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Mass Times

Monday - Saturday 12:10pm Saturday (Sunday Vigil) 4:30pm Sunday 9:30am (French), 12:10pm

Confessions

Monday-Friday 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Saturday-Sunday 1:00pm-4:00pm

Healing Services

Portuguese:
July 20 at 2:00pm
English:
July 27 at 2:00pm
Spanish:
August 3 at 2:30pm



ATTLEBORO FARMERS MARKET

Join us every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. through October 18, 2025, in the field across from the second parking lot.

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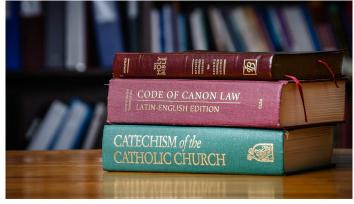


We are thrilled to announce the theme for the 2025-2026 La Salette Christmas Festival of Lights: "Rejoice in Hope... The Night is Far Gone, the Day is at Hand."

From November 22, 2025, to January 4, 2026, our beloved La Salette Christmas Festival will once again transform the Shrine into a breathtaking tapestry of lights and faith-filled wonder. This year's theme shines with the promise of enduring hope that rises above the uncertainty and weariness of our time, rooted in Christ, our Light and Peace.

The cover image beautifully captures this spirit: people from every culture joyfully gathered around the Christ Child, reflecting both Bethlehem's mystery and the vibrant, growing spirit of our multi-ethnic Shrine community. We warmly invite parishes, families, and pilgrims to plan a visit to our Lights and experience the joy, beauty, and unity that radiate from this extraordinary celebration of Christmas.

THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH Canon Law: What You Should Know



Canon Law affects every Catholic. It is a set of rules that dictate how the Church organizes and governs itself. The word "canon" basically means rule. Every society needs laws, and so does the Church. The laws are issued by the pope and the College of Bishops. Canon Law, even that established by the Pope or his predecessors, is subject to his power to change or dispense with it, though his decisions remain accountable to God. The supreme law of the Church is "the salvation of souls" (CIC, 1752), and this principle is applied to the interpretation and application of Canon Law.

Canon Law deals with all the legal issues that any legal system does, for example, rights, property issues, procedures, administration, personnel, crimes and trials. It also covers laws regarding sacraments, sacred places and the teaching authority of the Church. Canon Law is the oldest continuous legal system in the western world. The Catholic Church respects civil law, providing it is not in conflict with what the Church considers just and moral.

Church's laws were developed beginning in the New Testament and from there, various councils legislated rules. However, back then, only popes could issue rules to settle disputes or enforce discipline. Church courts were established to hear cases and issue decisions based upon Roman Law. Eventually, the laws were collected into what became known as Canon Law. In 1917, the first Code of Canon Law was published. In 1983, the Church revised the Roman Rite law, and in 1990, it issued a separate code of laws for the Eastern Catholic Churches.

The Roman rite code comprises a single volume containing 1,752 codes, organized into seven books. Canon Law includes divine law which is unchangeable and applies to every human being. It also includes Church laws which are not infallible, allowing the Church to change, adapt, and revise them as time evolves. Though much of Canon Law comes from theological sources, it is not an article of faith. Catholics are not required to believe in it, but the Church expects Catholics to believe in its right to establish laws binding the faithful.



SHRINE CHURCH SANCTUARY LAMP

During the month of **JULY 2025**, the Shrine Church Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of:

ANDREW & EMILY LEONARDO.

Anyone wishing to have a loved one or special intention remembered should call the Shrine Secretary at 508-222-5410 and place their request. The monthly offering is \$75.

Upcoming Events You Don't Want to Miss!



Jul. 23: A History of Music in the Catholic Church.

More information in this issue of the bulletin.

Jul. 23: 2025 Patio Concerts. More information in this issue of the bulletin.

Jul. 24: 2025 Patio Conversations. More information in this issue of the bulletin.

Aug. 3: Car Wash (10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.), Shrine Parking Lot.

Aug. 26-28: *Oasis Retreat*. More information in this issue of the bulletin.

Sept. 13: *Italian Cultural Festival*. More information in this issue of the bulletin.

Sept. 19-21: Celebrations in Honor of Our Lady of La Salette. More info. coming soon.

Oct. 21-23: 3-Day Retreat. More information in this issue of the bulletin.

Events designed for connection, and made to matter.

A History of Music in the Catholic Church (part 1) **July 23, 6:30 p.m.**



What songs first carried the faith of the early Christians?

Explore the rich story of sacred music with *A History* of Music in the Catholic Church (Part I). Guided by our talented Sunday Music Director, Timothy Boisvert, you will explore how music shaped the prayer, worship, and unity of the early Church.

For more information and registration: lasaletteretreatcenter.org/historyofmusic

2025 Patio Conversations July 24, 6:30 p.m.



Signs and Symbols: The Sacraments as a Path to the Sacred

Where faith meets life, one conversation at a time! This summer, we invite you to join us on the patio of the La Salette Retreat & Conference Center for our 2025 Patio Conversations series "Signs and Symbols: The Sacraments as a Path to the Sacred." We will explore the sacraments as powerful, transformative encounters with God's presence in our daily lives.

From July 24 to August 28, every Thursday at 6:30 p.m., we will gather in a relaxed, welcoming environment to reflect on the seven sacraments not as distant rituals, but as living signs of healing, hope, and belonging. These evenings will be led by the Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette, along with inspiring lay presenters. More information at:

www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/patioconversations

2025 Oasis Retreat August 26-28, 2025



Find Your Quiet Oasis.

Step away from life's noise and rediscover peace at the La Salette Retreat & Conference Center in Attleboro. Enjoy private stays with access to Mass, confession, comfortable lodging, and nourishing meals. Space is limited, and some dates exclude meals.

Learn more or reserve your dates at:

lasaletteretreatcenter.org/oasisretreat

Embraced and Transformed by God - 3-Day Retreat
October 21-23



Encounter God's mercy in a personal and life-changing way!

From October 21–23, join Fr. Leo LeBlanc and Fr. Kenneth Cardinale at the La Salette Retreat & Conference Center in Attleboro for a profound 3-day retreat inspired by Fr. Henri Nouwen's classic, "The Return of the Prodigal Son."

Through four transformative talks, guided reflection, and nightly film meditations, this retreat will open your heart to God's healing embrace and lead you deeper into His mercy and love. Comfortable accommodations, nourishing meals, and quiet moments of prayer create the perfect setting for rest, renewal, and spiritual growth.

Donation: \$285 per person (includes full board and retreat materials).

Spaces are limited—register now at

lasaletteretreatcenter.org/embracedbygod.

2025 Patio Concerts "Melodies of Grace"

Starting Date: July 23, 2025, 7:00 p.m.



Let the beauty of music and summer evenings inspire you! The 2025 Patio Concert Series returns to the La Salette Retreat Center, offering unforgettable nights filled with live performances, warm fellowship, and the peaceful charm of our outdoor patio.

Each concert features a delightful mix of musical styles, from lively country to soulful jazz and timeless classical melodies, designed to lift your heart and refresh your spirit. Bring a blanket or some snacks, and enjoy the evening under the stars. Free-will offerings support our musicians. Other dates: July 30; August 6, 13, 20, and 27. More information at: www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/patioconcerts2025

Support Our Children and Youth with a Shine! Sunday, August 3, 2025



On Sunday, August 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., the children and youth of the Salette Malayali community will host a *Car Wash Fundraiser* in the parking lot of the Shrine. Free-will donations support their faith-based activities. Every car washed helps us build a stronger, joyful youth ministry!

Italian Cultural Festival in Honor of St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina Saturday, September 13, 2025



Celebrate Faith, Culture, and Community!

Join us on Saturday, September 13, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette for the *Italian Cultural Festival in Honor of St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina*. Experience a full day of celebrations, beginning with the veneration of a first-class relic (10:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.) and a Rosary in Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, French, and English (1:00 p.m.). Enjoy Italian treats and coffee with a film about Padre Pio, an Italian lunch at noon, and a spirited concert with Ambrosiani (1:45-4:00 p.m.). The day concludes with a procession and Mass at 4:30 p.m., honoring St. Padre Pio and Medal of Honor recipients Lewis Albanese (PFC) and Marine Corps Legend John Basilone, followed by a grand raffle drawing.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 13!

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

All of our ministries here at the Shrine are only possible thanks to generous donations from people like you! With gratitude - Thank you!

MASS COLLECTIONS

July 5 – 6:	\$ 2	,268.00
July 6 (Haitian Mass):	\$	205.00
July 6 (Spanish Healing Service):	\$	631.00
July 13 – July 14:	\$ 2	,311.00
July 14 (Haitian Mass):	\$	275.00
July 14 (Spanish Mass):	\$	230.00

DONATION BOXES

June 23 – June 29:	\$ 1	1,031.00
June 30 – July 6:	\$	964.00
July 7 – July 13:	\$	899.00

Heavenly Thought

"Instead of letting their light shine, some people spend their time trying to put out the lights of others."