

ST. PIO OF PIETRELCINA

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DEACON GEORGE MCCARROLL
DEACON WAYNE SANFORD
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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" - Lk 18:7-8

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, October 18 - Vigil - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm OLOP + Joanne Cretella (2nd anniversary)
by Husband & Daughter
5:30pm SVDP + Alfredo D'Alessandris
by Family

SUNDAY, October 19 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am OLOP + Filomena LaVorgna
by Husband, Attilio
9:00am SB + William Mitsakos &
Vincent Mazzetta
by Family
10:30am OLOP + Henry, Mary, Ronald, Cecelia Podsindlo
by Family
11:45am SVDP + Libby Consolatore (2nd anniversary)
by Wife & Family

MONDAY, October 20 St Paul of the Cross

8:00am OLOP + Deceased members of the Annunziata Family
by Family
8:00am SVDP + Fred D'Albero
by MaryAnn Bucci

TUESDAY, October 21– Weekday

8:00am OLOP + Gary Spadory
by Lisa Leary
8:00am SVDP + Joseph & Josephine Riccitelli
by son, Joseph & Family

WEDNESDAY, October 22 – St John Paul II, Pope

8:00am OLOP + Carl Maurer
by DeMartino Family
8:00am SVDP + Ronald Scala
by Clancy Funeral Home

THURSDAY, October 23 - St John of Capistrano

8:00am OLOP + Pasqualina Proto
by Porto Funeral Home
8:00am SB + Roberta Davies
by Clancy Funeral Home

FRIDAY, October 24 - St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

8:00am SB + William Scarpa
by Porto Funeral Home

SATURDAY, October 25 - Vigil - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm OLOP + Rachel Mauro & Esposito Family
by Kathy Mauro
5:30pm SVDP + Anna DeFillippo
by Vincent & Erica Borzillo

SUNDAY, October 26 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am OLOP + Joseph Kuczenski
by Lou & Anne Pacelli
9:00am SB + Jason Sagnella
By Family
10:30am OLOP + Anthony & Barbara Esposito
by Linda Esposito
11:45am SVDP + Mario & Maria Truffa & Tony Digioia
by Frances

STEWARDSHIP

October 12, 2025

Regular Collection : \$10,124

Utilities Collection: \$4393

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
(see 2)/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8
Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/
Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a,
8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/
Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/
Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/
Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/
Lk 13:1-9



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.

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

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.



MINISTRY & EVENT CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19 NO EVENTS OR ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 NO EVENTS OR ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED
MONDAY, OCTOBER 20 Holy Hour - 8:30-9:30am in Our Lady of Pompeii Church	MONDAY, OCTOBER 27 Holy Hour - 8:30-9:30am in Our Lady of Pompeii Church
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21 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, OCTOBER 28 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, OCTOBER 22 Bible Study - 6:30pm at SVDP Parish Office Contact Marie Connors at 203-468-1184 Rosary Group - 8:00pm on Zoom Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29 Rosary Group - 8:00pm on Zoom Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8 Bible Study - 6:30pm at SVDP Parish Office Contact Marie Connors at 203-468-1184
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23 Scriptural Rosary - 6:00pm at OLOP Chapel Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30 Scriptural Rosary - 6:00pm at OLOP Chapel Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24 Rosary Group - 8:00pm on Zoom Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31 Rosary Group - 8:00pm on Zoom Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25 Men's Group - 7:30am-9:00am at SVDP Parish Center	SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1 Men's Group - 7:30am-9:00am at SVDP Parish Center



The Ladies Guild Membership Drive is continuing.

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 ~ Special Intention

Sacred Heart of Jesus ~ Pat Muro by Patti Scussel

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Icon ~ Special intention

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 ~ Deceased members of St Pio Parish

St. Joseph's Altar ~ Special Intention

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) ~ Julia Coppola, 30 years by Paula D'Agostino

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, Carly Rose Pietrosimone

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 November is the **2nd Monday**, which is **November 10th**. 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, November 10th**. 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

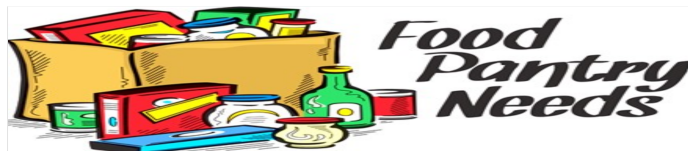
Individual Packaged Cookies, Crackers or Chips

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 cranberry sauce, gravy, stuffing and instant mashed potatoes for the month of October. 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.

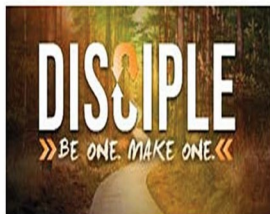
For more info call Christine Sandford 203-469-7823

From the Pastor's Desk



**I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE PRIESTS
WHO HELP US OUT WITH MASSES HERE AT
ST. PIO OF PIETRELCINA PARISH.
SOME FILL IN ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS.
OTHERS CELEBRATE MASS HERE ON
A REGULAR BASIS.**

**FATHER BORINO, WHO HELPS OUT ON
SUNDAYS AT OUR LADY OF POMPEII CHURCH
HAS CHANGED HIS SCHEDULE. HE WILL NOW
BE CELEBRATING THE 7:30A.M. MASS
ON THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH.**



Discipleship is the process by
which disciples grow in the Lord Jesus
and are equipped by the Holy Spirit.

Jesus first in all things (Mark 8:34-38)

Follow Jesus' teachings (John 8:31-32)



Join **Team OCIA** to Help Evangelize & bring Young Adult
Christians into a deeper understanding of what it means
to be a follower of Christ and welcome them into our
community of believers.

Come any Sunday 11:30am meet after **OLOP Mass** to
share your faith, and learn more about being a disciple of
Christ and spread the Good News!

Contact: Sally Mucka 203-415-2710 or email saintpio.rcia@gmail.com.

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 Shaul • sshaul@medjweb.com



Ladies Guild

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

New Parish App Now Available For Download!

Be sure to download the app after Mass today by searching for the myparish app on your phone's app store or by scanning the QR code and stay connected with us all week long



**Knights of Columbus
Rodrigo Council #44**

PRAY THE ROSARY

K of C 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: November 11, 2025
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



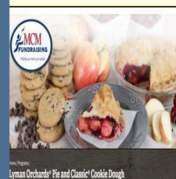
**St Pio of Pietrelcina Parish
Annual Collection**
Every parish household is asked to help support the 2025 St Pio Annual Collection. Your gifts will help the parish balance our annual operating budget and make necessary parish repairs and improvements. Please complete your gift card and return it to the parish office by mail or place your gift response envelope in the Sunday Collection basket. Thank you!



**East Shoreline Catholic Academy
Fall Fundraiser**



**JUST IN
TIME FOR
THANKSGIVING!**



Please Help Support East Shoreline Catholic Academy (ESCA)
Fall Fundraiser

Lyman Orchard Pies (10 flavors), Classic Cookie Dough (5 flavors), Simply Shipped Collection

Sale begins September 29th through October 21st - Pick up date for pies and cookie dough will be November 6th at ESCA, 62 Cedar Street, Branford, CT from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. or call me for other arrangements.

If you would like to participate, please view and order online at:

<https://my.mcmfundraising.com/2025-fall-east-shoreline-catholic-academy/debra-panela/>

The Fall Fundraiser also provides an opportunity for a donation of a pie to a local food pantry.

Any questions, call or text Deb Panella at 203-415-2668

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

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Be Careful What You Wish For

You've probably heard the phrase "Be careful what you wish for." In my experience, it's not often utilized with a lot of charity. You usually hear it said as a warning. The unspoken sentiment behind it is this: *You're not as strong as you think you are.*

As Christians we shouldn't be surprised to look ourselves in the mirror and own that reality. We are not as strong as we may think. We are time and time again shocked and dismayed by our own weaknesses, our own fears, our own shortcomings.

Should we be careful what we wish for? The apostles asked Jesus to increase their faith, and He told them it would take work. It would take suffering. It would take patience. But He didn't say it was impossible.

As everyday stewards, we need to continue wishing recklessly. Ask God for anything and everything, come to Him with all your needs. Beg Him for grace without limit.

When we hear God's voice, it does not always say what we want to hear. But it always speaks the perfect truth. If it tells us of a hardship that we think we cannot bear, let us take solace in the knowledge that we are the stewards — not the landlord.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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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.

Young Catholic Professionals

2nd Year Anniversary Mass Celebrated by the Most Rev. Bishop Betancourt

Young Catholic Professionals Central CT will be celebrating its 2nd year in the Archdiocese! Come join us for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in Thanksgiving to God celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Juan Miguel Betancourt. After Mass, join us as we continue the celebration with food and fellowship! Come celebrate 2 years of YCP Central CT, bringing young adults together to work in witness for Christ!

Where: St. Bartholomew's Church, 45 Ludlow Rd, Manchester, CT 06040

When: Thurs, Nov 6th - Mass at 7:00 PM to be followed by a continued celebration at 7:30 PM

Who: All are welcome!

RSVP: <https://ycp.glueup.com/event/2nd-year-anniversary-mass-and-reception-157118/>



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 or
Phone: 713-898-2563

Branches on the Vine

OCTOBER 18 - 24, 2025



The fourth archdiocesan Celebration of Our Lady of the Americas and All Nations began with the holy rosary being prayed. Father Alexander Avendano, rector of the Shrine of Maria Reina de la Paz in Hartford, leads the group outside St. Lawrence O'Toole Church.

PHOTO BY AARON JOSEPH



As the celebration moves indoors, each participating group processes into the church with a representative image of the Blessed Mother and the flag of their country with their national anthem playing the background. Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne blesses the images of Our Lady as they are presented to him.

PHOTO BY AARON JOSEPH

More than 800 people representing 12 countries came together for the fourth annual Mary of the Americas celebration in a display of faith, unity and cultural pride. There was prayer, there was pageantry and there was a festival of Latin American food.

The archdiocesan celebration for the Blessed Mother Mary of the Americas and all Nations was held at the Shrine of Maria Reina de la Paz at St. Lawrence O'Toole Church in Hartford on Oct. 4 and will be held here in years to come.

It began with an international rosary in English, Spanish and Brazilian, which was followed by Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin with Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne as the principal celebrant.

"It is wonderful for us to gather under the devotion of our Blessed Mother because she always points us toward her Son," the archbishop told the packed church. Father Alexander Avendano, rector of the shrine, gave the homily and petitions were presented for people of the Americas and the Caribbean.

The delegations wore colorful traditional dress of their countries. Before Mass, they processed into the shrine, singing their national anthems and waving flags of their native countries, while carrying images of the Blessed Mother, which they venerate under her different titles.

They sang and they clapped as their voices filled the shrine in a joyous display of pageantry.

HONORING THE BLESSED MOTHER OF THE AMERICAS AND ALL NATIONS

The delegation representing the United States of America entered as the Star Spangled Banner was sung and carried an image of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception.

For Father Avendano, it was more than a cultural celebration; it was a demonstration of the compassion of "momma Mary," for Latinos far from their homes and their biological mothers who turn to the mother of Jesus for hope and consolation.

"Some are separated from their mothers and cannot return to see them, maybe because of immigration situations or because they have lost their mothers and cannot grieve properly or say goodbye," Father Avendano says. "So there is pain in the people's hearts, and this event lets them know that mama Mary assures them she is here for people, especially for suffering people and for orphaned people. Although they cannot see their natural mothers, their supernatural mother is here for them no matter what happens. This celebration is a message of compassion and companionship and love."

The priest, who comes from Colombia and was appointed rector of the shrine in August, says "mama Mary is the reason for my priesthood, the reason for my work, the reason for my existence."

She is everything and more, and Jesus is OK with that. On this day, we honor her, our cultures and our ancestors as well."

At the conclusion, he thanked Archbishop Coyne for celebrating Mass at the event. "We know you are here for us, and we appreciate that so much."

Among those represented were St. George Church in Bridgeport (Mexico – Our Lady of Guadalupe); St. Mary Church in New Britain (Chile – Our Lady of Mount Carmel); North American Martyrs Parish in East Hartford (El Salvador – Our Lady of Peace); St. Augustine Church in Hartford (Guatemala – Our Lady of the Rosary); and The Shrine of Maria Reina de la Paz in Hartford (Honduras – Our Lady of Suyapa) (Peru – Our Lady of Mercy) (Colombia – Our Lady of Chiquinquirá) (United States – Immaculate Conception) (Costa Rica – Our Lady of the Angels) (Dominican Republic – Our Lady of High Grace) (Puerto Rico – Our Lady of Divine Providence) (Cuba – Our Lady of Charity of El Cobre).

Mass was followed by a festival of food and displays of different cultures.

- Story by Joe Pisani



Upcoming Events



ARCHDIOCESE of HARTFORD

Office of Faith Formation and Parish Life

Catholic Committee on Scouting

The **Archdiocese of Hartford, Catholic Committee on Scouting** is recruiting new members. This Committee supports Catholic scouts in the Archdiocese as they learn more about their faith within the scouting programs (both Scouting USA and Girl Scouts - includes Campfire). The committee meets four times a year, creates a yearly Retreat for scouts, trains Religious Emblems Coordinators (REC), and hosts an Archdiocesan Award Ceremony each spring. If you are interested in learning more, or how you can use your gifts and talents in service to our shared mission, contact Jennifer McClintock at Jennifer.McClintock@aohct.org.



Upcoming Catholic Scouting Events:

Catholic Religious Emblems Training - Saturday, November 15, 2025

This training is for all Scouts BSA Leaders who want to run a religious emblem program in their Troop/Pack. The training will review the following emblems: Light of Christ, Parvuli Dei, Ad Altare Dei, Pope Pius and Adult Awards. We will be meeting at the Pastoral Center, 467 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield in the 2nd floor conference room, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Registration is required:



Catholic Scouting Retreat - Saturday, November 8, 2025

Join other scouts from around the Archdiocese to learn about the Jubilee Year at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Hartford. We will learn about the Holy Door, what a Jubilee Year is, participate in a service project and more! Registration is required:



Questions? Contact:

Jennifer McClintock, Coordinator of Faith Formation Programs & Technology,
Jennifer.McClintock@aohct.org or 860-242-5573

MOST ITEMS \$3

GENTLY USED

CLOTHING SALE

OCT 24 4 - 7 PM \$5 FEE
OCT 25 9 AM - 2 PM

Huge Selection of Children's, Women's & Men's Clothing. Outerwear, Jewelry, Purses, & Accessories
 Special BOUTIQUE Items

St Ann Church Hall, 289 Arch Rd, Avon



Carolyn's Place PREGNANCY CARE CENTER

Presented By Dr. Richard and Carol Gruszka

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

Celebrate Another
Year of Life
Affirming Support

5 Course
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Dinner

\$60
per person



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Knights of Columbus Rodrigo Council 44

Friday Evening Dinner

October 24, 2025

Dinner served at 5:45 pm

Convent building at St Bernadette Campus

\$15.00 per person

Seating limited to 60

Menu:

Assorted pizza from Nicky's Place

Party wings from the Rib House

Tossed garden salad

Mini assorted Italian Pastry from Petonito's

Water, Coffee, Tea, Soda or bring your own

For reservations contact:

Salvatore DeCola :203-641-1857

Mike Fimiani : 203-627-9216

Knights of Columbus

Rodrigo Council #44

300 Club Winners

1st - Deborah Balisicniano(#22)- \$150.00

2nd - Massimo Piroli(#232) - \$100.00

3rd - Michael DePonte(#271) - \$75.00

4th - Mark Pietrosimone (#221) - \$50.00

MASS SCHEDULE



Mass Schedule

October 18 & 19, 2025

4:00 pm OLOP: Fr. Matthew

5:30 pm SVDP: Fr. Walsh

7:30 am OLOP: Fr. Borino

9:00 am SB: Fr. Murasso

10:30 am OLOP: Fr. Matthew

11:45 am SVDP: Fr. Walsh

October 25 & 26, 2025

4:00 pm OLOP: Fr. Walsh

5:30 pm SVDP: Fr. Matthew

7:30 pm OLOP: Fr. Walsh

9:00 am SB: Fr. Matthew

10:30 am OLOP: Fr. Murasso

11:45 am SVDP: Fr. Matthew

Deacons to preach at all Masses

4:00 pm & 7:30 am: Deacon George

5:30 pm & 10:30 am: Deacon Larry

9:00 am & 11:45 am: Deacon Wayne