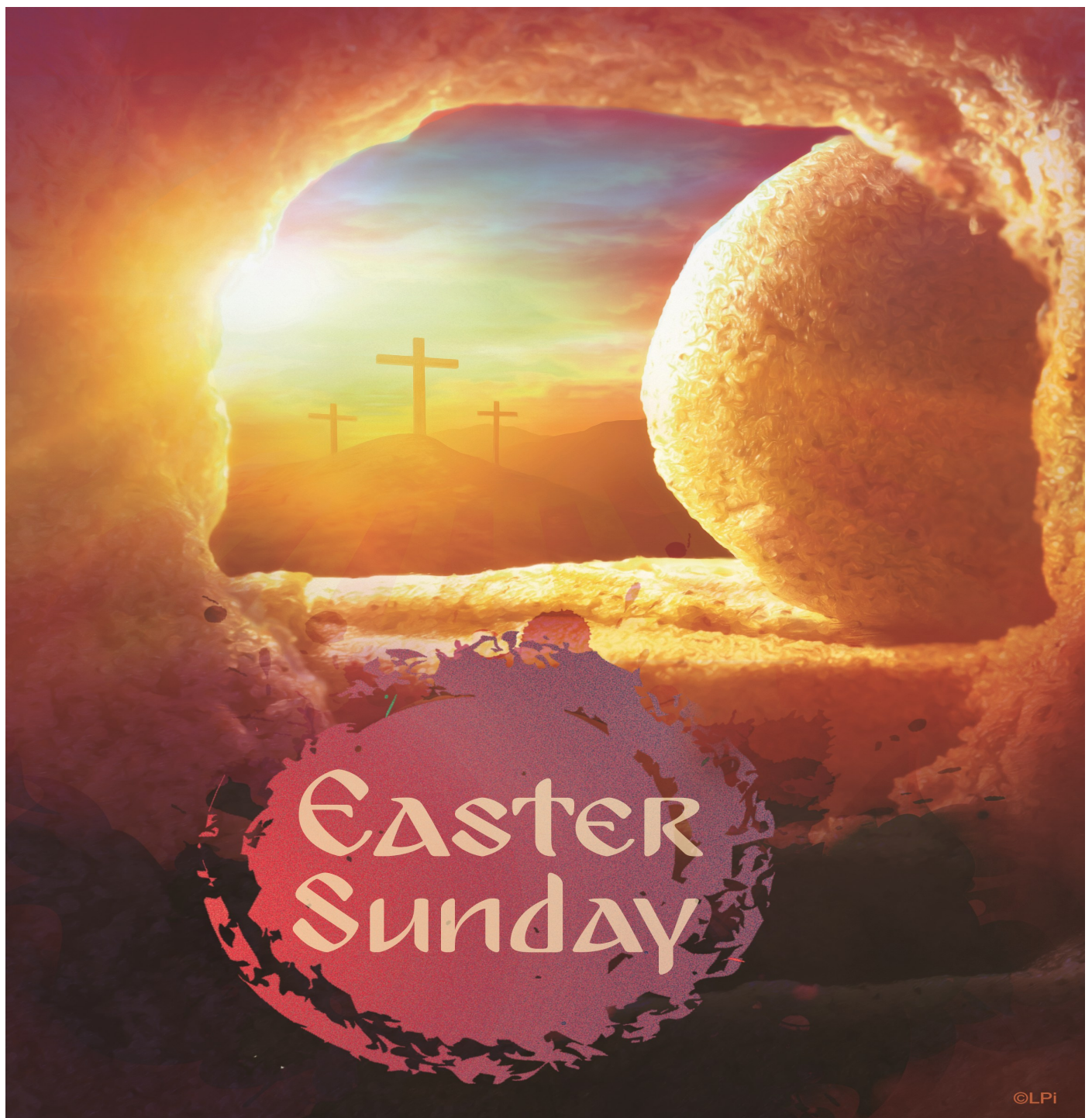


# ST. PIO OF PIETRELCINA

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**April 5, 2026**

## Mass Intentions for the Week

**SATURDAY, April 4-Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil**  
**8:00pm SVDP +** All members of St Pio Of Pietrelcina

**SUNDAY, April 5 – Easter Sunday, Resurrection of the Lord**

7:30am OLOP+ All members of St Pio Of Pietrelcina  
 9:00am SB+ All members of St Pio Of Pietrelcina  
 10:30am OLOP+ All members of St Pio Of Pietrelcina

11:45am SVDP+ All members of St Pio Of Pietrelcina

**MONDAY, April 6– Monday, within the Octave of Easter**

8:00am OLOP + Jennifer Caruso & Barbara Crocker  
 by Vittorio Family

9:00am SVDP + Bob Culligan  
 by Family

**TUESDAY, April 7– Tuesday, within the Octave of Easter**

8:00am OLOP + Joseph Kuczenski  
 by Proto Funeral Home

9:00am SVDP + Andelko & Maria Lukac  
 by daughter, Helen Nguyen

**WEDNESDAY, April 8– Wednesday, within the Octave of Easter**

8:00am OLOP + Mathai Cherian  
 by Linda & Ron Houde

9:00am SVDP+ Nell Parisi  
 By Clancy Palumbo Funeral Home

**THURSDAY, April 9– Thursday, within the Octave of Easter**

8:00am OLOP+ Anna Vetchio  
 By Husband & Children

9:00am SB+ Joanne Tomaso  
 By Clancy Palumbo Funeral Home

**FRIDAY, April 10– Friday, within the Octave of Easter**

8:00am SB+ Emilio Infante (22nd anniversary)  
 by Family

**SATURDAY, April 11–Vigil, Saturday within the Octave of Easter**

**4:00pm SVDP +** Lucy Savo  
 by Family

**5:00pm OLOP+** Natalie & Peter Signore  
 by Family

**SUNDAY April 12– Second Sunday of Easter  
 Divine Mercy Sunday**

7:30am OLOP + Anthony Fabrizio  
 by Family

9:00am SB + William Mitsakos, Sr &  
 William Mitsakos, USN  
 by Family

10:30am OLOP + Joseph Ferrucci  
 by Family

11:45am SVDP + Helen Albis  
 by Jack & Sue Stacey



### Readings for the week of April 5, 2026

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/  
 Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 Or  
 Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10,  
 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn  
 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk  
 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk  
 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/  
 Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18,  
 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1  
 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

### STEWARDSHIP

March 29, 2026 collection

Not available at this early printing

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:** [stpioofpietrelcina@gmail.com](mailto: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, Raffaele & Peter Bertier by Ann Paolillo Phyllis & George Poole by Florence & Ernest Perno

*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

*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 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 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](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 April is the **2nd Monday**, which is **April 13**. 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, April 13**. 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  
April 13, 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



### Come to Christ

Life is perhaps God's greatest gift to each of us. Without life, we would be unable to experience all the wonder of this world, the love of family and friends, and the joy that comes from using our talents and skills. Life itself is more profound a gift than we can even truly contemplate.

On Easter, we celebrate life. For on this day, Jesus Christ conquered death and gave to us the chance for a life eternal. The wonder, love, and joy of this world does not have to end. Through a life in Jesus Christ, these emotions are heightened, and we find even greater fulfillment in this world.

Maybe this Easter you are finding yourself open to taking a next step in your relationship with Jesus. This could be the moment you decide to follow Him more closely and take seriously all that he has given you. If so, welcome to the journey, where there are many other disciples on that same path who can help show you the way and share their stories. If not, hopefully it doesn't take a whole year for this possibility to be considered again. Jesus is alive and waiting to get closer to you. May this Easter season find you and Our Lord getting to know one another in a whole new way. Happy Easter!

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

*From the  
Pastor's  
Desk*



On behalf of Father Matthew Cherian and the deacons of St. Pio of Pietrelcina Parish, as well as the entire parish staff, I would like to wish everyone a very happy and holy Easter. Today we celebrate the greatest feast of the Church year—the Resurrection of Our Lord. It is said that we are an Easter people, which means that Easter is at the center of our lives and gives meaning to our lives. The miracle of Our Lord's resurrection is a foreshadowing of our own resurrection. It gives us hope that after joining our sufferings and death with those of Christ, we may be joined with Christ in his glorious resurrection in heaven. We celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord in a special way today, though every Sunday we celebrate the Lord's Resurrection through our participation at Mass.

Let us acclaim today, and every Sunday:  
"This is the day that the Lord has made!  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!"

Grace, our AI powered parish assistant is a new way to stay connected— right from your smart phone.

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- Ask questions about the Parish, upcoming events, or ministries using the call button.
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- View the weekly bulletin and parish announcements.
- Read the daily Scripture passages along with thoughtful reflections
- Receive push notifications in urgent situations, such as Mass cancellations during a snowstorm

Grace works on both IOS and Android devices, giving you instant access to parish information whenever you need it.

How to download and use Grace:

- Scan the QR code below to install the app or
- Use the link: <http://Tinyurl.com/stpiograceapp>
- Open the link on your device. Add Grace to your Home Screen. Tap the Share Button and select Add to Home Screen



## 2027 Mass Book

The 2027 Mass is open.

Call the Parish Office at 203-469-0764, press 1. to speak with Beth Pacelli, the parish secretary to book your Mass. We ask for your patience and cooperation as you may have to wait or expect a call back. *As in the past, there is a limit of 2 weekend Masses per family.*

Please have your Mass requests ready and payment is expected at time of booking.

*The cost, per Mass, weekend or weekday is \$15.00*

Cash or checks only please.

The 2026 Mass book still has many openings for candles. Requested candles burn for the week and the intentions are published in the bulletin.

*The cost, per candle, is \$15.00*

## St Pio Pietrelcina Parish Website New Information/Changes



Our Parish website is getting a fresh new look!! The Archdiocese is updating all parish websites so there is a consistent and easy to use design. Over the next few weeks, we will be transferring all the information from our current site to the new one. You will still use the same website link that you have used in the past. The new website will be a "work in progress" for a little while. Some pages or information may be missing temporarily as we move everything over. Please be patient during this transition. All pages and information will be restored as quickly as possible. We appreciate your patience, understanding and cooperation as we move forward with this change.

## Everyday Stewardship

At Easter, we celebrate that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, conquered death, rose from the dead, and remains very much alive. To the world of non-believers: what!? It is quite a big reality to swallow. But for the believer, it is a reality that inspires us to the point where we find ourselves constantly sharing the Gospel with everyone we meet! Right?

So what does Easter mean to you? The question is not what do you believe. The question is what impact does Easter have on you? How do your actions demonstrate the power of Easter? What does it mean we you hear that we, the Church, are an Easter people?

You may be saying right now that you have no intention of becoming an evangelist, passing out Bibles to all you meet. But I would like to suggest that you actually have a more powerful way of evangelizing others: everyday stewardship. Actions speak louder than words and the way you live your life can be a great testimony to all those you encounter. By acknowledging the gifts you have been given, cultivating those so they grow to an increase, and then sharing them fully with God and with others in God's name will give testimony to your belief that Jesus is alive and seeking a relationship with each of his people.

If more of us won't live our lives in this manner, then non-believers and non-intentional disciples will ask the question, "What difference does Easter make anyway?" Jesus died and rose for you and me. To be sure, it DOES make a difference.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
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**Easter Blessing**  
Dear Lord,  
Your redemption has been known  
in every age. You have never  
stopped inviting us closer into  
your presence. Fill us anew this Easter  
season, bringing new hope, new life, and  
new light into our journey.  
Amen.

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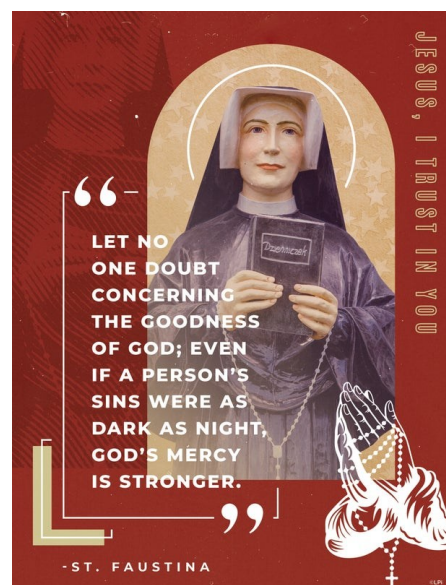
## Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday, April 12, 2026

Where did the feast of Divine Mercy come from?

If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world. Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young woman, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, “a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind with experience in the years to come.”

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## Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we celebrate the joy and hope of the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, I want to offer my warmest and most heartfelt Easter blessings to each of you across our beloved Archdiocese of Hartford.

Easter is the great proclamation of our faith: Christ is risen, He is truly risen. From the silence of the tomb bursts forth new life, renewed hope, and unshakable joy. No matter the burdens we carry or the uncertainties we face in daily life, the light of the risen Christ breaks through every darkness, assuring us that death and sin do not have the final word.

The Resurrection of Jesus is the foundation of our Christian hope. Through Christ's victory over death, we are offered new life, a life that is rooted in mercy, strengthened by grace, and sustained by God's unfailing love. In this sacred season, we are reminded that nothing is beyond God's redeeming power and that His mercy knows no limits.

As we gather with family, friends, and parish communities to celebrate this holy feast, I invite you to reflect on how we are called to be witnesses of the Resurrection in the world today. In a society often marked by division, fear, and indifference, we are entrusted with the mission of bringing Christ's peace, compassion, and reconciling love to all; those we know well and those we have yet to encounter.

May this Easter season renew in each of us a deeper commitment to faith, service, and charity. On this holy day, my prayer is that the light of the Risen Christ fills your homes with peace, your hearts with renewed hope, and your families with the deep assurance that death does not have the final word—love does.

Please know that you remain in my prayers, and I ask that you kindly remember me in yours. Happy Easter to you and to all those you cherish.

**With Easter joy and blessings,**

*✠ Christopher J. Coyne*

**Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne  
Archbishop of Hartford**



# Upcoming Events



APRIL 9 @ 7PM  
**A FRANCISCAN APPROACH TO ECOLOGY**  
 Franciscan Life Center, Meriden

Sister Damien Marie Savino, FSE reflects on how inner human healing and outer ecological healing mutually impact each other in the human vocation to care for creation. Reception to follow. Call **203-237-8084** to RSVP.



APRIL 11 @ 8:30AM **\$75**  
**CONTEMPLATIVE ENRICHMENT DAY**  
 Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, West Hartford

Inspired by Rilke's "Sonnets to Orpheus," this retreat explores themes of transformation and the courage to "live the questions." Join us to practice "heart-work" and discover how to belong to "the Whole." In-person and online via Zoom. Two Centering Prayer sessions and lunch. Visit [www.holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar).



APRIL 11 @ 10AM - 4PM **\$75**  
**SPRING WREATH MAKING**  
 Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, West Hartford

Make yourself a decorative wreath for Springtime. Using colorful paper, you will create a beautiful wreath to take home and use on front door or inside the house. You will need no experience in wreath making to complete this special wreath and you can hang it year after year! Supplies and Lunch provided. Visit [www.holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar).



APRIL 12 @ 3PM  
**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY SERVICE**  
 Christ the King Parish, Corpus Christi Church, Wethersfield

We invite you to join us for a special service of Divine Mercy. The afternoon will include the chanting of the Chaplet, the veneration of St. Faustina's relic, and will conclude with Benediction. Join us as we seek the graces of the Merciful Heart of Jesus.



APRIL 14 - 15 @ 11AM - 7PM  
**PEOPLE OF HOPE MUSEUM**  
 Cathedral of Saint Joseph rear lot, off Asylum Ave, Hartford

Step inside for an inspiring look at how Catholic Charities agencies bring compassion to help people in need nationwide. Visit [www.ccaoh.org/poh](http://www.ccaoh.org/poh) to learn more.



APRIL 17 @ 6:30PM  
**YOUNG ADULT 21+ GROUP**  
 Our Lady of Knock Parish, St. Patrick Church, Farmington

Candlelight Mass will be held at 6:30 PM with Trivia, Tacos, Drinks, and Social following the Candlelight Mass.



APRIL 17 - 19  
**INTERNATIONAL EXHIBIT OF EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES**  
 St. George Church, Guilford

Fri, 17 April, 4:30 - 9 pm | Sat, 18 April, 10 am - 8:30 pm | Sun, 19 April, 9:30 am - 3 pm  
 Talks on St. Carlo Acutis & St. Manuel Gonzalez Garcia. 1st class relics of both St. Carlo and St. Manuel will be available for veneration. For more information, contact Donna Yatcko at **203-453-2788**.



APRIL 24 @ 7PM  
**SEEN: A NIGHT OF HOPE & HEALING**  
 St. Paul VI Parish, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Hamden

Join us for a Holy Hour and Reception including Adoration, prayer teams, guided prayer, support and resources for those struggling with pregnancy loss or infertility. Registration required. Please reach out to [m.ricci@hamdencatholic.org](mailto:m.ricci@hamdencatholic.org) to RSVP.



MAY 2 @ 4PM  
**LATINO VOCATION DISCERNMENT NIGHT**  
 St. Augustine Parish, Hartford

Join us for 4PM Vigil Mass, followed by free dinner and a Q&A panel of speakers from all different vocations. Registration required. Email [kathleen.pencz@aohct.org](mailto:kathleen.pencz@aohct.org) to RSVP.



APRIL 27 @ 7PM  
**SPEED NETWORKING AND MENTORING**  
 Holy Angels Center, Meriden

Join Young Catholic Professionals Central Connecticut and meet inspiring professionals, connect with other young adults, and walk away with practical insight for your career and faith. Food and drink will be provided. We will be having Stations of the Cross and prayer at 7pm, and the speed networking and mentoring will start at 7:45.



MAY 8 @ 6PM  
**SEEN: A NIGHT OF HOPE & HEALING**  
 The Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Waterbury

All are welcome for a night of prayer and support for those experiencing infertility or pregnancy/child loss, whether you are personally carrying this cross or desire to intercede and accompany others. We will have welcoming remarks, Mass, a reflection, Adoration with Praise and Worship, and a reception to follow with light refreshments, veneration of relics, resources, community, and opportunities to meet with Religious Sisters and Prayer Teams. Registration required. Please reach out to [hello@waterburybasilica.org](mailto:hello@waterburybasilica.org) to RSVP.



MAY 8 @ 6PM  
**WOMEN'S HOLY HOUR & DINNER**  
 St. Bridget of Sweden Parish,

Are you seeking peace and direction? Join us for an evening dedicated to women's vocational discernment. We'll begin with a Holy Hour featuring beautiful music, prayerful silence, and an inspiring reflection. Please stay for a free dinner and community fellowship. Registration required. Email [cdemiany@ascjus.org](mailto:cdemiany@ascjus.org) to RSVP.

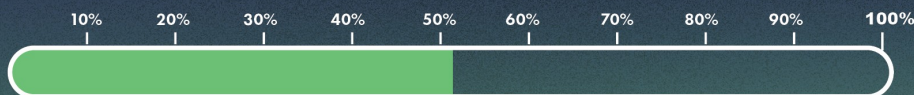


MAY 10 @ 10AM **Adults \$50**  
**MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH**  
 Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, West Hartford

**Children 4-12, \$15 | Children under 4, Free**  
 Come celebrate Mother's Day with a special Mass for mothers and families, and then enjoy a delicious gourmet brunch prepared by our chef. Visit [www.holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar).

## 2026 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

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Total Goal: \$10M 52.55% as of 3/24/26

\$5,255,361.97 in pledges from 14,339 generous donors

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# BIBLE CAMP

## SAVE THE DATE!

### August 3<sup>rd</sup> - August 7<sup>th</sup>

9am - 12:30 Our Lady of Pompeii

Grab your hiking boots and take a step through the misty air of Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a lifelong

adventure of discovering the nature of God. They explore what it means to be rooted in a relationship with God their creator, a refuge in life's storms.

## Teen Volunteers Earn Service Hours!

Contact: Sally Mucka 203-415-2710 or [saintpio.rcia@gmail.com](mailto:saintpio.rcia@gmail.com)

## St. Pio of Pietrelcina Ladies Guild



### Communion Brunch

Sunday, April 19th, 2026 – 11:30am  
following the 10:30 Mass for the  
Deceased members of the Ladies Guild  
at Our Lady of Pompeii Church Hall



**\$10 per person; \$5 for children ages 6 -17**  
**Free for children 5 and under**

For Tickets Call or Text:

Cindy DeLieto: 203-415-3259, Deb Criscuolo: 203-606-8786

Robyn Jenkins: 203-606-0668

Tickets also on Sale After Mass at all Churches



Nominations are Open for the Ladies Guild Executive Board Officers. Positions are President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary.

Any member in good standing wishing to be considered for nomination to an office may approach any member of the nominating committee before March 31st.

Contacts: Cindy DeLieto 203-415-3259, Deb Criscuolo 203-606-8786 or

Dawn Vittorio 203-535-4091

Nominations will be presented for a vote at our next meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup> at SVDP Hall

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The Easter Vigil, also known as the Paschal Vigil, the Great Vigil of Easter, or more commonly known as Holy Saturday, takes place on the Holy Night of Easter, it is a liturgy held in traditional Christian churches as the first official celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus. During this liturgy the Elect are Baptized, Confirmed and share in the Eucharist. Adult Candidates who were Baptized Catholic receive Confirmation and Eucharist. Those Baptized in another faith are received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church through Confirmation and Eucharist. It is held in the hours of darkness between sunset on Holy Saturday and sunrise on Easter Day, most commonly in the Evening of Holy Saturday at sundown or midnight and is the first celebration of Easter. Alleluia, Alleluia



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](mailto:Rajnet352@comcast.net) or Phone: 713-898-2563



**KNIGHTS**  
OF COLUMBUS  
RODRIGO COUNCIL #44

**2026 LENTEN CLOTHES DRIVE**

**February 17<sup>th</sup> through April 4<sup>th</sup>**

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 4<sup>th</sup>**

**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



**Clothing drive is extended through the month of April**

**BEST OF ITALY & SICILY**

**13 DAYS:**

**NOVEMBER 8-20, 2026**

\$4999 FROM NEW YORK  
CEFALU + AGRIGENTO + PIAZZA ARMERINA  
+ SIRACUSA + MT. ETNA  
TAORMINA + PAESTUM + AMALFI  
COASTLINE + SORRENTO + POMPEII  
SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO (PADRE PIO) +  
ROME

**PAPAL AUDIENCE WITH POPE LEO XIV**

**OPTIONAL EXCURSION TO ASSISI IN**

**CELEBRATION OF**

**800 YEARS SINCE THE DEATH OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

**FOR INFORMATION & RESERVATION FORM**

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**Call or Text: (860)977-7675**



**Mass Schedule**

**April 4 & April 5, 2026**

**8:00p.m. Mass SVDP. Fr Walsh & Fr Matthew**

**7:30a.m. Mass OLOP. Fr Matthew**

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

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

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

**April 11 & April 12, 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 Walsh**

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

**April 18 & April 19, 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**

**Deacons preaching**

**4:00p.m. & 7:30a.m. Deacon George**

**5:00p.m. & 10:30a.m. Deacon Larry**

**9:00a.m. & 11:45a.m. Deacon Wayne**

**April 25 & April 26, 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 Walsh**

**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**