

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

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



## 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion?  
... In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” - Lk 14:28, 33

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**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
***September 7, 2025***

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**SATURDAY, September 6 - Vigil - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm OLOP + Elisa Fucci  
by Ann Mancini & Family  
5:30pm SVDP + Anna & Dave Boyle  
by Children

**SUNDAY, September 7 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30am OLOP + Deceased Members of Caprio & Sarno Families  
by Lucille Sarno  
9:00am SB + Annette Talbot  
by Family  
10:30am OLOP + Gladys Bethke  
by Sons, Jack & Steve  
11:45am SVDP + Frank Perrelli, Sr. & Henrietta DiLauro  
by Pamela DiLauro

**MONDAY, September 8 - Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00am OLOP + Daniel F. McCarthy  
by Brother  
8:00am SVDP + Annette Talbot  
by Family

**TUESDAY, September 9 - St. Peter Claver**

8:00am OLOP + Bridget Gaudino  
by Husband, Frank  
8:00am SVDP + JoAnn MacCatherine  
by Porto Funeral Home

**WEDNESDAY, September 10 - Weekday**

8:00am OLOP + Anna & William Allen, Jr.  
by Marianne Hall  
8:00am SVDP + Ann Staples  
by Nick Cretella

**THURSDAY, September 11 - Patriot Day**

8:00am OLOP + Louis Paolillo  
by Porto Funeral Home  
8:00am SB + Monica O'Neill  
by Family

**FRIDAY, September 12 - Most Holy Name of Mary**

8:00am SB + Louise Amato  
by Family

**SATURDAY, September 13 - Vigil - Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

4:00pm OLOP + Filomena Lavorgna  
by Husband, Attilio  
5:30pm SVDP + M/M Michael Genovese & Family  
by Son

**SUNDAY, September 14 - Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

7:30am OLOP + Vincent Raucci  
by Family  
9:00am SB + Helen & Charles Dumark, Jr.  
by Family  
10:30am OLOP + Roseann Cannaverde  
by Daughter & Family  
11:45am SVDP + Margaret Amento  
by Family

**STEWARDSHIP**

**August 30 & 31**

**Regular Collection**

**\$8,949.00**

**September 13 & 14 Second Collection:**

**Utility**

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

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17  
(1)/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33  
Monday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/  
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23  
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:12-19  
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk  
6:20-26  
Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 6:27-  
38  
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8,  
11/Lk 6:39-42  
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/  
Lk 6:43-49



**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

<b>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7</b> No Activities or Events Scheduled	<b>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14</b> No Activities or Events Scheduled
<b>MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8</b> Holy Hour - 8:30-9:30am in Our Lady of Pompeii Church Midnight Run - 7:00pm Contact Sue Stacey at 203-214-1762	<b>MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15</b> Holy Hour - 8:30-9:30am in Our Lady of Pompeii Church
<b>TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9</b> 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	<b>TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16</b> 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
<b>WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10</b> Rosary Group - 8:00pm on Zoom Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8	<b>WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17</b> Rosary Group - 8:00pm on Zoom Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8
<b>THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11</b> Scriptural Rosary - 7:00pm at OLOP Chapel Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8	<b>THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18</b> Scriptural Rosary - 7:00pm at OLOP Chapel Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8
<b>FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12</b> Rosary Group - 8:00pm on Zoom Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8	<b>FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19</b> Rosary Group - 8:00pm on Zoom Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8
<b>SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13</b> Men's Group - 7:30am-9:00am at SVDP Parish Center	<b>SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20</b> Men's Group - 7:30am-9:00am at SVDP Parish Center



## ST. PIO LADIES GUILD BINGO FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>  
OUR LADY OF POMPEII HALL  
355 Foxon Road East Haven

DOORS OPEN @ 5:30 pm  
GAMES START @ 6:30 pm

**\$\$\$ Cash Prizes \$\$\$**

**Ticket Price: \$15.00**

**NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!**

**For Tickets Contact:**

Patti Scussel @ 203-710-7886, [parscussel@aol.com](mailto:parscussel@aol.com)

or

Robyn Jenkins @ 203-606-0668, [robynj2364@comcast.net](mailto:robynj2364@comcast.net)

**Daubers, Water and Snacks Available for Purchase**



**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 ~*

*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 ~ 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 Spadacentra, 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, Joycelyn Bila, Richard Marshall, Sandy Derbacher, John Cavallaro, Mr. Rubenstein, Roberta Perillo, Theresa Limosani

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 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

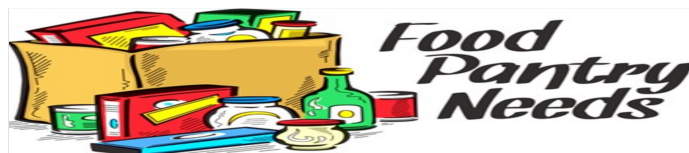
Individual Packaged Cookies, Crackers or Chips

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



## From the Pastor's Desk



### From the Pastor's Desk

I would like to mention a few minor changes that have been made to the celebration of Mass here at the parish. First, hand sanitizer has been removed from the altar. Ministers may have access to the hand sanitizer either in their pews, or on the credence table, where we keep the wine and hosts for Mass.

Secondly, the Prayer of St. Francis is now recited before Mass. Finally, the Prayer to St. Michael is no longer recited during the general intercessions, but rather is recited after the Prayer for Vocations at the end of Mass.

To each and everyone who contributes to the Midnight Run. God bless you!



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:

**Twice A Month 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



SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

# BIBLE CAMP 2025



**Our kids** ventured into the Frozen North Lands exploring the majesty and beauty of these pristine lands with Jesus as our guide! We learned that He is our true North, always pointing us in the right direction. He is the light of our world! We learned to ponder and consider the wonder of Creation and that God loves us so much he sent his only Son to teach us the way of loving each other. We illuminated the Northern Lights to Shine Jesus' light on us helping us to be **Kind, Compassionate, and Generous to all.**

**A Most Heartfelt Thank You to our all our Sponsors,** we are grateful for your support that makes our Bible Camp Spectacular and able to continue year to year.

A great big thank you to all our **teen volunteers and Teachers** who did a fabulous job getting it together and shining the light of the world upon our Children.

A special thank you goes to **Neil Prete, also known as Mr. Neato** the marvelous Magician, the bunny he pulled out of his magic box just enchanted everyone!



For more Photos and Videos: Please Visit: <https://stpioofpietrelcinaeh.com/religious-education/biblecamp/>

God is Good...All the Time, and All the Time... God is Good!

## GROCERY GIFT CARDS NEEDED

### SHOPPING CARDS NEEDED

#### **Urgent Need: Help Feed Our Parish Family**

As food prices continue to rise, many of our fellow parishioners are struggling to afford groceries while also trying to cover rent, utilities, and other basic needs.

**We urgently need your help.** Grocery store gift cards — in any amount and from any local supermarket — will directly support those in our parish who are facing food insecurity.

Please consider dropping off gift cards in the collection basket or bringing them to the parish office. Every contribution, no matter the size, makes a real difference. Thank you for your generosity and care.

## 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 it 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)

*Group, Senior & Military Discounts Available*

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RAFFLE WINNERS!

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

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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.



NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

# Branches on the Vine

SEPTEMBER 6 - 12, 2025



Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne addresses the Felician Sisters in Enfield during a Mass marking the 150th anniversary of their arrival in North America from Poland. PHOTO BY AARON JOSEPH



Sister Patricia Marie Iagrosso identifies the dogwood tree the Felician Sisters planted this year, honoring the 200th anniversary of their foundress' birth and their employees. PHOTO BY SHELLEY WOLF

This year has been a year of significant anniversaries for the Felician Sisters in Enfield, as they joined with their fellow sisters across the continent in marking notable anniversaries.

On May 17, 2025, local women religious celebrated the 150th anniversary of the Felician Sisters in North America (1874-2024). On that day, the sisters in the archdiocese welcomed Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne, who celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving in the chapel of Our Lady of the Angels Convent in Enfield.

The Mass, which was attended by numerous sisters, volunteers and invited guests, was followed by a reception. The event evoked fond memories of the sisters as teachers, and there was at least one request for the archbishop's homily.

"When the archbishop talked about our history, you felt 10-feet taller because you were a part of this," says Sister Patricia ("Patty") Marie Iagrosso, who moved to Enfield from the Bronx as an aspirant after the eighth grade. "I've been here for over 60 years and have seen the ups and downs and the overs."

The Felician Sisters, who formed their community in Enfield in 1932, were primarily known for education, operating several schools. The Enfield Montessori School sits on their campus today. "Our Montessori School is still flourishing," says Sister Patty, who chose a different path for herself and continues to work as a resident care nurse at nearby St. Joseph Residence.

## FELICIAN SISTERS IN ENFIELD HAVE A LOT TO CELEBRATE IN 2025

This year, the Felician Sisters also joined with their peers across the continent in celebrating the 200th anniversary of the birth of their foundress, Blessed Mary Angela Truszkowska (born May 16, 1825 and died Oct. 10, 1899).

The sisters in Enfield celebrated with a festive Mass. To symbolize enduring service, they planted a dogwood tree in front of their convent.

At its feet is a commemorative plaque honoring their foundress and the many employees who serve them at Our Lady of the Angels Convent and in their private care center for fellow sisters and Franciscan priests and brothers.

Blessed Mary Angela Truszkowska founded the order of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Felix of Cantalice (the Felicians) in Poland in 1855. As someone who began as a lay Franciscan, she was committed to working with the poor and launched the Felicians as a branch of the Franciscans.

With the goal "to serve where needed," she blessed five sisters, who left Poland in 1874,

bound for North America, where the sisters made their mark in teaching and in social service. "Mother Mary Angela was a dynamic woman. She was ahead of her time, looking to the future," Sister Patty says. "Mother's vision was for 'contemplative-active service.'"

Blessed Mary Angela, who died in 1899, is on the path to sainthood. A miraculous healing was attributed to her intervention and approved by the Vatican in 1984. She was beatified by Pope John Paul II on April 18, 1993. She needs one more miracle to be approved in order to be canonized as a saint.

Today, a tapestry depicting Blessed Mary Angela hangs in the sanctuary of the chapel at Our Lady of the Angels Convent in Enfield. It is the same tapestry that was present at her beatification in Rome.

A free booklet telling the story of her life, *On Earth as in Heaven*, published by the Felicians, can be downloaded at [felician.org/about/mary-angela-truszkowska/](http://felician.org/about/mary-angela-truszkowska/).

- Story by Shelley Wolf



## Knights of Columbus Rodrigo Council 44 of St. Pio Parish was founded June 6th 1888

This past June was the 137th Anniversary of our founding.

We will be having a Mass honoring our founders and those who have passed these past couple of years:

- Louis Messina
- Jeffrey CoFrancesco
- Douglas MacDonald
- Edward Wnek.

Due to scheduling difficulties, and unavailability of a priest could not be held as planned.

The rescheduled date is: Sunday, October 5th  
12:00pm at the Townsend Estate.

The Mass will be Celebrated outside under the tent.

Father Thomas Walsh our new Pastor will be our main Celebrant along with Father Joseph McNeil Con-Celebrating the Mass in Italian.

This is a great opportunity if you have not yet met Father Walsh to come and extend your greetings to him and wish him well as he begins his tenure as pastor.

We invite all council members, family, friends and Parishioners as well as Supreme and State Delegation.

Lite refreshments will be served after Mass.

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US

RSVP NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 28th so as to enable us to have ample seating\* and refreshments.

If you wish to attend our beautiful Outdoor Mass please call or text:

Salvatore DeCola 203.641.1857

Michael Fimiani 203.627.9216

\*Please bring a folding chair in the event that all chairs are being used.

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





# Upcoming Events

**ST. ANTHONY CHURCH OF PROSPECT**  
4 Union City Road, Prospect

## CARNIVAL

**Thursday, Friday, Saturday**  
**September 18, 19, 20, 2025**  
Food Available Starting At 5:00 PM

**Thursday Friday**  
6 PM - 10 PM

**Saturday**  
3 PM - 10 PM

**Games, Food, Music, Rides (Ride Bracets Available Each Night)**

**Hotdogs, Hamburgers, Beverages Every Night!**

**Free Admission & Parking**

**Come hungry! Each night will feature a different ethnic cuisine, Polish, Italian, and Mexican, so there's something new to enjoy every evening!**

 **Carolyn's Place**  
PREGNANCY CARE CENTER

*33rd Anniversary Dinner*  
Sunday, November 2, 2025 | 3:30 PM

**La Bella Vista**  
380 Farmwood Road Waterbury, CT

**2025 Awardees**  
Bill O'Brien, Sr. Mary Richards, F.S.E.,  
Terri Moriello & Kathy Durgy-Concepcion

**5 Course Meal** | **Award Presentation** | **Silent Auction**

 **Reservations Required**  
Respond by October 24, 2025  
Reservations Available:  
[www.carolynsplace.org](http://www.carolynsplace.org)  
or 203.597.9080

**Dinner \$60 per person**

**Sponsorships & Advertising Opportunities Available**

 **Knights of Columbus**  
Terryville Council 1090



09/17 - 11/5 WEDNESDAYS 10AM  
**LUKE: THE STORY OF SALVATION FULFILLED**

Sacred Heart on the Lake Retreat Center,  
194 Candlewood Hill Rd, Higganum

Jeff Cavins and Jeffrey Morrow take us on a journey through the Gospel of Luke with its best loved stories and its messages for our times. Through the DVD and discussions Jesus' life comes alive in our imagination, Suggested donation is \$10.00 per session.

8 Wednesdays from September 17 through November 5, 2025, from 10:00 to 11:30.

To register or for further information you can email or call Sr. Patricia at email: [cigrandpatricia@gmail.com](mailto:cigrandpatricia@gmail.com) or 203-606-4830.

## 2025 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

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Knights of Columbus - Rodrigo Council 44

St. Bernadette Church

New Haven, CT 06512



Presents

An Atlantic City Getaway



CAESARS  
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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.

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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

**September 6 & 7, 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. Murasso

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**September 13 & 14, 2025**

4:00 pm OLOP: Fr. Matthew

5:30 pm SVDP: Fr. Murasso

7:30 am OLOP: Fr. Matthew

9:00 am SB: Fr. Georgia

10:30 am OLOP: Fr. Matthew

11:45 am SVDP: Fr. Murasso

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**September 20 & 21, 2025**

4:00 pm OLOP: Fr. Krugel

5:30 pm SVDP: Fr. Matthew

7:30 am OLOP: Fr. Borino

9:00 am SB: Fr. Matthew

10:30 am OLOP: Msgr. Georgia

11:45 am SVDP: Fr. Matthew