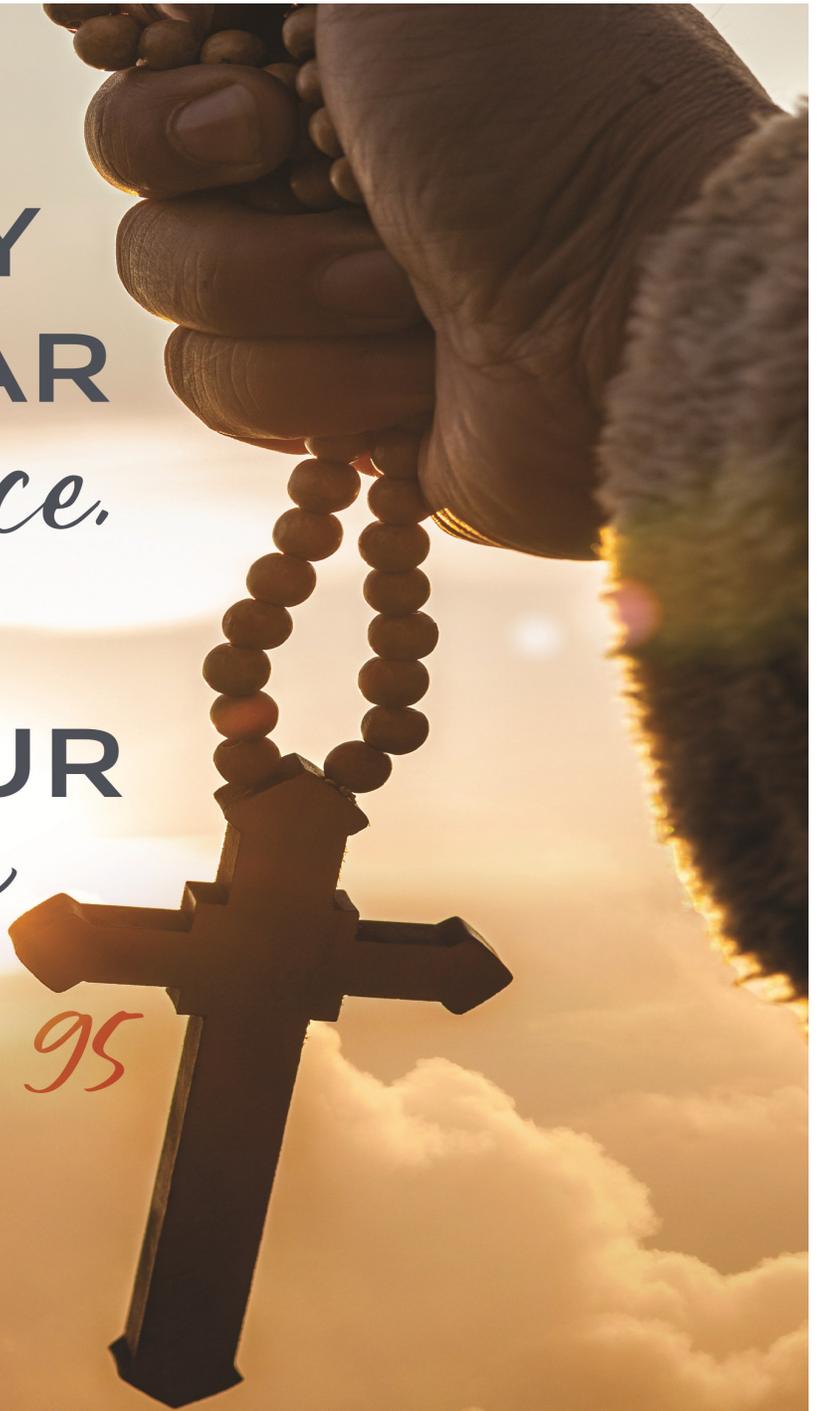


ST. PIO OF PIETRELCINA

REVEREND THOMAS J. WALSH, PASTOR
REVEREND MATTHEW CHERIAN, PH.D., PAROCHIAL VICAR
DEACON GEORGE MCCARROLL
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IF TODAY
YOU HEAR
his voice.
HARDEN
NOT YOUR
Hearts.

Psalm 95



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March 8, 2026

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, March 7-Vigil, Third Sunday of Lent

First Saturday

- 8:00am** SB + All members of St Pio Parish
4:00pm SVDP + Lawrence Doyle
 by ICSA
5:00pm OLOP+ Alicia, Matthew & John Pettola
 by Peter Pettola

SUNDAY, March 8 – Third Sunday of Lent

- 7:30am OLOP+ Carl Prota & Family in Thanksgiving
 by Danick Family
 9:00am SB+ Andrew Sarno (27 years)
 by Grandchildren
 10:30am OLOP+ Filomena LaVorgna
 by Husband, Attilio
 11:45am SVDP+ Anthony V. Esposito
 by Family

**MONDAY, March 9– Lenten Weekday,
 St Francis of Rome, Religious**

- 8:00am OLOP + Antonio DiBeneveto
 by Anna DiBeneveto
 9:00am SVDP + Grace Hurley
 by Friends of Grace

TUESDAY, March 10– Lenten Weekday

- 8:00am OLOP + John Calamita
 by Al & Beth Pacelli
 9:00am SVDP + All Members of St Pio Parish

WEDNESDAY, March 11– Lenten Weekday

- 8:00am OLOP + William Richmond
 by Family
 9:00am SVDP+ Edward Sosnowski
 by Clancy Palumbo Funeral Home

THURSDAY, March 12– Lenten Weekday

- 8:00am OLOP+ Sharon Degnan
 9:00am SB + All Members of St Pio Parish

FRIDAY, March 13– Lenten Weekday

- 8:00am SB + Giuseppe Liliano Giacomini
 by Family

SATURDAY, March 14–Vigil Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 4:00pm** SVDP + Joann Bagnoli
 by Sandy & Glenn
5:00pm OLOP + William & Mary Scarpa
 by Son

Sunday March 15– Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 7:30am OLOP + Joan DiMezzo
 by Louis Barbara
 9:00am SB + William Mitsakos &
 William Mitsakos, Jr., USN
 by Diane & Family
 10:30am OLOP + Josephine Mironick
 by Betsy & David Salotti
 11:45am SVDP + Gloria & Albert Mauriello, Jr.
 by Family



The Samaritan woman said to him, “How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink? Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink, ‘you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” *John 4: 9-10*

Readings for the week of March 8, 2026

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
 Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 42:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14
 Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

STEWARDSHIP

March 1

First Collection: \$10,595.00

Second Collection: \$4318.00

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

Address: 355 Foxon Road, East Haven, CT 06513

Phone Number: (203) 469-0764

Office Hours:

Foxon Road: Mon-Fri 9:00-2:00
Taylor Avenue: Tue. & Thu. 9:00-1:00

E-Mail: stpioofpietrelcina@gmail.com





The Candles burn this week for these special intentions:

Our Lady of Pompeii Candles

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

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

Sacred Heart of Jesus ~ For all unborn babies

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

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

St. Vincent de Paul Candles

Sanctuary Lamp (Right Side) ~ In Memory of the Balzano & Avitable Families

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

Our Lady's Altar ~ Tammy Schatz by Pat Scalse

St. Joseph's Altar ~ Christopher Schatz by Pat Scalse

Pascal Candle ~ Barbara & Maurice Connolly

St. Bernadette Candles

Sanctuary Lamp (Left Side) ~ Fred & Carmel DeMichele

St Bernadette Candle ~ Laura Esposito by Napierkowski Family

Sanctuary Lamp (Right Side) ~ Special Intention

Pascal Candle ~ For all unborn babies



PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Nick Vessicchio, Sally Ann Fallon, Lynette Ely, David T. Boyle, Richard Lucibello, Bryan Surprenant, Sharon Spadacenta, Marie Zambrano, Helen 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 March is the **2nd Monday**, which is **March 9**. Donations of brown bag lunches, water, juice boxes and toiletries are appreciated. These donations can be dropped off to Sue Stacey's home, 82 Forbes Place, up until 7pm on **Monday, March 9**. Any questions, please contact Sue at 203-214-1762. Thank you and God bless you for all donations. Stay safe & well.

**Midnight Run
Foxon Road Campus**

On the last Monday of each month, we bring 75 bagged lunches to the Columbus House Overflow Shelter.

Donations Needed:

ShopRite Gift Cards or

Gallon Size Ziploc Bags

Quart Size Ziploc Bags

Peanut Butter & Jelly

Juice Pouches

Raisin Boxes

Fruit Cups & Pudding Cups

Granola Bars

Individual Packaged Cookies, Crackers or Chips

We are also looking for small amounts or full skeins of yarn, it will be used to make hats and scarves for the midnight run. Please leave your donations at any entrance of Our Lady of Pompeii church **ONLY**. Thank you.

Midnight Run is the **LAST** Monday of **EVERY** month from Our Lady of Pompeii Church from 6-7 pm. Thank-you for being so generous!



St. Bernadette Food Pantry located at the

St. Bernadette School is open every Saturday from 10:00am-11:00am. We are always in need of non-perishable foods. Top choices are, canned: tomatoes, **tomato sauce**,

vegetables, tuna fish, **soups** and fruits. Pasta, mac & cheese and **peanut butter**. Consumption guidelines provided to us from the CT Food Bank: Expiration/Code Date Extensions past expiration: high acid foods (i.e. tomatoes) 12-18 months. Low acid foods (canned meat, most vegetables) 2-5 years. Food in jars, 12 months past expiration, dry cereal 6-12 months, rice/pasta (dry) 1 year. Questions, please contact Deb at 203-671-2586 or Rico at 203-671-14502



THE EAST HAVEN FOOD PANTRY is asking for tomato sauce and cereal for the months of February and March. Please leave your donations of food at the church entrances. The Food Pantry will be open from 9:00am-11:00am on Saturdays & Tuesdays for East Haven residents. For more info call Christine Sandford 203-469-7823

St Pio of Pietrelcina Parish Groups, Studies and Devotions



Holy Hour

Monday mornings, 8:30 to 9:30 am
Our Lady of Pompeii Church



Bible Studies

Tuesday evenings, 7:00 pm
Zoom meeting
Contact Christine Sandford 203-469-7823

Wednesday evenings, 6:30 pm
St Vincent dePaul Parish Building
Contact Marie Connors 203-468-1184



Rosary

Every evening 8:00 pm
Zoom Meetings
Contact Sally Mucka 203-469-0764 Ext 8

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



Divine Mercy Chaplet

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

Monthly Rosary

Every second Tuesday, 5:30 pm
February 10, 2026
St Bernadette Church
Contact Mike Firiani 203-627-9216

Men's Group

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

Sacramental Information



Baptism

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



Wedding

Couples should contact
St Pio of Pietrelcina's main office
12 months in advance to schedule a
wedding date. Couples will be asked to
meet with a priest prior to
confirming a date and time for a wedding

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



Conversion Happens Here

START EACH DAY WITH A PSALM

30-DAY LORD'S PRAYER CHALLENGE

PRACTICE A WORK OF MERCY EVERYDAY

FAST

THE JESUS PRAYER

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

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

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

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



The Ladies Guild Regular Meeting will be held
at OLOP Hall
on March 9th 7:00pm

Program Committee will be holding game night at this meeting.
We will be playing Pictionary, so bring your friends and let's
have some laughs!

*From the
Pastor's
Desk*



I would like to thank everyone from our parish who participated in the forty days for life campaign in New Haven on March 4 th . I would also like to encourage as many as possible from our parish to join me in participating in the Connecticut Right to Life March on March 18 th at the State Capitol in Hartford. It will begin with the rally at 11:30a.m., followed by the March at 12:30p.m. In our Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson wrote that "all men are created equal...with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness." Let us defend the right to life of all, even of the unborn.

2027 Mass Book



The 2027 Mass book will be open on Tuesday, March 24. Mass bookings will be taken *in person only on that day from 9:00 to 11:00 am in Our Lady of Pompeii Church Hall.* On Wednesday, March 25, *Mass bookings will be taken by phone only. Please do not come into the office to book Masses.* Call the Parish Office at 203-469-0764, press 1. 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*



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

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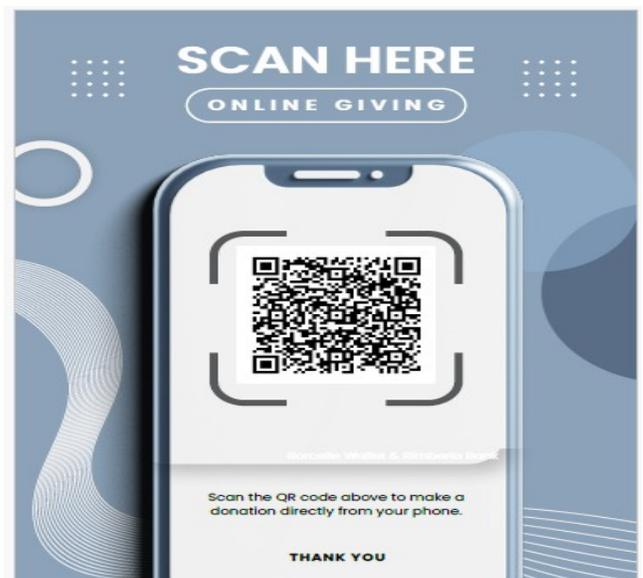


St Pio of Pietrelcina Parish



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**If you would like to make a donation
or weekly contribution to St Pio.....**





Friday Lenten Simple Suppers

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

Location: St. Vincent de Paul Church Hall

Time: 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Cost: Free

When: Fridays during Lent, except Good Friday

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

Please contact Mike Fimiani at
203-627-9216.

East Haven Ecumenical Lenten Prayer Program

Offered by
Christ and The Epiphany Church
Old Stone Church
St. Pio of Pietrelcina

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Stations OF THE CROSS

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

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

Lenten Confession Schedule



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

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



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

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:

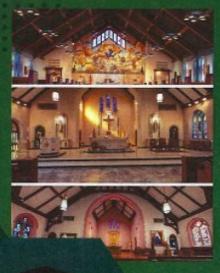
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MONSIGNOR SHANLEY
SCHOLARSHIP
2026

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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


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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 RODRIGO COUNCIL #44

2026 LENTEN CLOTHES DRIVE

February 17th through April 4th

IN CONJUNCTION WITH
 PAY IT FORWARD
 ARE PROUD TO SPONSOR




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

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

Final Drop-off: Saturday April 4th
St. Bernadette Parking Lot
385 Townsend Ave. New Haven, CT 06512

Come out and donate used or new clothing and shoes. We are collecting clothing for men, women and children, shoes, handbags, Linens, comforters & curtains. Place items in heavy-duty bags. All items must be clean and stain free. Simply drive by and drop off!

Proceeds to Benefit Knights of Columbus Rodrigo Council #44
 Council #44 is a 501 (c) (8)
 Clothes Distributed by Pay It Forward

For more information or to schedule a drop-off call
 Sal DeCola 203-641-1857 or Mike Fimiani 203-627-9216



Thank You to those who helped or contributed in any way to our K of C Rodrigo Council 44 monthly Senior Dinner/Shut In Meals as well as our Soup Kitchen Meals. Those who contributed needed items, (fresh fruit and desserts), and all those who made monetary contributions. Without all of you wonderful people the meals would not be possible. Special thanks to our monthly business partner contributors. Patricia CoFrancisco, Appicella Bakery, East Haven Memorial (Joe Deko, James Integlia) and Ferraro's Market. All enjoyed a great meal for 59 Seniors. Manicotti, Meatballs, Green Beans, Salad and Dessert and Cereal for the next morning's breakfast and. enough Baked Ziti, Meatballs, Green Beans and Salad as well as dessert and fresh fruit for the Soup Kitchen Meals.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL AND HEARTFELT THANKS FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY.



Branches on the Vine

MARCH 7 - 13, 2026



Sister Dolores Liptak, a member of the Sisters of Mercy, historian and first archivist for the Archdiocese of Hartford, reads an excerpt from one of her books.

PHOTO BY SHELLEY WOLF

ARCHDIOCESAN ARCHIVES MARKS 50 YEARS OF PRESERVING CATHOLIC HISTORY

- Story by Shelley Wolf

In 1973, Sister Dolores Liptak, a Sister of Mercy, completed her studies for a doctoral degree in American history at the University of Connecticut. But she still needed to write her dissertation. A professor suggested she research Catholic immigrants in Connecticut, beginning in the 1880s.

Her research led her to the Catholic Transcript and then to the Archdiocese of Hartford's archives in the Chancery.

"What I found was two dozen boxes on the floor near a large vault, where they kept the baptismal records," she recalls. While the baptismal records were safely stored in cabinets, she says, "the historical records had zero organization."

In order to do her research, Sister Dolores needed to dig through those boxes of correspondence. Also, around that time, the Catholic Church was getting serious about capturing its history.

"In the 1970s, the Vatican issued a document asking every diocese in the world to make sure their archives were organized and available to all serious researchers," Sister Dolores says. The United States bicentennial was also looming.

So, Sister Dolores, Vivian Stephenson, then editor of the Catholic Transcript, and Mary Caffrey, an English teacher, proposed to then-Archbishop John J. Whealon the creation of what is now the Office of the Archdiocesan Archives.

This year, the Archives, which is located on Farmington Avenue in Hartford, is celebrating its 50th anniversary (1976-2026). Sister Dolores, now 94, is its first archivist.

Today, the Archives functions as a private records facility. It contains the official governing and business records of the archdiocese. It also contains ancillary records, objects, artwork and other materials of historical significance, which reflect the mission and ministry of Catholics as a whole.

The Archives supports three categories of users: the archbishop; Catholic parishes, schools, clergy and archdiocesan administrative offices; and qualified researchers doing approved scholarly research.

It is private and not open to the general public. However, over the years, the diligent collection and maintenance of records by a series of archivists (ranging from religious sisters to professional archivists) has quietly captured the history of bishops, clergy and Connecticut's Catholic people.

These records have proven invaluable to book authors and to clergy assigned to special projects.

For instance, during her years as an official archivist (1976-1985), Sister Dolores assisted author Christopher Kauffman in finding a document about Blessed

Michael McGivney for his book Faith and Fraternalism: The History of the Knights of Columbus.

At the request of Archbishop Whealon, Sister Dolores used the Archives herself to research and author the book Hartford's Catholic Legacy: Leadership, which chronicled the bishops and how the Church evolved with the influx of European Catholic immigrants.

One gem in the Archives she still recalls is a touching letter written in 1890 by Michael Simko, requesting the state's first Slovak Roman Catholic parish be created in Bridgeport so 1,200 people could practice their "beloved religion" and "so our souls might not be condemned."

In recent years, clergy have consulted the Archives in preparation for the Jubilee Year of Mercy and for the Archdiocese of Hartford's 175th Anniversary. The Archives also houses a time capsule filled with parish memorabilia to be opened in 2093, the Archdiocese's 200th Anniversary.

Today, Archivist Bridgette Woodall and Assistant Archivist Lindsey Restelli are carrying on the work of cataloguing archdiocesan records and preserving history. They also process 200-plus research requests from clergy and archdiocesan employees annually. **Note:** For sacramental records, contact your local parish.



Upcoming Events



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Special Events

Shroud of Turin Presentation
Friday, March 13th at 7:00 PM
Deacon Alan Germain, based in the Archdiocese of Hartford, will present on the Shroud of Turin, covering its history, scientific research, and biblical significance.

Living Stations of the Cross
Friday, March 27th at 7:00 PM
Grade 6 Faith Formation students will present a dramatic, prayerful reenactment of the final hours of the life of Jesus Christ.

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION CHURCH
81 CENTER RD, WOODBRIDGE



03/18 WEDNESDAY 7PM
LENTEN REFLECTION - GOD AS OUR LOVING FATHER | THE PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SON

St. Paul Church, 485 Alling St, Kensington

How do we become separated from God the Source of eternal life? And what does God provide to restore us? What does the Prodigal Son teach us about how God sees us? Join us for a Lenten Reflection, followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet. All are welcome!



03/29 SUNDAY 11:30AM
PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST AND EGG HUNT

St. Mary's Church, 212 Elizabeth St, Derby

Free Breakfast of egg sandwiches, pastries, coffee/tea/juice after Mass hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Egg Hunt with Raffle after the 10:30 am Mass hosted by the Ladies Guild. BYOB- Bring your own basket! All are welcome!



03/19 THURSDAY 1 - 6PM
RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The Lyceum, 181 Main St, Terryville

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish will host a community Blood Drive in partnership with the American Red Cross on Thursday, March 19. Please consider giving the gift of life by donating blood. Your generosity can help save lives and support those in critical need. *Schedule your appointment today via the QR code.*

2026 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

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



Total Goal: \$10M 10.71% as of 2/24/26

\$1,070,527.27 pledges from 2,085 generous donors

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www.archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal



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

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13 DAYS:

NOVEMBER 8-20, 2026

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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.



March 7 & March 8, 2026

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

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

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

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

10:30a.m Mass OLOP. Fr Murasso

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

March 14 & March 15, 2026

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

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

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

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

10:30a.m Mass OLOP. Fr Matthew

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

March 21 & March 22, 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

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



CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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