

# ST. PIO OF PIETRELCINA

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.” - Mt 11:10

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**December 14, 2025**

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### SATURDAY, December 13-Vigil Third Sunday of Advent

- 4:00pm OLOP+ Deceased members of the Hall & DeRose Families  
by Family
- 5:30pm SVDP+ Boris & Teresa Shatkyuch

### SUNDAY, December 14- Third Sunday of Advent

- 7:30am OLOP+ John Mancini  
by Family
- 9:00am SB+ William Mitsakos, USN  
by Sister, Mom and Family
- 10:30am OLOP+ Filomena LaVorgna  
by husband, Attilio
- 11:45am SVDP+ Charles Scalse  
by Family

### MONDAY, December 15- Advent Weekday

- 8:00am OLOP + All God's Blessings  
by Anastasio Family
- 8:00am SVDP + Angelo Musco  
by Family

### TUESDAY, December 16- Advent Weekday

- 8:00am OLOP + Donald Guest  
by Porto Funeral Home
- 8:00am SVDP + Frank DeCrescenzo, Sr  
by Clancy Palumbo Funeral Home

### WEDNESDAY, December 17-Late Advent Weekday

- 8:00am OLOP + Viola & Red DeMarco  
by Kathy Mauro
- 8:00am SVDP + Rudolph Pohlman  
by Clancy Palumbo Funeral Home

### THURSDAY, December 18- Late Advent Weekday

- 8:00am OLOP + Roseanne Baroncini  
by Jack & Sue Stacey
- 8:00am SB + Jennie Criscuolo  
by Son, Henry

### FRIDAY, December 19- Late Advent Weekday

- 8:00am SB + Billy Taylor  
By Frank & Nancy

### Saturday, December 20- Vigil Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 4:00pm OLOP + Vincent & Ann Costanzo  
by Daughter
- 5:30pm SVDP + Andrew, Catherine & David Dunaj  
Catherine, Nicholas & Mary Izzo  
by Family

### Sunday, December 21- Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 7:30am OLOP + Bob "Star" Bekalowicz  
by Maryann
- 9:00am SB + Paula AnnMarie Conte  
by Family
- 10:30am OLOP + Paul Carrera  
by wife, Caroline
- 11:45am SVDP + Mario & Maria Truffa & Tony DiGioia  
by Frances



### Readings for the week of December 14, 2025

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10  
(see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

Thursday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Friday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Saturday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-2

## STEWARDSHIP

December 7 Collection: will be included in next bulletin

Thank for all for your continued generosity and support.

## 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-Fri 9:00-2:00

Taylor Avenue: Tue. & Thu. 9:00-1:00

E-Mail: stpioofpietrelcina@gmail.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.



## St Pio of Pietrelcina Parish Groups, Studies and Devotions



### Holy Hour

Monday mornings, 8:30 to 9:30 am  
Our Lady of Pompeii Church



### Bible Studies

Tuesday evenings, 7:00 pm  
Zoom meeting  
Contact Christine Sandford 203-469-7823

Wednesday evenings, 6:30 pm  
St Vincent dePaul Parish Building  
Contact Marie Connors 203-468-1184



### Rosary

Every evening 8:00 pm  
Zoom Meetings  
Contact Sally Mucka 203-469-0764 Ext 8

### Scriptural Rosary

Thursday, 6:00 pm  
Our Lady of Pompeii Chapel  
Contact Sally Mucka 203-469-0764 Ext 8

### Monthly Rosary

Every second Tuesday, 6:30 pm  
January 13, 2026  
St Bernadette Church  
Contact Mke Firiani 203-627-9216

### Men's Group

Saturday mornings 7:30 am to 9:00 am  
St Vincent DePaul Parish Building  
Contact Deacon Wayne 203-804-8364

## 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

## Sacramental Information

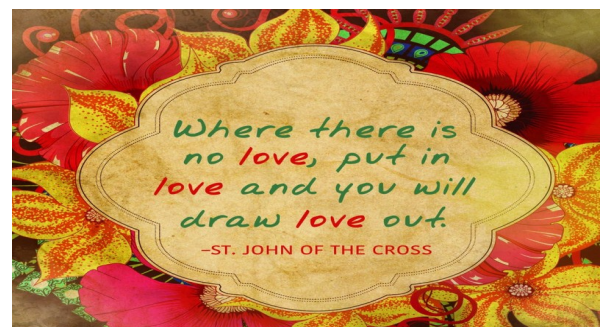
### **Baptism**

Parents should contact  
St Pio of Pietrelcina's main office  
to schedule a date, a Parent Bap-  
tism class and to receive all of the  
paperwork needed to complete the sched-  
uling process.



### **Wedding**

Couples should contact  
St Pio of Pietrelcina's main office  
12 months in advance to schedule a  
wedding date. Couples will be asked to  
meet with a priest prior to confirming a  
date and time for a wedding



*From the  
Pastor's  
Desk*



## Office of Religious Education News and Events

I would like to thank all our parishioners and all the parish groups that do so much for our parish. I would also like to thank them for the fundraising they provide.

I would like to thank the carnival committee and all their volunteers for raising \$79, 902.00 for the parish. Likewise, I thank the St Clare Festival Committee and their volunteers for raising \$10, 900.00 for the Parish. I would also like the Ladies Guild for raising \$11, 714.00 for the parish. Finally, I would like to thank all of the parishioners and everyone who supported these activities.

**A continued reminder about the Mass modifications that will take place.**

First is that the 8:00a.m. Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Church on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, and the 8:00am Mass at St. Bernadette Church on Thursday will be at 9:00a.m. starting January 5, 2026. The Friday Mass and the first Saturday Mass at St. Bernadette Church will remain at 8:00a.m.

The other change concerns the vigil Masses.

The four o'clock Mass will be at St. Vincent de Paul Church for the months of January through June (except on Holy Saturday). However, I have received numerous complaints about the time of the second vigil Mass, currently at 5:30p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Church. Starting January 3, 2026, that Mass will begin at 5:00p.m., PROVIDED THAT THERE REMAIN TWO PRIESTS at St. Pio Parish. The 5:00p.m. Mass will be at Our Lady of Pompeii Church from January to June (except on Holy Saturday), and then will be at St. Vincent de Paul Church from July to December.



Have you recently lost a friend or a 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

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!



## Advent Bible Study Wednesdays, 12:15pm to 1:15pm

Bring a bagged lunch if you choose.  
Each week we will study the  
upcoming Sunday readings.

Meeting Dates:

December 17 at St Vincent dePaul

For more information, contact  
Deacon Wayne Sandford  
203-804-8364.



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

**I am reaching out to anyone who would be interested in joining our ministry—don't know how to knit or crochet? No problem, we will teach you and provide yarn and needles. We meet on the 1st Friday of the month from 1:00-3:00pm in the Lower Office Meeting Room at Our Lady of Pompeii**  
**You can contact MaryAnn Lotto for either of the above at 203-469-2758.**



**The Candles burn this week for these special intentions:**

**Our Lady of Pompeii Candles**

*Sanctuary Lamp (Right Side)* ~ All members of St Pio Parish  
*Sanctuary Lamp (Left Side)* ~ Special Intentions  
*Chapel* ~ Patricia Paoletta by Patti Scussel  
*Sacred Heart of Jesus* ~ Special Intentions  
*Our Lady of Perpetual Help Icon* ~ Special Intentions

**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* ~ Anita Sampietro Pisani by Joe & Carol Silva  
*St. Joseph's Altar* ~ John Napierkowski by Joe & Carol Silva  
*Pascal Candle* ~ Barbara & Maurice Connolly

**St. Bernadette Candles**

*Sanctuary Lamp (Left Side)* ~ Fred & Carmel DeMichele  
*Sanctuary Lamp (Right Side)* ~ Special Intention



**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 Forgiione, 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 Dzedulonis, 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](mailto:stpioofpietrelcina@gmail.com) so that our parishioners and friends can be remembered in our prayers.

**Midnight Run  
Taylor Avenue Campus**

The Midnight Run for January is the **2nd Monday**, which is **January 12**. 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, January 12**. 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

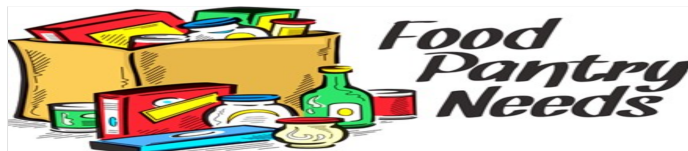
Individual Packaged Cookies, Crackers or Chips

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 and pasta for the months of December and January. 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





# Branches on the Vine

DECEMBER 13 - 19, 2025



Omar Acosta's family is shown here in the manger he built at Sacred Heart Church in Bloomfield. Pictured, left to right, are: Camila, 11; Mariela, 10; Lucas, 8; Analia, 13; his wife, Julie; and Tobias, 1. The beautiful back wall of this custom design highlights the Star of Bethlehem and future cross of the child Jesus. The wood was custom milled for the majority of the build at a local lumber yard to incorporate a natural and rustic aesthetic, inviting all who visit to a joyful moment of reflection and prayer.  
SUBMITTED PHOTO

For Omar Acosta, every nail driven and every beam aligned is an act of prayer. A self-employed contractor from Windsor and a third-year candidate in the Archdiocese of Hartford's Diaconate formation program, Acosta views his craft as a way to glorify God—and to draw others closer to him.

This Advent, parishioners and passersby at Sacred Heart Church in Bloomfield will encounter one of Acosta's most heartfelt creations yet: a handcrafted manger that stands as both an artistic and spiritual expression of love.

"I wanted to build something that pointed people to God," he says. "Beauty can quietly draw the passerby—even for a moment—that's what this is about."

The manger at Sacred Heart is the third one he has built within the archdiocese—following earlier ones at St. Francis Church in New Haven and St. Gabriel Church in Windsor. Each is unique, but all share a singular purpose: to celebrate the mystery of the Incarnation with reverence and beauty.

Yet for Acosta, the story begins long before the first piece of wood is cut.

Born and raised in Hartford and a graduate of Prince Tech, Acosta's childhood was framed by survival and grace.

"My faith is that of a peasant," he explains. "I didn't attend Catholic schools or have formal faith formation. But I was blessed with a relationship with God from the time I was 5 or 6. I spent so much time talking to him—it was truly a grace."

## BUILT BY FAITH: HOW ONE CRAFTSMAN USES HIS SKILLS TO GLORIFY GOD

His early years were shaped by hardship—his father's struggle with addiction and his mother's quiet, heroic perseverance.

"My mother was the instrument God used in my life," he says. "She was my hero. She showed us mercy by visiting strangers in nursing homes, just to bring them company. That planted something deep in me."

As a teenager, Acosta became an altar server and later a youth minister at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Hartford. A pivotal experience came when he attended the Steubenville retreat, hosted by Franciscan University.

"It was amazing to be surrounded by a couple thousand people in attendance radiating zeal for our living faith," he says. "My heart caught the scent of something I wanted deeply more of. Soon after, I applied and took a road trip to visit the Steubenville, Ohio, campus. Months later, I was a student there. The greatest gifts that came of it were not even on my radar."

Now married for 17 years, Omar and his wife, Julie, have five children—Analía, 13; Camila, 11; Mariela, 9; Lucas, 8; and Tobias, 1. Their home life, like his craftsmanship, is rooted in prayer.

"One of my vocations is living the sacrament of matrimony," he says. "The other is my faith and both are grounded in service."

That spirit of service has guided his 17 years working with people with disabilities in the Hartford area—helping others live with dignity, joy and faith.

Whether serving others or shaping wood, Acosta finds God in the work of his hands.

"I'm an artisan," he says simply. "I dream of designing church furnishings, grottos, Stations of the Cross—anything that glorifies God through beauty. The manger is just one small way to offer that."

As the Christmas season approaches, Acosta hopes his latest creation becomes a place of encounter.

"The idea of being able to build a manger is to capture someone's mind, eye, and attention," he adds. "They're looking up at God whether they know it or not."

- Story by Jim Tierney



# Upcoming Events

## SAVE THE DATE

The Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office is encouraging participation in the Annual Pro-Life March in Washington, DC.

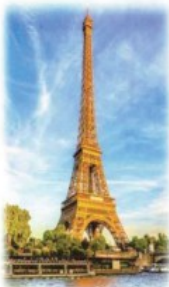
The bus will leave the Franciscan Life Center in Meriden on January 22nd at 6:00a.m. and return to Meriden January 23rd at 11:00p.m.

Cost, hotel, and other details will be forthcoming.

Questions?  
Please contact Fr. Walsh  
fr.walsh@aohct.org



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NORMANDY \* CAEN \* LISIEUX \* PARIS**



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For More Information, Please Contact:

**Fr. Gubbiotti**

Tel: (203) 735-3341 (Office)

(203) 560-9507 (Cell)

Email: fr.gubbiotti@aohct.org

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



12/17 WEDNESDAY 10:15AM

## **POLISH CHRISTMAS CONCERT (KOLENDY)**

Sacred Heart Church, 446 Mountain Rd, Suffield

A celebration of Polish culture and history, this concert features local musicians performing some of the most beloved Polish Christmas Carols. This annual concert is offered by Sacred Heart Parish and the Suffield Polish Historical Society. Sacred Heart church is handicapped accessible. This event is free and open to all!



**HOLY FAMILY  
PASSIONIST  
RETREAT CENTER**

January 16-18, 2026

**Pilgrims of Hope Men's Retreat  
Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center  
West Hartford, CT**

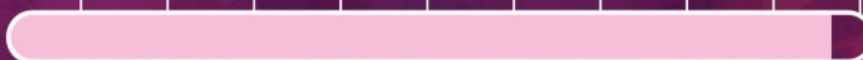
Faith is a journey! Last year, just months before his passing, Pope Francis called for a jubilee year, and he announced the theme would be *Pilgrims of Hope*. As "pilgrims of hope," we must be willing to take risks, to make the effort to understand God's call, and to grow in our faith. The pilgrim doesn't travel aimlessly but allows God to be the North Star, leading us to discover that God is at the heart of our journey. We invite you to join us this year at Holy Family for your annual retreat as we celebrate our 75th anniversary of ministry. Together, as part of God's beloved creation, we can pursue that blessed goal – life with God as beloved companions and pilgrims of hope.

Contact **Russ Duffy** at (203) 272-9912 or **Neil Bradley** at (203) 260-4957 for more info. Or visit [hollyfamilyretreat.org/themed-retreats](http://hollyfamilyretreat.org/themed-retreats) or call 860.760.9705 to register.

## 2025 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Scan the QR code to learn how you can make a lasting impact!

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**Total Goal: \$10M 97.02% as of 12/2/25**

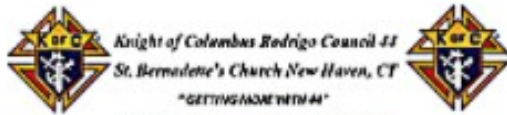
**\$9,701,986.39 pledges from 29,051 generous donors**



[www.archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal](http://www.archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal)



NOVEMBER 30, 2025



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## Thanksgiving & Christmas HOLIDAY BREADS

All Breads Baked Fresh By

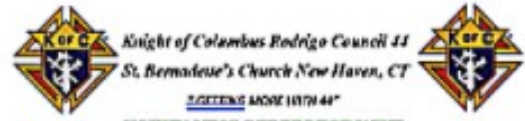


THANKSGIVING BREAD ORDERS  
MUST BE ORDERED BY 11/23/2025  
PICK UP WEDNESDAY 11/26/2025  
CHRISTMAS BREAD ORDERS  
MUST BE ORDERED BY 12/14/2025  
PICK UP SATURDAY 12/24/2025

ALL COUNCIL #44 ORDERS MUST BE PICKED AT  
ST. VINCENT DePAUL CHURCH CAMPUS CHURCH HALL  
BETWEEN 9:00am—11:00am

All Proceeds Benefit Our Council's Charitable Donations to  
Our Church Community  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUAL SUPPORT

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT  
MIKE FIMIANI @ 203-627-9216 OR SAL DeCOLA @ 203-641-1857  
VIA TEXT OR PHONE



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## Thanksgiving & Christmas ASSORTED PASTRIES, PIES & COOKIES

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CHRISTMAS PASTRY ORDERS  
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BREAD ORDER FORM  
LAST DAY TO ORDER:  
THANKSGIVING ORDERS 11/23/2025  
CHRISTMAS ORDERS 12/14/2025



FEATURED ITEMS	THANKSGIVING ORDER		CHRISTMAS ORDER	
	Quantity	Total	Quantity	Total
Espresso \$4.50 pkg				
Cranberry Bread \$8.00				
Large Sesame Twist \$7.50				
Bruce's Bread \$30.00				
Spinach Bread \$30.00				
Bruce's & Sausage Bread \$11.00				
Spinach & Sausage Bread \$31.00				
Pepperoni Bread w/mozzarella \$11.00				
Sausage Bread \$12.00				
Large Italian Bread 3.00				
Italian Dinner Rolls \$6.00 doz.				
Round Italian Bread \$4.50				
Artisan Bread \$4.50				
Whole Grain Bread \$6.50				
Whole Wheat Bread \$6.50				
Sweetened Rye Bread \$6.50				
Sourdough Rye Bread \$6.50				
Hard Rolls \$6.00 doz.				
Total Items Ordered #			#	
Price Grand Total \$			\$	

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Cash: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_



PIE & PASTRY ORDER FORM  
LAST DAY TO ORDER:  
THANKSGIVING ORDERS 11/23/2025  
CHRISTMAS ORDERS 12/14/2025



FEATURED ITEMS	THANKSGIVING ORDER		CHRISTMAS ORDER	
	Quantity	Total	Quantity	Total
10" Pie				
Apple \$22.00				
Pumpkin \$22.00				
Chocolate Pecan \$22.00				
Italian Cream \$22.00				
Fruit of the Forest \$22.00				
Pie				
Large Pastry Assorted Box \$48.00				
Mini Pastry Assorted Box \$18.00				
Loafers \$4.50 each				
Mini Cheesecakes \$4.50 each				
Chocolate Covered Cannoli \$4.50 each				
Italian Cookies				
1lb Box \$17.00				
1lb Tray \$20.00				
3lb Box \$51.00				
3lb Tray \$60.00				
5lb Box \$85.00				
5lb Tray \$100.00				
Total Items Ordered #			#	
Price Grand Total \$			\$	

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_



## Knights of Columbus Council 3300



We would list to thank everyone  
that helped us at our  
Annual Stuff a Truck.

With your generous donations, we were  
able to collect and deliver  
3,660 pounds of  
food and 72 turkeys to the  
East Haven Food Pantry.  
Again, thank you all!



**Knights of Columbus  
Rodrigo Council 4400  
Special Christmas  
Friday Night Dinner**

**Friday December 19th 5:45pm.  
411 Townsend Av New Haven Ct.  
(Former Convent)  
Dinner Served 5:45pm.**

**Menu: COUNCIL 44's FAMOUS LASAGNA  
BY CHICO AND CREW  
TOSSED SALAD, BREAD & BUTTER,  
SODA, WATER, COFFEE, TEA AND  
DESSERT.**

**COST: FREE!**

**Just Bring A Non Perishable Grocery Item  
(s) For Our Parish Food Pantry.**

**MOST NEEDED ITEMS:  
TOMATO SAUCE & PEANUT BUTTER**

**Limited To 70 Reservations Only  
ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS  
ONLY. Unfortunately No Exceptions**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Reservations \_\_\_\_\_

**For Reservations Contact:  
Mike Fimiani 293.627.9216**

## St. Pio of Pietrelcina Ladies Guild



Bring home the true  
spirit of the season by  
purchasing a  
Jesus Birthday Cake  
Cakes will be available for  
purchase at all three churches  
on the weekend before  
Christmas, December 20-21  
All Jesus Birthday Cakes  
come with a Christmas verse  
and birthday candle.

**Cakes sell for \$3.00 each.**

Anyone interested in baking,  
please contact  
Marie Connors at  
203-468-1184  
or at

**exbanker2100@sbcglobal.net  
by Wednesday, December 17  
to receive the kits needed to  
make the cakes.**

**Cakes can be any flavor and  
baked in a mini loaf pan  
One cake mix makes  
four Jesus cakes.**





## Christmas Masses

### Christmas Eve Vigil Masses

4:00pm Our Lady of Pompeii

4:30pm St Vincent dePaul

### Midnight Mass

12:00am St Vincent dePaul

### Christmas Day

8:00am St Vincent DePaul

9:00am St Bernadette

10:30 Our Lady of Pompeii

### Feast of the Solemnity of Mary

#### December 31

4:00pm St Vincent DePaul

### January 1

9:00am St Bernadette

10:30am Our Lady of Pompeii



## St Pio of Pietrelcina Parish Annual Collection

We are very grateful for the generosity shown by so many parishoners 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!



## Mass Schedule

### **December 13 & 14, 2025**

4:00 p.m OLOP: Msgr. Walker

5:30 p.m SVDP: Fr. Walsh

7:30a.m. Mass: OLOP Fr. Murasso

9:00a.m. Mass: SB Fr. Walsh

10:30a.m. Mass: OLOP Fr. Murasso

11:45a.m. Mass: SVDP Fr. Walsh

### **December 20 & 21, 2025**

4:00 p.m OLOP: Schedule in progress

5:30 p.m SVDP: Schedule in progress

7:30a.m. Mass: OLOP: Schedule in progress

9:00a.m. Mass: SB: Schedule in progress

10:30a.m. Mass: OLOP: Schedule in progress

11:45a.m. Mass: SVDP: Schedule in progress

### **December 27 & 28, 2025**

4:00 p.m OLOP: Schedule in progress

5:30 p.m SVDP: Schedule in progress

7:30a.m. Mass: OLOP: Schedule in progress

9:00a.m. Mass: SB: Schedule in progress

10:30a.m. Mass: OLOP: Schedule in progress

11:45a.m. Mass: SVDP: Schedule in progress

## CONFESSION SCHEDULE:



**Our Lady of Pompeii:**  
Saturday at 3:00-3:30pm

**St. Vincent de Paul:**  
Saturday at 4:30-5:00pm