

ST. PIO OF PIETRELCINA

REVEREND THOMAS J. WALSH, PASTOR
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DEACON LARRY TIANI

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

HIS FACE SHONE LIKE
THE SUN.

— MATTHEW 17:2 —



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March 1, 2026

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, February 28-Vigil, Second Sunday of Lent

4:00pm SVDP+ Cheryl Ligouri Perricone
by Dennis Perricone

5:00pm OLOP+ Anna Grillo
by Grillo Family

SUNDAY, March 1 – Second Sunday of Lent

7:30am OLOP+ Eugene Ellis
by Knights of Columbus Donlin Assembly

9:00am SB+ Matthew Falco
by Family

10:30am OLOP+ Dorothy Ludington (30th)
by Children

11:45am SVDP+ Jerry Montanari
by Cristina, Diane, Patty,
Sheila DelMonaco

MONDAY, March 2– Lenten Weekday

8:00am OLOP + Nancy Munson
by Clancy Palumbo Funeral Home

9:00am SVDP + Patricia Nastri
by Dave & Barbara Elliot

TUESDAY, March 3– Lenten Weekday
St Katherine Drexel, Virgin

8:00am OLOP + Bridget Gaudino
by Husband

9:00am SVDP + Anthony Scillia
by Vincent & Erica Borzillo

WEDNESDAY, March 4– Lenten Weekday
St Casimir

8:00am OLOP + Onel Milliard
by Odette & Jean Levasseur (Canada)

9:00am SB+ Theresa Vanacore
by Clancy Palumbo Funeral Home

THURSDAY, March 5– Lenten Weekday

8:00am OLOP+ Anthony Perillo
by Robert & Sally Mucka

9:00am SB + Carter Mann, Sr
by Clancy Palumbo Funeral Home

FRIDAY, March 6– Lenten Weekday

8:00am SB + Living & Deceased Members of the
Mahoney Family
by Patricia Mahoney

SATURDAY, March 7–Vigil Second Sunday of Lent

4:00pm SVDP+ Lawrence Doyle
by ICSA

5:00pm OLOP+ Alicia, Matthew & John Pettola
by Peter Pettola

Sunday March 8– Third Sunday of Lent

7:30am OLOP + Carl Prota & Family in Thanksgiving
by Danick Family

9:00am SB + Andrew Sarno (27 years)
by Grandchildren

10:30am OLOP + Filomena LaVorgna
by Husband, Attilio



**“This is my
beloved Son
with whom I am
well pleased,
listen to Him.”
Matthew 17:58**

Readings for the week of March 1, 2026

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/2 Tm
1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-
38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and
23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt
20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-
31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-
19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11
-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-
2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

STEWARDSHIP

February 22, 2026

Collection amount will be in next
weeks bulletin.

Thank you 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 oth-
er's quiet time is not disturbed.**

2026 MASS BOOK



**There are a few openings left.
There are many candles available to
book for intentions as well**

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. Cash or check
only please.**

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



The Candles burn this week for these special intentions:

Our Lady of Pompeii Candles

Sanctuary Lamp (Right Side) ~ In Memory of Billy Richmond & All Souls in Purgatory

Sanctuary Lamp (Left Side) ~ In Memory of the Mauro & Elko Families Chapel ~ Special Intention

Sacred Heart of Jesus ~ For all unborn babies

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Icon ~ For peace in the world

Pascal Candle ~ Deceased members of the Calamita Family, Hart Family, Surprenant Family & Zito Family

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 ~ Nicholas, Raffaella & Peter Bertier by Ann Paolillo

St. Joseph's Altar ~ For all families

Pascal Candle ~ Barbara & Maurice Connolly

St. Bernadette Candles

Sanctuary Lamp (Left Side) ~ Fred & Carmel DeMichele

St Bernadette Candle ~ Fred & Carmel DeMichele by Family

Sanctuary Lamp (Right Side) ~ Special Intention

Pascal Candle ~ For all unborn babies



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 Forgione, 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, 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, Carly Rose Pietrosimone, Matthew Dunaj, Monica Cantore Maria Zamprano Rita Silvestro.

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 March is the **2nd Monday**, which is **March 9**. 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, March 9**. 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 at 203-671-2586 or Rico at 203-671-14502



THE EAST HAVEN FOOD PANTRY is asking for tomato sauce and cereal for the months of February and March. 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

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

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



Divine Mercy Chaplet

Every Saturday, 11:00 am
Our Lady of Pompeii Chapel
Contact Sally Mucka 203-469-0764 Ext 8

Monthly Rosary

Every second Tuesday, 5:30 pm
February 10, 2026
St Bernadette Church
Contact Mike 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

Sacramental Information



Baptism

Parents should contact
St Pio of Pietrelcina's main office to
schedule a date, a Parent Baptism class and
to receive all of the paperwork needed to
complete the scheduling
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

Main Office number : 203-469-0764
Press 1 for Beth Pacelli, Parish Secretary



Conversion Happens Here

START EACH DAY WITH A PSALM

30-DAY LORD'S PRAYER CHALLENGE

PRACTICE A WORK OF MERCY EVERYDAY

FAST

THE JESUS PRAYER

(Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.)

Join Team OCIA and learn about these five spiritual exercises to
increase Faith and Share the Good News.

Please Read... Dt 6:5 and Lk 10:25 You already know this!

Anyone wishing to join this ministry Please contact:
Sally Mucka 203-415-2710 or email saintpio.rcia@gmail.com.



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

*From the
Pastor's
Desk*



Between 1763 and 1765, Our Lord appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alcoque asking her to spread to His Most Sacred Heart. Our Lord said to her "Behold this Heart which, notwithstanding the burning love for men with which it is consumed and exhausted, meets with no other return from most Christians than sacrilege, contempt, indifference and ingratitude, even in the sacrament of my love [the Eucharist]. But what pierces my heart most deeply is that I am subjected to these insults by persons especially consecrated to my service." Our Lord has made twelve promises to those who make nine First Fridays. This consists in going to confession within eight days of the First Friday, receiving Communion on the First Friday, having the intention of making reparation to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus for all the sinfulness and ingratitude of men, and praying for the intentions of His Holiness, the Pope.



We are pleased to introduce Grace, the new AI assistant supporting our parish office. Please scan the QR code to install the app. You may speak with her or use the chat feature for assistance. This is a beta version, and Grace is a quick learner. She welcomes your feedback as we continue to improve this service. You may also use the following link: [Tinyurl.com/stpiograceapp](https://tinyurl.com/stpiograceapp)

SAINT PATRICK'S DINNER HOSTED BY
THE ST. PIO LADIES GUILD
SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 6:00 PM
OUR LADY OF POMPEII CHURCH HALL, 355 FOXON RD., EASTHAVEN

Entertainment by Irish Singer Sean Griffin



Adults - \$20.00, Children 6 to 17- \$5.00
5 years and under - FREE

Serving Corned Beef, potatoes, cabbage, carrots
Chicken nuggets for the kids, Irish Soda Bread, Rye
Bread Desserts: Traditional Irish Apple Cake & Trifle
with Irish and American Coffee

BYOB & Wear your favorite Irish Garb!!!

Tickets available after Mass or Call: Melissa: 203-752-6409,
Marie Connors: 203-468-1184 Patti: 203-710-7886 or parcussel@aol.com

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Friday Lenten Simple Suppers

Join us for Friday Simple Soup Suppers .
Homemade Soups & Bread will be served each
Friday during Lent, beginning Friday,
February 20, followed by the
Stations of the Cross @ 7:00 pm.

Location: St. Vincent de Paul Church Hall

Time: 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Cost: Free

When: Fridays during Lent, except Good Friday

We are looking for 2 to 3 volunteers each week who would
like to make their special soup for a Friday during Lent.

Please contact Mike Fimiani at

203-627-9216.

East Haven Ecumenical Lenten Prayer Program

Offered by

Christ and The Epiphany Church

Old Stone Church

St. Pio of Pietrelcina

Our Lenten Bible Study will meet Wednesdays at 12:15 to discuss the
Gospel readings for the day or the following Sunday:

Ash Wednesday, February 18 - Old Stone Church, 251 Main St. - Matthew
6:1-6, 16-21

February 25 - Christ and The Epiphany Church, 39 Park Place - John 3:1-17

March 4 - Our Lady of Pompeii Church, 355 Foxon Road - John 4:5-42

March 11 - St. Vincent DePaul Church, 80 Tyler St. - John 9:1-41

March 18 - Old Stone Church, 251 Main St. - John 11:1-45

March 25 - Christ and The Epiphany Church, 39 Park Place - Matthew 21:1-
11, 26:14-27, 66



Stations OF THE CROSS

Saint Vincent DePaul Church
Friday evenings during Lent
7:00 p.m. beginning February 20th.

Our Lady of Pompeii Church
Friday afternoons during Lent
1:00 p.m. beginning February 20th

Lenten Confession Schedule



Confessions will be heard at
St. Vincent de Paul Church on Monday
evenings throughout the season of Lent,
from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
beginning February 23rd.

Confessions will be heard at
Our Lady of Pompeii Church on Saturday mornings
during the season of Lent from
9:00 to 10:00 a.m. beginning Saturday, February 21st.



There will also be a Holy Hour at
St Vincent dePaul Church on Monday
evenings during the season of Lent with the
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
at 5:00 p.m. beginning Monday, February 23rd

Catherine Doherty said, "Yes, stewardship pertains to every-
thing and I am responsible for my part of that everything." I
am reminded of that quote when I read the words from
Paul's Second Letter to Timothy, "Beloved: Bear your share
of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from
God." Both point to our own responsibility as a disciple, as
well as the reality that we are not alone. We live with God in
community. We each have our part to play in the kingdom of
God. Lent is an important time to focus on how our
stewardship way of life causes us to sacrifice and, at times,
experience hardship. If we find that we never seem to feel
our sacrifice, then it is a good time to ask ourselves if we
really are fully living as good stewards, cultivating what we
have been given, and then offering it all back to God. If we
only give from our excess, then we will never understand
the meaning behind the words of St. Paul and Catherine
Doherty. This is why we must challenge ourselves. We must
push ourselves to go that extra mile. It really is a way of
exercising our stewardship muscles. So as this Lenten
season is still in its first weeks, what can you attempt to do
that really pushes you out of your comfort zone? Can you
double or triple your prayer time during the season? Can
you search your household and give to charity more than
just things you don't need anymore, but also things you still
want? Is there someone to visit a few times before Easter
than can no longer get out? Whatever it is, the strength will
come from God to take greater care of your part of his
everything.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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MONSIGNOR SHANLEY
SCHOLARSHIP
2026

2 \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIPS

- Open to all High School Seniors whose parents/grandparents are parishioners
- Applications are available at st.pioofpietrelcinaeh.com, and hard copies are available in the Sacristy

FOR MORE INFO: Call Tim at 203-999-0400

40 Days for Life is a world-wide organization.



Pray and Fast to save lives, February 18th - March 29th

Join Father Walsh on March 4th 10:00am for this Vigil.

All who would like to attend Please register with Sally Mucka at 203-415-2710 or saintpio.rcia@gmail.com by Mar. 2nd

Vigil location: Outside Planned Parenthood
 345 Whitney Ave, New Haven, CT 06511

Palm Cross Order Form 2026
 St. Pio of Pietrelcina
 Knights of Columbus Council #3300



Decorated with 60 pieces of palm, colored ribbon, 2 artificial lillies and individually bagged, at the cost of **\$13.00 each**

Please fill out the order form and return it by March 15th

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Pick Up Location: OLOP _____ SVDP _____ St. BERN _____

Number of Crosses: _____ x \$13.00 Each

Paid by: CASH _____ CHECK _____ Total: _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO KOFC COUNCIL 3300

CROSSES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP AFTER MASSES ON **March 21 & 22 and March 28 & 29**

PLEASE CIRCLE THE DATE YOU WILL BE PICKING UP

For more information contact:
 Tim Anderson 203-999-0400

Order forms can be found at the entrances of all three of our churches.



SHOW GOD'S LOVE & MERCY

To ALL Mothers and their unborn Babies

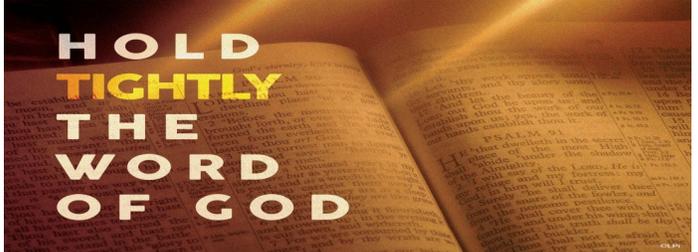
OUR MISSION

FILL THE BABY BOTTLE FOR LIFE!!!

Founded in 2011, The Saint Gianna Pregnancy Resource Center is the 1st Catholic Pregnancy Resource Center located in New Haven. We need your help to fulfill our mission of reaching out to both mothers who are facing unplanned pregnancies and families in need. We provide ultrasounds, resources, baby items and classes.

At the entrance to all our churches on the weekends of **March 7th and 14th**, we invite you and your family to please take a baby bottle and fill it with loose change, bills or checks and return it to church by **March 28th**. Please make checks payable to St. Gianna Pregnancy Resource Center.

Thank you for partnering with us! God Bless you





Branches on the Vine

FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 6, 2026



Dan Elliott proudly holds a copy of his recently published book, *The History of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church*, about the first Italian-American parish in Connecticut. PHOTO BY DAVID ELLIOTT

NEW BOOK UNVEILS STORY OF ST. MICHAEL CHURCH, CONNECTICUT'S FIRST ITALIAN CHURCH

Daniel Elliott cherishes his boyhood memories of celebrating the feast of St. Mary Magdalene on Wooster Street in New Haven, when his parents would dress him in a snappy white suit to watch the procession of bands, Italian religious societies, food vendors and the statue of Santa Maria Maddalena being carried on a platform by parishioners of St. Michael's Church.

"Wooster Street would be festooned with red, white and green garland, and our entire family would stand outside my grandmother's apartment watching," Elliott recalls. "As a kid, I went to Mass at St. Michael's, and all the religious processions were so cool to me."

A parishioner and former trustee of the church, Elliott's love of his Italian heritage and his interest in genealogy inspired him to undertake a nearly three-year project, writing his first book, *The History of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church*, about the first Italian-American parish in Connecticut, founded in 1889 to serve the influx of immigrants.

The 375-page work, which is available on Amazon, is also a chronicle of the Italian community and the Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo, known as the Scalabrinians, founded by St. John Baptist Scalabrini in 1887 to support immigrants and who staffed the church for almost 120 years.

For more than 130 years, six generations of his family on his mother Barbara Colloso Elliott's side have worshipped at

St. Michael's, which is part of the Blessed Michael McGivney Parish. And while his father David is of Irish, Scottish and English lineage, he has a love of Italian culture and food.

"I always had an interest in St. Michael's history because it seemed to be the most spectacular church," Elliott says. "I've gone there from the time I was a little kid and attended the school until the second grade." Today, the Glastonbury resident and attorney worships there with his wife Lauren and daughters Grace Angelika, 5, and Isla Maddalena, 2.

Elliott's interest led him to Dr. Mary Elizabeth Brown, archivist and historian at the Center for Migration Studies in New York City, where he discovered a treasure trove of material about the church.

"We got to talking, and the idea just came up that maybe I should do a book on St. Michael's," he recalls. "She provided me with access to the records I needed." Elliott's research revealed that then-Bishop Lawrence McMahon

"was relentless in his support of Italian immigrants in New Haven and he went all out to help them."

Although acrimony between Irish and Italian communities was common, the

Italian immigrants revered the three Irish priests assigned to them before the Scalabrinians arrived.

Religious societies associated with Italian towns were formed to support immigrants, including the Santa Maria Maddalena Society, St. Trofimenia Society, St. Andrew the Apostle Society, St. Catello Society and the Santa Maria delle Vergini Society, along with a society honoring St. Ann.

His book also describes the work of the Apostles of the Sacred Heart, who arrived in 1906 to help the Italian community and run St. Michael's School. The sisters even began day care so immigrant families could

work in the factories and have a better life.

The generation of immigrants that arrived between 1880 to 1920 is gone, but the church is trying to preserve traditions for younger Italian-Americans.

"We're fortunate to have people who are strongly devoted to this culture and want to preserve these traditions for our kids and grandkids," Elliott says.

"And the way that happens

is for us to continue with the processions and the feasts, and I hope in some small way my book contributes to that."

- Story by Joe Pisani



Upcoming Events

03/5 THURSDAY 7PM

"THE CIVIL MESSAGE OF ST FRANCIS FOR AN UNCIVIL TIME" WITH FR BILL BEAUDIN, OFM
Corpus Christi Church, 601 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield

Lenten Evening of Reflection - Year of St Francis: "The Civil Message of St. Francis for an Uncivil Time," will invite us to reflect on how the spirit of St. Francis can guide us today. The evening will include a talk and time for prayer. It will also be livestreamed on our YouTube page. All our welcome!

JOIN US FOR OUR 2026 LECTURE SERIES!

The series features distinguished speakers fostering community conversations on art, culture, science, and law. Please register.



MICHAEL PEPPARD, '09 PH.D
HOW CATHOLICS ENCOUNTER THE BIBLE
Sunday, February 22, 6 pm

The Reverend Richard R. Russell Lecture



BR. GUY CONSOLMAGNIO, S.J.
A JESUIT'S GUIDE TO THE STARS
Sunday, March 1, 6 pm

The Thomas E. Golden, Jr., Fellowship in Faith & Science Lecture



MAKOTO FUJIMURA
ART IS — A JOURNEY INTO THE LIGHT
Sunday, March 29, 6 pm

The Fay Vincent, Jr. Fellowship in Faith & Culture Lecture

SCAN TO REGISTER





Saint Thomas More
 The Catholic Chapel & Center at Yale University
268 Park Street, New Haven, CT 06511 | stm.yale.edu

Leadership Formed by Creation:
A Scriptural Lens for Adult Learners
 A Scriptural Reflection on Creation and Responsibility





GUEST SPEAKER
 Fr. David Monaco, CP

University of St. Joseph Student Chapel
 1678 Asylum Ave, West Hartford, CT
Lunch available for purchase

Saturday, March 14th
 9:30AM - 2:30PM

Through a scriptural lens, discover the wonders of God's creation and the gift of stewardship and responsibility this Lent.



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RSVP via QR code
 Questions? email jason.rinaldi@aahct.org

03/18 WEDNESDAY 1PM

ROSARY FOR LIFE
Church of the Incarnation, 544 Prospect St, Wethersfield

Christ the King Parish invites all to gather at the Church of the Incarnation for "Rosary for Life" to support and honor all forms of life from conception to natural death.

This event takes place at the same time as the Connecticut March for Life Rally at the state capitol. "Rosary for Life" is offered as a complement to the Hartford event for those who may have difficulty attending due to weather or mobility issues.

At this moment in history, there are so many threats to the sacredness of life in our world (war, abortion, assisted suicide, lack of care and compassion for the sick and dying, etc.) We need this opportunity to pray to our Blessed Mother Mary for guidance and direction.

The Connecticut March for Life in Hartford will also be held on March 18, 2026. The rally will begin at 12 p.m. at the State Capitol in Hartford and the march will start at 1 p.m. in Bushnell Park. Please consider attending one of these events.



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RODRIGO COUNCIL #44

2026 LENTEN CLOTHES DRIVE

February 17th through April 4th

IN CONJUNCTION WITH
PAY IT FORWARD
ARE PROUD TO SPONSOR



Wednesday February 17th is the first day of Lent. Each day of Lent, remove one item from your closet that you no longer wear or need and place it into a bag. At the end of the forty days, bring your donations to St. Bernadette Church to share with someone you can really use them.

.... but when you give alms, your left hand must know what your right is doing; your alms- giving must be secret and your Father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you.

Final Drop-off: Saturday April 4th

St. Bernadette Parking Lot

385 Townsend Ave. New Haven, CT 06512

Come out and donate used or new clothing and shoes.

We are collecting clothing for men, women and children, shoes, handbags, Linens, comforters & curtains.
Place items in heavy-duty bags.

All items must be clean and stain free. Simply drive by and drop off!

Proceeds to Benefit Knights of Columbus Rodrigo Council #44

Council #44 is a 501 (c) (8)

Clothes Distributed by Pay It Forward

For more information or to schedule a drop-off call

Sal DeCola 203-641-1857 or Mike Fimiani 203-627-9216



Knights of Columbus Rodrigo Council #44
300 Club Winners

January 31, 2026:

Edward Seward \$150.00 #70

Lisa DeCola \$100.00 #15

Unsold #263

Michael Iezzi \$50.00 #61

February 14, 2026:

Marianne Hall \$150.00 #166

Robert Vallombroso Jr. \$100.00 #197

Sal DeCola \$100.00 #148

Deacon Tiani \$50.00 #78



Mass
Schedule

February 28 & March 1, 2026

4:00p.m. Mass SVDP: Fr Walsh

5:00p.m. Mass OLOP: Fr Matthew

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

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

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

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

March 7 & March 8, 2026

4:00p.m. Mass SVDP: Fr Matthew

5:00p.m. Mass OLOP: Fr Walsh

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

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

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

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

March 14 & March 15, 2026

4:00p.m. Mass SVDP: Fr Walsh

5:00p.m. Mass OLOP: Fr Matthew

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

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

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

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



CONFESSION SCHEDULE

**No Confessions heard
before Masses on
Saturdays during Lent**