

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE



SHRINE - RETREAT CENTER - WELCOME CENTER

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Shrine Director - Fr. Flavio Gillio, MS Retreat Center Director - Fr. Ted Brown, MS Superior - Fr. Brian Schloth, MS

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

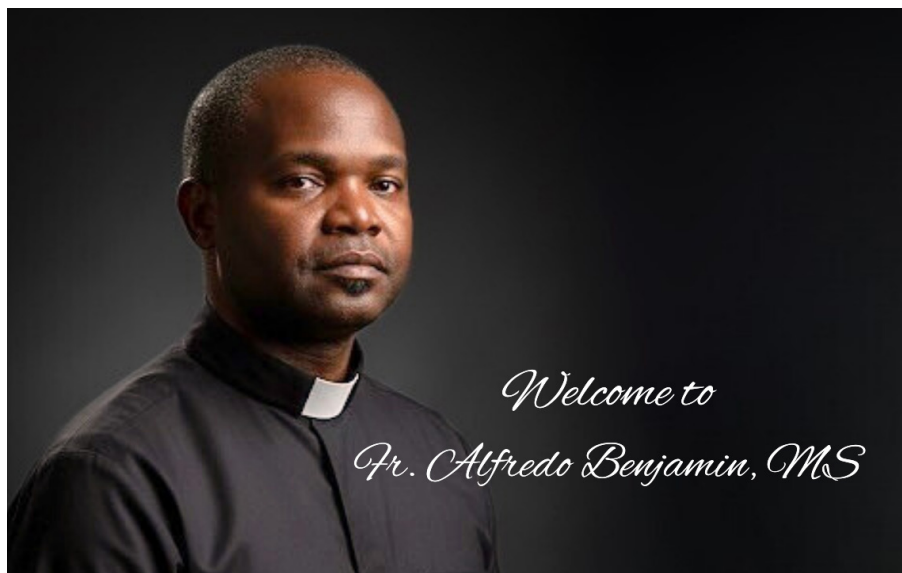
Healing Services

Spanish:
September 7 at 2:30pm
Portuguese:
September 21 at 2:00pm
English:
September 28 at 2:00pm



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.



Welcome Fr. Alfredo Benjamin, MS!

Fr. Alfredo Benjamin, MS, was born on February 9, 1972, in Cubal, Benguela, Angola. He is the eldest of eight children and began his faith journey in his hometown, where he was baptized and confirmed. In 1992, he entered the seminary and made his first vows as a Missionary of Our Lady of La Salette on September 24, 1998. He was ordained a priest on August 1, 2004, and has since served in Huambo, Angola, and later in Namibia. He also taught philosophy at Catholic and Protestant institutions, engaging both the pastoral and intellectual aspects of his mission. Fr. Alfredo is now assigned to serve at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette in Attleboro, Massachusetts, with a special focus on Portuguese-speaking pilgrims. He looks forward to working with the community, learning about the new culture, and walking with all of us as missionary-disciples of Jesus the Christ.

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THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Freedom of Religion



The U.S. Constitution's First Amendment protects our religious freedom, allowing us to practice any faith without government interference, or none at all. This freedom also extends itself to religious organizations, allowing them to express their beliefs through worship, practice, teaching, and observance. The government is equally forbidden by this amendment from forming a state religion. But the government needs to make sure religious customs do not violate other people's rights.

Religious freedom is granted, but not without limits. Certain religious practices might be restricted if they clash with laws about public safety, health, or anti-discrimination, for example.

Regrettably, international law doesn't always safeguard religious freedom. Many countries worldwide face significant religious freedom challenges and persecution. Burma, China, Iran, Russia, Nigeria, and North Korea were among the 12 countries the U.S. State Department cited last year for serious religious freedom violations. Today, Christians are unfortunately the most persecuted religious group. Around 365 million Christians live with high persecution and discrimination, including violence, imprisonment, and displacement. The causes of religious freedom being trampled on is complex. Certain religious ideologies may promote intolerance toward other faiths or beliefs. An additional compelling factor is the perception of a religion as a political or security threat. Of course, social biases and discriminatory attitudes are additional factors to consider. Globally, religious persecution does not just affect one group; Muslims, Jews, Hindus, and many more suffer.

Many consider prayer a key element in halting religious persecution. While powerful, prayer is not a replacement for action when facing persecution. Promoting education and interfaith dialogue, supporting victims of persecution, and strengthening legal protection and enforcement are all ways to bring about tolerance and inclusivity and an end to religious persecution.



SHRINE CHURCH SANCTUARY LAMP

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

MURIEL SULLIVAN BANKS.

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!



Sept. 9-11 — Oasis Retreat. More info.:
www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/oasisretreat



Sept. 13 — Italian Cultural Festival. More info.:
www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/italianfestivalattleboro



Sept. 19-21 — La Salette Triduum. More info.:
www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/lasalettetriduum



Sept. 27 — Spanish Gathering Region I. More info.:
401-728-25533 x233 (Celso Vera).



Oct. — Surrendering the Secret Bible Study. More info.:
508-455-0425 (Kathy Hill).



Oct. 3 — Sacred Heart Friday. More info.: 508-222-8530.



Oct. 7 — Blessed are the Peacemakers. More info.:
leawoodstar@gmail.com



Oct. 10-12: Weekend Men's Retreat. More:
www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/compassionatemanhood

Events designed for connection, and made to matter.

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



Join us for a unique festival celebrating the life and legacy of Saint Padre Pio! A family-friendly celebration where food, lively music, and deep faith come together. Secure your spot, join the celebration, and don't miss this opportunity to honor a great saint!

Program of the Day

Veneration of a First Class relic

10:30 am – 12:30 pm (Chapel of Reconciliation)

Screening of the movie

“Padre Pio: Pray, Hope and Don't Worry.”

10:30 – 11:30 am (Welcome Center)

Entrance: \$10 donation per ticket. It includes movie, Coffee, tea, and donuts. Tickets will be available to purchase at the door.

Pre-ordered Lunch

12:00 – 1:00pm (Cafeteria)

Please Notice: lunch must be ordered online ahead of time. You can order your lunch at:

www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/italianfestivalattleboro

Rosary dedicated to Padre Pio

1:00 – 1:45 pm

The Rosary will be said at the Rosary Pond in Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Polish, and English

Concert with the Ambrosiani Italian American Band

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm (Welcome Center)

Beloved across New England's Italian festivals, the band brings energy and authentic Italian flair to every performance. From Federal Hill to Boston's St. Anthony's Feast, they've become a crowd favorite—blending tradition, music, and community into an unforgettable experience. Entrance: \$10 donation per ticket. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

Reading of Medal of Honor Recipients' Biographies

4:15 pm (Welcome Center)

Solemn Mass in Honor of St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina

4:40 pm (Shrine Church)

2025 La Salette Triduum
September 19-20-21, 2025



Why did a beautiful Lady appear weeping on a distant mountaintop? Her message, a loving call for reconciliation, is as urgent today as it was nearly 200 years ago. Join us for a powerful 3-day celebration in honor of Our Lady of La Salette. It's an opportunity to rediscover God's grace as the strength we need to live boldly and to express our faith through service. Don't miss this chance to be part of a meaningful three-day journey whose theme will be:

“Pilgrims of Hope, Messengers of Reconciliation.”

Friday, September 19

The journey begins on Friday, September 19, as we reflect on being “CALLED IN LOVE.” Just as Mary called two young shepherds on a mountainside, she calls each of us to open our hearts and return to her Son. We will gather for Mass at 12:10 p.m., celebrated by Fr. Bernie Baris, M.S.

Saturday, September 20

On Saturday, September 20, we are reminded that we are “GIFTED BY GRACE.” Mary's tears are not of despair, but of mercy. Her presence brings healing and the promise that God's grace meets us even in our brokenness. At 4:30 p.m., the **Most Rev. Bruce A. Lewandowski, C.Ss.R., Bishop of Providence**, will lead us in the celebration of the Eucharist.

Sunday, September 21

The Triduum concludes on Sunday, September 21, with the theme “SENT TO SERVE.” Like the children of La Salette who were entrusted with a message for the world, we are sent forth as bearers of peace and reconciliation. Mass will be at 12:10 p.m., with Fr. Rosanno Soriano, M.S.

LA SALETTE INTERNATIONAL DINNER

The 2025 La Salette International Dinner is your chance to savor delicious international dishes, celebrate Our Lady, and support a vital cause. Every bite helps upgrade our Welcome Center and Shrine Church audio system. Tickets are \$20 per adult, and \$15 for children (10 and younger). Tickets can be bought at the Reception Desk or online at:

www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/internationaldinner

Hurry up because tickets are selling out fast this year!!!

New England Spanish Gathering (Region 1)
Encuentro Hispano de New England (Región 1)
September 27, 2025 - 27 de Septiembre, 2025



There will be a Hispanic gathering at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mass will be presided by Bishop Bruce A. Lewandowski, C.Ss.R., Bishop of the Diocese of Providence. We will pray the Holy Rosary, have workshops for men, women, couples, youth, young adults, and activities with children, and much more. For more information call 401-421-7833 x233.

Habr  una Peregrinaci n Hispana al Santuario Nacional de Nuestra Se ora de La Salette, de 8:30 a. m. a 3:30 p. m. La misa ser  presidida por el obispo Bruce A. Lewandowski, C.Ss.R., obispo de la Di cesis de Providence. Rezaremos el Santo Rosario, tendremos talleres para hombres, mujeres, parejas, j venes, adultos j venes y actividades con ni os, y mucho m s. Para m s informaci n, llame Celso Vera al 401-421-7833 x233.

Surrendering the Secret Bible Study
Starting Next October

Are you carrying the burden of a past abortion?
Do you long for healing, forgiveness, and freedom?
You are not alone. Join us for a supportive 8-week Bible Study designed specifically for women seeking God's healing and restoration after an abortion experience. Replace shame with hope, joy, and beauty through the study of God's Word, journaling exercises, and being part of a confidential, caring community.
The new series of sessions is starting this October. Call to learn more about the program and see if it is your time to lay this heavy burden at the foot of the Cross.
For more information contact:
Kathy Hill, Client Services Coordinator, Abundant Hope
PRC 508-455-0425

2025-2026 Series
Sacred Heart Fridays
October 3, 2025

Dive into the profound and tender message of Pope Francis's letter, *Dilexit Nos - On the Human & Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ* at our upcoming Sacred Heart Fridays series. This isn't just a morning of prayer; it is a sacred journey into the human and divine love of Christ's Heart, designed to transform your own. Discover the boundless love awaiting you. For more information call 508-222-8530.

Blessed are the Peacemakers
October 7, 2025 - 6:30 p.m.

Join us in the Welcome Center for prayer, reflection and discussion on the Christian call to peacemaking. We will look at both Biblical roots and recent Catholic Tradition as we explore how to respond as peacemakers in a world filled with violence and war. This evening will be led by members of the Pax Christi group here at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette.

The Courage to Stand with Others:
A Journey into Compassionate Manhood
October 10-12, 2025 - Weekend Men's Retreat

Unleash your true strength. Join our men's retreat, "A Journey into Compassionate Manhood," to discover how faith and compassion empower you to lead. Step beyond the world's expectations and become the courageous man you were made to be. Register today at
www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/compassionatemanhood

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

August 15 (Assumption of Mary):	\$ 1,232.00
August 16 - 17:	\$ 3,670.00
August 17 (Haitian Mass):	\$ 150.00
August 23 - 24:	\$ 1,975.00
August 24 (Haitian Mass):	\$ 224.00

DONATION BOXES

August 11 - August 17:	\$ 959.00
August 18 - August 24:	\$ 1,003.00

Heavenly Thought

*"Greatness is not measured by possessions, power, position, or prestige.
But rather found in goodness, humility, service, and character."*