

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF
ST. PIO OF PIETRELCINA

REVEREND THOMAS J. WALSH, PASTOR
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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." - Lk 13:29-30

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 24, 2025

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, August 23 - Vigil - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm OLOP + Ann Marie Kuczinski
by Family

5:30pm SVDP + Joseph Concelmo
by Concelmo Family

SUNDAY, August 24 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am OLOP + Larry & Patty Cifarelli
by Sherry Cifarelli & Family

9:00am SB + Franklin & Gloria Caruso
by Caruso-Thorson Family

10:30am OLOP + Katherine Ryan
by DiModugno Family

11:45am SVDP + Judith Bracken
by Carole Brown

MONDAY, August 25 - St. Louis

8:00am OLOP + Vincent Bartozzi, Jr.
by Porto Funeral Home

8:00am SVDP + Daniel Keyes
by Clancy-Palumbo Funeral Home

TUESDAY, August 26 - Weekday

8:00am OLOP + Barbara Esposito
by Barbara

8:00am SVDP + Frank DeLucia, Jr.
by DeLucia Family

WEDNESDAY, August 27 - St. Monica

8:00am OLOP + Alessandro Ruggiero
by Porto Funeral Home

8:00am SVDP + Louis & Ida Scalia
by Family

THURSDAY, August 28 - St. Augustine

8:00am OLOP + Grace Rubano
by Porto Funeral Home

8:00am SB + Louis Onofrio
by Nick & Lena Onofrio

FRIDAY, August 29 - Passion of St. John the Baptist

8:00am SB + Ralph Criscuolo
by Son, Henry

SATURDAY, August 30 - Vigil - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm OLOP + Clement Laurello, Jr.
by Bridget Nuzzo

5:30pm SVDP + Armand Ciaramella
by Family

SUNDAY, August 31 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am OLOP + Antonio DiBenedetto
by Wife & Family

9:00am SB + Frank Esposito
by Esposito Family

10:30am OLOP + Joseph Ferrucci
by Family

11:45am SVDP + Frank Bernardo & Paul & Mary Albano
by Josephine Bernardo

STEWARDSHIP

August 9 & 10

Regular Collection \$9,391.00

Assumption Collection \$2,582.00

August 30 & 31 Second Collection:

None

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8 (429)/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mk 6:17-29

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30



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.

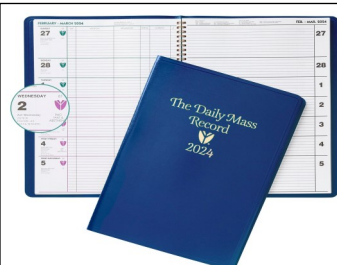
CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

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 24 No Activities or Events Scheduled	SUNDAY, AUGUST 31 No Activities or Events Scheduled
MONDAY, AUGUST 25 Holy Hour - 8:30-9:30am in Our Lady of Pompeii Church	MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 Offices Closed - Labor Day Holy Hour - 8:30-9:30am in Our Lady of Pompeii Church
TUESDAY, AUGUST 26 Bible Study - 6:30pm at SVDP Parish Office Contact Marie Connors at 203-468-1184 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	TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 Bible Study - 6:30pm at SVDP Parish Office Contact Marie Connors at 203-468-1184 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 27 Rosary Group - 8:00pm on Zoom Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8	WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 Rosary Group - 8:00pm on Zoom Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8
THURSDAY, AUGUST 28 Scriptural Rosary - 7:00pm at OLOP Chapel Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8	THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 Scriptural Rosary - 7:00pm at OLOP Chapel Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8
FRIDAY, AUGUST 29 Rosary Group - 8:00pm on Zoom Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8	FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 Prayer Shawl - 1:00-3:00pm at OLOP LOMR Rosary Group - 8:00pm on Zoom Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8
SATURDAY, AUGUST 30 Men's Group - 7:30am-9:00am at SVDP Parish Center	SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 Men's Group - 7:30am-9:00am at SVDP Parish Center



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



Ladies' Guild Christmas Fair 2025

Save the dates.. November 15 & 16

Our parish is so blessed to have so many generous people to help make our annual fair a success.

Donations needed....gently used pocketbooks, jewelry and books..

We are always looking for handmade ornaments, crochet items, wreaths, centerpieces, homemade candy, and gift items for our raffles...

We always welcome volunteers..
Watch the weekly bulletin for updates.

Gina V.
Chairperson

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 ~ Pio D'Ambrosca by Olga-Lynn

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) ~

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, Theresa Limosani

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 September is the **2nd Monday**, which is **September 8th**. 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, September 8th**. 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

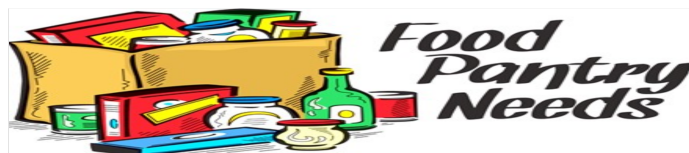
Individual Packaged Cookies, Crackers or Chips

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

Dear Families,

Planning for the upcoming year is already underway, and we're excited about what's ahead. As previously announced, **Carol Silva** has retired after many years of faithful service to our parish community. We are so grateful for the time, love, and leadership she has given to our families.

We are pleased to welcome **Jennie Llanos** as our new **Director of Religious Education**. With this leadership transition, our program will continue to grow, offering new opportunities for our children and their families to deepen their faith through intentional and meaningful experiences.

What to Expect This Year:

We remain committed to providing a vibrant family-focused Religious Education program that helps both children and parents grow together in faith. Some of the key components of this year's program include:

- Bimonthly Children's Liturgies**
- Family Faith Events**
- Student Service Projects**
- Home/Classroom Family Projects**
- Parent/Student Learning Sessions**

Parents are, and always will be, the primary faith educators of their children. Your presence and example are powerful to witnesses to the importance of a lived faith. Throughout the year, you'll be invited to join your child in class for shared learning and reflection, helping to build a strong foundation of faith together.

Updated Class Schedule:

This year, we are adjusting our class format to **twice-a-month sessions** instead of weekly meetings. This change will offer more flexibility and more opportunities to engage with faith as a family outside the classroom.

Grades 1-6: Meet twice a month

Mondays or Tuesdays, 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Due to low attendance, we will no longer offer a second evening for these grades.

Grade 7: Tuesdays, 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Grade 8: Mondays, 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

These grades will meet as a whole class to better prepare students for Confirmation

Grades 9 & 10: Once a month on Mondays, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

All classes will take place at the **St. Vincent de Paul Church campus:**

Grades 1-6: Held in the school building

Grades 7-10: Held in the lower level of the parish office building

Registration & Fees:

Registration for the 2025-2026 Religious Education year is now open. Please return your **registration forms** as soon as possible. Placement for specific days and times will be **first come, first served**.

Registration Deadline: September 8, 2025

Classes Begin: October 2025

Payment is due at the time of registration. We work hard to keep program fees reasonable and appreciate your timely support.

Weekly Mass Attendance:

Weekly Mass participation is a vital part of our program. In today's busy world, it's easy to let faith practices slip, but we encourage you to make worship a family priority. Attending Mass together strengthens the lessons your children learn in class and reinforces the importance of living our faith daily.

Thank you for continuing to walk this journey of faith with your children. Your commitment to their spiritual growth – and your own – is essential to the life of our parish. Together, we pray for a joyful and faith-filled year at **St. Pio of Pietrelcina Parish**.

With gratitude,
Jennie Llanos
Religious Education Office
80 Taylor Avenue
East Haven, CT 06512

203-469-0764 ext. 4

From the Pastor's Desk



From the Pastor's Desk

Some people have asked how to contact me. There are various ways to interact with me. One can speak with me in person before or after Mass. Also, people can call the parish number (203-469-0764) and leave a message with the parish secretary or they can leave a message on my extension. Of course, anyone can use the U.S. Postal Service (355 Foxon Road, East Haven, CT 06513). Finally, I regularly check my email, which is FrTJWalsh@gmail.com. Rest assured, I do enjoy interacting with parishioners.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

August 24, 2025
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Luke 13:22-30

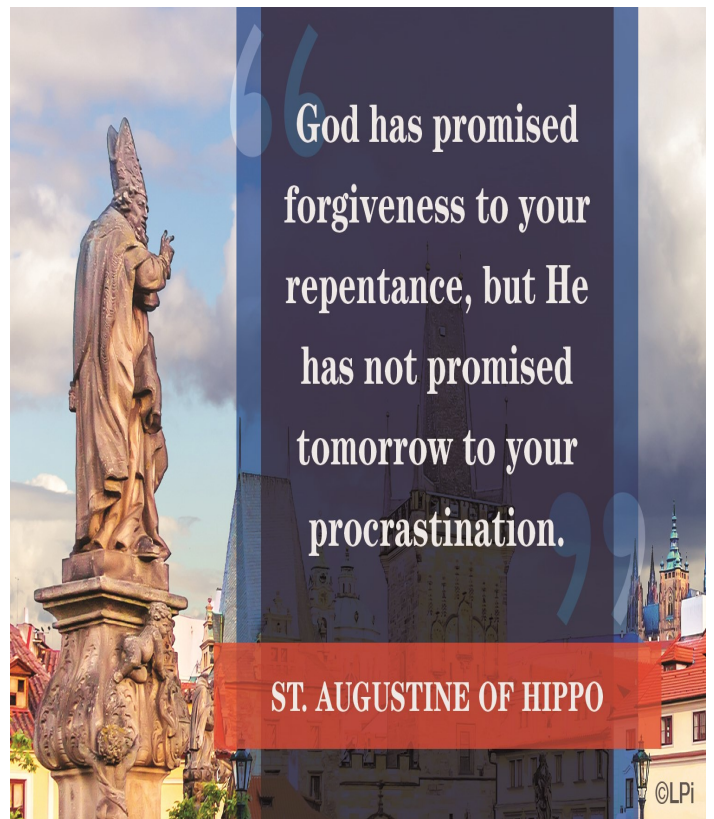
I've been hiking Camelback Mountain in Phoenix, Arizona most of my life. It is a vigorous forty-five minutes to the top. Near the peak, the end suddenly appears much further away, and steeper. At that moment, a descending hiker often offers encouragement: "Keep going! The peak is right there. It's not as far as it looks. You can do it!" It usually works. After another five minute push, you summit and enjoy a glorious panorama of the Sonoran Desert in the Valley of the Sun.

When Jesus is asked about how many people are saved, he says: **"Strive to enter through the narrow gate" (Luke 13:24).** How many? Strive! Focus on your journey. What does heavenly census taking have to do with you or me? How would it help a hiker on a mountain to ask the others coming down, "How many people are going to make it to the top?" A normal response would be something like: "How is that a relevant question? Carry on!"

Jesus links one virtue directly to salvation: perseverance (cf. Matt 24:13; *hypomone* in Greek). Strive! Endure! Keep going! The one absolutely necessary virtue is perseverance, to not give up on our journey. The mountain we struggle to climb is often our own weakness, failures, and sins. Persevere in prayer. Keep celebrating the sacraments. Embrace daily duties. With God's grace, you are strong enough to keep going. Perhaps the peak is not as far away as you might fear. Keep going!

— Father John Muir

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11 DAYS PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE & THE GREEK ISLES

MAY 5- 15, 2026

VISITING: ATHENS * CORINTH * MYKONOS * EPHEBUS * PATMOS
SANTORINI * DELPHI * KALAMBAKA * THESSALONIKI
Including a 3-Day Cruise to the Greek Isles & Turkey

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

SPACE IS LIMITED! SIGN UP TODAY!!!

GROCERY GIFT CARDS NEEDED

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.

Ladies Guild

Dawn Scussel Vittorio has once again organized a Christmas ornament group to make ornaments to sell at our annual Ladies Guild Christmas Fair, this was a great success last year. So many beautiful items were made...

They are meeting in the Lower Office Meeting Room at Our Lady of Pompeii the 3rd Monday of the month @ 6:30pm starting August, September & October...

Please reach out to Dawn for more details... Thank you so much Dawn for organizing this group..



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

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RAFFLE WINNERS!

Grand Prize	\$10,000
2nd Prize	\$2,000
3rd Prize	\$500
4th Prize	\$600 Ferraro's Gift Card
5th Prize	\$500 Ryan Oil Gift Card
6th Prize	\$400 Breeze Airways Voucher
7th Prize	\$300 John & Maria Gift Card
8th Prize	\$200 Capotorto's Gift Card
9th Prize	\$200 Luce's Gift Card
10th Prize	\$200 Ludal's Gift Card

Ticket

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Winner's Name

Laurie Giza
Jean Cordano
Colleen Bertrand
Anne Hogan
Marge Campisi
Ron Vecellio
Alphonse Simeone
AnnMarie Conte
Lynn Zinker
Joe Piscitelli, Sr.

Branches on the Vine

AUGUST 23 - 29, 2025



Blessed Michael J. McGivney set out to improve the plight of people he ministered to during the 19th century and bring people closer to the faith.
Painting by Antonella Cappuccio/Photo
COURTESY OF KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



People can invoke the intercession of Blessed McGivney at his tomb in St. Mary Church in New Haven, part of Blessed Michael McGivney Parish. His remains are placed in a sealed, double bronze coffin within a polished granite sarcophagus at the rear of the church.
PHOTO BY AARON JOSEPH

Auxiliary Bishop Juan Miguel Betancourt recounts the life of Waterbury native son and priest Blessed Michael J. McGivney, whose patronal feast in the Archdiocese of Hartford was marked on Aug. 13. Blessed McGivney, who founded the Knights of Columbus, demonstrated how to live a life of service and faith. Pray for his intercession and for a second miracle that will lead to his canonization as a saint. Read more about Blessed McGivney in the upcoming issue of the Catholic Transcript.

These days, I am re-reading the biography of Blessed Michael McGivney. I am sure you agree that he shines as a champion of the Gospel's works of mercy. In Matthew 25:31-46, Jesus presents a powerful image of the final judgment, separating the righteous from the unrighteous based on acts of mercy: feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, caring for the sick, and visiting the imprisoned. "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me," he says. This Gospel passage is not merely a list of good deeds, but a roadmap to holiness, a path that Blessed Michael McGivney, as an example to all, walked among us with quiet courage and deep conviction.

As many of us know, Father McGivney, born in 1852 in Waterbury to Irish immigrant parents, was a highly skilled yet humble parish priest

whose ministry reflected the corporal works of mercy through everyday acts. During a time when many Catholic families especially widows and orphans—faced social prejudice, economic hardship, and spiritual marginalization, he shared their pain, recognizing in them the suffering face of Christ. A bright man, rather than furthering his priestly career due to his many talents, Father McGivney dedicated his priesthood to being present, compassionate, and proactive in caring for his flock.

Founding the Knights of Columbus in 1882 serves as a concrete expression of this mercy that he had already demonstrated in his pastoral assignments in New Haven and Thomaston. He recognized the vulnerable position of Catholic men, many of whom died young due to harsh labor conditions, leaving their families destitute. The Knights began as a mutual aid society, providing financial and spiritual support to widows and orphans. In this initiative, Father McGivney reflected the very heart of Matthew 25: loving Christ in the "least" among us.

Moreover, his mercy extended beyond material assistance.

As a parish priest, he acted as a shepherd, offering counsel, encouragement, and sacramental grace to those who suffered.

He made himself available to his parishioners, as well as to the poor, the unemployed, and the young men tempted by crime or despair. His compassion was not sentimental; it was active, personal, and rooted in the Eucharistic love of Christ.

Today, the witness of Blessed Michael McGivney speaks urgently to our times. In a society marred by division, indifference, and isolation, he calls us to rediscover mercy as the defining characteristic of Christian life. His legacy is not confined to statues, museums, or badges; it lives on in every act of compassion inspired by faith.

To honor this local saint means to take seriously the words of Christ in Matthew 25, not only as a future judgment, but also as a daily calling. Blessed Michael McGivney shows us that holiness is possible in ordinary life and that mercy is the most reliable path to Christ.



Upcoming Events



09/5-7 WEEKEND RETROUVILLE MARRIED COUPLES WEEKEND

Hotel in CT (address given at registration confirmation)

Does your marriage get the attention it deserves in the busy world we live in? Could you use tools and support to make it a priority? Would you like that "loving feeling" back? Sign up for our upcoming weekend in September 5-7, 2025. www.tinyurl.com/mrypks8k or email us Connecticut-WMass@helpourmarriage.org We are happy to answer questions and provide further details.

Retrouville is a marriage help program that gives couples the opportunity to get away and examine their lives together. It provides couples with tools to improve their communication skills and rekindle their love. It also provides monthly opportunities for couples enrichment.


It's never too late to build a fulfilling marriage.

18th CONNECTICUT CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE


2025 JUBILEE YEAR

PILGRIMS OF HOPE


SEPTEMBER 27TH




Michael O'Neill



Fr. Jason Brooks



Fr. Anthony Federico




Dr. Ray Guarendi

New Location:
Holy Cross High School
Waterbury, CT

Vigil Mass
with Archbishop
Christopher Coyne


Spes Non Confundit
"Hope Does Not Disappoint"

Homily
by Bishop
Richard F. Reidy



SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27
DOORS OPEN AT 7:30AM
EVENT STARTS AT 8:30AM

REGISTER TODAY
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THE OFFICE OF MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP PRESENTS

THE HOUSING & HOMELESS CRISIS

BREAKING THE CYCLE

Join us for an informative and inspiring evening on the current housing and homelessness crisis, and learn how the Church and lay ministry can help restore dignity and break the cycle in our communities. The evening will conclude with a panel of experts answering your questions.

Monday,
September 22
6:30-8:30 PM

St. Bridget of Sweden Parish
175 Main St.
Cheshire, CT



FEATURED SPEAKER: **JERED BRUZAS**
Chief Impact Officer, United Way of Greater Waterbury

With over a decade of leadership in housing, homelessness, and community impact, Jered has worked on the front lines, helping individuals and families stabilize housing, gain financial independence, and access vital services. His work has shaped programs and policies that make a lasting difference.

Reserve Your Seat Today! Email: Ana.plaza@aohct.org

2025 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

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



91.17% as of 8/12/25
\$9,117,486.38 pledges from
27,425 generous donors

www.archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal





Knights of Columbus - Rodrigo Council 44

St. Bernadette Church

New Haven, CT 06512



Presents

An Atlantic City Getaway



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ATLANTIC CITY

At

Caesars Resort & Casino

Sunday October 19 - Tuesday October 21

Single Occupancy \$399.00 per person

Double Occupancy \$279.00 per person

Triple Occupancy \$259.00 per person

Quad Occupancy may be available upon request—2 double beds

Includes: R/T Motorcoach transportation, Hotel for 2 nights, Hotel Tax, Baggage Handling, Driver Gratuity, Refreshments and On-Board Games

Casino Bonus Package Per Person

\$50.00 Slot Play

\$20.00 Food Voucher

Trip is Limited to 54 Seats

Bus departs Sunday Oct. 19 from
St. Vincent DePaul Church, 80 Taylor Ave. East Haven.
Please arrive 8:15am as the bus departs 9:00am
Departure from Atlantic City Tuesday Oct. 21 TBD

For further information please call Mike Fimiani @ 203-627-9216

or email fimtrav@yahoo.com

50% deposit due with reservation. Balance must be paid 45 days prior to departure. No refunds. If spot can be filled prior to due date the a refund will be considered.

Name (s): _____ Phone : _____

Address: _____ email: _____

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Address: _____ email: _____

Single Occupancy: _____ Double Occupancy: _____ Triple Occupancy: _____

NUMBER OF PEOPLE: _____ X \$ _____ Total \$ _____

50% DEPOSIT: \$ _____

Proceeds to benefit Rodrigo Council 44 charitable programs. BALANCE (due 45 days prior) \$ _____

MASS SCHEDULE



Mass
Schedule

August 23 & 24, 2025

4:00 pm OLOP: Fr. Matthew

5:30 pm SVDP: Fr. Walsh

7:30 am OLOP: Fr. Walsh

9:00 am SB: Fr. Matthew

10:30 am OLOP: Fr. Walsh

11:45 am SVDP: Fr. Matthew

August 30 & 31, 2025

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Knights of Columbus
Rodrigo Council #44

PRAY THE ROSARY

KofC Rodrigo Council #44 Rosary, every 2nd Tuesday of the month at St. Bernadette Church as we pray for an increase in priestly vocations as well as all religious vocations and the Holy Spirit to inspire our priest and religious.

⇒ Peace in the World

⇒ For a Return to Christ and the Blessed Virgin.

⇒ Increase in Priestly Vocations

WHEN: Tuesday, September 9 at 6:30pm. (Rosary)*

WHERE: St. Bernadette Church

Monthly Rosary is held the second Tuesday of every month.

Rosary will be outdoors in Summer months, if inclement weather arises, it will be moved indoors