

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF
ST. PIO OF PIETRELCINA

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



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon." - Lk 16:8b, 13

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 21, 2025

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, September 20 - Vigil - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm OLOP .Dr. Carl Prota & Family
by Danick Family
5:30pm SVDP + James Sommo, Jr. (Birthday)
by Family

SUNDAY, September 21 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am OLOP + Anthony Mastriano (Birthday)
by Family
9:00am SB + Janet Sparapani (1st Anniversary)
by Art & Jessie DiAdamo
10:30am OLOP + Frank Camera
by Wife, Barbara
11:45am SVDP + Mario Truffa (Birthday)
by Frances

MONDAY, September 22 - National Migration Week

8:00am OLOP + Daniel F. McCarthy, IV
by Brother
8:00am SVDP + Marie Ragozzino (1st Anniversary)
by DiAdamo Family

TUESDAY, September 23 - St. Pius of Pietrelcina

8:00am OLOP + Members of the Mack Family
by Lou & Anne Pacelli
8:00am SVDP + Violet Satterthwaite
by Vincent & Erica Borzillo

WEDNESDAY, September 24 - Weekday

8:00am OLOP + Palma Ruggiero
by Porto Funeral Home
8:00am SVDP + Louise Amato
by Michael Lamberti

THURSDAY, September 25 - Weekday

8:00am OLOP + Alyce Richmond
by Soup Kitchen Volunteers
8:00am SB + Deceased Members of McCormack Family
by Family

FRIDAY, September 26 - Sts. Cosmas & Damian

8:00am SB + Eileen Morgillo
by Family

SATURDAY, September 27 - Vigil - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm OLOP + Matthew Pettola
by Uncle Peter
5:30pm SVDP + Ann Spadacenta & Mary Canera
by Madelyn & Vincent Camera

SUNDAY, September 28 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am OLOP + Len & Alice Calandriello
by Family
9:00am SB + Albert Gilson
by Wife & Sons
10:30am OLOP + Bridget F. McCarthy
by Family
11:45am SVDP + Angelo Palange
by Children & Grandchildren

STEWARDSHIP

September 13 & 14

Regular Collection \$9,290.00

Utility Collection \$4,357.00

September 27 & 28 Second Collection:

None

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b)/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13
Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45



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.

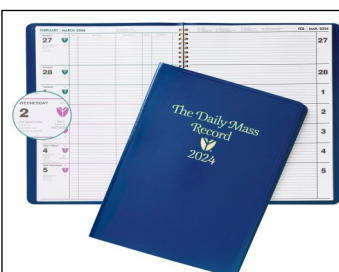
CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

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: stpiofpietrelcina@gmail.com

Website: stpiofpietrelcinaeh.com

MINISTRY & EVENT CALENDAR

<p align="center">SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21</p> <p align="center">KofC #3300 Car Show - 9:00am-2:00pm at Our Lady of Pompeii Church Grounds</p>	<p align="center">SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28</p> <p align="center">NO EVENTS OR ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED</p>
<p align="center">MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22</p> <p align="center">Holy Hour - 8:30-9:30am in Our Lady of Pompeii Church</p>	<p align="center">MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29</p> <p align="center">Holy Hour - 8:30-9:30am in Our Lady of Pompeii Church</p>
<p align="center">TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23</p> <p align="center">Bible Study - 6:30pm at SVDP Parish Office Contact Marie Connors at 203-468-1184</p> <p align="center">Bible Study - 7:00pm on Zoom Contact Christine Sandford at 203-469-7823</p> <p align="center">Rosary Group - 8:00pm on Zoom Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8</p>	<p align="center">TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30</p> <p align="center">Bible Study - 6:30pm at SVDP Parish Office Contact Marie Connors at 203-468-1184</p> <p align="center">Bible Study - 7:00pm on Zoom Contact Christine Sandford at 203-469-7823</p> <p align="center">Rosary Group - 8:00pm on Zoom Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8</p>
<p align="center">WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24</p> <p align="center">Rosary Group - 8:00pm on Zoom Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8</p>	<p align="center">WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1</p> <p align="center">Rosary Group - 8:00pm on Zoom Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8</p>
<p align="center">THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25</p> <p align="center">Scriptural Rosary - 7:00pm at OLOP Chapel Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8</p>	<p align="center">THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2</p> <p align="center">Scriptural Rosary - 7:00pm at OLOP Chapel Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8</p>
<p align="center">FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26</p> <p align="center">Rosary Group - 8:00pm on Zoom Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8</p>	<p align="center">FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3</p> <p align="center">Prayer Shawl - 1:00-3:00pm at OLOP LOMR</p> <p align="center">Rosary Group - 8:00pm on Zoom Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8</p>
<p align="center">SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27</p> <p align="center">Men's Group - 7:30am-9:00am at SVDP Parish Center</p>	<p align="center">SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4</p> <p align="center">Men's Group - 7:30am-9:00am at SVDP Parish Center</p>



The Ladies Guild Membership Drive will begin on the weekend of September 27th & 28th

Please use the form below to Join the Guild

If you do not pick up a form at the church doors then return to the office or the collection baskets. The Guild organizes Fundraisers, Spiritual Events and Guest Speakers. The Guild is always looking for New Ideas to raise funds for our parish and enhance our Journey of Faith.

Dues are \$5.00. Please make checks payable to St. Pio Ladies Guild

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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 ~

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, 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 **October** is the **2nd Monday**, which is **October 13th**. 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, October 13th**. 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

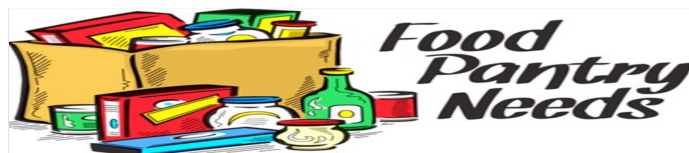
Individual Packaged Cookies, Crackers or Chips

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 tomato sauce, cereal, and pasta for the month of September. 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.

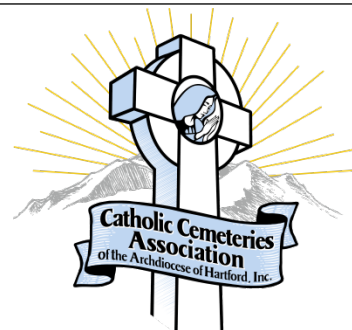
For more info call Christine Sandford 203-469-7823

From the Pastor's Desk



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I am concurrently on vacation in Spain, and I hope to return to the parish on September 24th. Please keep me in your prayers as I pray for you.



MEET AND GREET BREAKFAST

Join us for a Meet & Greet Breakfast on the second Thursday in October. Here's your opportunity to gain valuable information about our products/services, special offers, schedule a tour, meet us, and sign up for our informative newsletter. Also, learn more about the Catholic Funeral Plan and how it is helping families with pre-planning.

Breakfast is scheduled for **Thursday, October 9th** promptly after the 8:00am morning Mass in the church hall at Our Lady of Pompeii in East Haven, CT.

Stop by after Mass to enjoy a light breakfast on us! Informational packets will be available. Questions? Please contact Barbara from the Catholic Cemeteries Association at (203) 780-8418 or email her at bgode@ccacem.org

Can't make it? Call us to obtain your FREE informative packet with all the valuable information to start pre-planning. It's the greatest gift to leave your loved ones. Plan ahead!

In honor of our priests and for an increase in vocations
Pilgrimage
 Informational Meeting:
 Oct. 2 at 7 pm St. Margaret
 Parish Center, 39 Academy
 St, Madison

Our Lady of Medjugorje

Since 1981, in the small village of Medjugorje in Bosnia-Herzegovina, the Blessed Virgin Mary has been appearing daily and giving messages to the world through six visionaries.

Join **Fr. Anthony Federico, Archdiocese of Hartford Director of Vocations and Seminarians**, as we visit Medjugorje to pray for the priests of the Archdiocese of Hartford and for an increase in vocations. Climb Apparition Hill where the first apparition took place, participate in daily Mass at St. James Church, walk the Stations of the Cross to reach the summit of Cross Mountain, home to a 28-ft, reinforced concrete cross built to commemorate 1900 years since Christ's crucifixion.

You will experience one of the most spiritual and peaceful places on earth, where "Heaven touches the earth."

April 11 - 18, 2026



\$2695 per person • \$500 deposit due by December 1, 2025

- Round trip airfare on Austrian Air from/to JFK + one checked luggage
- 6-night accommodations (with the visionary Mirjana Soldo-pending)
- Double occupancy rooms with AC and private bathroom
- Transfers Sarajevo/Medjugorje by climate-controlled motor coach
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Wine with dinners
- Professional local licensed Catholic guide
- Mass daily, spiritual activities, climb to Apparition Hill and Cross Mountain
- Possible additions to itinerary: visit to Community Cenacolo and meeting with a visionary

Not Included: lunches, tips, US transportation, travel insurance

Questions or Registration? Contact Joanne Arrandale
jarrandale@comcast.net • 203-318-8590

Pilgrimage organized through Medjugorje Web, DeKalb, IL
 A+ rating BBB • Steve Shawl • sshawl@medjugorjewebsite.com



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SPACE IS LIMITED! SIGN UP TODAY!!!



Southern Italian Religious Societies
S.I.R.S.



FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL ITALIAN MASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

9:30 AM

ST. MICHAEL CHURCH

29 WOOSTER PLACE, NEW HAVEN



Come join us in celebration of the Feast Day of St. Michael with a Mass in Italian at St. Michael Church with Fr. Joe MacNeill in historic Wooster Square. **All active and retired Police Officers and Firefighters are invited to attend.**

The St. Trofimenia Society, St. Andrew Society, St. Maria Maddalena Society, Saint Maria della Virgine Society, and Saint Catello Society invite you to join them after Mass in the church hall for a continental breakfast.



Sponsored by S.I.R.S and the St. Anne Society



CENTRAL CT

You're Invited to our St. Joseph Saturday

WITNESS IN HOPE

RETREAT

October 4, 2025 | 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Charitas Christi Center

265 Benham St. Hamden, CT 06514

RSVP BELOW



Breakfast and Lunch Will Be Provided
We Will Have Adoration, Confession, and Mass

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

September 21, 2025

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 16:10-13

Before I was a priest, I was a lazy worker for a retail Apple store. Hearing a rumor that my boss was going to fire me, I secretly sold iPhones for half-price, gave away dozens of free iPads, and donated several brand-new laptops to managers in other stores in the mall. After a week, my boss called me into his office. He knew what I was up to. He said I had cost the store thousands of dollars. "Really great work, John," he said. "I am going to recommend you to be my assistant manager and double your pay." I was amazed.

And so are you. Which is understandable because it never happened. How could it? My tall tale is a retelling of Jesus' brow-furrowing parable we hear this week. A lazy, dishonest steward defrauds his boss and then the **"master commended the dishonest servant for acting prudently"** (Luke 16:8). What is the Lord saying to us?

Most of us treat our spiritual lives like a lazy teenager at an Apple store. We really don't care. We go through the motions. Then, if we are lucky, something happens that shakes us to spiritual action; to employ whatever time, money, and resources we have to build around us a strong network of love. Every saint did that. Our Lord is so good he *wants* us to use his stuff to forgive debts and to bless others. He wants us to ensure our future. So do it!

— *Father John Muir*

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**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.



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.legacytheatrect.org

Group, Senior & Military Discounts Available

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SEPTEMBER 20 - 26, 2025



Father Joseph Benicewicz, a member of the Order of Friars Minor Conventual, poses in St. Paul Church in Kensington, where he was the pastor until his death on Sept. 6, 2024.

PHOTO COURTESY OF ST. PAUL SCHOOL



"Father Joe" was a leap year baby, whose Feb. 29 birthday arrived only once every four years. In February 2024, the last leap year, St. Paul School students surprised him with handmade posters, cards and a birthday sash.

PHOTO COURTESY OF ST. PAUL SCHOOL

Father Joseph Benicewicz will never be forgotten by all those who knew him, especially by the parishioners, faculty, staff and students at St. Paul Parish and St. Paul School in Kensington.

As the former pastor of the parish and school, the Franciscan priest, who died unexpectedly on Sept. 6, 2024, is being remembered fondly this fall through a memorial scholarship, Masses, a run and a walk.

Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, four students are benefiting from the "Father Joseph Benicewicz Memorial Scholarship." According to Principal Jill Conaway, four student families received \$250 each for a total of \$1,000 in scholarships. "It's to keep his memory alive going forward," Conaway says.

The scholarships were distributed to students who are practicing Catholics with a financial need, in keeping with Father Benicewicz's values.

"It was important to Father Joe to never turn away families in need, who were committed to having a Catholic education for their children," says Kelly Esposito, director of admissions and marketing, who noted the school also offers other forms of financial assistance.

The priest – who served as a teacher, principal and school president in previous

FATHER JOSEPH BENICEWICZ REMEMBERED WITH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP, RUN AND WALK

assignments – loved to spend time with students. Before his passing, he led the St. Paul School children weekly in Mass and prayer, visited them in their classrooms, and even attended their basketball games.

As soon as teachers heard the news of his death last year, they suggested the scholarship in his name and began raising funds for the endeavor. The principal and advancement director got the ball rolling by setting aside a small portion of funds from the "Lion's Pride Fun Run," an already existing annual school fundraiser, to establish the Father Benicewicz Memorial Scholarship Fund. The school's next Lion's Pride Fun Run is slated for Oct. 9.

The admissions director and athletic director also partnered to start the "Father Joe Memorial Basketball Game" in which the basketball coaches challenged the boys and girls varsity team players, all while wearing "Father Joe" T-shirts. Proceeds from ticket sales and concessions went to the scholarship fund. Next year's game is already set for Feb. 7 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Additional scholarship donations are accepted throughout the year and

processed through the Advancement Office, where each contribution is recorded and acknowledged, Esposito says.

Over at St. Paul Church on the weekend of Sept. 6, 7 and 8, near the anniversary of his death, the entire parish just celebrated three memorial Masses, offering special prayer intentions for Father Benicewicz.

Additionally, this coming October, St. Paul Parish will host the "Father Joe Memorial Walk and Gathering on the Parish Green" on Oct. 5, following the 12 p.m. Mass. The 3.1-mile walk will begin at 1:30 p.m.

Polish food will be available for purchase from Belvedere in New Britain – one of Father Joe's favorites. The event will also include games and music.

For more about the scholarship and St. Paul School events, visit ourschool.stpaulkensington.org. For more about the memorial walk with St. Paul Parish, visit stpaulkensington.org.

- Story by Shelley Wolf



Upcoming Events



09/26 FRIDAY 6:30PM YOUNG ADULT CANDLELIGHT SERVICE & COOKOUT AND CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

Our Lady of Knock Parish - St. Patrick Church, 110 Main St, Farmington

Welcoming All Young Adults to socialize with other young adults (age 21+) from surrounding parishes for a fun evening! Enjoy a Candlelight service at St. Patrick's Church in Farmington followed by a Cookout & Cornhole Tournament!

There is no fee, any monetary donation is welcomed. No registration is required - All are Welcome!! These events take place on the fourth Friday of every month with the exception of November and December - so mark your calendar and enjoy the fun! If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office, 860-673-2422.



09/28 SUNDAY 9:30AM FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL ITALIAN MASS AND BLESSING FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

St. Michael Church, 29 Wooster Pl, New Haven

Join us in celebration of the Feast of St. Michael with an Italian Mass at St. Michael Church in historic Wooster Square in New Haven on Sunday, September 28 at 9:30AM, celebrated by Fr. Joe MacNeill. All active and retired Police Officers and Firefighters are invited to attend for a special blessing, as St. Michael is the patron saint of first responders. The homily and blessing will be in English. The Southern Italian Religious Societies at St. Michael will host a breakfast in the church hall after Mass. All are welcome!



JOURNEY TO FREEDOM HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN CONNECTICUT

GREATER HARTFORD REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Bringing together 100+ churches and organizations

27 September 2025

8:15-9:15 am - Registration & Breakfast
9:15 am- 12 pm - Conference

Location:
South Church | 277 Main St., Hartford

HUMAN TRAFFICKING 101
Learn how to recognize trafficking in CT

PANEL DISCUSSION
with survivors and advocates
A survivor's journey from grooming to thriving

WHAT'S MY ROLE?
The critical role of church and community

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Total Goal: \$10M

92.80% as of 9/9/25
\$9,280,201.80 pledges from
27,875 generous donors

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Knights of Columbus - Rodrigo Council 44

St. Bernadette Church

New Haven, CT 06512



Presents

An Atlantic City Getaway



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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.

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

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

September 27 & 28, 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



Online Giving

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