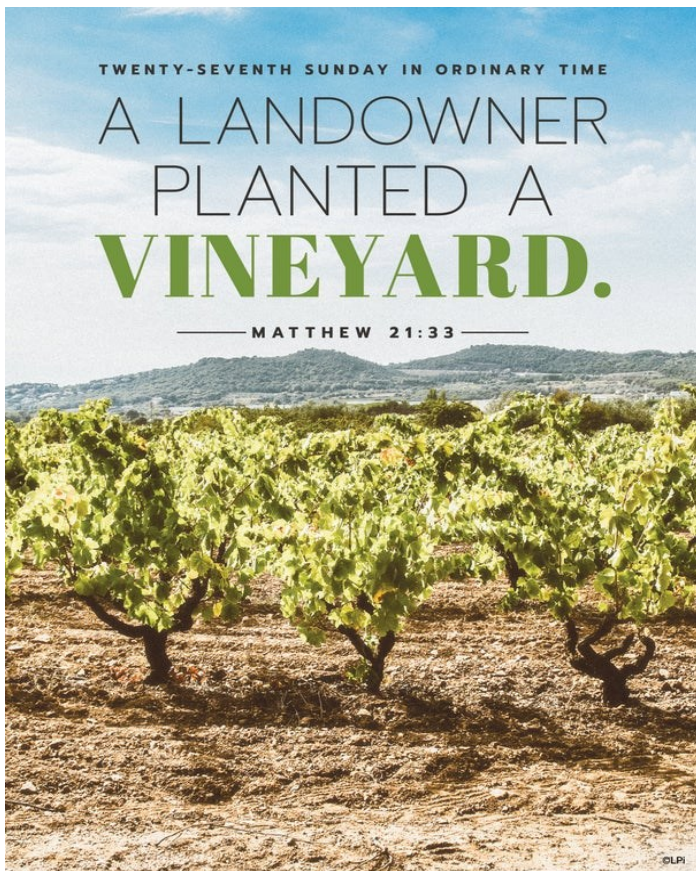


ST. PIO OF PIETRELCINA PARISH

October 4, 2026



Clergy

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

Church Information and Mass Schedules

Our Lady of Pompeii (OLOP)

355 Foxon Road

East Haven, Ct 06513

Daily Mass:

Monday through Thursday: 8:00am

Weekend:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Sunday: 7:30 & 10:30am

St. Vincent DePaul (SVDP)

80 Taylor Avenue

East Haven, Ct 06512

Daily Mass:

Monday through Wednesday

8:45am

Weekend:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Sunday: 11:45am

St. Bernadette (SB)

Daily Mass:

Thursday, Friday and First Saturday

8:45am

385 Townsend Avenue

New Haven, Ct 06512

Weekend:

Sunday: 9:00am

Parish Office:

355 Foxon Road

East Haven, Ct 06512

203-469-0764

Office Hours:

Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 2:00pm

Parish E-Mail Address:

stpioofpietrelcina@gmail.com

Parish Website:

stpioofpietrelcinaeh.com

My Parish App:



Grace, AI Assistant:



Mass Intentions for the Week

**SATURDAY October 3 Vigil Twenty-seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

First Saturday

8:45am SB+ Edgar & Leola Surprenant
by Children & Grandchildren

4:00pm **OLOP** + Pio D'Ambrosca
by Olga-Lynn

5:00pm **SVDP** + Bruce Dest
by Eileen

****Vigil Mass time change**

**SUNDAY October 4 Twenty-seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

7:30am OLOP + Frank O'Neill
by Paula

9:00am SB + Frank Petronello & James Sisson
by Friends & Family

10:30am OLOP + Henry, Mary, Ceclia & Ronald
Podsidalo

by Family
11:45am SVDP + Anne Lanzilotta
by Roseanne, Joe, Fran & Mike

**MONDAY October 5 St Faustina Kowalska, Virgin, USA
Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest**

8:00am OLOP + Colleen & David Lotto
by Family

8:45:00am SVDP + For all members of St Pio Parish

**TUESDAY October 6 St Bruno, Priest, USA
Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin**

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

8:45am SVDP + Lorraine Montesi
by Clancy Palumbo Funeral Home

WEDNESDAY October 7 Our Lady of the Rosary

8:00am OLOP + Amelia & Luke Piscitelli &
Rosemarie Dagostino

by Family
8:45am SVDP+ Living & Deceased members of the
Tagariello Family

by Patricia Mahoney

THURSDAY October 8 Weekday

8:00am OLOP+ Deacon Nicholas DelCorte

8:45am SB+ Dr. John Onofrio
by Family

**FRIDAY October 9 St Denis, Bishop and Companions,
Martyrs, St John Leonardi, Priest**

8:45am SB+ Jason Sagnella
by Family

**SATURDAY October 10 Vigil Twenty-eighth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

4:00pm **OLOP** + Giannelli Family
by Family

5:00pm **SVDP** + Suzanne Glass
by Vincent & Erica Borzillo

**SUNDAY October 11 Twenty-eighth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

7:30am OLOP + Francis & Mary Nicol
by Vincenza Giannelli

9:00am SB + Philomena Phyllis Naclerio
by Matthew, Rita & Joe, Jr.

10:30 am OLOP + Filomena LaVorgna

11:45am SVDP + Susan Ferro
by Frank Ferro

Have you ever felt like your attempts at prayer are a waste of time? I have. Early in my priesthood, I noticed that my prayer life was weakening. Awe and eager expectancy of contact with God had given way to routine. I gradually spent less and less time praying. Nothing dramatic had happened, but my attitude toward God had changed, and I was losing the desire to pray. Jesus' parable of the insane vineyard tenants speaks into this kind of experience. He says the landowner "leased it to tenants and went on a journey" (Matthew 21:33). The key to this message is that the vineyard does not belong to those who work it — they are entrusted with it. But little by little, they view it as their possession, and ungrateful entitlement follows. The servants sent by the owner are treated as intrusions. Even the owner's son becomes a means to their delusional self-will. The central tragedy is not violence but the forgetfulness that spawns it. They need reminding how lucky they are to be given so much. Eventually, God sent friends to remind me that my relationship with Him and my prayer time are not my possessions, but rather God's tremendous gifts to me. Perhaps you are feeling discouraged for some reason or other these days in your walk with God. Ponder this parable and let it be a gentle reminder that you and I are fortunate stewards, and God is the generous giver. This allows us to rediscover the beauty of the vineyards in our lives and to remain energetic in cultivating his gifts.

— Father John Muir

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Greeter Recruitment for 11:45 a.m. Mass

We've received very positive feedback from the pilot Hospitality Greeter program at the 11:45 a.m. Mass at St. Vincent de Paul church over the past several months. Parishioners say they appreciate the warm welcome they're being offered by our volunteer Greeters, who themselves enjoy helping out with this important ministry. If you're interested in becoming a Greeter, or would like to learn more about the requirements, please reach out to the program co-chairs: Carol Pompano, 203.901.5063 (carol.pompano@comcast.net), or Jennie Llanos, 203.469.0764, option #4, (tempccd19@gmail.com). Greeters need to complete a short online Virtus training and follow a set of guidelines approved by Father Walsh. New Greeters will assist a "veteran" Greeter for one or two Masses as an orientation. Please consider joining this new ministry



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 ~ Pio D'Ambrosca by Olga-Lynn

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Icon ~ For all families

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

St. Vincent de Paul Candles

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

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

Our Lady's Altar ~ Nicholas, Raffaele & Peter Bertier by Ann Paolillo Fred & Carmel DeMichelle

St. Joseph's Altar ~ For all members of St Pio

Pascal Candle ~ Barbara & Maurice Connolly

St. Bernadette Candles

Sanctuary Lamp (Left Side) ~ Fred & Carmel DeMichele

St Bernadette Candle ~ Nicholas DiAdamo by son

Sanctuary Lamp (Right Side) ~ Special Intention

Pascal Candle ~ For all unborn babies by Peter Anyzeski



STEWARDSHIP

September 20, 2026

First Collection: \$9,660.00

Second Collection: \$3,165.00

September 27, 2026

Collection: \$8,347.00

Midnight Run

Taylor Avenue Campus

The Midnight Run for October is the **2nd Monday**, which is **October 12** 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, October 12** 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) 1year. Questions, please contact Deb at 203-671-2586 or Rico at 203-671-1402



The East Haven Food Pantry is asking for items needed for Thanksgiving during the months of October and November. Stuffing, gravy and cranberry sauce are some specific items requested. Please leave your donations of food at the church entrances. The Food Pantry will be open from 9:00 am-11:00 am on Tuesdays and Saturdays for East Haven residents. For more information, call Christine Sandford at 203-469-7823

Chaz Esposito sings
Legends of the 60's with a Christmas Twist!

This phenomenal show captures the energy and fun of the era with the classic hits *Groovin'*, *That's Life*, *I'm a Believer*, *Hey Paula*, *It's Not Unusual*, *I Got You Babe*, *Can't Take My Eyes off You*, *Sweet Caroline* and many more.

Now add some vintage Christmas hits like *Jingle Bell Rock*, *Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree*, *I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Clause*.... and you have a hit show.

**THURSDAY
DECEMBER 17, 2026
@ 7:30PM**

**TICKETS: THEKATE.ORG
860-510-0453**



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

Monday mornings, in person 10:30 am
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 Patti Scussel 203-710-7886

Thursday, 7:00 pm
Our Lady of Pompeii Chapel
Contact Patti Scussel 203-710-7886



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, 6:30 pm
October 13, 2026
St Bernadette Church
Contact Mike Firmani 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



October is the Month of the Rosary

History of the Rosary

Although a longstanding tradition attributed the rosary to Saint Dominic and the Dominican Order, the practice of using beads to count prayers predates the Dominicans by a few hundred years. In fact, it seems that what we now think of as the rosary (which means “garland of roses”) was first developed by illiterate peasants and religious brothers and sisters as a way of offering 150 “Our Fathers” to replace the praying of the 150 psalms in the Divine Office.

The practice of reciting 150 Hail Marys (which was later subdivided into 15 decades of 10 Hail Marys) arose during the late Middle Ages.

Devotion to the rosary began to flourish in the nineteenth century, especially as new devotions to Mary began to spread throughout Europe and the New World. An annual liturgical celebration of Our Lady of the Rosary was introduced into the Church calendar in 1573 and it has been observed on the date of October 7 since 1913.

In the apostolic letter *On the Most Holy Rosary*, Pope Saint John Paul II not only added five new mysteries to the traditional fifteen, but he also reminded Catholics that the rosary is, at its core, an opportunity to go deeper into the life of Jesus: “The rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at heart a Christocentric prayer ... It has all the *depth of the Gospel message in its entirety*, of which it can be said to be a compendium. It is an echo of Mary’s prayer, her perennial *Magnificat* ... With the rosary, the Christian people sit at the school of Mary and are led to contemplate the beauty of the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love” (no. 1).

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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 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.

A Note From Our Pastor

Tragedy struck our community at 3:20p.m. on September 17th when 5 year old Cooper Villano was struck and killed less than 1/4 mile from Our Lady of Pompeii Church. I know many of our parishioners have gone to various services to remember little Cooper. Many more are praying for him and for his family.

Anyone who would like to help his family financially may do so through our parish of St. Pio of Pietrelcina.

The second collection on October 17th & 18th will go to the Villano family, except for envelopes especially earmarked for "The Propagation of the Faith." Anyone wishing to make a contribution next week can do so by putting a donation in a specially marked envelope for Cooper's family in either collection next weekend, October 10th & 11th

St. Pio of Pietrelcina Parish Together, We Restore What Faith Built

This Sunday, invited parish leaders will gather at Anthony's Ocean View for the Advanced Phase Reception for Together, We Restore What Faith Built. We are grateful to these parishioners for listening, asking questions, and helping establish early momentum. We ask the entire parish to pray that this gathering deepens unity and inspires generous stewardship. Campaign materials will be mailed to parish households beginning October 7.



St Pio of Pietrelcina
Women's ACTS Retreat
November 19-22, 2026



The Women of St. Pio of Pietrelcina Parish are sponsoring an ACTS Retreat. The ACTS retreat is a three-day, three-night Catholic lay retreat presented by women who have attended prior ACTS retreats, under the guidance of a Catholic Guide. Offering a unique format, this retreat is unlike anything you may have experienced in the past. The goals are to renew yourself spiritually, to strengthen your faith and its application in your daily life, and to create lasting and supporting friendships within your church communities.

The Retreat begins Thursday evening at St. Vincent dePaul (80 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, CT).

Participants will then be transported to the St Edmund's Retreat, Enders Island in Stonington, CT. The retreat ends Sunday with mass at St. Vincent de Paul at 11:45am followed by a reception in St Vincent DePaul church. For more information about this ACTS retreat call:

Jean Benzi 203-627-3280

Tara Daly 203-415-4545

Cindy Taylor 203-464-9444

Registration forms and informative brochures are available in all three of our churches.

Please note:

Those who have already attended ACTS Retreats will be placed on a waiting list as preference will be given to first time retreatants.

Knights of Columbus Council #3300 Upcoming Events

- **Stuff a Truck- November 21st & 22nd**

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #3300

Porchetta Dinner



Oct. 17, 6:30 pm

Our Lady of Pompeii Church Hall

Adults \$30

Kids 12 & under \$15

Dinner includes Porchetta, Chicken, Pasta, & Salad
As well as Coffee & Dessert

Tickets must be purchased by Oct. 10th

For tickets please contact Joe Criscuolo at
(203)- 928- 7020

Coats for Kids Drive



Please Make Checks Payable to KOFC #3300

1 case of 12 coats is \$300. That's \$25 for a heavy winter coat
for a child in need!!

Help Keep Our Kids Warm!



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2026 FALL CLOTHES DRIVE

Now through October 20th

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Each day, from now until October 20th, remove one item from your closet that you no longer wear or need and place it into a bag. At the end, 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: Thursday October 20th

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



**Knights of Columbus Rodrigo Council 44 will be
sponsoring an Italian/English Mass at the
beautiful Townsend Estate on
Townsend Avenue, New Haven on
Sunday October 25th at 12:00 noon.
Mass will be celebrated by Father Thomas
Walsh and concelebrated by
Father Joseph MacNeil.
If you plan to attend, please respond by the
weekend of October 17-18th.**

Name: _____

Number of Persons Attending: _____

Phone Number _____

You may also call or text:
Sal DeCola 203-641-1857
Mike Fimiani 203-627-9216

Branches on the Vine

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

OCTOBER 3 - 9, 2026

West Haven Parish Prays to *Our Blessed Mother* Monthly on the First Saturdays

- Story By Joe Pisani

All her life, Eva Cestari has had a devotion to the Blessed Mother — from her Catholic schooling in Minnesota to the years she and her husband Ralph prayed the rosary with their six children at home and on camping trips.

A longtime Lay Dominican, Cestari is also committed to what is referred to as the “Five First Saturdays” devotion, given by Our Lady of Fatima to do reparation for the increase of sin and godlessness in the world.

For 15 years, Cestari has prayed on all First Saturdays of each month, and with her fellow Lay Dominicans has tried to spread it to archdiocesan churches.

Four years ago, she and her friend Marla Rapini brought it to St. John Vianney Church, part of St. John XXIII Parish in West Haven, along with St. Louis Church. Parishioners do more than pray on the First Five Saturdays — they pray this devotion on the First Saturday of each month.

On Sept. 5, some 80 people from both West Haven churches came to a Mass celebrated by Father Israel Rivera. Afterward, they prayed the Joyful Mysteries of the rosary in English and Spanish followed by meditation. Father Rivera also called the children to gather around a statue of Our Lady of Fatima and blessed them.

The priest says his personal devotion to the Blessed Mother deepened during his priesthood and he regards her as the perfect role model of discipleship. “The world, with all its turmoil and suffering, needs the presence of the



Father Israel Rivera, pastor of St. John XXIII Parish, prays with children at the statue of Our Lady of Fatima at St. John Vianney Church in West Haven during a First Saturday devotion on Sept. 5. PHOTO BY JOE PISANI

Blessed Mother,” Father Rivera says. “It is her promise to Lucia, one of the children at Fatima, if we do reparation for sins, especially sins of blasphemy against the name of the Lord and her, that she will assist us at the hour of our death with the graces we need for salvation. We have to make reparation, receive communion, pray the rosary and go to confession.”

Father Rivera says the First Saturday Mass is “a wonderful display of unity of the parishioners from both churches.”

In 2023, Cestari made a pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal, where Our Lady appeared to three shepherd children in 1917 and said: “People must amend their lives and ask pardon for their sins. They must not offend Our Lord anymore, for he is already much offended.”

The Blessed Mother later told the visionary Lucia: “I promise to assist at the moment of death, with all the graces necessary for salvation, all those who on the First Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the rosary and keep me company for 15 minutes while meditating on the 15 mysteries of the

rosary with the intention of making reparation to me.”

The confession should be made within eight days before or after the First Saturday, and these acts should be offered in reparation for the blasphemies and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Rapini, who has prayed the devotion throughout her life, says, “It’s so important to me and to bring about peace in the world today, we need to heed Our Lady’s words. Sitting in church, praying the rosary in community and spending time with the Blessed Mother in meditation, brings me a sense of peace and encouragement that strengthens me throughout the month.” Says Cestari, “We know that in the end, the Immaculate Heart of Mary will triumph.”

St. John Vianney Church, 300 Captain Thomas Blvd., West Haven, celebrates Mass at 8:30 a.m. followed by the rosary and 15 minutes of meditation every first Saturday of the month.



Upcoming Events



OCTOBER 9 @ 6PM
MASS OF HEALING
St. Peter Church, Torrington

Experience the Power of Healing — In these challenging times, many of us carry burdens — be it physical ailments like cancer and kidney disease, emotional struggles like depression, anxiety, PTSD and grief, or spiritual battles. **YOU'RE NOT ALONE.** Reconnect, find solace, and embrace the healing powers of our divine physician, Jesus Christ.

The evening begins with the Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by the Healing Mass with anointing of the sick. Let's come together, share our stories, and experience the transformative power of faith. Remember, Jesus is still in the business of healing. We can't wait to see you there!



OCTOBER 15 @ 7:30PM - 8:30PM
HUMAN DIGNITY IN THE AGE OF AI
Franciscan Life Center, San Damiano Room at the Chiara Center, Meriden

Amidst growing concerns about artificial intelligence and where it is taking us, the Church offers a balanced path forward. AI can be a powerful tool and a benefit to our world—if it is guided by the right moral compass. In this presentation, we will explore Pope Leo XIV's landmark encyclical, Magnifica Humanitas. Together, we will examine what is at stake morally and socially for the human person, and discuss how we can help steer the global development of AI for the true good of humanity. Free to attend and reception to follow. Call **203.237.8084**



OCTOBER 16 @ 5:30PM
HOLY HOUR FOR WOMEN'S VOCATIONS
Mount Sacred Heart Chapel, Hamden

Come pray for women's vocations with us! All are welcome - men, women, and families. Prayer will be followed by a free dinner. Contact Carlene cdemiany@ascjus.org for questions!



OCTOBER 17 @ 4PM
MARY OF THE AMERICAS / MARÍA EN LAS AMÉRICAS
The Shrine of María Reina de la Paz, Hartford

Mary of the Americas is an Archdiocesan multicultural Marian celebration that brings together Hispanic Catholic communities and participating parishes from across the Archdiocese of Hartford. The event will include the Holy Rosary and a bilingual Holy Mass, followed by cultural and gastronomic presentations representing various countries of the Americas. Through prayer, faith, music, and cultural traditions, the celebration honors the Blessed Virgin Mary while highlighting the unity and diversity of the Church. All are welcome!



OCTOBER 18 @ 1:30PM
"I WILL ALWAYS BE JOYFUL": SAINT PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI'S LIFE AND WITNESS
Bl. Michael McGivney Parish, St. Mary Church Hall, New Haven

Father Philip Nolan, O.P., editor of the Magnificat magazine, will discuss the youthful sanctity of recently-canonized Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati and his relevance for today. All welcome to attend!



OCTOBER 22 @ 7PM
HOLY HOUR AND CONSECRATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS
Mount Sacred Heart Chapel, Hamden

Join the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus for a grace-filled prayer service to entrust yourself or your family to the Sacred Heart of Jesus! Each person or family will receive a blessed image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus for their home.

The ceremony will include:
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
A special prayer of consecration
A blessing of each individual and family
A blessing of house keys



NOVEMBER 1 @ 3PM
FROM BROADWAY TO THE MET: A BENEFIT CONCERT FOR HAITI
St. James Church, Rocky Hill

You are warmly invited to an uplifting afternoon of music. Admission is free, and donations will be gratefully accepted to support our sister parish, St. Anne in Saintard, Haiti. Our program spans Broadway favorites, Classical masterpieces, and Sacred music.

Approximately 50 singers from various parishes across our diocese, as well as professional soloists Rochelle Bard and Daniel Juarez, will present beloved classics including The Prayer, Bring Him Home from Les Misérables, For Good from Wicked, Nessun Dorma, and much more. Bring your family and friends to experience this musical celebration for a wonderful cause!



JANUARY 13 @ 7PM
SAVE THE DATE REBOOT: A LIFE-CHANGING EVENT
St. Margaret Church, Madison

This high-energy, 2 hour event with internationally acclaimed speaker Chris Stefanick will awaken your faith, reignite your joy, and equip you with tools to live the life God created for you: A life of JOY! Event is perfect for everyone: friends, family, children (12+), and those who may not be actively practicing their faith. Scan the QR code to secure your spot!



2026 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

As of today, **16.69%** of all Archdiocesan parishioners raised **\$10 million** for our Archdiocesan ministries. Imagine the difference if one in four parishioners joined in. Help us reach **26%** participation in 2026!!



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ST. PIO LADIES GUILD BINGO FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16th

OUR LADY OF POMPEII HALL
355 Foxon Road East Haven

DOORS OPEN @ 5:30 pm
GAMES START @ 6:30 pm

\$\$\$ Cash Prizes \$\$\$

Ticket Price: \$15.00

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!

For Tickets Contact:

Patti Scussel @ 203-710-7886, parscussel@aol.com

or

Barbara Piscitelli @ 203-430-0195

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

Public Veneration 10AM-3PM

11:15-11:50AM | Confessions

12:00PM | Mass

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

Public Veneration 10AM-6:30PM

11:15-11:50AM | Confessions

12:00PM | Mass

5:00PM | Mass & Blessing with Lourdes Water

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Join Father Walsh and help form a Pro-Life Committee



Our Catholic faith teaches that we are Pro-life. We believe that all life is Precious to the Lord.

Psalm 139: 13-14

¹³ You created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
¹⁴ I praise you because I am wonderfully made; awesome are your works, as I know very well.

Pro-choice is not really a choice. Planned Parenthood offers only one solution to women facing an unexpected pregnancy. We as the faithful must offer an alternative solution to women by supporting Catholic Organizations that provide assistance to those who choose life.

To Sign up For The Pro-Life Committee:

Call Fr. Walsh: 203-469-0764 Ext. 3

or

Sally Mucka: 203-415-2710



St. Pio of Pietrelcina Ladies Guild

Annual Membership Tea and Fashion Show

Featuring fall fashions from:

Boscov's

of Milford



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026 @ 1:00 – 4:00pm

Our Lady of Pompeii Church Hall,
355 Foxon Road, East Haven

Free event.

Enjoy delicious refreshments
and great company.



Please join us for the annual Rosary Rally on the East Haven Green on Saturday, October 10th. We will be praying for world peace. The event starts sharply at noon and will run rain or shine. The rally takes about one hour.

The East Haven Green is located on the corner of Main Street and Hemingway Avenue in the center of town.

All participants are asked to bring rosary beads, dress appropriately for the weather and bring a folding chair.

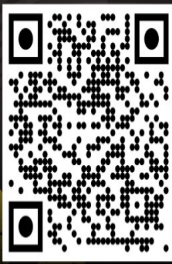
For any questions, please call Marie Connors at **203-468-1184**.

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October 3 & October 4, 2026

4:00p.m. Mass OLOP: Fr Matthew
5:00p.m. Mass SVDP: Fr Walsh
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 Murasso

October 10 & October 11, 2026

4:00p.m. Mass OLOP: Fr Walsh
5:00p.m. Mass SVDP: Fr Matthew
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 Landback

October 17 & October 18, 2026

4:00p.m. Mass OLOP: Fr Matthew
5:00p.m. Mass SVDP: Fr Landback
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**

7:30am/10:30am: Deacon Wayne
5:00pm/9am: Deacon George
4:00pm/11:45am: Deacon Larry

October 24 & October 25, 2026

4:00p.m. Mass OLOP: Fr Walsh
5:00p.m. Mass SVDP: Fr Matthew
7:30a.m. Mass OLOP: Fr Walsh
9:00a.m. Mass SB: Fr Mathew
10:30a.m. Mass OLOP: Fr Landback
11:45a.m. Mass SVDP: Fr Matthew

Save the Date



Christmas Nativity Celebration
December 11 th | 6:30 PM | Saint Vincent de Paul Church



CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Our Lady of Pompeii:

Saturday, 3:00-3:30pm

St. Vincent DePaul

Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm