

ST. PIO OF PIETRELCINA

REVEREND THOMAS J. WALSH, PASTOR
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DEACON GEORGE MCCARROLL
DEACON WAYNE SANDFORD
DEACON LARRY TIANI

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HE WENT UP THE
MOUNTAIN AND BEGAN
TO TEACH.

MATTHEW 5:1



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February 1, 2026

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, January 31-Vigil, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, St John Bosco, Priest

4:00pm **SVDP+** Bridget & Ralph Castellon by Children

5:00pm **OLOP+** Katherine & Edmond Desmond by Family

SUNDAY, February 1 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am **OLOP+** Carol Ann LaVorgna McCarthy by Son

9:00am **SB+** Katherine & Edmond Desmond by Family

10:30am **OLOP+** Roberta Katrone by Marilyn & Jim Wilson

11:45am **SVDP+** Helen Singer by Lucien Family

MONDAY, February 2 – The Presentation of the Lord

8:00am **OLOP +** Ralph Monaco by Carol

9:00am **SVDP +** Kenneth Linsley by Clancy Palumbo Funeral Home

TUESDAY, February 3 – Saint Blaise, Bishop & Martyr

8:00am **OLOP +** Father John LaVorgna

9:00am **SVDP +** Deceased Members of the Domsek Family by Diane

WEDNESDAY, February 4-Weekday

8:00am **OLOP +** Madi Ponte & Norman DiMartino by Family

9:00am **SVDP +** Thomas McDonald, Jr. By Clancy Palumbo Funeral Home

THURSDAY, February 5 – St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

8:00am **OLOP+** Robert Lesco, III By Porto Funeral Home

9:00am **SB +** All Members of St Pio Parish

FRIDAY, February 6 – St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

First Friday

8:00am **SB +** All members of St Pio Parish

Saturday, – Vigil, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Saturday

8:00am **SB +** All Members of St Pio Parish

4:00pm **SVDP +** William & Inez Dest by Son, Bruce Dest

5:00pm **OLOP +** Kevin Mackin by Ronald Lawyer

Sunday, February 1 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am **OLOP +** Wayne Goodrich by Family

9:00am **SB +** Joann Pacileo by Family

10:30am **OLOP +** Filomena LaVorgna By Husband, Attilio

11:45am **SVDP +** Joseph Izzo by Ann & Joe Clancy



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.



Readings for the week of February 1, 2026

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

Monday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/ Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

STEWARDSHIP

**January 18 & 25, 2026:
Collection amounts will be in next
week's 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 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: stpiofpietrelcina@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 ~ Alberta Bavery by Bavery Family

Sacred Heart of Jesus ~ All Unborn Babies

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Icon ~ In Thanksgiving

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 Deceased members of St Pio of Pietrelcina

Sanctuary Lamp (Left Side) ~ In Memory of Ronald Paolillo

Our Lady's Altar ~ Nicholas, Raffaela & Peter Bertier by Ann Paolillo

St. Joseph's Altar ~ David Ferrie by Family

Pascal Candle ~ Barbara & Maurice Connolly

St. Bernadette Candles

Sanctuary Lamp (Left Side) ~ Fred & Carmel DeMichele

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 Dziedulon, 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

Please send prayer requests to stpiofpietrelcina@gmail.com so that our parishioners and friends can be remembered in our prayers.

**Midnight Run
Taylor Avenue Campus**

The Midnight Run for February is the **2nd Monday**, which is **February 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, February 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 or Rico at 203-468-7489



**Food
Pantry
Needs**

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

Rosary

Thursday, 6:00 pm
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 Fimiani 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

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.

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



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

There is still an open enrollment to join the choir that sings at the 9:00am Mass at St Bernadette. If you are interested in joining, please contact Marie Celso before or after Mass on Sunday at St. Bernadette. Choir rehearsals are at 8:00am on Sundays in the St Bernadette church choir loft.

From the
Pastor's Desk



February 3rd is the Feast of St. Blaise. We will have the traditional blessing of the throats after the morning Masses.

I have been asked to write about the First Friday and the First Saturday devotions, which I will do periodically over the next few months. Both devotions call on the faithful to receive Holy Communion and to do penance for sinners. They also include a promise of Divine assistance at the hour of death, whereby one receives the promise of dying in a state of grace and thus of going to heaven. Mass is celebrated in St. Pio Parish at St. Bernadette Church on the First Friday and on the First Saturday of the month at 8:00a.m. If you are not working at those times or are not otherwise engaged then, I encourage you practice this commendable devotion.

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

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ARE WE LIVING
WHAT WE BELIEVE?

CHRISTIANITY IS MOCKED MORE THAN MOST RELIGIONS, YET OUR RELIGION HAS ENDURED FOR OVER 2000 YEARS. COULD IT BE THAT THE ISSUE IS NOT FAITH ITSELF BUT HOW WE LIVE IT? DO WE TRUELY MODEL WHAT IT MEANS TO BE CHRISTIAN? DO WE UPHOLD OUR TRADITIONS AND VALUES AS MEN AND WOMEN OF GOD? OR HAVE WE CONFORMED TO WHAT SOCIETY EXPECTS?

GOD CALLS US TO BE DIFFERENT. THE QUESTION IS ARE WE ACTUALLY DIFFERENT?



**The Presentation of the Lord
Feast Day, February 2
Celebrated 40 days after the Birth of Jesus**



When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord,

Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple;

and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying:

“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.”

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is destined

for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted -and you yourself a sword will pierce-

so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”

There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Luke 2:22-40

**Saint Blaise, Bishop & Martyr
Feast Day, February 3**



Blaise of Sebaste was a physician and bishop of Sebastea in historical Lesser Armenia who is venerated as a Christian saint and martyr. He is counted as one of Fourteen Holy Helpers. It is said from being a healer of bodily ailments, Saint Blaise was to become an expert on souls, then he retired for a time to a cavern where he remained in prayer. As bishop of Sebastea, Blaise instructed people as much by his example as by his words, and his great virtues and his sanctity were attested by many miracles. People were said to flock to him for cures of bodily and spiritual illnesses. [4] He is said to have healed animals, who came to him on their own for his assistance, and in turn to have been helped by animals. In 316, Agricola, the governor of Cappadocia and of Lesser Armenia, having arrived in Sebastia at the order of the emperor Licinius to kill the Christians, arrested Blaise. As he was being led to jail, a mother set her only son, choking to death of a fish-bone, at his feet, and the child was cured straight away. This fourth-century Armenian saint was a bishop and martyr and is venerated as the patron of those who suffer from illnesses of the throat. On his feast day, Catholics traditionally receive a blessing of the throat. This blessing is administered by a priest, deacon or a lay minister who follows the rites and prayers designated for a layperson. During the blessing, the minister takes two Candles that were blessed on the Feast of the Presentation and makes a cross in front of the throat, saying

“Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness.”

A priest or deacon will then make the sign of the cross. In iconography, Blaise is represented holding two crossed candles in his hand (the Blessing of St Blaise), or in a cave surrounded by wild beasts, as he was found by the hunters of the governor.[5] He is often shown with the instruments of his martyrdom, steel combs. He may also be depicted with crossed candles. Such crossed candles are used for the blessing of throats on his feast day.



**3rd Annual Pat Muro
Valentine's Day Dance
Sponsored By
Knights of Columbus #3300
Saturday
February 7, 2026
7:00pm - 11:00pm
Our Lady of Pompeii
Church Hall
\$10.00 per person
DJ, Set-Up's & Coffee Supplied
B.Y.O.B & Snacks
Call Joe Monico for Tickets 203-887-2137
Bring a dessert to share**



**K of C Rodrigo Council 44 Will Be Having
Their February Meal Get Together Friday
February 13th 5:45pm**

**Come And Enjoy Assorted Pizza, Stuffed
Breads, Salad, Coffee, Tea, Soda,
Water And of Course Special Valentine
Dessert.
You May Bring Beverages Of Your Choice.**

**THERE WILL BE NO FRIDAY NIGHT
DINNERS DURING LENT.
We Are Limited To 80 People.
Phone Reservations Must Be Made By
Sunday February 8th.
Price Per Person \$15.00**

Name: _____

**Number Of Guest: ____
Names Of Guests:

_____**

**For Phone Reservation Call Or Text:
Sal DeCola 203-641.1857
Mike Fimiani 203.996.9216**



Dear Parish Family,

Please Pray for our Catechumens, Candidates, Confirmandi and all those seeking to develop a closer relationship with God.

We Pray:

That God our Father may reveal Christ to them every day.

That they may find in our community compelling signs of unity and generous love, seeking to follow Christ more closely. Amen

We are the light of the world, may our light shine on before all,
That they may see the good that we do, and give glory to God.

We are looking for sponsors to help guide those on this Spiritual Journey, welcoming them into our community so they may become one with us and participate in the life of our Parish.

All that is required aside from the standard sponsor requirements of the church is a sincere desire to Evangelize & bring Young Adult Christians into a deeper understanding of what it means to be a follower of Christ.

Join us after the 10:30 Mass at OLOP 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 for more Info.

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





Branches on the Vine

JANUARY 31 - FEBRUARY 6, 2026



Members at their monthly meeting at St. Agnes Church.
SUBMITTED PHOTO

Thirty years ago, when Deacon Nick Genovese and his friends approached the now-deceased Father Francis X. Callahan about starting a men's group at St. Agnes Church, he asked half-jokingly, "What do you guys want to do? Play cards?"

Of course, that was never part of the plan, Deacon Genovese recalls, laughing. Today, the St. Joseph Men's Society of Precious Blood Parish, made up of St. Agnes and St. Mary churches in Milford, is known for its service to the church and the community, which includes everything from an annual golf tournament to a Lenten dinner, a parish picnic, a Communion breakfast, 'coffee and' after Mass, and a St. Patrick's dinner.

The list also includes occasional chores and repair work, such as replacing the padding on the kneelers at St. Agnes, all done in the spirit of their patron, St. Joseph the Worker. Deacon Genovese, the group's president, says some 20 members willingly volunteer as the occasion requires.

"We named it for St. Joseph the Worker because the guys do work," he says. "If there's anything that needs to be done or if the men can help with projects in the parish, they are there."

The group meets the first Monday of the month from September to June, 5:30 p.m., in Father Callahan Hall at St. Agnes Church. The men begin with a prayer and then a Scriptural reading, followed by a reflection

MEN'S GROUP INSPIRED BY ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

by Deacon Genovese. Then, they have dinner and a business meeting to discuss upcoming activities and the distribution of funds to groups they help. A parish priest, including Father Aidan Donahue, the pastor, usually attends the meetings. The monthly meal is a tradition that goes back almost to the beginning. Deacon Genovese recalls it was Father Callahan's idea to boost membership; and it worked. Thomas Maguire is the resident chef who prepares everything in the kitchen at the church hall.

The biggest event the men's society sponsors is the annual golf tournament, held on the last Monday in July. Proceeds from the tournament, which is organized by Jerry Farina, who succeeded his father as golf chairman, are used to benefit charitable organizations, including the pro-life group for unwed mothers, Ronald McDonald House*, the Boys and Girls Club, veterans organizations, and the homeless.

"We've been very successful over the years, thanks to all the support we got," Deacon Genovese says. "It's a great bunch of guys, and now we have some from St. Mary's since we combined with them to form Precious Blood Parish." Dues are still \$5 a year.

He credits the other founding members -- the late Bill McMullen, Lou Elmo and Richard Carnaval -- for their vision in starting the society.

"Jack Jansen has been our treasurer for 30 years, since the organization started, and he recently turned 90 and still plays golf," Deacon Genovese said. "We had a party for him and honored him with a plaque. Fundamental to the group's success all these years is their patron, St. Joseph the Worker. "Think about it. St. Joseph was the protector of Our Lord Jesus Christ. He was a model father and a model worker. We all look up to him and respect him as a saint," Deacon Genovese says.

He also tells a story about the annual golf tournament and St. Joseph: "When you play golf, you want good weather, and in the 25 years of the tournament, it has never been rained out," which is a blessing he attributes to their patron.

For more information about the St. Joseph Men's Society of Precious Blood Parish, contact Deacon Nick Genovese at nicholasgenovese@sbcglobal.net.

- Story by Joe Pisani



Upcoming Events



02/9 MONDAY 7PM
HOLY HOUR TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING
St. Bridget of Sweden Church, 175 Main St,
Cheshire

Around the world, an estimated 27.6 million people (women, children and men) are exploited for labor, services and commercial sex. What is our response to this crime against humanity? Let us go to Christ, present in the Eucharist, who is the source of our hope and strength, and pray together. The Human Trafficking Task Force of the Archdiocese of Hartford invites you to join us on Monday, February 9, 2026, at 7:00 pm at St. Bridget of Sweden Parish in Cheshire (175 Main Street) for a Eucharistic Holy Hour to pray for an end to human trafficking. After the service, meet members of the Task Force to learn how you can get involved in this important work.



02/6 FRIDAY 6PM
MASS OF HEALING
St. Peter Church, 99 East Main St,
Torrington

Experience the Power of Healing — In these challenging times, many of us carry burdens — be it physical ailments like cancer and kidney disease, emotional struggles like depression, anxiety, PTSD and grief, or spiritual battles. YOU'RE NOT ALONE. Reconnect, find solace, and embrace the healing powers of our divine physician, Jesus Christ. A special Healing Mass with anointing of the sick will be celebrated by Rev. Emmanuel Ihemedu, pastor of St. John Paul the Great Parish in Torrington. The evening begins with the Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by the Mass. Let's come together, share our stories, and experience the transformative power of faith. Remember, Jesus is still in the business of healing.



02/21 SATURDAY 9AM
MAKING PREEMIE HATS | KNITTING RETREAT DAY
Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center,
303 Tunxis Rd, West Hartford

Welcome to our annual Knitting or Crocheting Day! This year we are giving our work to the Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain. When you register, pick a pattern of your choice to knit or crochet, and bring at least one preemie hat to the retreat (more if you can!). While at the retreat we will make more...the joy of handmade items is in giving them to folks who appreciate them.

Offering: \$75, includes lunch

To register and learn more, visit:
www.holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar/knitting-retreat

SATURDAY
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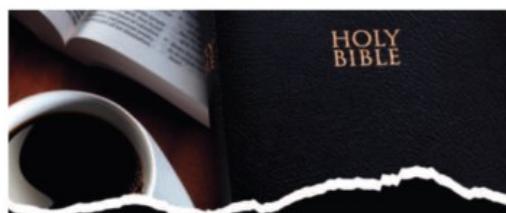
**YOUTH
ADORATION**
AND
Winter Dance

*Adoración juvenil y baile de invierno
Młodzieżowa Adoracja i Zimowy Bal*

GRADES 7-12

St. Mary Church, 5 Hillhouse Ave
5:30PM Adoration | 6:30-9PM Winter Dance

RSVP by February 1 by scanning the QR Code or visit
tinyurl.com/mcgivney-youth-adoration-Feb7
Tickets are \$5 per child or \$10 max per family



HOLY BIBLE

BIBLE STUDY
Hosted by the Young Adult Ministry

Fridays, 6:30-7:30pm
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church Hall Library
2819 Whitney Ave. Hamden
Bring your Bible, notebook and pen!

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE
Led by Father Tiano

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Please RSVP by emailing m.ricci@hamdencatholic.org
or calling the parish office 203 248 0141.



Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

MARY, QUEEN OF APOSTLES PROVINCE

**NEW WINTER AND LENT SPIRITUAL OFFERINGS
SACRED HEART ON THE LAKE RETREAT CENTER**
194 Candlewood Hill Rd., Higganum, CT 06441

**2026's LENT RETREAT- THE GIFTS OF
FORGIVENESS & MERCY**

**Same Retreat- three different Saturdays-
February 28th, March 7th and March 14th
9:30am to 3:00pm**

During this retreat day we will ask God to help us as we seek to be released from the prison we allow ourselves to be chained in by our refusal to forgive or be forgiven; into the freedom of God's unconditional love and unearned mercy. Forgiveness is rarely an easy task because of the pain that has been experienced. Yet, for believers, that challenge is made even more urgent by the clear invitation and desire of God that we forgive one another as we have been forgiven by God. (Eph. 4:32) Forgiveness is not forgetting the past. It is not condoning the painful event or trauma which happened. Rather, it is acknowledging and clearly facing the past, and making a conscious choice to not let it maintain its hold on us. Presenter- Sr. Lany Jo Smith, ASCJ. Donation asked \$35.- Includes a Continental Breakfast and a Full Lunch. To register online go to sacredheartonthelake.org or call Sr. Lany Jo at 203-606-9102.

Spiritual Book Club- *Catching Fire Becoming Flame: A Guide for Spiritual Transformation*
Tenth Anniversary Edition By Albert Haase, OFM
Nine Wednesdays from **January 28 through March 25, 2026 from 10:00 to 11:30 AM**. Have you been looking for a book that would help deepen your spiritual life and aid your spiritual formation? Join us and allow your spiritual life to be enriched. The donation for each session is \$10.00. To register either email or call Sr. Patricia at 203-606-4830, email: cigrandpatricia@gmail.com.



Mass Schedule

January 31 & February 1, 2026

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

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

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

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

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

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

February 7 & 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 Murasso

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

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

February 14 & 15, 2026

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

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

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

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

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

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

February 21 & 22, 2026

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

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

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

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

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

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

CONFESSOR SCHEDULE:



Our Lady of Pompeii:

Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm

St. Vincent de Paul:

Saturday, 3:00-3:30pm