

ST. PIO OF PIETRELCINA

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FIRST SUNDAY OF
LENT



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February 22, 2026

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, February 21-Vigil, First Sunday of Lent

4:00pm **SVDP+** Marie Riccitelli
by Ricky, Linda & Craig

5:00pm **OLOP+** Theresa Shatkyvich
by Children

SUNDAY, February 22 – First Sunday of Lent

7:30am **OLOP+** Billy McGrath
by Karen & George Maselli

9:00am **SB+** Helen & Charles Dunmark
by Family

10:30am **OLOP+** Dean Capobianco (anniversary)
by Family

11:45am **SVDP+** Anthony & Carl Gambardella &
William Kane
by Gambardella Family

MONDAY, February 23– Lenten Weekday

8:00am **OLOP+** Jane F. Dunn
by Family

9:00am **SVDP+** Alyce & William Michael Richmond
by Family

TUESDAY, February 24– Lenten Weekday

8:00am **OLOP+** Gerrie Amendola
by Husband, Jerry

9:00am **SVDP+** Joan Cox
by Clancy Palumbo Funeral Home

WEDNESDAY, February 25– Lenten Weekday

8:00am **OLOP+** Eugene & Veronica Fione
by Daughters

9:00am **SB+** Father Sebastian Kochupurackal
By Bob & Marie Lunney

THURSDAY, February 26– Lenten Weekday

8:00am **OLOP+** Donald Hofer
by Clancy Palumbo Funeral Home

9:00am **SB+** All members of St Pio of Pietrelcina

FRIDAY, February 27– Friday after Ash Wednesday

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

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

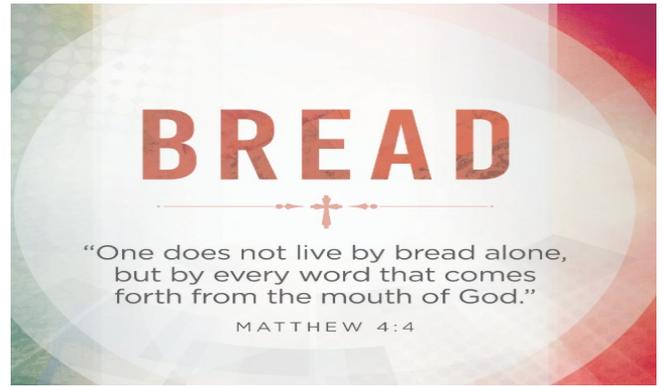
Sunday March 1– Second Sunday of Lent

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



Readings for the week of February 22, 2026

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/
Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt
25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt
6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk
11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-
3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt
5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-
48

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

STEWARDSHIP

February 15, 2026

First Collection: \$10,922.50

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.

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 ~ Phyllis Cinque by daughter Ann Coppola

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* ~ For all mothers

St. Joseph's Altar ~ For all members of St Pio of Pietrelcina

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 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 Fillion, John Torello, Mauro Antonio Bezanilla, Matteo Criscuolo, Robert Fillion, 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 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 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 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

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*



I am glad to announce that Archbishop Coyne is bestowing the St. Joseph Medal for Lifetime Service to Our Lady of Pompeii and now St. Pio of Pietrelcina parishioner Carol Scussel. Over the years, Carol was President of the Ladies' Guild, a member of the Pastoral Council, a volunteer at the Summer Vacation Camp, a CCD teacher, and a volunteer at the carnival. She continues to be a money counter and she organizes the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. She will receive the award at St. Joseph's Cathedral on March 15th, Sunday, at 2:30p.m. If you would like to nominate someone from our parish for this award in the future, you may feel free to email the parish, or email me at FrTJWalsh@gmail.com.



Grace AI

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)

**Stay connected to
St Pio of Pietrelcina Parish!!**



Lenten Blessing

Bless us in Your mercy, Lord,
as we enter these 40 Days of
Lent.

Use this time to call, anoint, bind,
strengthen, and inspire us anew.
Like a good shepherd, teach us Your
voice, and give us the strength
to follow.
Amen.



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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

203-468-1184.

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

Take Up Our Cross

Question:

What does Jesus mean when he talks about
taking up our cross?

Answer:

Our journey of faith begins in baptism. When we are
faithful to it, we find God's plan for us, his way of
allowing us to participate in his saving work, which in
turn becomes for us our own salvation. Stated simply,
we share in the mission of Jesus each day. We live our
life with all of its ups, downs, joys, and sorrows in union
with the mission of Jesus. Our work then is holy. It is
joined to the cross, God's will for Jesus — the way in
which he destroys sin and death and makes eternal life
possible. His sacrifice accomplishes what
we ourselves cannot do.

To take up the cross, then, means that we share in the
mission of Jesus and so embrace the sufferings of the
cross. It is our daily life made holy, given a redemptive
mission. It is our purpose and goal to unite our life to
that of Christ. St. Paul says it best,
"If we have grown into union with him through a death
like his, we shall also be united with him in the
resurrection" (Rom 6:5).

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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

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

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 parscussel@aol.com

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

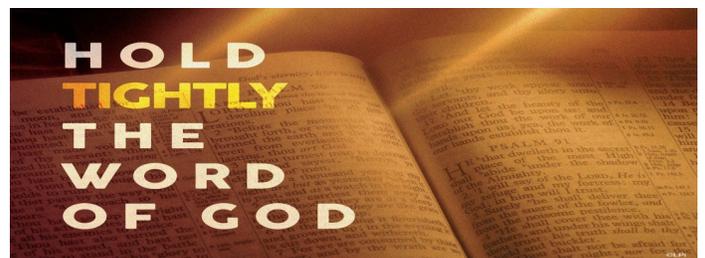
OUR MISSION

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 21 - 27, 2026



Father Martin Chouinard, center, and Father Anthony Federico, far left, chat with attendees and donors at the Archbishop's Annual Appeal Beer Tasting & Cocktail Reception at the Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville.
PHOTO BY AARON JOSEPH

This year's Archbishop's Annual Appeal Beer Tasting & Cocktail Reception offered frosty weather and brews in an atmosphere of warm Catholic fellowship.

Approximately 300 people braved the frigid weather Feb. 6 to gather at the Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville, where they shared an evening of fun and fellowship, sampled local beers and wines, and met Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne in a relaxed setting. Donors also learned how the Appeal is making a difference.

"We take care of people," Archbishop Coyne told attendees during brief remarks, sharing the many reasons the Archbishop's Annual Appeal is so vital.

Giving an update on the current landscape of charitable need, Archbishop Coyne reported hearing about college students turning to food pantries, people in cars driving up to soup kitchens, and families appearing at shelters that once served only homeless individuals.

"We're not just seeing the usual people," he said. "What we're seeing now is a lot of rent poor, with no money left for food."

Archbishop Coyne cited agencies on the front lines of providing food and shelter – House of Bread in Hartford, St. Vincent DePaul Mission of Waterbury and St. Vincent De Paul Mission of Bristol – which receive Appeal funds.

"We fill in the gaps. We never ask for credentials," the archbishop said. "We just say, 'How can we help you?'"

At the event, two invited speakers also shared their heartfelt appreciation to donors for making their ministries possible.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL BEER TASTING MIXES FUN, FELLOWSHIP AND THANKS

"Malta House of Care is a great example of what can be accomplished by a grassroots organization when needs are identified and people decide to put their time, their resources and energy into meeting those needs," said Brian Sheehan, board chair for the Malta House of Care.

Today, Malta serves 1,500 uninsured individuals, providing primary medical care. With a \$1.7 million budget, the agency is funded solely by private philanthropy, Sheehan said, which includes the Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

The Appeal contributes to the Malta van and the stationary Malta Clinic located behind the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford.

"Old friends are the best friends," Sheehan said, "and all of you have been great friends to Malta House of Care, since its inception 20 years ago."

Father Anthony Federico, director of Vocations and director of Seminarians for the Archdiocese of Hartford, asked, "Do you know what gets me fired up? Now it's being a part of the Archdiocese of Hartford, as the Lord does an historic resurgence of the Catholic faith in our state.

"Since we started praying the Prayer for Priestly Vocations together three years ago," Father Federico said, "the Lord has been on an absolute heater."

In the last three years, an unprecedented 157 young men have come forward to discern a vocation to the priesthood. Another 22 are

in formation for the diaconate, 33 women have entered convents, and the archdiocese is seeing a surge in sacramental Catholic marriages.

With 30 seminarians in formation next year at a cost of \$65,000 per year for eight years each, the archdiocese must fund their education.

"The good Lord just sent us a bill for \$15 million," Father Federico said with good humor, "and that's where you come in. I want to thank you. The vocations office is funded almost entirely from your generosity."

For more information on the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, or to donate to the 2026 campaign, visit archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal.

- Story by Shelley Wolf



Upcoming Events

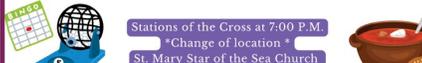


WELCOMING ALL YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS
(ages 21+)

Come celebrate Lent with soup and bread followed by Stations of the Cross and bingo

Friday February 27th 6:00 pm

Stations of the Cross at 7:00 P.M.
Change of location
St. Mary Star of the Sea Church
145 Main St. Unionville, CT



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? The "New Day" Bereavement Group weekly meetings are here to help you find comfort and explore strategies in coping with grief and loss.

Our next 10-week session will begin on Tuesday, February 10, 4:30 to 6:30pm in St. Mary Hall at St. John Bosco Parish in Branford. Space is limited, pre-registration is required.

Contact Nadine Toren, 203-488-1607 x119

Power and Grace

A Guide to the Catholic Sacraments

This Lent, you are invited to dive into the mystery of the sacraments and explore ways to deepen your experience of God's love as we encounter Jesus in these special divine gifts. Fr. Jeff will present a 4-part multi-media class on Wednesday Evenings from 7:00—8:30 p.m.

Bring your Bible and your questions.

February 25-March 18
St. Mary Church Hall
212 Elizabeth St. * Derby, CT



ARCHDIOCESE of HARTFORD

Office of Faith Formation and Parish Life

Catholic Religious Emblems Training

for all Scouting America Leaders.
The training will review the following emblems:
Light of Christ, Parvuli Dei, Ad Altare Dei, Pope Pius and Adult Awards.

Saturday, March 21, 2026
9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Pastoral Center
2nd Floor - Conference Rm. C
467 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield

Registration is required.



Questions? Contact:
Jennifer McClintock
Coordinator of Faith Formation Programs & Technology
Office of Faith Formation and Parish Life
Jennifer.McClintock@aoht.org 860-242-5573



Be Vigilant!

It has come to our attention that social media accounts purporting to be Archbishop Coyne's are engaging with users and attempting to solicit money.

Archbishop Coyne does not engage with social media users through private messages and will never ask for donations in this manner.

In addition to the Archdiocese of Hartford's social media pages, Archbishop Coyne's only official and authentic social media page is his Facebook, where you can join him at [facebook.com/ArchbishopCoyne](https://www.facebook.com/ArchbishopCoyne).



40 Days for Life is a world-wide organization.

February 18-March 29

Each day during 40 Days for Life, individuals, churches, families, and groups will be asked to join together in prayer for a specific request so the entire Body of Christ can unite around a common focus.

People of faith are also invited to fast throughout 40 Days for Life. We believe that when God's people fast with a broken, repentant, and contrite spirit, our heavenly Father will hear from heaven and heal our lives, our churches, our communities, our nation, and our world.

CONSTANT VIGIL

The visible, public centerpiece of 40 Days for Life is a focused, 40-day, non-stop, round-the-clock prayer vigil outside a Planned Parenthood center.

Each campaign consists of 40 days of prayer and fasting in shifts outside of a clinic or hospital that performs abortions or which is an abortion referral center. The campaign also involves outreach to the community to promote awareness about abortion and outreach directly to women considering abortion, to offer guidance and support, and giving them the help needed to choose Life.

We are hoping to send a group on March 4th with Fr. Walsh
 If you would like to join Fr. Walsh at this event or become part of
 our Pro-Life Ministry Contact: Sally Mucka at 203-415-2710

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13 DAYS:
NOVEMBER 8-20, 2026
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500 YEARS SINCE THE DEATH OF SAINT
FRANCIS OF ASSISI
FOR INFORMATION & RESERVATION FORM
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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.



February 21 & 22, 2026 **

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

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 Murasso

****Deacons to preach at all Masses**

4:00pm & 7:30am Deacon Wayne

5:00pm & 10:30am Deacon George

9:00am & 11:45am Deacon Larry

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



CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Our Lady of Pompeii:

Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm

St. Vincent de Paul:

Saturday, 3:00-3:30pm