

8:00am SB + Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Pio

SATURDAY, August 2 - Vigil - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm OLOP + Johnna Criscio

by Family

5:30pm SVDP + Deceased Members of St. Pio Parish

by Clancy-Palumbo Funeral Home, East Haven

SUNDAY, August 3 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am OLOP + Angela Fedor

by Patti Scussel

9:00am SB + Rosanne Viscuso

by Husband & Children

10:30am OLOP + Sebastian & Josephine Giaimo

by Family

11:45am SVDP + Rita Genovese

by Husband, Children & Grandchildren

MONDAY, August 4 - St. John Vianney

8:00am OLOP + Coppola & DeMartino Families

by Family

8:00am SVDP + Joseph Maiorano, Sr.

by Renae Voira & Family

TUESDAY, August 5 - Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

8:00am OLOP + Mass of Thanksgiving

8:00am SVDP + Annette Talbot

by Family

WEDNESDAY, August 6 - Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00am OLOP + Norman Hottin

by Trina & Ursula

8:00am SVDP + Rochelle & Joseph Badamo

by Daughters

THURSDAY, August 7 - St. Sixtus II

8:00am OLOP + Alice Calandriello

by Porto Funeral Home

8:00am SB + Doug MacDonald

FRIDAY, August 8 - St. Dominic

8:00am SB + Rose Rita Manzi Pino

by JoAnn Messina & Family

SATURDAY, August 9 - Vigil - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm OLOP + Alexander & Sandy Granata

by Granata Family

5:30pm SVDP + Deceased Members of St. Pio Parish

by Clancy-Palumbo Funeral Home, East Haven

SUNDAY, August 10 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am OLOP + Joseph Kuczenski

by Michael & Lisa Milia

9:00am SB + Mary Ann Triumfo Ambrogio

by Family

10:30am OLOP + Filomena Lavorgna

by Husband, Attilio

11:45am SVDP + Lynn Aquaro & Helen Hitchko

by Family

STEWARDSHIP

July 26 & 27

Regular Collection

\$10,259.00

August 9 & 10 Second Collection:

Utility

Thank you to the many of you who have been so generous and responsive in these difficult times.

SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20



Holy Hour
Come spend time in
the presence of Jesus.

Every Monday, immediately following morning Mass at Our Lady of Pompeii, there is one hour of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

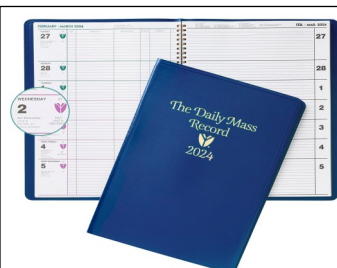
CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

Our Lady of Pompeii: Saturday at 3:00-3:30pm

St. Vincent de Paul: Saturday at 4:30-5:00pm

SILENCE.

Please, be mindful that many parishioners arrive early prior to the start of Mass in order to sit reflectively with the LORD in prayer. Please, be mindful of the level of your voice and that voices carry from the back of the church to the front. Please, maintain a subdued tone when speaking so that other's quiet time is not disturbed.



2026 MASS BOOK -

is now open!

Kindly have your Mass requests ready when scheduling. We will continue to have a limit of 2 weekend Masses per individual booking.

Payment due at time of booking and is cash or check only.

St. Pio of Pietrelcina Parish

Address: 355 Foxon Road, East Haven, CT 06513

Phone Number: (203) 469-0764

Office Hours:

Foxon Road: Mon-Thu 8:00-12:00 & 1:00-4:00;

Fri: 8:00-12:00

Taylor Avenue: Tue. & Thu. 9:00-1:00

E-Mail: stpioofpietrelcina@gmail.com

Website: stpioofpietrelcinaeh.com

MINISTRY & EVENT CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3 No Activities or Events Scheduled	SUNDAY, AUGUST 10 No Activities or Events Scheduled
MONDAY, AUGUST 4 Holy Hour - 8:30-9:30am in Our Lady of Pompeii Church	MONDAY, AUGUST 11 Holy Hour - 8:30-9:30am in Our Lady of Pompeii Church Midnight Run - 7:00pm Contact Sue Stacey at 203-214-1762
TUESDAY, AUGUST 5 Bible Study - 6:30pm at SVDP Parish Office Contact Marie Connors at 203-468-1184 Rosary Group - 8:00pm on Zoom Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8	TUESDAY, AUGUST 12 Bible Study - 6:30pm at SVDP Parish Office Contact Marie Connors at 203-468-1184 Rosary Group - 8:00pm on Zoom Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6 Bible Study - 7:00pm on Zoom Contact Christine Sandford at 203-469-7823 Rosary Group - 8:00pm on Zoom Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8	WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13 Bible Study - 7:00pm on Zoom Contact Christine Sandford at 203-469-7823 Rosary Group - 8:00pm on Zoom Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8
THURSDAY, AUGUST 7 Celebration of St. Clare - 6:00-9:00pm at St. Bernadette	THURSDAY, AUGUST 14 Scriptural Rosary - 7:00pm at OLOP Chapel Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8
FRIDAY, AUGUST 8 Celebration of St. Clare - 6:00-9:00pm at St. Bernadette	FRIDAY, AUGUST 15 Rosary Group - 8:00pm on Zoom Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8
SATURDAY, AUGUST 9 Men's Group - 7:30am-9:00am at SVDP Parish Center	SATURDAY, AUGUST 16 Men's Group - 7:30am-9:00am at SVDP Parish Center



**Celebration of St. Clare
August 7-8
St. Bernadette Church Grounds**

**SERVING
AUTHENTIC
ITALIAN
CUISINE & RAFFLE
DRAWING**

The Candles burn this week for these special intentions:

Our Lady of Pompeii Candles

Sanctuary Lamp (Right Side) ~ In Memory of Billy Richmond & For All the Souls in Purgatory

Sanctuary Lamp (Left Side) ~ In Memory of the Mauro & Elko Families

Chapel ~

Sacred Heart of Jesus ~ Joanne Cretella by Husband & Daughter

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Icon ~ Johnna Criscio by Family

Pascal Candle ~ Deceased Members of the Calamita, Hart, Surprenant & Zito Families

St. Vincent de Paul Candles

Sanctuary Lamp (Right Side) ~ In Memory of the Balzano & Avitable Families

Sanctuary Lamp (Left Side) - In Memory of Ronald Paolillo

Our Lady's Altar ~ Nicholas, Raffaele & Peter Bertier by Ann

St. Joseph's Altar ~

Pascal Candle ~ Barbara & Maurice Connolly

St. Bernadette Candles

Sanctuary Lamp (Left Side) ~ Fred & Carmel DeMichele by Family

Sanctuary Lamp (Right Side) ~ Vincent Savo by Mom & Dad

Pascal Candle ~ All The Souls in Purgatory

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Nick Vessicchio, Sally Ann Fallon, Lynette Ely, David T. Boyle, Richard Lucibello, Bryan Surprenant, Sharon Spadacenta, Marie Zambrano, Helen Langello, Brian Savo, Gerry Andrea, Alan Poirier, Connie Rasimas, Jane Pyka, Harry Clark, Lou DiNola, Geraldine Licciardi, Joseph Anyzeski, Fran Sofo, Elizabeth Kuen, Deborah Sanning, Paula Ferrara, Tina Marie Fionia, Joseph Parise, Frank DelGrego, Moira Ferguson, Danielle Joubert, Frances Polaski, Pauline Condon, Rose Anna Izzo, Angelo DeMatteo, Patricia Aulenti, Michael Pascale, Mark Schettino, Patty DiMilo, Rose Rogalski, Elaine Smith, Karen Rescigno, Virginia Pisano, DJ DiVincenzo, Philip & Sally DeMilo, Anna Concelmo, Anna Marie Nappi, Brian Higney, Rich Tortora, Denise Bailey, Joseph Peterson, Marion Mahl, Paula Ruddock, Pamela Willis, Laura Luzzi, Brian Wilson, Maureen Redmond, Kristianne Argentino, Shirley Perrelli, Andrew & Catherine Criscuolo, Patricia Miles, Joe Coscia, Deborah Verab, Dona Marie, Christina Meoli, Michelle Smith, Ron Mattei, Charlene Tantalio, Al Forgiore, Gabriella Garrity, Beverly Fucci, W.D. Merkle, Phyllis Anastasio, Cheryl Barbara, Laura-Phyllis Esposito, Diana Vitelli O'Brien, Meghan Keeney, Gennaro Milone, Jo Vuolo, Felicia DeRoche, Mike Barnett, Richard Costanzo, Carole & Frank Casapulla, Michael Bowen, Linda Montone, Carol Esposito, Fred & Barbara Brow, Roberta Sanders-Gray, Jeannette Winston, Marilyn Sisson, Ryder Feeley, Theodore Siwinski, Michael Enders, Nicholas Cerillo, Edwina Cinque, Renee Flynn, The Cooper Family, Lynn Ely, Ethan Roche, Frances Graney, Rose Paula Dziedulonis, Taras Mychajlowskyj, Denise Steiner, Gloribeth R., Stacie Bouchard, Al Sappinetti, Guy Racino, Michael Polaski, Martha Catel, Eddie Villecco, Isaiah Colville, Jennie Nazario, Joan Proto, Caitlin Rustic, Michael Filion, John Torello, Mauro Antonio Bezanilla, Matteo Criscuolo, Robert Filion, Lucy Carbone, Dorene Izzo, Lucille Palange, Mark Houston, Avery Bye, Alex Bernaitis, Vincent Pisano, Barbara Bellucci, Michael Bulger, Anna Sabatino, Audrey Elder, Theresa Polio, Mike Liso, John Mongillo, Sr., Juan & Family, Vern Kelly, Monica Cantore, Fr. Lawrence Boch, Antoinette Comiskey, Diane DiLungo, Frances 'Jean' Massimino, Luca Small, Vincent Savo, Alex Dugatto, Kim Vincent-Foschini, Dawn Quartiano Ferraro, Sal DeCola, Pasquale Marino, Bernadette Mckiernan, Bill Izzo, Ron Ardito, Fr. Krugle, Arthur Brigante, Angela & Kevin Medley, Lucille & Paul Sarno, Joycelyn Bila, Richard Marshall, Sandy Derbacher, John Cavallaro, Mr. Rubenstein, Roberta Perillo

Please send prayer requests to stpioofpietrelcina@gmail.com so that our parishioners and friends can be remembered in our prayers.

**Midnight Run
Taylor Avenue Campus**

The Midnight Run for **August** is the **2nd Monday**, which is **August 11th**. Donations of brown bag lunches, water, juice boxes and toiletries are appreciated. These donations can be dropped off to Sue Stacey's home, 82 Forbes Place, up until 7pm on **Monday, August 11th**. Any questions, please contact Sue at 203-214-1762. Thank you and God bless you for all donations. Stay safe & well.

**Midnight Run
Foxon Road Campus**

On the last Monday of each month, we bring 75 bagged lunches to the Columbus House Overflow Shelter.

Donations Needed:

ShopRite Gift Cards or

Gallon Size Ziploc Bags

Quart Size Ziploc Bags

Peanut Butter & Jelly

Juice Pouches

Raisin Boxes

Fruit Cups & Pudding Cups

Granola Bars

Individual Packaged Cookies, Crackers or Chips

We are also looking for small amounts or full skeins of yarn, it will be used to make hats and scarves for the midnight run. Please leave your donations at any entrance of Our Lady of Pompeii church **ONLY**. Thank you.

Midnight Run is the **LAST** Monday of **EVERY** month from Our Lady of Pompeii Church from 6-7 pm. Thank-you for being so generous!



St. Bernadette Food Pantry located at the St. Bernadette School is open every Saturday from 10:00am-11:00am. We are always in need of non-perishable foods. Top choices are, canned: tomatoes, **tomato sauce**, vegetables, tuna fish, **soups** and fruits. Pasta, mac & cheese and **peanut butter**. Consumption guidelines provided to us from the CT Food Bank: Expiration/Code Date Extensions past expiration: high acid foods (i.e. tomatoes) 12-18 months. Low acid foods (canned meat, most vegetables) 2-5 years. Food in jars, 12 months past expiration, dry cereal 6-12 months, rice/pasta (dry) 1 year. Questions, please contact Deb or Rico at 203-468-7489



THE EAST HAVEN FOOD PANTRY is asking for soups, ramen noodles, cereal, rice a roni and pasta sides for the summer. Please leave your donations of food at the church entrances.

The Food Pantry will be open from 9:00am-11:00am on Saturdays & Tuesdays for East Haven residents.

For more info call Christine Sandford 203-469-7823

Hello everyone!

I am officially retired as the Director of Religious Education here at St. Pio of Pietrelcina Parish and I wanted to take this opportunity to say how truly blessed, and grateful I am to have had 31 years in this wonderful position in this amazing parish community.

I would like to thank all of you that came to the reception that was held for me. I was so happy to see so many of you there. Thank you all for the gifts, cards, kind words, well wishes and prayers. It was truly a memorable day for me. I would also like to thank all of you for the support you gave to the students and families in the Religious Education Program. Your prayers meant so much, as well as your participation in our events and your attendance at the Living Stations of the Cross as well as the Live Nativity. The students were always so happy to see the people of the parish there.

My heartfelt gratitude to the wonderful group of teachers that gave so willingly of their time and faith to the children of this parish. They gave so much of themselves every week and did such faith-filled work with the children. All are wonderful role models and the families of this parish are so lucky to have them all. To Diane Carr, Gretchen Maynard, Tommy Maynard, Tom Maynard, Maryanne Bauknecht, Dawn Vittorio, Patty Scussel, Nancy Porrazzo, Tina Hedley, Liz Franco-Spano, Andrea Ross, Mike Mancuso, John Delcore, words are not enough to express how thankful I am for all that you did and will continue to do. I pray that God blesses each and every one of you for your shining example of faith, hope and love.

To Christine Gambardella, Renae Voira and Anna Keeney, “The Crew!” Thank you all for your dedication in not only the classroom but in planning all of our events and presentations and for being the creative drive behind so much of what was done. No matter what crazy idea came up.. you were all in! You all gave so much extra and beyond, in time and talent and I will be forever grateful to all of you.

To Jennie Llanos, thank you for your time in the classroom, your beyond extra time in planning and participating in all that we did. Most of all, thank you for the last year working side by side with me and now, for stepping into the role of Director of Religious Education. You are an absolute joy to work with and I know that your deep, loving faith will truly be a blessing to the children and families of this parish. The Religious Education Program will soar under your direction because of your kindness, intelligence, creativity and deep faith. I am so excited to see how far you will go!!

To the parents and students in the program, thank you for the support, kindness, dedication and care you have shown me for so long. I have had the pleasure and privilege to have worked with so many wonderful children, now adults and I have been blessed to work with their children as well!! I am truly blessed. Parents, your support and trust have meant so much to me. You all have so much to be proud of in your amazing children. Continue to walk with them in faith and encourage their relationship with God. Help them to know Jesus and the Blessed Mother. Be sure to come to Mass as a family, our faith truly begins there and we gain grace and strength through the Eucharist.

In closing, I ask all of the wonderful, warm, supportive people of this awesome parish of St. Pio of Pietrelcina to please continue to pray for the students and families in the Religious Education Program. Pray also for the teachers as they truly are the anchors of this ministry. Please continue to support the events and presentations so that the children will know how very important they are to this faith community.

God bless you all,

Carol Silva

AUGUST 3, 2025

Hello families:

As we look ahead to the 2025-2026 Religious Education year, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all of you for your cooperation and support. This past year, our religious education program has been a great success, thanks to the support of: you as parents to your children and to our dedicated teachers. The students are a joy to work with. The sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation were beautifully celebrated. Many of you expressed your appreciation for a very spiritually-uplifting experience. And we thank-you for your positive comments.

Planning has begun for the 2025-2026 year. This will be an exciting year for our Religious Education Program at St. Pio of Pietrelcina Parish as we previously announced, Carol Silva will be retiring at the end of July. We are deeply grateful for her faithful years of service to our parish community. Jennie Llanos will be stepping into the role of Director of Religious Education. With this transition our program will continue to grow and offer new opportunities for the children and their families to grow and deepen their faith through intentional, meaningful experiences.

Our program will continue to include several family focused components:

- **Bimonthly Children's Liturgies**
- **Family Events**
- **Student Service Projects**
- **Home/Class Family Projects**
- **Parent/Student Classes**

This year, St. Pio's Religious Education Program will continue to include family participation. Your role as the primary educator of your child's faith will *continue* to be a powerful witness as well as give a solid spiritual foundation for not only your child(ren), but also for the entire family. At times parents will be invited to attend classes with their children so that each child can continue to build a strong, family supported faith foundation.

There are changes to the class schedules this year. The new schedule is included in this letter. Students will meet twice a month rather than having a weekly meeting session. This change in the schedule will allow families the opportunity to spend more time together and practice their faith together.

Weekly participation at Mass is an **expected** requirement of our Religious Education Program. In the midst of very busy schedules, we ask our families to commit to weekly worship. Attending Mass regularly reinforces the lessons taught in class and shows our children that faith is lived, not just learned in a classroom setting. *We invite you to make the time and make the commitment to worship weekly as a family if you haven't already done so.*

Please return the registration forms as soon as possible for the 2025-2026 year. This looks to be an exciting year as we reduce class-time for our students and subsequently, provide more multi-media, on-line and family-focused possibilities for mastery of the principles of our Catholic faith for each grade.

All religious education classes will be held at the St. Vincent de Paul Church campus.

- **Grades 1-6, will meet in the school**
- **Grades 7, 8, 9 and 10 will meet in the lower level of the parish office building**

The schedule for classes is as follows:

Grades 1 through 8 will be held twice a month

Mondays: 5:30pm to 6:30 pm

Tuesdays 5:30pm to 6:30 pm

Last year, the second session offered for grades one through six had very small groups in the evening, therefore the need to have those late session on both days is not necessary.

As I would like grades 7 and 8 to meet as a whole class there will be one day offered for each of those grades. The students need to become accustomed to being together as a group to prepare them for their Confirmation classes.

Grade 7 will meet on Tuesdays from 5:30pm to 6:30 pm

Grade 8 will meet on Mondays from 5:30pm to 6:30 pm

Grades 9 and 10 will meet on Monday evenings once a month from 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Payment is expected at the time of registration. We are trying to keep the fees reasonable, so we ask you to be sure to include the fee with the form. Registration Forms should be returned as soon possible thus, choice of day and time will be at a first-come basis. The deadline for registration is September 8, 2025 as classes will begin in October.

Thank you in advance for your continued support and cooperation. As a parent, you continue to accompany your child(ren) on their spiritual journey. As a parish, our future rests in the hope that families return to church, practice their faith on a weekly basis and assist their child(ren) in discovering the part that their faith plays in the larger faith community of St. Pio of Pietrelcina.

God's blessing for safe and restful summer.

Jennie Llanos
Director of Religious Education
&
Carol Silva

MESSAGE BOARD

WELCOME ARCHBISHOP COYNE

We welcome Archbishop Christopher Coyne who will be visiting our parish on Sunday, August 10. The archbishop will be celebrating the 10:30 Mass at Our Lady of Pompeii Church.

FATHER MURASSO'S ADDRESS

Several parishioners have asked for Fr. Murasso's address after he departs from Saint Pio of Pietrelcina. Cards can be sent to Father Murasso at: P.O. Box 709, Westbrook, CT 06498.



SHOPPING CARDS *STILL* NEEDED

With the food prices continue to rise, several of our parishioners are having trouble buying food as they struggle to purchase other household necessities and pay for rent and utilities.

Grocery Shopping cards in any denomination to any of the local supermarkets would help me help members of our parish family, who are need of assistance for the purchase of food. These gift/shopping cards can be dropped into the collection basket or brought to the parish office. Whatever you can do, is greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance.



October 16, October 17 & October 18

Sinatra! Italian Songbook! The mob! This show has is all!

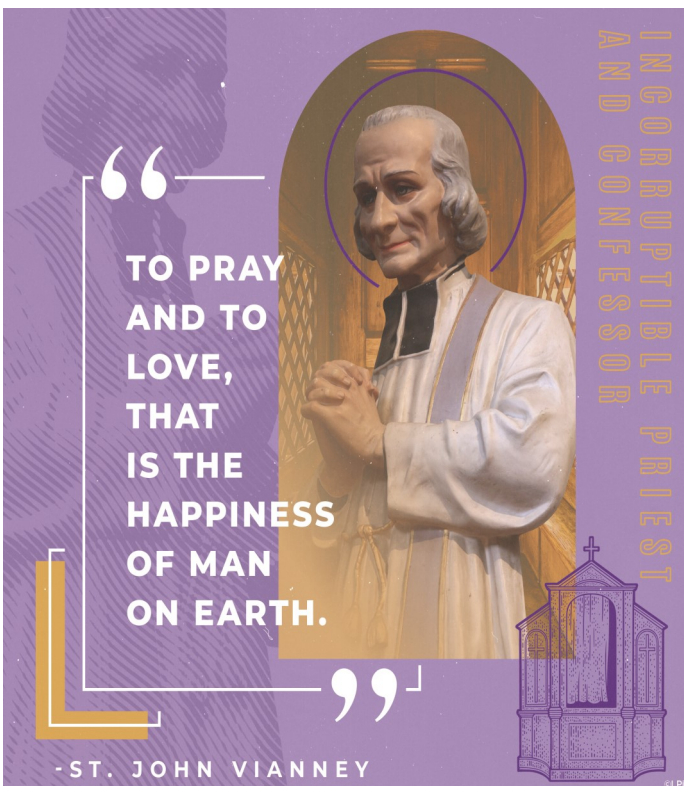
For tickets:

- The Legacy Theatre Box Office, 203-315-1901
128 Thimble Island Rd., Branford, CT 06405
OR
- www.legacytheatrect.org

Group, Senior & Military Discounts Available

New Parish App Now Available For Download!

Be sure to download the app after Mass today by searching for the myparish app on your phone's app store or by scanning the QR code and stay connected with us all week long.



NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

Branches on the Vine

AUGUST 2 - 8, 2025



Members of the St. Trofimenia Society of St. Michael Church carry a statue of the saint through the Wooster Street neighborhood of New Haven during a procession on her feast day.
PHOTO BY JOE PISANI



The St. Catello Society participated in the first procession in 70 years, along with other Italian-American religious societies from St. Michael and St. Anthony.
PHOTO BY JOE PISANI

Several hundred Italian-Americans marched in a procession three blocks long in honor of St. Trofimenia, a fourth century virgin martyr, whose statue was held aloft on a platform and carried through New Haven's Wooster Street neighborhood of Little Italy.

The procession, held on the saint's feast day, July 13, was sponsored by the St. Trofimenia Society and was preceded by a Mass at St. Michael Church.

It included a marching band, a Knights of Columbus honor guard and representatives from the St. Catello Society and other Italian-American organizations from St. Michael and St. Anthony churches, which are part of the Blessed Michael McGivney Parish in the Elm City.

David Kelley, one of the organizers, said it was the first time in 40 years there has been a procession for the saint, who is patron of Minori, Italy, and the first time in 70 years for the St. Catello Society.

Kelley, who is co-president of the St. Trofimenia Society with his cousin, Richard Biondi, says, "This is beyond belief. This is more than we ever anticipated or dreamed of doing." Only two years ago, the co-presidents revived the society, which was founded in 1908. It now boasts some 120 members.

"The Mass and procession mean a great deal to me and the members of the societies," Biondi says.

PROCESSION IN NEW HAVEN CELEBRATES CATHOLIC FAITH, ITALIAN-AMERICAN CULTURES

"For the older members to celebrate a Mass in Italian brings back cherished memories of their youth and family members who are no longer alive."

Biondi adds that the procession was also an opportunity for unity among the Italian-American religious organizations in the New Haven area and "an occasion to celebrate our Catholic faith, as well as our Italian-American culture and traditions." The procession included delegations from societies that honor St. Trofimenia, St. Catello, St. Anthony, St. Andrew, St. Anne and St. Maria Maddalena.

Father Joseph MacNeill led the procession and celebrated Mass in Italian earlier that morning. The priest, who is chaplain of St. Thomas More Chapel & Center at Yale in New Haven, traces his ancestry on his mother's side to the Abruzzi region of Italy.

"I'm here to continue to give witness to our passion, faith, culture and saints for the next generation of Italian Americans," he says. Founded in 1901, members of the St. Catello Society carried a statue of the ninth century bishop of Castellamare di Stabia, a city southeast of Naples.

Gene Avino, whose grandfather began the society to help immigrants from his home, says the group will celebrate its 125th anniversary next year.

The president, Paul Criscuolo, says there has been a renewed interest in Italian heritage and that 14 new members have enrolled, some of them from Ireland, Italy, California and Florida. Around the turn of the century, immigrants established Italian societies at St. Michael's, the oldest Italian church in Connecticut, to offer assistance to one another, honor their traditions and share their devotion to the patron saints of their hometowns.

According to tradition, St. Trofimenia was a young woman who was killed by her father for refusing to marry a pagan because she was Christian.

Kelley said the day was a testament to the enduring presence of Italian-American culture and faith.

"I grew up at St. Michael's Church as a child and spent a lot of time with my grandparents," he recalled. "I love our Italian traditions, so we hope this is a kind of revival."

- Story by Joe Pisani



Upcoming Events



08/5 - 9/9 TUESDAYS 6PM
ROSARY WALK 2025 FOR WORLD PEACE
All Saints Cemetery, Main office,
700 Middletown Ave, North Haven

Join the Legion of Mary every Tuesday evening until Sept. 9th for a peaceful Rosary Walk for World Peace. This outdoor gathering offers prayerful reflection through the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. In the event of rain, the group will meet in front of the Mausoleum.

Please wear comfortable, weather-appropriate clothing. A limited supply of rosaries is available, but participants are encouraged to bring their own. Prayer programs will be provided. Free parking available.

Questions? Call Barbara at 203-605-9845.
To receive updates, leave a message with your clearly stated and spelled email address.



10/13 MONDAY
2025 CONNECTICUT GOLF CLASSIC
The Hartford Golf Club, 134 Norwood Rd,
West Hartford

Join us for the 2025 Connecticut Golf Classic, co-presented by the Connecticut Catholic Foundation and Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of Hartford. Individuals and foursomes are invited to enjoy a day on the course in support of a great cause.

Proceeds benefit the CCF grants program and Catholic Charities' Early Childhood Education program, addressing critical needs in Hartford, Litchfield, and New Haven counties.

Register at: www.ctcatholicfoundation.org/2025-ct-golf-classic

Contact:
Ranee Gileau, CCF, 860-242-5573 ext. 1054 or
Ranee.Gileau@aohct.org

David Sellery, Catholic Charities, 860-728-2564 or
dsellery@ccaoh.org

Bereavement Facilitators Enrichment Workshop

For those who provide pastoral care in parish setting.

Learn from Jennifer Siefert, author of *When Words Disappear*, how poetry can help the grieving process by tapping into a range of feelings – from sadness to despair to hope and healing.

When Jennifer's mother was diagnosed with corticobasal syndrome, a rare, progressive brain disease similar to early-onset Alzheimer's, she wrote poetry to help her cope.

When Words Disappear is Jennifer's vivid chronicle of caregiving and grieving for her mother. Told through poems and reflections, it takes the reader on an intimate journey and beyond bereavement.

Join us

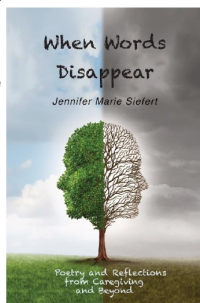
When: Tuesday, August 5, 2025
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Location: Pastoral Center
467 Bloomfield Avenue
Bloomfield, CT

Register by scanning the QR Code:

Schedule of the Morning:

9:00 a.m. - Check in and Coffee
9:15 a.m. - Author Presentation
10:30 a.m. - Catholic Teachings on Death with Fr. Dolan
11:15 a.m. - Bereavement Facilitator Discussion Panel

For more information, email Valerie St. Jean, Associate Director of Adult and Family Life Ministries: Valerie.StJean@aohct.org.



ARCHDIOCESE of HARTFORD
Office of Faith Formation and Parish Life

2025 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Scan the QR code
to learn how you
can make a
lasting impact!



SCAN ME

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We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to **Jennie Llanos** for organizing this beautiful event, and to **Cathy and Carmine Amento, Carol and Joe Silva,** and **Tommy Maynard** for their tremendous efforts on the day of the event.

A sincere thank you as well to **all of the volunteers** who so generously offered their time and support during the display of the **Padre Pio Relics** on **Saturday, July 26.**

Your hospitality, care, and behind-the-scenes dedication helped create a deeply meaningful experience for everyone who attended. Because of your efforts, many were able to encounter the holiness of Padre Pio and feel the warmth of our parish family in a profound and personal way.

Thank you for making the day such a great success!

*"Pray, hope and don't worry. Worry is useless.
God is merciful and will hear your prayers."*
--Padre Pio

Thank You



The Women's ACT Retreat scheduled for September has been **cancelled** due to a fire at Our Lady of Cavalry Retreat Center.

Please keep your eye out for further details for the 2025-2026 retreats.

MASS SCHEDULE



Mass Schedule

August 2 & 3, 2025

4:00 pm OLOP: Fr. Walsh

5:30 pm SVDP: Fr. Matthew

7:30 am OLOP: Fr. Borino

9:00 am SB: Fr. Matthew

10:30 am OLOP: Fr. Walsh

11:45 am SVDP: Fr. Matthew



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