

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

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



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



"Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.'" - Lk 16:25

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**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
***September 28, 2025***

### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### 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

#### MONDAY, September 29 - Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

8:00am OLOP + Lorraine Massaro  
by Carol Antonelli  
8:00am SVDP + Deceased Members of St. Pio Parish  
by Clancy-Palumbo Funeral Home, East Haven

#### TUESDAY, September 30 – St. Jerome

8:00am OLOP + Dr. Dominic Schioppo, Sr.  
by John & Billie Spadory  
8:00am SVDP + Pasquale Perrone  
by Antonio & Anna Voira

#### WEDNESDAY, October 1 – St. Therese of the Child Jesus

8:00am OLOP + Carol Szigeti  
by Porto Funeral Home  
8:00am SVDP + Frank Cardascio  
by Family

#### THURSDAY, October 2 - Holy Guardian Angels

8:00am OLOP + Colleen & David Lotto  
by Family  
8:00am SB + Mary Crisco  
by Clancy-Palumbo Funeral Home

#### FRIDAY, October 3 - Weekday

8:00am SB + Martha O'Neill  
by Husband & Family

#### SATURDAY, October 4 - Vigil - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm OLOP + Marion & Albert Jarmie  
by Family  
5:30pm SVDP + Theresa & Boris Shatkyvich  
by Family

#### SUNDAY, October 5 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am OLOP + Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus  
#3300 Council  
9:00am SB + Joseph & Harriett DePino  
by Daughter  
10:30am OLOP + Bridget Gaudino  
by Husband, Frank  
11:45am SVDP + Henry Salterthwaite  
by Vincent & Erica Borzillo

### STEWARDSHIP

September 20 & 21

Regular Collection **\$10,248.00**

HOPES Collection **\$3,722.00**

October 4 & 5 Second Collection:

**Monthly**

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

### SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31  
Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51  
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56  
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62  
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 (458)/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 18:1-5, 10  
Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16  
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Lk 10:17-24



**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](mailto:stpioofpietrelcina@gmail.com)

Website: [stpioofpietrelcinaeh.com](http://stpioofpietrelcinaeh.com)



# MINISTRY & EVENT CALENDAR

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| <b>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28</b><br><b>NO EVENTS OR ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED</b>  | <b>SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5</b><br><b>NO EVENTS OR ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED</b>  |
| <b>MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29</b><br><b>Holy Hour - 8:30-9:30am in Our Lady of Pompeii Church</b>  | <b>MONDAY, OCTOBER 6</b><br><b>Holy Hour - 8:30-9:30am in Our Lady of Pompeii Church</b>  |
| <b>TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30</b><br><b>Bible Study - 6:30pm at SVDP Parish Office</b><br><b>Contact Marie Connors at 203-468-1184</b><br><b>Bible Study - 7:00pm on Zoom</b><br><b>Contact Christine Sandford at 203-469-7823</b><br><b>Rosary Group - 8:00pm on Zoom</b><br><b>Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8</b> | <b>TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7</b><br><b>Bible Study - 6:30pm at SVDP Parish Office</b><br><b>Contact Marie Connors at 203-468-1184</b><br><b>Bible Study - 7:00pm on Zoom</b><br><b>Contact Christine Sandford at 203-469-7823</b><br><b>Rosary Group - 8:00pm on Zoom</b><br><b>Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8</b> |
| <b>WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1</b><br><b>Rosary Group - 8:00pm on Zoom</b><br><b>Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8</b>   | <b>WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8</b><br><b>Rosary Group - 8:00pm on Zoom</b><br><b>Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8</b>  |
| <b>THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2</b><br><b>Scriptural Rosary - 7:00pm at OLOP Chapel</b><br><b>Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8</b>  | <b>THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9</b><br><b>Scriptural Rosary - 7:00pm at OLOP Chapel</b><br><b>Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8</b>   |
| <b>FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3</b><br><b>Prayer Shawl - 1:00-3:00pm at OLOP LOMR</b><br><b>Rosary Group - 8:00pm on Zoom</b><br><b>Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8</b>  | <b>FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10</b><br><b>Rosary Group - 8:00pm on Zoom</b><br><b>Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8</b>  |
| <b>SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4</b><br><b>Men's Group - 7:30am-9:00am at SVDP Parish Center</b>   | <b>SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11</b><br><b>Men's Group - 7:30am-9:00am at SVDP Parish Center</b>   |



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

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 ~ Bridget F. McCarthy by Family*

*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) ~ Sal, Maggie, Sal, Jr. & Johnny Boy Coppola by Phyllis*

*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 Tantalo, 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 [stpiofpietrelcina@gmail.com](mailto:stpiofpietrelcina@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.

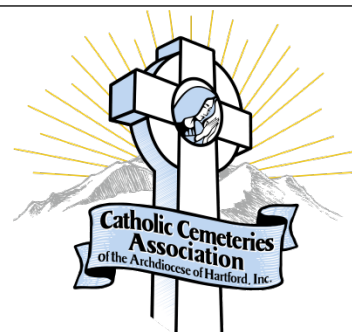
For more info call Christine Sandford 203-469-7823

## From the Pastor's Desk



### From the Pastor's Desk

I would like to thank Fr. Matthew and all the priests who filled in for me in my absence. I have received a few queries about changing the time of some of the weekend Masses. The Mass schedule may not be perfect, but I believe that Father Murasso instituted a fair schedule, and, given the shortage of priests, I believe we have a generous Mass schedule. Therefore, I do not foresee making any changes to the weekend Mass Schedule at this time.



### 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](mailto: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](mailto:jarrandale@comcast.net) • 203-318-8590

Pilgrimage organized through Medjugorje Web, DeKalb, IL  
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To register, scan the QR code



## 11 DAYS PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE & THE GREEK ISLES

**MAY 5- 15, 2026**

VISITING: ATHENS • CORINTH • MYKONOS • EPHEBUS • PATMOS  
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**For More Information, Please Contact:**

Rev. Murasso  
Tel (860) 977-7675  
Email: [jeremiah.murasso@aol.com](mailto:jeremiah.murasso@aol.com)



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





St. Pio of Pietrelcina Ladies Guild  
Annual Membership Tea and Fashion Show  
Featuring fall fashions from:

*Boscov's*

of Milford



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2025 ♦ 1:00 – 4:00pm

Our Lady of Pompeii Church Hall,  
355 Foxon Road, East Haven

Free event.

Enjoy delicious refreshments  
and great company.



## Our Lady of Guadalupe Pilgrim Image

Patroness of the  
Americas  
& Protectress of the  
Unborn

Our parish is blessed to have its own Pilgrim Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This image was touched to the original in Mexico City, was blessed and has been visiting our parishioners for 32 years. The image is available for a visit to your home.

If you would like to bring this Miraculous Image home for Veneration, Please Contact:

Sally Mucka at (203) 415-2710  
or sign up at the front doors of OLOP/SVDP



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

ALL THE DARKNESS  
IN THE WORLD CANNOT  
EXTINGUISH THE LIGHT OF  
A SINGLE CANDLE.

ST. FRANCIS

**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](http://www.legacytheatrect.org)

**Group, Senior & Military Discounts Available**





# Branches on the Vine

SEPTEMBER 27 - OCTOBER 3, 2025



Father Edward Ziemnicki serves golabki at the annual Polish Day celebrated at St. Faustina Parish. This year's event will be held on Sept. 28. Credit: SUBMITTED PHOTO

Ada Mierzejewski went to her first Polish Day as a teenager back in the 1970s at St. Stanislaus Church in Meriden, and years later, she still enjoys the celebration of fine food, music and culture.

That food, which an expected 300 people will be enjoying on Sept. 28, is homemade by Mierzejewski, Amanda Edwards and Father Edward Ziemnicki, pastor of St. Faustina Parish, made up of St. Stanislaus Church and SS. Peter & Paul Church in Wallingford.

For weeks, the trio have been preparing, shopping and cooking everything from pierogi (stuffed dumplings)

to golabki (stuffed cabbage), using the treasured old world recipes of Father Ziemnicki's mother Genowefa.

Pastor for 20 years, Father Ziemnicki says St. Stanislaus is the oldest Polish parish in Connecticut, and this year marks its 134th anniversary.

The original Polish celebration, known as June Fest, was three days long. But since the formation of St. Faustina Parish, it evolved into Polish Day.

"Polish Day is about bringing the parish together as a community," Father Ziemnicki says. "We start with noon Mass in Polish, then we have music and delicious food that is all homemade from the recipes of my mom. You cannot buy this kind of food in the store."

A proud native of Poland, he says the country's culture has historically been inextricably linked to the Catholic faith.

"We were always successful because we built our society on Catholic values, so you cannot talk about Poland without talking about the Catholic faith," Father Ziemnicki adds. "The motto of Poland is God, Honor, Country."

This year's Polish Day will also observe the 45th anniversary of the founding of the Solidarity movement

in Poland, a non-violent social movement aligned with the Church, which led to the collapse of Communism.

Amanda Edwards, who has worked at the parish for eight years, is also proud of her Polish heritage. She attended St. Stanislaus School, as did her children before it closed.

"I enjoy the festival because it brings me a lot of joy, and I'm so excited to see people enjoying the food we prepared for them. We put a lot of love into making the food, and it's a real homemade Polish meal," she says. "Everybody loves Polish Day, because it lets the whole parish get together to celebrate with music, dancing and good food."

For Mierzejewski, whose daughters, sons-in-law and even grandchildren volunteer at the event, Polish Day is a family affair. A lifelong parishioner, she was brought up immersed in Polish culture and observing its traditions.

"I went to St. Stanislaus School and the church, and I married a Polish man, who worked at the church cemetery for 41 years," she adds. "Our parish family of St. Stanislaus and SS. Peter & Paul is everything to us, so I'm here celebrating my Polish heritage — even though I'm 100 percent Italian."

- Story by Joe Pisani





# Upcoming Events

Join **FRASSATI** for our annual

**Thimble Island Cruise**

Sunday, October 5  
3:45-6:00pm\* (\*Boat sets sail at 4:00pm sharp)  
Stony Creek Dock (30 Indian Point Rd, Branford)

**\$35**

Limited spots!  
Get your tickets ASAP!

Snacks will be provided.  
Drinks available for purchase.  
With questions, contact:  
info@frassatinewhaven.org.

**Jubilee OF HOPE 2025**  
Midd-South Catholic Church and  
Our Lady Queen of Apostles Parish  
PRESENTS

**The Emmaus Concert Experience**  
*An encounter with the resurrected Christ*

DATE OF EVENT:  
**Saturday  
Oct. 4th 2025  
7:00PM-9:30PM**

LOCATION:  
Holy Cross HS Auditorium  
587 Chronoke Road  
Waterbury, CT 06708

**\$15.00 for Adults/  
\$10.00 for Youth**

For tickets scan the QR code



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**Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist**

*"I have done what is mine to do;  
may Christ teach you what is yours!"*  
- St. Francis of Assisi

Join us for a weekend commemorating the passing of St. Francis into eternal life and celebrating his feast day.

- For young adults discerning or interested in learning more about Franciscan spirituality.
- Time for prayer, work with creation, and discussion.

**Friday, October 3 -  
Sunday, October 5**  
Meriden, Connecticut

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**Knights of Columbus - Rodrigo Council 44**  
**St. Bernadette Church**  
**New Haven, CT 06512**





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**An Atlantic City Getaway**



**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](mailto: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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Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone : \_\_\_\_\_

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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 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**

# ROSARY RALLY

**ROSARY RALLY**  
**to pray for**  
**WORLD PEACE**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025**  
**12:00PM SHARP**

**TOWN GREEN, CORNER OF MAIN &  
 HEMINGWAY**  
**RAIN OR SHINE**  
**WEAR COMFORTABLE CLOTHING & BRING A  
 CHAIR & ROSARY BEADS**

**QUESTIONS CALL: MARIE CONNORS AT  
 203-469-1184**



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