

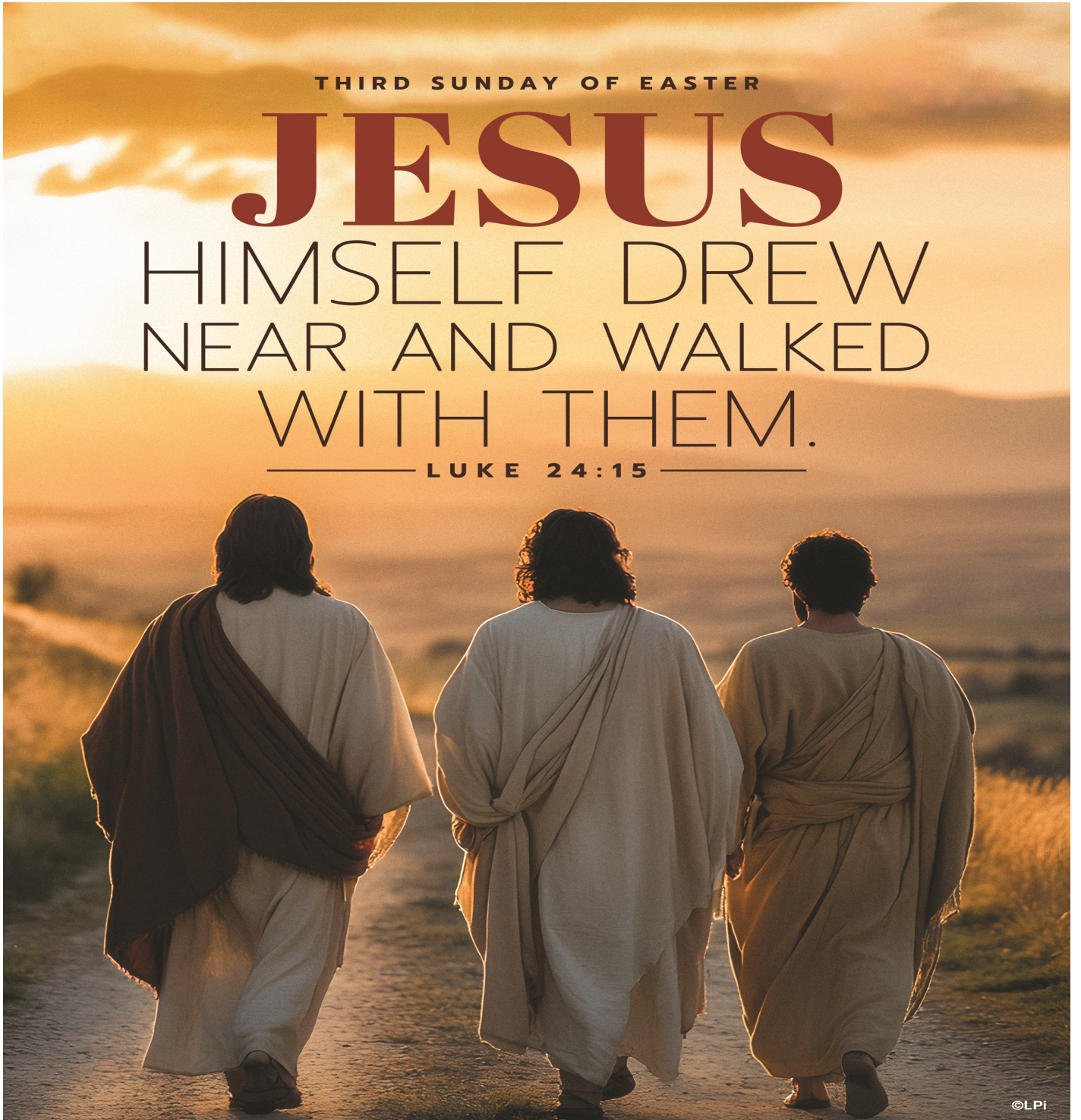
ST. PIO OF PIETRELCINA

REVEREND THOMAS J. WALSH, PASTOR
REVEREND MATTHEW CHERIAN, PH.D., PAROCHIAL VICAR
DEACON GEORGE MCCARROLL
DEACON WAYNE SANDFORD
DEACON LARRY TIANI

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

JESUS
HIMSELF DREW
NEAR AND WALKED
WITH THEM.

— LUKE 24:15 —



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April 19, 2026

Mass Intentions for the Week

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 members of St Pio Ladies Guild
by St Pio Ladies Guild

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

MONDAY, April 20– Easter Weekday,

8:00am OLOP + Gerrie Amendola
by Jerry

8:45:00am SVDP + Philip Levatino
by Clancy Palumbo Funeral Home

**TUESDAY, April 21– Easter Weekday, St Anselm, Bishop
and Doctor of the Church**

8:00am OLOP + Barbara Metzler
by Lou & Anne Pacelli

8:45am SVDP + Anthony Fantarella
by Wife & Daughter

WEDNESDAY, April 22– Easter Weekday

8:00am OLOP + Mark Speers
by Happy Birthday Love, Mom

8:45am SVDP+ Patricia Nastri
by Bob & Marie Lunney

**THURSDAY, April 23– Easter Weekday, St George, Martyr
St Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr**

8:00am OLOP+ Aileen DeMaio
by Porto Funeral Home

8:45am SB+ Leola Surprenant
by Porto Funeral Home

**FRIDAY, April 24– Easter Weekday, St Fidelis of
Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr**

8:45am SB+ Joseph Fortini
by Family

SATURDAY, April 25–Vigil, Third Sunday of Easter

4:00pm SVDP + Alphonse Camera & Paul Spadacenta
by Madelyn & Vincent

5:00pm OLOP+ David Hall
by Mom

SUNDAY April 26– Third Sunday of Easter

7:30am OLOP + Nancy Sarno, 18 yrs
by Grandchildren

9:00am SB + Thanksgiving for Blesses Mother &
St Jude

10:30am OLOP + Joseph & Josephine Esposito
Alfonso & Louisa Gambardella
by Linda

11:45am SVDP + Sophie Kikosicki
by Family



Readings for the week of April 19, 2026

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

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a/ Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/ Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/ Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/ Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/ Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20

Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

STEWARDSHIP

April 12, 2026

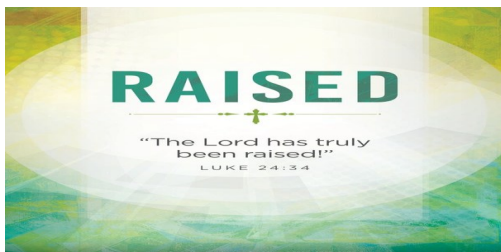
First Collection: \$8,596.00

Second Collection: \$4,403.00

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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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 ~ Susan Finn by daughter, Elaine

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 **May 11**. 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, May 11**. 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 Mke Firiani 203-627-9216

Men's Group

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

Come Honor Our Blessed Mother

Mary, Queen of Angels and Men



Saturday, May 16th

1:00 PM

Saint Vincent de Paul Church

Inspiring Presentation by Joyceelyn Bila

Marian Procession with the

Knights of Columbus, Council 3300

Our Lady of the Rosary

Coffee and refreshments to follow

*Bring your family and friends for a beautiful
afternoon of faith, devotion and community as we
honor Our Lady.*

Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for Us



There is a new ministry in our parish, which would like to acknowledge parishioners who are homebound, sick, or had an operation and have not been able to attend Mass. The church parish wants the person to know that they are loved and missed by sending a card. If you would like a member of the parish to receive a card from the church, please either email or call the church office with the person's name and address and we will send him or her a card.

Join us as we celebrate the

Annual Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Nine Wednesdays beginning

April 29 – June 24

Our Lady of Pompeii Church

355 Foxon Rd. – Route 80, East Haven

7:00pm

Featuring Opening and Closing Mass,
Benediction, Novena Prayers, Recitation of the
Rosary, Enrollment in the Brown Scapular

Celebrants:

- April 29 Mass: Rev. Ryan Lerner
- May 6: Deacon Wayne Sanford
- May 13: Monsignor James Shanley
- May 20: Rev. Joseph Tito
- May 27: Deacon Larry Tjani
- June 3: Rev. Matthew Cherian
- June 10: Rev. Joseph MacNeill
- June 17: Rev. Jeff Gubbio
- June 24 Mass: Rev. Thomas Walsh



A novena is a nine-day devotion to obtain special graces and favors. Please come and bring your petitions to Mary, our most Merciful Mother.

All our welcome – Bring a friend.

The road to Emmaus is one of my favorite Gospel stories because it shows a Jesus that is masterful at reaching people. First, when he comes upon those walking on the road, he asks them what they are talking about and then asks them to explain. How often are we too eager to just start talking at people when we feel they need to hear what we have to say? Jesus offers an invitation for them to share first. Allowing them to share first opens them up for what Jesus will do next. Second, Jesus takes time to interpret for them the words of the prophets. He gave them their turn and now it is his. Not only wise, but a movement of respect. After a long walk, they invite Jesus stay with them and dine. Third and finally, Jesus breaks bread with them and they are able to see that he is no ordinary traveler. He is the risen One. He could have just told them who he was, but allowing them by their experience to uncover who he was had the greater impact. Jesus demonstrated to us in these actions how to be gracious and impactful when sharing the good news. If we are to be good stewards and fruitful disciples then we must imitate him in this regard. This Easter season let us practice the following: 1) Allow others first to share what they have to say. 2) Then be willing to take the time to explain fully or to the best of our ability our faith. And 3) help others find a way to experience firsthand the message you have shared. No one can understand love without witnessing love. In this way, your words and deeds will become a pathway to Jesus for others.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

MARY, QUEEN OF APOSTLES PROVINCE

NEW DATES & UP-COMING RETREAT DAYS & OTHER SPIRITUAL OFFERINGS AT SACRED HEART ON THE LAKE RETREAT CENTER

194 Candlewood Hill Rd., Higganum, CT 06441

A complete write-up for each of our retreats and all our other programs can be found on our WEBSITE www.sacredheartonthelake.org Reservations are always necessary

JESUS' DIVINE MERCY & HIS SACRED HEART OF UNCONDITIONAL LOVE RETREAT DAY

SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH

FROM 9:30AM to 3:00 PM

Presenter- Sr. Lany Jo Smith, ASCJ. Sign-up online or call Sr. Lany Jo 203-606-9102

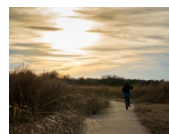
Donation asked \$35.- Includes a Continental Breakfast and a Full Lunch..

SPIRITUAL BOOK STUDY

The Ladder of the Beatitudes by Jim Forest
Six Sessions from April 29th to June 3rd
from 10:00 to 11:30 am.

Suggested donation is \$10 per session. To register call Sr. Patricia Cigrand 203-606-4830 or email cigrandpatricia@gmail.com

Blessing for the Way



Dear Lord,

As we journey through life, journey with us. As we wrestle with uncertainty, comfort us with your presence. Through distances, walk alongside us. Bless us with your companionship, your prayer, your sacred presence in the Eucharist.

Amen.



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*From the
Pastor's
Desk*



I have just restarted the pastoral council of the parish. The role of the pastoral council is to advise me on various aspects of the pastoral life of St. Pio of Pietrelcina Parish. If you would like to have an issue addressed or if you would like to serve on the council, please let me know in writing. Please be advised though, that membership on the council is limited. The council would not be able to function efficiently if everyone were a member of the council. As St. Paul would say, though the body has many parts, and not every part is called to be an eye. Some parts are ears, some are hands, some are feet, etc. Each one of us has his own gifts, and the parish flourishes when all of us place our gifts at the service of Jesus Christ and at the service of His Church.

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 18 - 24, 2026

Albertus Magnus Students Swap Spring Break for Ohio *Mission Work*

- Story by Joe Pisani

Six students from Albertus Magnus College of New Haven went on spring break. But they did not go to Florida; they traveled to Ohio to perform mission work. They were part of the first Albertus Magnus Spring Break Mission Trip to Columbus, where they did service work for different ministries of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, whose motherhouse is located in the capital city.

"Going to Florida may be cool, but doing community service and helping people out who are in need is more impactful than sitting on the beach," says Owen Griswold of New London, a junior majoring in criminal justice/pre-law.

For him, the highlight of the week was the four hours the group spent packing 2,760 meals for the Columbus-based LifeCare Alliance. The nonprofit organization distributes the meals to homebound residents.

"Jesus was all about helping people and giving back, and that is what we did."

Service is a fundamental part of life at Albertus Magnus and one of the four pillars of the Dominican charism - prayer, study, community and service. The college was founded in 1925 by the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs, now known as the Dominican Sisters of Peace.

"That's how we live our lives every day," says Sister Cathy Buchanan OP, the campus minister who organized the trip. "All 19 Dominican colleges and universities have the same four pillars, so there is a shared culture, no matter where they are. When we go to conferences, we talk about the different pillars and what

they mean to us. Since service is one of our pillars, students know from the day they arrive that's what they're buying into." Sister Cathy, who made her first vows three years ago and is now temporary professed, knows about service. After a 27-year career in law enforcement, she was looking forward to retiring to Florida and sitting on the beach. But God had a different plan, she says, which includes working with young people and starting a new life with the Dominican Sisters of Peace. She describes the spring break in Ohio as "amazing."

"Everything went perfectly, considering this was our first time going," Sister Cathy says. While there, the Albertus students also met fellow students from Ohio Dominican University.

During the week, the group toured the Martin de Porres Center, a place dedicated to spirituality, education and the arts, and had an opportunity to do farm work and feed the animals at nearby Shepherd's Corner, the Dominican ecology center. Also, they visited the Dominican Learning Center, which offers adult learning classes

in ESL, GED and Adult Basic Education. In between their service work, the students were able to pray, meet many of the 150 sisters who live in the Dominican Motherhouse, and give them thank you cards of appreciation during Catholic Sisters Week, celebrated March 8 to 14. "Jesus was all about helping people and giving back, and that is what we did, just as Jesus did," says Griswold, who is a resident assistant and an admissions ambassador at Albertus.

The trip had special meaning for him since he became a Catholic last year at the Easter Vigil, when he was baptized, received First Communion and was confirmed.

He made the decision to enter the OCIA process after talking with another student at the National Dominican Preaching Conference. Before that time, he says, "I didn't have much faith at all."

Sister Cathy says the Albertus Magnus students, who were inspired by their experience this year, have already begun preparing for a spring break mission trip next year.



Sister Cathy Buchanan, OP, introduces students from Albertus Magnus College to the Dominican Sisters of Peace living at the Columbus motherhouse during lunch.



Upcoming Events



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@hamdenatholic.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 7:45PM.



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 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 to RSVP.



APRIL 24 @ 7PM
YCP SPEAKER EVENT
 Bl. Michael McGivney Parish, St. Mary 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 Kouaty 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 a reflection. Please stay for a free dinner and community fellowship. Registration required. Email 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 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.



MAY 13 @ 7:30PM
CANDLELIGHT ROSARY PROCESSION
 Our Lady Queen of the Apostles Parish, St. Mary Church, Derby

Join us in celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima! We will gather in front of the church to start the procession. The rosary will take place indoors if it rains. Coffee and cupcakes social to follow!



MAY 13 @ 5:30PM - 9PM **\$50**
COUPLES' EVENING RETREAT
 Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, West Hartford

Please join us as we explore the beautiful concept of marriage as a spiritual friendship. How is marriage a Trinitarian-like expression of love, with Christ at the center? How can deep, intentional listening with "the ear of the heart" cultivate a marriage rooted in spiritual friendship?

Offered both in-person and online via Zoom. Includes dinner with wine and cheese. Visit www.holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar.



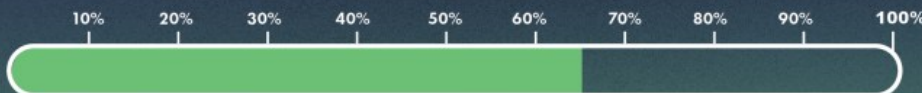
MAY 15 - 17 @ 6PM **\$300**
MEN'S RECOVERY RETREAT
 Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, West Hartford

We invite men in recovery into a peaceful atmosphere where you can rest, renew your spiritual life, and deepen your sobriety. Hear an inspiring lecture, catch up on some rest, and care for yourself as we care for you in mind, body, and spirit. Our Matt Talbot weekends are open to ALL people, from ALL backgrounds, regardless of whether or not you are a member of a church.

The retreat begins on Friday with a buffet dinner from 6-7:30PM and concludes on Sunday around 11AM. Generous scholarships are available. Call Marty V. at **860-250-6246** for scholarship information.

2026 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

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



Total Goal: \$10M 65.39% as of 4/7/26

\$6,539,236.35 in pledges from 18,160 generous donors



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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



**ADULT VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED FOR
BIBLE CAMP**

August 3rd - August 7th

9am - 12:30 Our Lady of Pompeii

Contact: Sally Mucka
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-  St Pio of Pietrelcina Parish

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



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



Clothing drive is extended through the month of April



Mass Schedule

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 Murasso

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 Murasso

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



CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Our Lady of Pompeii:

Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm

St. Vincent de Paul:

Saturday, 3:00-3:30pm

BEST OF ITALY & SICILY

13 DAYS:

NOVEMBER 8-20, 2026

\$4999 FROM NEW YORK

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+ SIRACUSA + MT. ETNA

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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

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April 300 Club Winners:

40-Grace Carrano-\$150.00

#278-Marie Connors-\$100.00

#287-Americo Carchia-\$75.00

#156-Maria Fisk-\$50.00