

THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE



SHRINE - RETREAT CENTER - WELCOME CENTER

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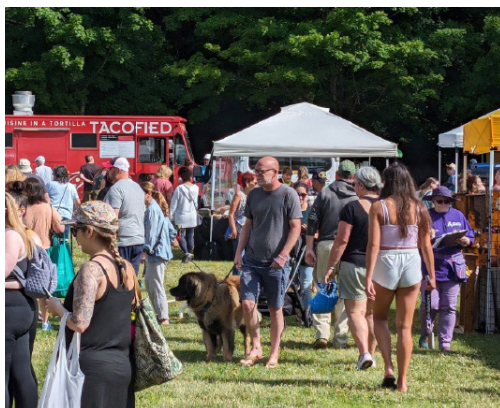
Monday - Saturday
12:10pm
Saturday (Sunday Vigil)
4:30pm
Sunday
9:30am (French), 12:10pm

Confessions

Monday-Friday
1:00pm - 2:00pm
Saturday-Sunday
1:00pm-4:00pm

Healing Services

Portuguese:
September 21 at 2:00pm
English:
September 28 at 2:00pm
Spanish:
October 5 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.



Sr. Monica Invites You to Our Fontanini Event:

A Signature of Christmas Tradition — December 3, 2025

Add a timeless touch to your Nativity or gift list this Christmas! Purchase your Fontanini pieces **now** at the Shrine Gift Shop and you can have them personally signed by Emanuele Fontanini during his visit on **December 3, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**. Any Fontanini piece bought by December 2 qualifies for a signature—perfect for collectors, keepsakes, and meaningful family gifts.

Can't attend on December 3? No problem. Simply leave your piece at the Gift Shop with your name and phone/email. We'll ensure it's signed by Emanuel Fontanini and contact you when your piece is ready for pickup.

Make this Christmas unforgettable with a hand-signed Fontanini treasure, beautiful heirloom to cherish for years to come. **Shop early for the best selection!**

Sr. Monica (Store Manager)

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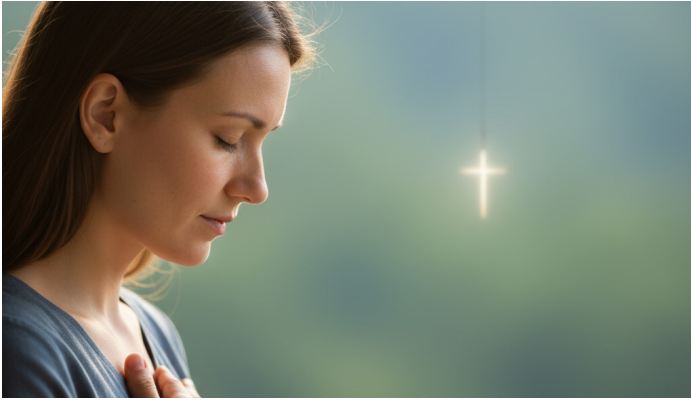
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THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Is There a Right or a Wrong Way to Pray?



Is it best to pray standing up, sitting down, kneeling, or bowing down? Should our hands be open, closed, or lifted up to God? Do our eyes need to be closed? Is it better to pray in a church? Is it better to pray out loud or silently? People have been asking these questions about how to pray for ages.

Far too often, prayer is viewed as a “magic formula.” There are some people who believe that if we don’t say exactly the right things or pray in the right position, God will not hear and answer our prayers. God doesn’t consider time, location, or body position when answering prayers. Our prayers are answered by God if they’re asked according to His will, in Jesus’ name, and for His glory.

It’s important to remember prayer is a dialogue with God. When we pray, we must do so with humility, be willing to accept God’s will for us, be of sincere heart, express our love and gratitude to God. He cares more about what’s in our hearts than how eloquently we speak.

Why might God sometimes not respond to our prayers? God hears and listens to all our prayers. “Your Father knows what you need before you ask him.” (Matthew 6:8) God’s response may come in the form of “Yes,” “No,” or “Wait,” rather than necessarily granting every specific request.

One of Jesus’ disciples asked Him, “Lord, teach us to pray...” (Luke 11:1). Jesus did not answer His disciple with a long-winded discourse. He simply said, “When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name...” (Luke 11:2) So why did He teach his disciples this prayer? Jesus taught his disciples the Lord’s Prayer as a model and summary of prayer, not as the only prayer. It asks us to trust God, prioritize His will, and praise Him, while also requesting our daily needs (spiritual, material, and the gift of His presence), forgiveness, and protection from evil.

One of God’s greatest gifts to us is the privilege of prayer. This privilege is only possible because of what Jesus did for us on the cross. Prayer, in God’s eyes, should be a real and intimate relationship with Him



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. 30 — *Bible Study Group: 1 Corinthians*
www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/biblestudy



Oct. 3 — *Sacred Heart Fridays. New Series!*
www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/sacredheart



Oct. 10-11 — *Cantors' Retreat*
www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/cantorsretreat



Oct. 10-12 — *Weekend Men's Retreat*
www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/compassionatemanhood



Oct. 21-23 — *Oasis Retreat*
www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/oasisretreat



Oct. 21-23 — *Be Embraced and Transformed by God*
www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/embracedbygod



Oct. 24-26 — *Young Adult Retreat.*
www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org



Jan. 29-Feb. 1, 2026 — *Ignatian Retreat.*
www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/religiousburdens

Events designed for connection, and made to matter.

A Quiet Gift with Lasting Grace
Gifts of Life Insurance



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Another excellent and impactful way to make a gift to the *National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette* is a gift of your life insurance. Do you own a life insurance policy you no longer need? For example, a policy bought to protect minor children who are now self-sufficient. You might transform it into a meaningful gift for the *National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette*.

Why consider this gift?

- **Meaningful impact:** A policy can become a legacy that sustains prayer, reconciliation, and welcome at the Shrine.
- **Possible tax advantages:** Your gift may qualify for charitable income-tax or estate-tax benefits.
- **Flexible options:** You can support the Shrine now or later, in a way that fits your circumstances.

Ways to give using life insurance

- Name the Shrine as a beneficiary (primary, partial, or contingent). You keep full ownership during life, and the Shrine receives the proceeds later to continue its ministries.
- Donate an existing policy to the Shrine. If appropriate, you may be eligible for a charitable deduction, and future premium payments you choose to make for that policy may also be deductible.
- Give a paid-up policy. A policy that requires no further premiums can be transferred to the Shrine as an immediate gift.

How to get started

Contact your insurance company or agent and request a beneficiary designation or ownership transfer form. List *National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette*, 947 Park St., Attleboro, MA 02703 as beneficiary or new owner, as you prefer. Let us know so we can record your wishes and express our gratitude. A gift of life insurance is a quiet, powerful way to witness your faith and care for future generations who will find peace here.

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



Nearly two centuries after her tears on a remote Alpine slope, the Beautiful Lady's call to reconciliation is as urgent as ever. Join us for a powerful three-day celebration in honor of Our Lady of La Salette—an invitation to rediscover God's grace, live boldly, and let faith blossom into service. The theme for this year's La Salette celebration is:

“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

THANK YOU! WE ARE SOLDD OUT

With grateful hearts, we thank everyone who purchased tickets for the La Salette International Dinner. Your enthusiasm and support filled the seats faster than ever—what a blessing!

THE EVENT IS OFFICIALLY SOLD OUT.

We're truly sorry we can't welcome everyone this time. Please watch for future events and opportunities—we're already exploring ways to expand.

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.

Fall Bible Study Group: 1 Corinthians
September 30, 2025 - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Join us for a lively walk with one of the earliest Christian communities. We will step into Corinth's daily life, see how people wove Jesus' message into their routines, and learn to listen more closely to the Holy Spirit through the mind of St. Paul. More information at:

<https://www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/biblestudy>

Surrendering the Secret
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 30 - 31:	\$ 1,655.00
August 31 (Haitian Mass):	\$ 210.00
August 30 -31 (Mission Appeal)	\$ 2,084.00
August 31 (English Healing Mass):	\$ 447.00
September 6 - 7:	\$ 1,953.00
September 7 (Haitian Mass):	\$ 155.00
September 7 (Spanish Healing Mass):	\$ 786.00

DONATION BOXES

August 25 - August 31:	\$ 1,540.00
September 1 - September 7:	\$ 1,083.00

Heavenly Thought

"Prayer is talking something over with God, rather than trying to talk God out of something."