OBITUARIES



Ronald L. Canalia, age 71, of Wallingford, CT passed away on July 7, 2026, at Connecticut Hospice. He was the loving husband of the late Susan Bennaro Canalia. Ronald was born in Meriden, CT, the son of the late Elio and Jean Buijnarowksi Canalia.

Ron is survived by his cherished son, Ronald J. Canalia and his wife, Erin of Middlefield; his sister, Donna Conklin and her husband, Peter of Cheshire; and his uncle, Lou Canalia and his wife, Pam of Meriden.

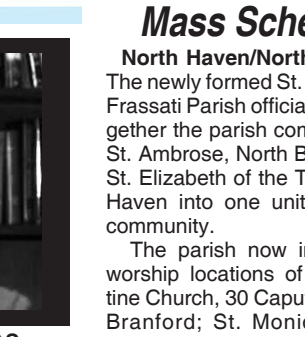
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Diane E. Durocher passed into eternal life on Tuesday, July 7, 2026 in Bethesda, Maryland following a brief illness. She celebrated her 90th birthday, surrounded by family in May 2026. Diane was born in New Haven, Connecticut on May 13, 1936, a daughter of the late Louis and Josephine (Esposito) LaBagnara. She had resided in Bethesda for the past eight years, and had previously lived in Hamden, CT for fifty three years. Diane was a woman of faith, family, and community. She was a devoted wife, deeply in love with her husband of 56 years, Louis Durocher, and a loving caretaker of her three children and four grandchildren. She is survived by two daughters, Michele (Charles) Dunne of Washington, D.C. and Denise (Timothy) Duffy of Hillsborough, NC, one son, Louis J. Durocher of Durham, NC, four grandchildren, Lucas Duffy, Olivia Dunne, Lilla Duffy and Max Dunne, and brother-in-law Philip Blair of Prospect, CT and brother-in-law and sister-in-law Larry and Linda Durocher of Woodbury, CT. She was predeceased by her husband Louis E. Durocher, and her sister Joyce Blair.

Services were held at the

WASHINGTON MEMORIAL
Funeral Home
North Haven.



Joan Helen (Gherlone) Suozzo, 90, of Old Saybrook, CT, died peacefully on Sunday, June 28, 2026. She was the beloved wife of the late Harry A. Suozzo. Joan was born in New Haven on May 4, 1936, the first child of the late Armand and Anna (Gannon) Gherlone. She was raised in Hamden, CT and was a 1954 graduate of Hamden High School. She, her husband and son lived in Deep River, CT and she later moved to Clinton, CT. She worked for many years at Essex Credit Corporation in Essex, CT.

Joan leaves behind her son, Vincent H. Suozzo of Anchorage, AK, her granddaughter, Ella S. Suozzo of Anchorage, Alaska, her brother, Armand (Jay) Gherlone of Hamden, CT, her sister, Peggy Gherlone Torello and husband William of So. Deerfield, MA, three sisters-in-law, four nephews and nieces, eight grandnephews and grandnieces, two great-grandnieces and one great-grandnephew. She was predeceased by her brothers, David A. Gherlone and Peter J. Gherlone.

Joan was a very loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, and sister and always there to help any family member in need. She had an instant warmth and friendliness with everyone she met.

Joan's family will receive relatives and friends on Friday, July 17, 2026, from 11:30am until 12:30pm at Swan Funeral Home, 1224 Boston Post Road, Old Saybrook. A funeral service will take place at the funeral home at 12:30pm with Father Michael Bovino officiating. Burial will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Chester.

The family extends their sincerest gratitude to all of the staff at Gladeview Healthcare Center in Old Saybrook for their excellent care of Joan during her years in their care.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be donated to the Masonic Charity Foundation of CT, P.O. Box 70, Wallingford, CT 06492.

St. John's Episcopal Church

Sunday Service

North Haven: You are welcome at St. John's Episcopal Church, 3 Trumbull Place (at the top of the North Haven Green) for Sunday Service (Holy Communion) at 9am.

Visit our website: https://www.stjohns-northhaven.org/

Follow us on Facebook: St. John's Episcopal Church, North Haven, CT.

Food Pantry Dishes Out Groceries for Those in Need

North Haven: The Churches of North Haven Food Pantry is located at the North Haven Congregational Church. Those in need can call (203) 239-5691 to provide information to be registered for receiving non-perishable food once per month at pre-arranged scheduled pickup times.

Anyone wanting to make a monetary or non-perishable donation can also call the North Haven Congregational Church, (203) 239-5691. Neighbor helping neighbor. There is food need year-round. Volunteers staff the Food Pantry to make food available for pre-scheduled monthly pickups.

NORTHFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH
WHERE GOD'S WORD LIVES

Sunday Service

Please join us at Northford Congregational Church, 4 Old Post Road for Sunday Service at 10am.

Visit our Website: northford congregational.church

Follow us on YouTube, Tik Tok, Instagram, and Twitter: NCCHSMove

Find us on Facebook: Northford Community Church or Northford Congregational Church.

St. Pier Giorgio Frassati Parish Mass Schedule

North Haven/North Branford: The newly formed St. Pier Giorgio Frassati Parish officially brings together the parish communities of St. Ambrose, North Branford and St. Elizabeth of the Trinity, North Haven into one united Catholic community.

The parish now includes the worship locations of St. Augustine Church, 30 Caputo Rd, North Branford; St. Monica Church, 1321 Middletown Avenue, Northford; St. Barnabas, 44 Washington Avenue, North Haven and St. Therese Church, 555 Middletown Avenue, North Haven.

All are warmly invited to join us for Mass and becoming part of our growing parish family. Weekend and daily Masses are offered throughout our parish community, providing many opportunities for worship, prayer, fellowship and service. Whether you are a long-time parishioner, returning to the Church or searching for a parish home, we welcome you to pray with us and experience the joy of our Catholic community!

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Saturday Vigil Mass - 4pm: St. Barnabas; 4:30pm: St. Augustine

Sunday Mass - 8am: St. Barnabas; 9am: St. Monica; 10am: St. Therese; 11am: St. Augustine

Daily Mass - Mon.-Thurs., 8am: St. Barnabas; Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri., Sat., 9am: St. Augustine

Sacrament of Reconciliation- A half hour before all morning daily Masses & Saturday Vigil, during Monday and Wednesday Adoration. 5-6pm, Mon.: St. Augustine; 5-6pm, Wed.: St. Barnabas.

Please reach out to the parish office with any questions, (203) 484-0403 or (203) 239-5378.

10 Commandments for a Successful Marriage

1) Put your mate before your mother, your father, your son and your daughter, for your mate is your lifelong companion.

2) Do not abuse your body with excessive food, tobacco or drink, so that your life may be long and healthy in the presence of those you love.

3) Do not permit your business or your hobby to make you a stranger to your children, for the most precious gift a parent can give his or her family is time.

4) Do not forget that cleanliness is a virtue.

5) Do not make your mate a beggar, but willingly share with him or her your worldly goods.

6) Remember to say "I love you" for even though your love may be constant, your mate yearns to hear those words.

7) Remember always, that the approval of your mate is worth more than the admiring glances of a hundred strangers, so remain faithful and loyal to your mate, and forsake all others.

8) Keep your home in good repair, for out of it will come the joys of old age.

9) Forgive with grace. For who among us does not need to be forgiven?

10) Honor the Lord your God all the days of your life and your children will grow up and bless you.

By Abigail Van Buren

Submitted by Ron Johnson, Hamden



A Wonderful Watermelon Coaster Craft Was Held At The North Haven Senior Center



Pictured (L-R): Jean, Jo-Ann, Jean, Josephine standing is Mary Higgins activity coordinator.

North Haven: On Tuesday, July 7, activity coordinator Mary Higgins held a wonderful watermelon craft for members of the North Haven Senior Center. Mary handed out all the supplies free to everyone consisting of one plate, two ceramic coasters, one regular brush, one tiny brush, 3 different colors of paint. The ceramic coasters absorb the paint and dries quickly. Mary showed a sample of what she did to everyone, and everyone followed her sample. It was a great day for all members to show off their talents and to have fun with friends and other members. All the members did a great job and having these wonderful crafts events keeps our minds active. Thank you Mary.

Story and photo by Jo Ann Buccetti

Extreme No-Fuss Low-Maintenance Gardens



North Haven: Do you love gardening but have limited time to attend to the plants? Do you want a beautiful garden without hard work and high maintenance? Do you know which plants to use to minimize effort and avoid problems? Are you familiar with one, or two-touch plants that you can use to reduce fuss and constant care?

If you want to learn more about no-fuss, low-maintenance gardens, the Daytime Gardeners have an answer for you. The club is sponsoring a viewing of Kerry Anne Mendez's video "Extreme No-Fuss, Low-Maintenance Gardens". This video teaches the principle of using one- or two-touch plants to avoid constant care to obtain beautiful results. Kerry is very specific in recommendations for plants, so you know you are getting the best plant species for the best result.

Kerry Mendez is an internationally recognized expert gardener, speaker, and author. She is an invited guest speaker at garden shows including the Philadelphia Garden Show and has received many awards for horticultural excellence. Come learn from Kerry as we view her video on Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at 11:00 AM at the North Haven Recreation Center, 7 Linsley Avenue. Participants will also receive a 6-page handout on design tips and specific plants recommended by Kerry.

A donation of $5.00 from guests is appreciated. Please call 203-239-1557 to register.

New members are always welcome. Please contact: proto.mary@yahoo.com for membership information and visit us on Face Book!

St. Andrew's Worship Services

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, the white church on the hill in the heart of Northford, 1382 Middletown Ave., has been an integral part of Northford since 1763! Worship services are held Sundays at 10am. Refreshments and fellowship always follow.

Please join us - we'd love to get to know you! All are always welcome! The Church is also open to all in the community for individual prayer, Tuesdays from noon to 2pm.

St. Andrew's supports many community programs, and contributes regularly to the North Branford Scholarship Program; North Branford Social Services (NBSS) Thanksgiving Basket Share and Christmas Gift & Food Basket Share programs; NBSS Back-To-School Backpacks; clothing donations (donation shed located at the back of the church parking lot); and more.

A number of fundraising events are held throughout the year to help us help our neighbors, such as an Annual Rhubarb Fest, summertime Ice Cream Socials, and the annual Harvest Supper. Please join us for the events, and help us help our neighbors! Additionally, the church's Parish Hall is available for rent for birthday parties, showers, receptions, etc.

The Rev. Bryan Spinks is St. Andrew's priest; Nan Monde is Sr. Warden. For more information please contact Nan at (203) 710-7005.