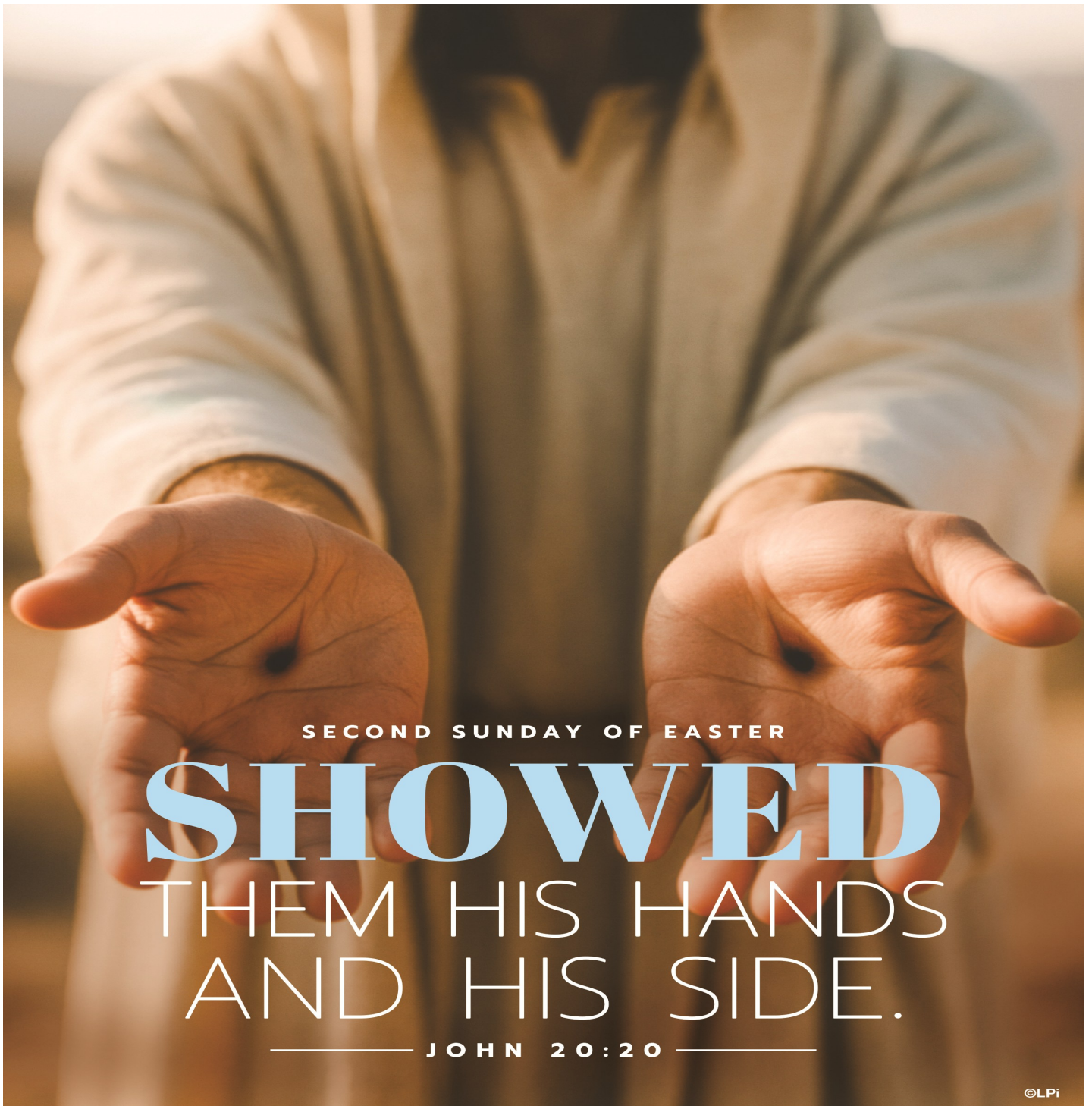


# ST. PIO OF PIETRELCINA

REVEREND THOMAS J. WALSH, PASTOR  
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DEACON WAYNE SANDFORD  
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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

**SHOWED**  
THEM HIS HANDS  
AND HIS SIDE.

— JOHN 20:20 —

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**April 12, 2026**

## Mass Intentions for the Week

**SATURDAY, April 11– Vigil, Second Sunday 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

**MONDAY, April 13– Easter Weekday , St Martin I, Pope**

8:00am OLOP + Vincenza Ragaini  
by DeMartino Family

8:45:00am SVDP + Tony DiGioia  
by Frances

**TUESDAY, April 14– Easter Weekday**

8:00am OLOP + Frank Camera  
by wife, Barbara

8:45am SVDP + Joseph Corso  
by a friend

**WEDNESDAY, April 15– Easter Weekday**

8:00am OLOP + David Nuzzo, Sr  
by Porto Funeral Home

8:45am SVDP+ Fred Colloso  
By, children, grandchildren &  
great grandchildren

**THURSDAY, April 16– Easter Weekday**

8:00am OLOP+ Anna Mannarino & Antonio Rizzo  
by Marie & Family

8:45am SB+ Michael (Diesel) DeAngelo  
by Family

**FRIDAY, April 17– Easter Weekday**

8:00am SB+ Louis Messina  
by wife, Jo-Ann Messina

**SATURDAY, April 18–Vigil, Third Sunday of Easter**

**4:00pm SVDP** + Josephine Reed  
by Son, John

**5:00pm OLOP**+ Wayne Magliulo, Beverly Borrelli  
& Edward Borrelli

by Charles, Lisa & Family

**SUNDAY April 19– Third Sunday of Easter**

7:30am OLOP + Filomena LaVorgna  
by Family

9:00am SB + Gianni Miranda  
by Family

10:30am OLOP + Deceased member of St Pio Ladies  
Guild

by St Pio Ladies Guild

11:45am SVDP + Peter & Josephine Perrotta  
by Family



*“Blessed are  
those who  
have not  
seen and  
believed”*

*John 20:29*

### Readings for the week of April 12, 2026

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

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

### STEWARDSHIP

March 29, 2026 collection : \$10,955.00

Second Collection: \$3519.00

April 5, 2026 collection: \$12,596.00

Monthly: \$5156.00

Easter Collection: \$5214.50

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.**

### St. Pio of Pietrelcina Parish

Address: 355 Foxon Road, East Haven, CT 06513

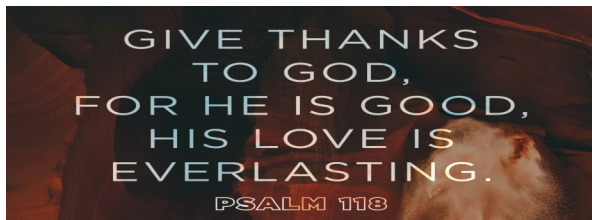
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### Office Hours:

**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* ~ 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 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](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 April and May. 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  
May 12, 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

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

April 12, 2026, 2nd Sunday of Easter  
(Sunday of Divine Mercy) John 20:19-31

“Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.’ (John 20:27)

In my early 20s, I volunteered at a parish youth group. I witnessed teens encountering Jesus with a fresh, romantic wonder that reminded me of my own teenage conversion. But something had changed in me. I was quietly jaded and cynical. When teens shared stories of encountering Christ, I'd want to sarcastically murmur, “Well, good for you.” I had grown suspicious of the zeal I once knew. Then we brought the group on a pilgrimage. I was standing in an old church in France, ignoring a long-winded tour guide. I found myself before a crucifix. In that moment, I heard something, not audibly, but unmistakably in my heart: “I came to be your friend... and you wish to be my enemy? Why do you stand far from me? I suffer gladly for you. I was pierced for you. Why do you run from me?” My heart opened. I saw how cold and cynical I had become. But Jesus had not given up on me. He had returned, and his mercy broke through. So I can relate to the scoffing — and transformation — of Thomas when the Risen Jesus presents his wounds for inspection. Thomas is not simply doubting; he is guarded, suspicious, even cynical. But Jesus comes to him. No lecture. Just understanding and mercy. He invites Thomas to touch his wounds. This burns away his cynicism like the morning mist.

*Divine Mercy Challenge:* This week, rejoice with someone who is newly alive in faith. If your own heart has grown skeptical or tired, ask Jesus to help you. He will.

—Father John Muir

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## Easter Blessing 2

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.

# Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday, April 12, 2026

## What is Divine Mercy?

Divine Mercy centers on God's great love, compassion and mercy for all of us. It is without limits.



## The Image of the Divine Mercy

"I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and [then] throughout the world" (Jesus to St. Faustina, *Divine Mercy in My Soul: Diary of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska*, 47).

The Divine Mercy image was painted under St. Faustina's direction, depicting Christ as he appeared to her. In the picture, Jesus is dressed in white and luminous in appearance, and he is stepping forward ever so slightly as if to come closer to us. His right hand is raised in blessing while his left hand points towards his heart, from which two rays pour forth: one white or translucent and one red. These two rays represent the blood and water that flowed from His pierced side on the cross, as Jesus himself explained:

"The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood, which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross" (*Diary of St. Faustina*, 299).

This meaning parallels what took place in Scripture after Christ's death on the Cross: "One of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water" (John 19:33-34).

The two rays that stream from Christ also represent important sacraments: the red ray stands for the Eucharist ("the Blood which is the life of souls"), while the white ray stands for Baptism ("the Water which makes souls righteous") and also Penance, which are sacraments of mercy. These three central sacraments offer us vital graces of sanctification and healing.

Christ offers bounteous graces to those who venerate his image in the Divine Mercy:

"I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory" (*Diary of St. Faustina*, 48).

## Divine Mercy ABC's

A: Ask for His mercy, B: Be Merciful, C: Completely Trust

## Devotion of Divine Mercy

Divine Mercy Sunday: Celebrated on the Sunday after Easter Sunday

Image of the Divine Mercy

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

The Hour of Great Mercy

Each of these devotions offer graces and forgiveness of sins.

For more information and details about this beautiful devotion and how to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, you can visit the website of the National Shrine of Divine Mercy located in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

<https://www.thedivinemercy.org>

*From the  
Pastor's  
Desk*



On behalf of Father Matthew Cherian and the deacons of St. Pio of Pietrelcina Parish, I would like to wish everyone a very happy and holy Easter. I wish to thank the entire parish staff and all our volunteers for their help in providing a dignified celebration of the central mystery of our faith. First, I would like to thank the musicians, the Lectors, Ministers of Holy Communion, the altar servers, and ushers for their service during these high holy days. I also wish to thank those who helped decorate the church for Holy Thursday and Easter Sunday. In addition, I thank everyone who participated in the celebrations of the Sacred Triduum as well as those who participated in Stations of the Cross through the Eyes of Mary. 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 it is Easter that 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.**

**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



## 2027 Mass Book



The 2027 Mass book 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.**

# Branches on the Vine

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

APRIL 11 - 17, 2026

## Local Parent Educator Featured in Catholic Charities' *Traveling Museum*

- Story by Joe Pisani

Marcus Wilson grew up in foster care and understands the importance of having a secure family environment. For the past five years, as a parent educator for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Hartford, he has helped many families by providing the tools they need so parents and children can break the cycle of insecurity and develop stronger relationships.

In recognition of his work with Parent Support Services, Wilson has been selected with 40 other employees and volunteers, chosen from 169 Catholic Charities nationwide, to be featured as part of the People of Hope Museum, which highlights ministries and services of Catholic Charities.

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*"His compassion is genuine, and families feel it right away."*

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"The museum will bring to life their meaningful and memorable encounters with families and individuals in need," says Scott Griffin, director of Communications & Public Relations for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Hartford.

The museum, which is housed in a tractor-trailer, will travel around the country and be available to the public April 14 to 15 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford.

Visitors will view the video stories of Wilson, record their own stories of hope and service and gain a greater understanding of poverty in the state and country, Griffin says. "To have one of our people, who is serving the community,

featured in the museum is an incredible honor, and we are very proud of Marcus," Griffin says. "He and his team visit people in their homes to help parents create stronger families.

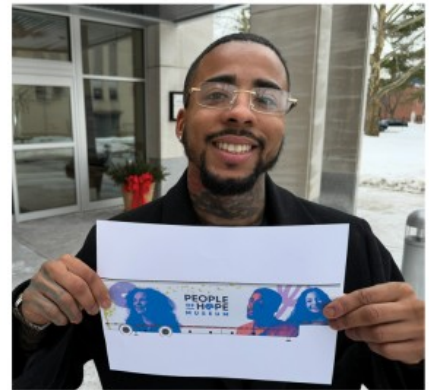
They are among 11,000 individuals we served last year. Even though we are a faith-based organization, you don't have to be Catholic to receive services. You only have to need help, and Catholic Charities is here to help."

The goal of Parent Support Services is to establish a family environment that has "a circle of security," Wilson says.

"A lot of parents were never taught how to know when their children are seeking security because they didn't have it when they were growing up," he says. "Some parents never thought about it or just didn't know."

The program's curriculum has two components: one is designed to give parents the tools to make their children feel secure by providing the emotional support, and the other establishes a structured home environment that has rules, rewards and a routine.

One important skill parents should have is the ability to listen to their children, Wilson says. "Sometimes children need reassurance, and parents have to know how to give them their undivided attention and listen," he adds. "But if the parents grew up in a home without affection or they were ignored, they might not have those skills, so we bring awareness to them. We can't fix the problem, but once parents are given the knowledge, they can use it and make the choice to seek help or develop the skills they need."



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Jennifer Raines-Pusey, program manager for Parenting Support Services, praised Wilson. "Marcus brings incredible heart to this work," she says. "His compassion is genuine, and families feel it right away. He has a special way of meeting parents exactly where they are, without pressure or pretense, and helping them see their own strengths." She adds that Wilson is deeply committed to helping families grow and succeed.

"He truly lives out the mission of Parenting Support Services every day, which exists to walk alongside families who are often overlooked or struggling quietly," she says.

*The People of Hope Museum will be open to the public at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, 140 Farmington Ave., Hartford, from April 14 to 15 in the rear parking lot off Asylum Avenue.*



# Upcoming Events



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 18 @ 9:30AM - 3PM **\$70**  
**MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT DAY**  
Sacred Heart on the Lake Retreat Center, Higganum

Strengthen your marriage by spending the day at our Retreat Center! Presenter- Sr. Lany Jo Smith, ASCJ. Call Sr. Lany Jo **203-606-9102** to RSVP. Donation asked \$70 a couple - Includes a Continental Breakfast and a Full Lunch.



APRIL 18 @ 5:30PM **\$30**  
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "SPRING FLING"**  
Our Lady Queen of the Apostles Parish, St. Mary Church, Derby

Evening get-together with door prizes, basket raffles, dinner, dessert, and Beer/wine/soda. Entry Tickets are sold at the door (\$30) or at the Parish Office (\$25) until April 16. Cash/Check only please.



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@hamden catholic.org](mailto:m.ricci@hamden catholic.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 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.



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. 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.



APRIL 24 @ 7PM  
**YCP SPEAKER EVENT**  
Bl. Michael McGivney Parish, St. Mary's Church, New Haven

*"AI. Faith. Your Career. Are They Compatible?"*  
Come join Young Catholic Professionals Central CT for our next Executive Speaker Series Event! Come enjoy light refreshments and networking along with a talk by Omar Kouatly on AI and faith in the workplace. We look forward to meeting you there!



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

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 9 @ 9AM - 2PM  
**DAY WITH MARY | RETREAT**  
Precious Blood Parish, St. Agnes Church, Milford

Join us for A Marian Eucharistic Day Retreat with the Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate. Day will include: Holy Mass, Confession, Conferment of the Miraculous Medal, Fatima Video, Benediction, Marian Procession, Conferment of the Brown Scapular, Recitation of the Rosary and talks by Franciscans. Inclement weather, check status [www.daywithmarywest.org](http://www.daywithmarywest.org) Retreat is FREE, bring a snack!



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

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



Total Goal: \$10M 59.33% as of 3/31/26

\$5,932,982.77 in pledges from 16,391 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)

Stay connected to  
St Pio of Pietrelcina Parish!!

# Follow Us!

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### DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...?

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?
- Wants to learn more about our faith and help spread the Good News?

For more information contact: Sally Mucka by Cell: 203-415-2710 or

E-Mail: [saintpio.rcia@gmail.com](mailto:saintpio.rcia@gmail.com)

## 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](mailto:tempccd29@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





**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**

**CONTACT:**

**Fr. Jeremiah N. Murasso, PH.D.**

[Jeremiah.murasso@aol.com](mailto:Jeremiah.murasso@aol.com)

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



**Mass Schedule**

**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**

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.