

ST. PIO OF PIETRELCINA

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30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

— — — — —
“But the tax collector stood off at a distance...and prayed,
‘O God, be merciful to me a sinner.’ I tell you, the latter
went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts
himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself
will be exalted.” - Lk 18:13a, 13c-14

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OCTOBER 26, 2025

Mass Intentions for the Week

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 Sommo
by Linda Esposito
11:45am SVDP + Mario & Maria Truffa & Tony DiGioia
by Frances

MONDAY, October 27 - Weekday

8:00am OLOP + Thanksgiving
by Theresa
8:00am SVDP + Donna Onofrio Nero
by Family

TUESDAY, October 28 – Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles

8:00am OLOP + Onil Milliard
by Morning Mass Family
8:00am SVDP + Ronald Tufano
by Family

WEDNESDAY, October 29-Weekday

8:00am OLOP + Marie Streeto
by Linda & Paul
8:00am SVDP + Mike & Marie Bucci
by Family

THURSDAY, October 30- Weekday

8:00am OLOP + Cora & Harold Hall, Sr.
by Marianne Hall
8:00am SB + Pamela Follo
by Follo Family

FRIDAY, October 31 - Weekday

8:00am SB + Louise Amato
by Family

SATURDAY, November 1- All Saints

First Saturday

8:00 am OLOP +Frances Johnson
by Family
4:00pm OLOP + Deceased members of St. Pio of
Pietrelcina
5:30pm SVDP + Deceased members of St. Pio of
Pietrelcina

SUNDAY, November 2 – 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am OLOP + St Pio of Pietrelcina Families
by
9:00am SB + Janet Sparapani (birthday)
by Art & Jessie DiAdamo
10:30am OLOP + Diane Puzycki
by Family
11:45am SVDP + Margaret Amento
by Family

STEWARDSHIP October 26, 2025

Regular Collection : \$9797.00

Propagation of the Faith Collection: \$3770.00

Second Collection for November 2: Monthly

Scripture readings for the week of October 26, 2025

Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23
(7a)/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39/Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31/
Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a



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 26 NO EVENTS OR ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED	SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 NO EVENTS OR ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED
MONDAY, OCTOBER 27 Holy Hour - 8:30-9:30am in Our Lady of Pompeii Church	MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3 Holy Hour - 8:30-9:30am in Our Lady of Pompeii Church
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	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4 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 29 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, NOVEMBER 5 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 30 Scriptural Rosary - 6:00pm at OLOP Chapel Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8	THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6 Scriptural Rosary - 6:00pm at OLOP Chapel 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	FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7 Rosary Group - 8:00pm on Zoom Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1 Men's Group - 7:30am-9:00am at SVDP Parish Center	SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8 Men's Group - 7:30am-9:00am at SVDP Parish Center

St. Pio Ladies Guild

Christmas Fair

Saturday Nov. 15th 9am-3pm Sunday Nov. 16th 8:30-12pm
Our Lady of Pompeii Church
355 Foxon Rd. East Haven



Homemade Candies & Baked Goods
Breakfast/Luncheon Menu
Tree, Basket & Special Raffles
Costume Jewelry
Handmade Christmas Crafts
Face Painting & Kids Games



Oh Holy Night

Visit With Santa



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

St. Pio will provide Warm clothing, shoes, socks, hats & gloves for the children of East Haven & St. Pio Parish.
On November 30th there will be a Toy drop off at the E.H. Senior Center, 91 Taylor Ave. (More details to follow)
Toy Gifts will be distributed to E.H. families at the Firehouse.
Our giving tree will be in the Altar Sanctuary, with requests & sizes for the Children.
If you know a family in need have them
Contact Sally Mucka @ 203-415-2710

www.PaamBorders.net



The Ladies Guild monthly meeting and Fair Prep will be held on Monday evening, November 10 at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the church hall at Our Lady of Pompeii Church Hall.

Upcoming dates and events:

December 6th - Advent Retreat

December 8th - Ladies Guild Christmas Party

More details to follow in upcoming bulletins.

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 ~ Special Intentions

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 Deceased members of St Pio of Pietrelcina

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) ~ Thomas Merola & Maggie Coppola by Phyllis

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 Tantalò, 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



Shortly after my arrival here, the music director of St. Bernadette Church asked me to allow the choir to sing at the 9 o'clock Mass. At that time, I informed her that I would not be able to reinstate the choir until I consulted with parishioners of that Mass. Two weeks ago, I met with a half dozen representatives of the 9:00 Mass. The consensus of that meeting was that the choir should return, but that there needed to be more members of the choir, and that there needed to be more contemporary music at the Mass at St. Bernadette Church. Therefore, Marie Celso is looking for new members to sing at that Mass. If you are interested in singing at the 9:00a.m. Mass, please see Mrs. Celso. Also, I am interested in hearing feed back about the music from those who attend Mass there, but I also encourage everyone to be charitable to give the choir a chance.



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.

A Message from Marie Celso
To anyone interested in joining the choir
that will be singing at the 9:00 am Mass at
St Bernadette:

Rehearsals will be held at 8:00 am in the
choir loft at St Bernadette beginning
November 9th,
Contemporary and Christmas hymns will
be rehearsed.

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
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To register, scan
the QR code



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

Branches on the Vine

OCTOBER 25 - 31, 2025



The Most Rev. Christopher J. Coyne, the sixth Archbishop of Hartford.
PHOTO BY AARON JOSEPH



Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne, accompanied by Valerie Mara, announces the new Catholic Academy of Hartford during a press conference in front of the school building on Asylum Avenue.
PHOTO BY AARON JOSEPH

CATHOLIC EDUCATION RETURNS TO HARTFORD

Catholic Academy of Hartford to open in fall of 2026.

Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne is fulfilling his promise on May 1, 2024 – his first day in office – to bring Catholic education back to the city of Hartford after a ten-year absence.

The city of Hartford has not had a Catholic school operating within its borders since St. Augustine School closed at the end of the 2015-2016 school year.

To end that drought, Archbishop Coyne announced during a press conference on Oct. 9 that the Archdiocese of Hartford has purchased a building on Asylum Avenue in Hartford, which it plans to open next fall as the Catholic Academy of Hartford.

"I simply could not accept that our state capital, and the geographic and spiritual center of our archdiocese, did not have a school to form our young people," Archbishop Coyne said.

For its opening year, the Catholic Academy of Hartford will initially welcome Hartford students in pre-kindergarten through the second grade. The longer-term plan for the new school is to add one grade each year, expanding up to the eighth grade.

"Within the walls you see behind me, future leaders and contributors will be formed – mind, body and spirit. With a quality, affordable education, their potential will prove limitless," the archbishop said.

The sale of the property, a former three-story office building at 765 Asylum Ave., was completed in September. The building is located behind the Cathedral of St. Joseph.

With the goal of beginning classes in the fall of 2026, the Archdiocese of Hartford plans to renovate the property, creating classrooms on the upper floors and a multi-purpose room in the basement. New exterior signage and a cross have already been erected.

"The opening of this school is representative of renewal, revival and a great reversal of the downward trends we experienced before and during COVID," Archbishop Coyne noted.

"Mass attendance is up, the number of men and women discerning vocations to the priesthood and religious life is up, and most important to today's announcement, Catholic school enrollment is up," he reported. In fact, the archbishop said, most archdiocesan schools have waiting lists.

"With the wind in our sails," Archbishop Coyne said, "the timing was right for the Archdiocese of Hartford to make a generational contribution to the city of Hartford for the education of its children."

During the press conference, Valerie Mara, superintendent of Catholic schools for the archdiocese, reiterated the archbishop's commitment to restoring Catholic education in Hartford through a "just tuition model" in which Hartford families would pay on a sliding scale, according to their ability to pay.

The hope is to extend the opportunity for a Catholic education to all families in the city at all income levels.

The school intends to serve Hartford residents first, Mara noted, regardless of their faith tradition or creed. "Our doors are open to any family that wants a Catholic education," she said.

Development initiatives and fundraising events for the Catholic Academy of Hartford are now underway. "I welcome with open arms civic leaders, benefactors and changemakers of any stripe who wish to be a part of this exciting endeavor," Archbishop Coyne said.

To learn more about enrolling students, applying for aid, donating or applying for jobs, visit catholicacademyofhartford.org.

Story By Shelley Wolf



ST BERNADETTE FOOD PANTRY



THE ST. BERNADETTE AND EAST HAVEN FOOD PANTRIES EACH RECEIVED A DONATION FROM THE ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL. IT IS WITH MUCH GRATITUDE WE THANK THE APPEAL! WE ALSO WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS FOR YOUR SUPPORT TO THE APPEAL, IF IT WERE NOT FOR YOUR SUPPORT WE WOULD NOT HAVE RECEIVED THE DONATIONS.



ALSO:

THE ST. BERNADETTE FOOD PANTRY IS HOLDING THE ANNUAL TURKEY DRIVE ON SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2ND BEFORE AND AFTER THE 9:00 AM MASS. THE PANTRY WILL BE GIVING A GIFT CARD FOR THE PURCHASE OF A TURKEY ALONG WITH A BAG OF NONPERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS TO THOSE IN NEED ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 22.

THANK YOU, CHRISTINE & RICO

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.

We are very grateful for the generosity shown by so many parishioners to our "Annual Collection." If you have not yet had an opportunity to return your gift card, please do so as soon as possible. Your completed gift card can be returned to the parish office by mail or placed in the Sunday collection basket. Every gift is welcome and sincerely appreciated. 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



St Pio of Pietrelcina Religious Education

From the Desk of the Director Jennie Llanos

Religious Education Year Begins!

Our new Religious Education year is officially underway!

This year, we are introducing two Family Masses each month and utilizing multiple parish campuses.

As we welcome new families with young children we kindly ask for your patience and understanding. These families are beginning their journey of faith with us, and we hope to extend them the warmth and hospitality that define our St Pio family. Together, we will continue to share our faith, love and traditions in the spirit of unity as our parish family grows.

Upcoming Family Masses & Events

November 2- Family Mass (All Saints Day)

November 16- Family Mass

December 7- Special 9:00 am Family Mass and Breakfast with Santa

December 12- Living Nativity, 6:00 pm St Vincent de Paul Campus

January 11- Family Mass, 9:00 am at Saint Bernadette Campus

February 8- Family Mass, 10:30 am at Our Lady of Pompeii

We look forward to a wonderful year filled with faith, fellowship and growth.

Thank you in advance for your continued support and warm welcome to our new families joining the St Pio community!



St. Pio Ladies Guild Christmas Raffle

Held during the Annual Christmas Fair

Drawing 1:00pm on Sunday, November 16, 2025

Our Lady of Pompeii Church Hall, 355 Foxon Rd. East Haven

11 Prizes!

- 1st Prize: \$1,000
- 2nd Prize: \$250 (Donated by NH County Credit Union)
- 3rd Prize: \$250 Forbes Premium Fuel
- 4th Prize: \$250 Forbes Premium Fuel
- 5th Prize: \$200 Archie Moore's (New Haven)
- 6th Prize: \$150 Palmer's Jewelers
- 7th Prize: \$100 Doody's Totoket Inn
- 8th Prize: \$100 Goody's Hardware & Paint
- 9th Prize: \$50 Shop Rite
- 10th Prize: \$50 Nicky's Place
- 11th Prize: \$50 The Rib House



Thank you to all our prize donors!

Tickets are \$3 each - all proceeds benefit

St. Pio of Pietrelcina Parish.

For more information, or to receive a book of tickets, contact

Patti Scussel at 203-710-7886, or parscussel@aol.com.

Tickets can be returned to the church offices or placed in the offertory baskets thru the weekend of November 8 - 9.

TICKETS SHOULD NOT BE PLACED IN THE OFFERTORY BASKETS THE WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 15 - 16.



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.

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

11 DAYS PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE & THE GREEK ISLES

MAY 5- 15, 2026

VISITING: ATHENS * CORINTH * MYKONOS * EPHEBUS * PATMOS

SANTORINI * DELPHI * KALAMBAKA * THESSALONIKI

Including a 3-Day Cruise to the Greek Isles & Turkey

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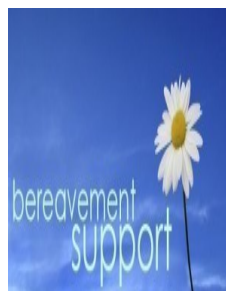
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Barbara Natarajan at

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Phone: 713-898-2563

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

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/>



MASS SCHEDULE



Mass Schedule

****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

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