

ST. PIO OF PIETRELCINA

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.” - Mt 21:9

March 29, 2026

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, March 28-Vigil, Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord

- 4:00pm** SVDP + Louise Amato
by Michael Lamberti
- 5:00pm** OLOP+ Alphonse & Madeline DeMatteo
by Children and Grandchildren

SUNDAY, March 29 – Palm Sunday of Passion of the Lord

- 7:30am OLOP+ Maureen Anderson
by Dawn, Gary, Matt & Sue
- 9:00am SB+ M/M Catherine & Edmond Desmond
by Diane Dumark
- 10:30am OLOP+ Isabella Musto
by Family
- 11:45am SVDP+ Vincent Grasso
by Jim & Marie Connors

MONDAY, March 30– Monday of Holy Week

- 8:00am OLOP + Carmine DelBasso
by Children
- 9:00am SVDP + Helen Singer
by Porto Funeral Home

TUESDAY, March 31– Tuesday of Holy Week

- 8:00am OLOP + Maureen Leary Minnick
by Lisa Leary
- 9:00am SVDP + Richard Molster, Sr
by Family

WEDNESDAY, April 1– Wednesday of Holy Week

- 8:00am OLOP + Anthony Monico, Sr
by Carol
- 9:00am SVDP+ Fred & Mary Coloso
By Children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren

THURSDAY, April 2– Thursday of Holy Week, Holy Thursday

- 6:00 pm** OLOP+ Mass of the Lord's Supper
- 7:00 pm** SVDP+ Mass of the Lord's Supper

FRIDAY, April 3–Friday of the Passion of the Lord Good Friday

- 3:00 pm** OLOP Passion of the Lord
- 3:00 pm** SVDP Passion of the Lord
- 7:00 pm** SVDP Stations of the Cross through the Eyes of Mary

SATURDAY, April 4–Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil

- 8:00pm** SVDP + All members of St Pio of Pietrelcina

Sunday April 5– Easter Sunday of the 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



Readings for the week of March 29, 2026

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2 and 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17 and 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15-15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11 Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10

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

STEWARDSHIP

March 22, 2026

First Collection: \$10,403.00

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

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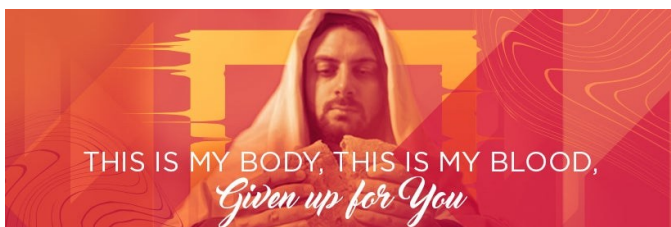
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Office Hours:

Foxon Road: Mon-Fri 9:00-2:00

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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 ~ For all mothers

St. Joseph's Altar ~ For all fathers

Pascal Candle ~ Barbara & Maurice Connolly

St. Bernadette Candles

Sanctuary Lamp (Left Side) ~ Fred & Carmel DeMichele

St Bernadette Candle ~ Special Intention

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 Langelo, 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 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 Mke Firiani 203-627-9216

Men's Group

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



Please join us for an

Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday | April 5th | Immediately
after the 11:45 AM Mass at

Saint Vincent de Paul
Church

Sponsored by The Franco
Family

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Join our Hospitality Ministry for the
11:45AM Mass at Saint Vincent de
Paul Church campus.

**ADULT VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED TO BE:**

- **Greeters**
 - As a greeter, you will help create a welcoming environment for everyone.
- **Ushers**
 - As an usher, you will help maintain the dignity of the Mass

FOR MORE INFO:

☎ 203-469-0764 option 4 🌐 tempccd29@gmail.com

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*



I would like to encourage as many of our parishioners as possible to attend the liturgies of Holy Week, especially the ceremonies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. These commemorate the events surrounding the greatest mystery of our faith, the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Those who have not had a chance to receive the Sacrament of Confession (or Reconciliation) may wish to do so before Easter Sunday. Finally, especially for those unable to attend the ceremonies of Holy Week, the liturgical readings for each day of Holy Week are a great preparation for the celebration of Easter Sunday. Finally, please note the special schedule for the latter half of this week. There will not be a morning Mass on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, and there will only be one vigil Mass on Holy Saturday, which will be at St. Vincent de Paul Church at 8p.m.



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

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

With Grace, you can:

- Ask questions about the Parish, upcoming events, or ministries using the call button.
- Chat with her and access forms such as parish registration, envelope requests, sponsor certificates and more.
- 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



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.

Holy Week Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper



St Vincent dePaul

7:00 pm

Our Lady of Pompeii

6:00 pm

Good Friday, Passion of Our Lord



St Vincent DePaul

3:00 pm

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
Through the Eyes of Mary

Our Lady of Pompeii

3:00 pm

Holy Saturday, Vigil of Easter



St Vincent DePaul

8:00 pm

Easter Sunday

St Vincent dePaul: 11:45 am

Our Lady of Pompeii: 7:30 & 10:30 am

St Bernadette: 9:00 am



Stations of the Cross

*Through
the Eyes of
Mary*



*Join us for a very special presentation of
the Stations of the Cross.*

*Walk with Jesus on His road to Calvary as
it is seen through His Mother's eyes. Her
words and descriptions touch the heart and
give a new, emotional view of Jesus'
suffering and death for all of us.*

*This presentation consists of still pictures,
music and words of reflection that remind
us of the meaning of Good Friday.*

*This presentation will be on Good Friday
evening at 7:00 pm in St Vincent dePaul
Church*



Blessing for Holy Week

**Be with us this week,
Lord, journeying closer and closer to
Your pierced and Sacred Heart.
Immerse us in Your intense and
undying love. Help us to encounter
Your passion in new ways that
inform, surprise, and inspire us.**

Amen.

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Confessions will be heard at
St. Vincent de Paul Church on
Monday evening, March 30
from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.



There will also be a Holy Hour at
St Vincent dePaul Church on Monday
evening, March 30 with
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
From 5:00 to 6:00 pm



No Confessions will be heard on Holy Saturday, April 4.

Branches on the Vine

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

MARCH 28 - APRIL 3, 2026

Guilford Parish Offers Support for Those Living with *Mental Illness*

- Story by Joe Pisani

Almost 25 years ago, Deacon Adam Michaele was moved by a heart-breaking situation when a young woman had her engagement broken and lost her friends because of mental illness.

"She had nothing and no one to go to, and we knew we had to do something," he recalls. That's when he and his wife Rose began a mental health ministry to offer people suffering from loneliness to depression, stress, autism and anxiety a place to turn for support. Since then, they have assisted dozens of people, most of whom had nowhere to turn.

The Mental Health Ministry Spiritual Support Group is hosted by St. George Parish in Guilford and has members from the shoreline parishes. Meetings are held on the campus of St. George Church.

"People in the group offer support for each other"

"The group offers a safe and confidential environment where people who live with mental illness can meet and share their experiences, their concerns and their faith," says Deacon Michaele. "It is not group therapy, and behavioral health professionals are not involved, but through support, prayer and reflections, members can grow closer in their relationship with our loving God."

Deacon Adam is a certified Catholic mental health minister with a master's degree in spiritual and pastoral care. He was a founding board member of the Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers, and three years ago received the Archdiocese of Hartford's social justice award for his work.

Rose Michaele provides spiritual accompaniment and previously facilitated a group for caregivers.

"My wife Rose has been there every step of the way and offers a gentle touch and womanly perspective that I cannot provide," Deacon Michaele says.

"People in the group offer support for each other, and a camaraderie has built up," Rose says. "Some of them live alone and don't have family, some can't drive, and older members are lonely and feel their vulnerability. Many suffer from the stigma associated with mental illness and don't want to speak about it because they're afraid of being ostracized."

Meetings begin with a prayer, and Deacon Michaele asks them to share their experiences while members offer suggestions when someone has a problem. Later, they discuss a spiritual reading or the Gospel. The meetings end with a blessing, and Rose gives them treats to take home. The Michaeles also take members to events, such as the St. George Thanksgiving Day dinner and the parish annual carnival.

"We support them and try to get them out so they're not home alone," Rose says. "Sometimes we treat them to lunch and a movie, which they look forward to."

Members are required to adhere to certain rules.

"We have rules about confidentiality," Deacon Michaele says. "If they have a therapist, they can't abruptly stop treatment without having a plan to get another one. They also can't abruptly stop their medication."

During the week, the Michaeles make themselves available to members.



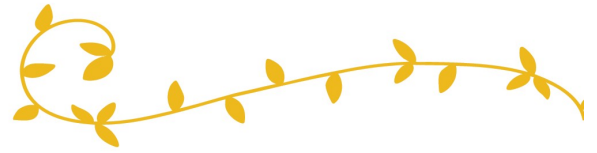
Deacon Adam Michaele and his wife Rose oversee the Mental Health Ministry Spiritual Support Group hosted by St. George Parish, Guilford. They are members of St. John Bosco Parish in Branford.

"Anyone can come in any time and sit with us if they have a problem," Deacon Michaele says. "We get calls and support them with our prayers and understanding. The door is always open."

The Mental Health Ministry Spiritual Support Group meets the second and fourth Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Ruiz Center on the campus of St. George Church, 33 Whitfield St., Guilford. For dates and more information, contact St. George Parish, 203.453.2788.



Upcoming Events



MARCH 29 @ 11:30AM
PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST AND EGG HUNT
St. Mary Church, Derby

Free Breakfast of egg sandwiches, pastries, coffee after Mass. Bring your own basket!



MARCH 30 @ 7PM
DIVINE MERCY TALK WITH MEG BAILEY
St. Mary Church, Derby

Come and hear about the extraordinary graces Jesus has promised when we honor His Divine Mercy. In this special PowerPoint presentation we will be introduced to the message of Divine Mercy. Following there will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and confession.



MARCH 31 @ 11AM
CHRISM MASS
Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Hartford

Archbishop will bless holy oils for use in sacraments throughout the year. All are invited to join in celebrating in this special Mass.



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.



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.



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.



MAY 1 - 3 @ ALL DAY
RETRouvaille MARRIAGE WORKSHOP
Windsor

If your marriage has become distant, troubled, unloving or uncaring; if you are divorced or separated but want to try again, Retrouvaille can help. Visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org.



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.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Amanda at Hello@waterburybasilica.org. Use www.tinyurl.com/3832yxtz 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
Let us help take care of Mom on her special day. 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.

2026 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

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



Total Goal: \$10M 46.62% as of 3/17/26

\$4,662,276.10 pledges from 12,802 generous donors

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The Sacred Triduum Holy Week

The liturgies during Holy Week are unique and rich in symbolism. The Mass for Palm Sunday follows the pattern of the day 2,000 years ago when Jesus entered Jerusalem. It includes a Gospel reading outside the church building and the entrance of the priest into the sanctuary while the congregation holds palms.

The Holy Thursday Mass also follows the rhythm of the ancient Last Supper. The presider washes the feet of members of the congregation, like Jesus washed the feet of the disciples. After Mass, all remaining hosts are taken to an altar of repose, where adoration of the Blessed Sacrament occurs. Parishioners can remain like the disciples in Gethsemane, asked to "watch and pray."

On Good Friday, we celebrate another special liturgical service. Following the Liturgy of the Word, there is a communal reverencing of the cross. The intercessions are solemn and include prayers for many different groups of people, reminding us that Jesus' passion is for the whole world. There is no Liturgy of the Eucharist. Hosts consecrated on Holy Thursday are distributed, after which the tabernacle is empty. The tabernacle remains empty through Holy Saturday - just as Jesus departed from this earthly world in death - and we wait in hope for Easter Sunday!

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The Stillness of Holy Saturday

Holy Thursday brings us the Last Supper. On Good Friday, we exalt the cross and commemorate the death of Jesus. On Easter Sunday, we celebrate! But what about the day in between? Between death and life, the time holds its breath. For the first disciples, Holy Saturday was a day of silence, sorrow, and waiting. But redemption is already beginning! Jesus descends to the dead and frees righteous souls awaiting eternal life. On our own Holy Saturdays, we too wait in silence. But it is not the silence of disappointment and confusion. It is the silence of anticipation. Soon and very soon, dawn will alight on the horizon, and the stone will be rolled back. Until then, we wait in stillness.



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 13th at SVDP Hall



The Easter Vigil, also known as the Paschal Vigil, the Great Vigil of Easter, or Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil on the Holy Night of Easter, is a liturgy held in traditional Christian churches as the first official celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus. Historically, it is during this liturgy that the Elect are Baptized, Confirmed and share in the Eucharist. Adult Candidates who were baptized in the Catholic Church receive Confirmation and Eucharist and 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 or midnight - and is the first celebration of Easter, days traditionally being considered to begin at sunset.





BIBLE CAMP

SAVE THE DATE!

August 3rd - August 7th

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



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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



Mass
Schedule

March 28 & March 29, 2026

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

5:00p.m. Mass OLOP. 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 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

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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

****Regular Confession schedule
will resume on Saturday, April 11**

