

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF  
**ST. PIO OF PIETRELCINA**

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



## 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." - Lk 12:39-40

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**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
***August 10, 2025***



### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### 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

#### MONDAY, August 11 - St. Clare

8:00am OLOP + Cora & Harold Hall, Sr.  
by Marianne Hall  
8:00am SVDP + Giuseppe Patricelli  
by Wife & Children

#### TUESDAY, August 12 – St. Jane Frances de Chantal

8:00am OLOP + Bob Scussel, Jr.  
by Carol  
8:00am SVDP + Pat Gargano  
by A Friend

#### WEDNESDAY, August 13 – Sts. Pontian & Hippolytus

8:00am OLOP + Silvia Lopusny  
by Michael & Renae Voira  
8:00am SVDP + Rosalie Musco  
by Family

#### THURSDAY, August 14 - St. Maximillian Kolbe

8:00am OLOP + Sally Kalinoski  
by Family  
8:00am SB + Andrew Fraulo  
by DiAdamo Family

#### FRIDAY, August 15 - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am OLOP + Living & Deceased Members of St. Pio  
8:00am SB + Living & Deceased Members of St. Pio  
12:15pm SVDP + Living & Deceased Members of St. Pio  
6:00pm OLOP + Living & Deceased Members of St. Pio

#### SATURDAY, August 16 - Vigil - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**4:00pm OLOP** + Johnna Criscio  
by Angela Piscitelli  
**5:30pm SVDP** + Mary, Donald & Angelo Izzo; Frank &  
Marianne Cantore & David Dunaj  
by Family

#### SUNDAY, August 17 – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am OLOP + Ryan Kiley  
by Mom, Liz, Ashley & Sean  
9:00am SB + Joseph DeFilippo  
by Vincent & Erica Borzillo  
10:30am OLOP + Robert Becker  
by Family  
11:45am SVDP + Carmela Johnson  
by Son, Leo

### STEWARDSHIP

August 2 & 3

Regular Collection \$10,112.00

Monthly Collection \$4,795.00

August 16 & 17 Second Collection:

**None**

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

### SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)/  
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-  
48 or 12:35-40  
Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt  
17:22-27  
Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8/Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12/Mt  
18:1-5, 10, 12-14  
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt  
18:15-20  
Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/  
Mt 18:21—19:1  
Friday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12,  
16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56  
Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt  
19:13-15



**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

<p align="center"><b>SUNDAY, AUGUST 10</b></p> <p align="center">No Activities or Events Scheduled</p>	<p align="center"><b>SUNDAY, AUGUST 17</b></p> <p align="center">No Activities or Events Scheduled</p>
<p align="center"><b>MONDAY, AUGUST 11</b></p> <p><b>Holy Hour</b> - 8:30-9:30am in Our Lady of Pompeii Church</p> <p align="center"><b>Midnight Run</b> - 7:00pm</p> <p align="center">Contact Sue Stacey at 203-214-1762</p>	<p align="center"><b>MONDAY, AUGUST 18</b></p> <p><b>Holy Hour</b> - 8:30-9:30am in Our Lady of Pompeii Church</p>
<p align="center"><b>TUESDAY, AUGUST 12</b></p> <p><b>Bible Study</b> - 6:30pm at SVDP Parish Office Contact Marie Connors at 203-468-1184</p> <p><b>Rosary Group</b> - 8:00pm on Zoom Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8</p>	<p align="center"><b>TUESDAY, AUGUST 19</b></p> <p><b>Bible Study</b> - 6:30pm at SVDP Parish Office Contact Marie Connors at 203-468-1184</p> <p><b>Rosary Group</b> - 8:00pm on Zoom Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8</p>
<p align="center"><b>WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13</b></p> <p><b>Bible Study</b> - 7:00pm on Zoom Contact Christine Sandford at 203-469-7823</p> <p><b>Rosary Group</b> - 8:00pm on Zoom Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8</p>	<p align="center"><b>WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20</b></p> <p><b>Bible Study</b> - 7:00pm on Zoom Contact Christine Sandford at 203-469-7823</p> <p><b>Rosary Group</b> - 8:00pm on Zoom Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8</p>
<p align="center"><b>THURSDAY, AUGUST 14</b></p> <p><b>Scriptural Rosary</b> - 7:00pm at OLOP Chapel Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8</p>	<p align="center"><b>THURSDAY, AUGUST 21</b></p> <p><b>Scriptural Rosary</b> - 7:00pm at OLOP Chapel Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8</p>
<p align="center"><b>FRIDAY, AUGUST 15</b></p> <p><b>Rosary Group</b> - 8:00pm on Zoom Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8</p>	<p align="center"><b>FRIDAY, AUGUST 22</b></p> <p><b>Rosary Group</b> - 8:00pm on Zoom Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8</p>
<p align="center"><b>SATURDAY, AUGUST 16</b></p> <p><b>Men's Group</b> - 7:30am-9:00am at SVDP Parish Center</p>	<p align="center"><b>SATURDAY, AUGUST 23</b></p> <p><b>Men's Group</b> - 7:30am-9:00am at SVDP Parish Center</p>



A growing number of parishioners are taking advantage of our online giving option, signing up for everything from on going weekly offerings to gifts for Christmas flowers. You may make a one-time gift or sign up for recurring donations. Visit <https://stpioofpietrelcinaeh.com/> and click on the 'Give' button for online giving and account registration. Contact the Parish Office with any questions. Online Giving

## Knights of Columbus Rodrigo Council #44 July 2025 300 Club Winners

**1st - Nick DiAdamo (#26)- \$150.00**  
**2nd - Louis Massaro (#283) - \$100.00**  
**3rd - Larry Soloci (#294) - \$75.00**  
**4th - Anthony Larry (#204) - \$50.00**



Have you recently lost a friend or family member?  
Are you having difficulty concentrating and enjoying everyday activities?

For information, please contact  
Barbara Natarajan at  
[Rajnet352@comcast.net](mailto:Rajnet352@comcast.net) or  
Phone: 713-898-2563

**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 ~ Virginia Mancini by Cousins*

*Our Lady of Perpetual Help Icon ~*

*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 ~*

*St. Joseph's Altar ~*

*Pascal Candle ~ Barbara & Maurice Connolly*

**St. Bernadette Candles**

*Sanctuary Lamp (Left Side) ~ Andrew Fraulo by DiAdamo 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. Kruger, 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](mailto: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**



## 11 DAYS PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE & THE GREEK ISLES

MAY 5- 15, 2026

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Rev. Murasso  
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Email: jeremiah.murasso@aol.com



**SPACE IS LIMITED! SIGN UP TODAY!!!**

### From the Pastor's Desk

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the celebration in honor of the feast of St. Clare. I would also like to thank everyone who volunteered to make the Feast such a success. Like the Carnival, the Feast is a major fundraiser. Finally, thank you to everyone who sold raffle tickets or who bought raffle tickets.

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

#### Plan Wisely

What would happen if you found out right now that relatives of yours were coming into town tomorrow, and they hoped to stay with you? You can either tell them they can't stay with you, or you immediately begin a process of furiously cleaning, straightening up, and grocery shopping in anticipation of your guests. If you don't have to do anything to prepare because your home is perfect, clean, and fully stocked, perhaps you don't live in your home or you are obsessive compulsive. I suspect most people reading this would go into panic mode!

We spend much time putting off things until later. Then when something unexpected happens, we swing into action to deal with it or prepare for its effects. We would have acted differently if we knew what was coming down the road.

What does your stewardship way of life look like? Are you living as if you have forever, or are you living as if Jesus could return any moment and your life here on earth could end tomorrow? The gift of time is often taken for granted. If we live more mindfully of that gift, we waste less of it and maximize the moments in which we find ourselves. We give of ourselves in ways that are more meaningful and productive. The gift of tomorrow is not promised to you, but the gift of today has already been given. Use this day wisely because who knows what tomorrow may bring.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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out the road to follow.”

— Pope Benedict XVI



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## 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.

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### 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 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.legacytheatre.org](http://www.legacytheatre.org)

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# Branches on the Vine

AUGUST 9 - 15, 2025

## ARCHBISHOP TO DEDICATE A MARIAN SHRINE IN ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD



Maria Reina de la Paz Parish at St. Lawrence O'Toole Church in Hartford is being elevated to an archdiocesan shrine.  
PHOTO BY AARON JOSEPH

**I**n August, a new Marian shrine will be dedicated in the Archdiocese of Hartford, creating a sacred pilgrimage destination where all local Catholics can deepen their devotion to Mary.

On Aug. 14 at 7 p.m., Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne will elevate Maria Reina de la Paz Parish (Mary, Queen of Peace) at St. Lawrence O'Toole Church in Hartford to the status of an archdiocesan shrine. Archbishop Coyne has already recognized the shrine through a signed decree.

"This shrine is going to become a place of hope, prayer and encounter with Mary," says Father H. Alexander Avendaño, pastor of the parish, who will also become the rector of the shrine. "Mary is the key. This is a spiritual place where we as Mary's children encounter her motherly love, and we will make sure that's going to happen here, day after day."

While the shrine is open to all, it will aim to be a welcoming pilgrimage site for the archdiocese's growing Hispanic population, many of whom have a special devotion to Mary.

For years, Maria Reina de la Paz Parish has offered daily Masses, the rosary, weeknight confessions, overnight confessions on First Fridays, and numerous Marian celebrations throughout the year – all of which factored into the parish's elevation to a shrine and which will continue to be offered.

Future plans for the shrine include regular talks on Mary, workshops and a Marian congress or full-day retreat with invited speakers and activities.

"The shrine will offer a deeper understanding of Marian spirituality. There's more than piety," Father Avendaño explains.

"There is knowledge, there's facts. This shrine will be a place where Catholics will come to learn, gain knowledge and understand the mystery of Mary in sanctification and salvation."

Longer-range plans, dependent on fundraising, call for the addition of outdoor stations of the cross, painted

icons of Mary on the ceiling, and improved accessibility and more restrooms.

Father Avendaño is preparing for a full house at 7 p.m. on Aug. 14, the day of the shrine's dedication by Archbishop Coyne, which is also the Vigil Mass for the feast of the Assumption of Mary. Pilgrims may be seated in the main church, in the lower church and can spill over onto the lawn, if needed.

The next day, on Aug. 15 at 7 p.m., on the actual feast of the Assumption of Mary, the shrine will host its first Spanish Mass with Bishop Juan Miguel Betancourt. A traveling statue of Our Lady of Fatima, which was blessed by Pope Francis in 2017 and played a role in the shrine's genesis, will be permanently enthroned at that time.

The new shrine has also been designated by the archdiocese as a Jubilee Church for the Jubilee Year of 2025, allowing pilgrims who attend between Aug. 14 and Jan. 6 to receive a special indulgence.

"Anyone who comes properly prepared and stays for Mass will be granted a plenary indulgence for the Jubilee Year of Hope," Father Avendaño says. "I would like every parish to make a pilgrimage to get the indulgence before Jan. 6, when the Jubilee ends."

For shrine offerings, visit [mrpct.org](http://mrpct.org) or download the Maria Reina de la Paz app at Google Play or The App Store. The shrine is located at 494 New Britain Ave. in Hartford.

- Story by Shelley Wolf





# Upcoming Events



08/14-08/17 WEEKEND  
**UNIQUE BOUTIQUE – TAG SALE**  
St. Bridget Church, 80 Main St,  
Manchester

The Parish of St. Teresa of Calcutta invites you to Unique Boutique, a large, quality tag sale featuring a wide range of items for sale including furniture, books, jewelry, collectibles, toys, hardware, artwork, household items, linens, glassware, sporting goods, holiday items, crafts, gardening supplies, luggage, pocketbooks and much more.

**Schedule & Admission:**  
Thursday, 08/14, 5PM-8PM – \$10 admission (includes wine & cheese while you shop)  
Friday, 08/15, 4PM-8PM – \$1 admission  
Saturday, 08/16, 9AM-6PM – Free admission  
Sunday, 08/17, 8AM-11AM – Free admission

Don't miss this incredible shopping opportunity filled with treasures for every interest!

**NEWPORT POLO CLUB**

AUGUST 16 BUS TRIP TO  
NEWPORT, RI. POLO MATCH  
U.S.A VS. JAMAICA

*BYOB!*

MATCH  
BEGINS AT  
5 PM

BUS WILL LEAVE AFTER THE 9:00 MASS  
COST IS \$115.00 PER PERSON.  
INCLUDES TICKET, BUS RIDE AND FOOD DURING THE MATCH

Contact Sister Fiat Marie for details  
srfiatmarie@cheshirecatholic.org  
203-272-3531

The Office of Missionary Discipleship is currently registering people for the **"Foundations of Lay Ministry"** Classes begin on September 16 at two locations. Members of this course will learn about the essential writings on the Lay vocation, Contemplative Prayer, Catholic social teaching, and pastoral ministry, and more.



Those interested should contact Jason at [Jason.rinaldi@aohct.org](mailto:Jason.rinaldi@aohct.org) for information or to register.

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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 9 & 10, 2025**

**4:00 pm OLOP:** Fr. Walsh

**5:30 pm SVDP:** Fr. Matthew

**7:30 am OLOP:** Fr. Walsh

**9:00 am SB:** Fr. Matthew

**10:30 am OLOP:** Archbishop Coyne

**11:45 am SVDP:** Msgr. Walker

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### **August 16 & 17, 2025**

**4:00 pm OLOP:** Fr. Matthew

**5:30 pm SVDP:** Fr. Matthew

**7:30 am OLOP:** Fr. Matthew

**9:00 am SB:** Fr. Walsh

**10:30 am OLOP:** Fr. Matthew

**11:45 am SVDP:** Fr. Walsh

*\*Deacons to Preach at All Masses*

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### **August 23 & 24, 2025**

**4:00 pm OLOP:** Fr. Walsh

**5:30 pm SVDP:** Fr. Matthew

**7:30 am OLOP:** Fr. Walsh

**9:00 am SB:** Fr. Matthew

**10:30 am OLOP:** Fr. Walsh

**11:45 am SVDP:** Fr. Matthew

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### **August 30 & 31, 2025**

**4:00 pm OLOP:** Fr. Matthew

**5:30 pm SVDP:** Fr. Walsh

**7:30 am OLOP:** Fr. Matthew

**9:00 am SB:** Fr. Walsh

**10:30 am OLOP:** Fr. Matthew

**11:45 am SVDP:** Fr. Walsh