OBITUARIES



Andrew Scasino Jr., 79 of North Haven died December 9, 2024 peacefully at home. Born in New Haven son of the late Andrew & Carmel Spadacenta Scasino. He is survived by a brother Nick (Mary Jane) Scasino of North Haven, nephews David (Mary) Scasino & Nick (Jennifer) Scasino both of North Haven, a niece Debra (Craig) Scasino-Werman of North Haven, grandnieces & nephews Mark (Marissa) Scasino, Nicole (Bill) Ramos, Braden Scasino, Nicholas Scasino, & Cody Scasino.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association (www.heart.org)

Services were held at the

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Raye A. VanDerMaelen, 98, of Hamden, loving wife of the late Arthur VanDerMaelen, passed away on November 27, 2024, at the St. Raphael Campus of Yale New Haven Hospital. She was born in New Haven on June 15, 1926, a daughter of the late John and Mary Abanante Menna. Raye is survived by her daughters, Linda Iazzetta and Sandi Perez and her husband Frank; her son, Dominick Prodoti and his wife Marsha; her brother, Joseph Menna; 4 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren. Besides her husband Arthur, she was predeceased by her brother, John Menna, and son-in-law, Anthony Iazzetta.

Services were held at the BEECHER BENNETT
www.beecherandbennett.com.



INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE
The More You Honor Me...
The More I Will Bless You.
H.S.

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.

The Food Pantry is supported by the North Haven community, many denominations of faith in North Haven as well as organizations including the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Elks, Renegade Pigs, the Lions, Rotary, Knights of Columbus.

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.

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Hats Off At Faith United Methodist Church



North Haven: In traditional selfless style the craft group of Faith United Methodist Church successfully made over 400 individual winter hats, scarfs and mittens for those in need this holiday season. These works of love were blessed by Faith's own Pastor Ed Horne prior to their being delivered to 'Loafs and Fishes' in New Haven.

WE extend an open invitation for all to come share in the advent season with the spirited and friendly congregation of Faith, Sundays at 10:30am. we are located at 81 Clintonville Road, North Haven.

We are an open minded congregation, where All are welcome to attend. We are also simulcasted on facebook at www.faithumcct.org, and can be reached at (203)239-2469.

Montowese Baptist Church Holds A Christmas Fair Fundraiser



Pictured Above: Pauline church member who runs the gift shop in back of the church with her children, and grand children. Right (L-R): Carolyn DeLucia, Kimberly Footit of Timeless Treasures made beautiful crafts out of repurpose and broken jewelry. Kimberly Footit was on channel 8 news as "Wednesdays Warrior" also at Andrea's table where beautifully decorated real eggs that the whites and yolks were cut out to be decorated. Also there were real eggs that where the whites and yolks were blown out and beautifully decorated.

North Haven: On Saturday, December 7, in the church's hall, the Christmas Fair had many tables with beautiful crafts on them at reasonable prices. There was a silent auction where people put their names in bags in front of each beautiful gift basket. Decorated Christmas trees were set on the stage, along with a table offering delicious homemade cookies and cupcakes. Hot dogs, hamburgers, and cheeseburgers were cooked by church member, Gary and a choice of two delicious homemade soups, chicken or lentil soup. The server was



Adonia the pastor's daughter. Everyone did a great job for this successful Christmas Fair fundraiser, and everyone who came really enjoyed their time at the fair. Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays to all.

Story and photos by Jo Ann Buccetti

St. Andrew's Welcomes All!

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, the white church on the hill in the heart of Northford, has been an integral part of Northford since 1763! Worship services are held Sundays at 10am, except during the Summer are held at 9am (from June through Labor Day). Refreshments and fellowship always follows.

St. Andrew's supports many community programs. The Food Pantry of North Branford is located in the lower level of St. Andrew's Parish Hall. St. Andrew's annually contributes to the North Branford Scholarship Program; North Branford Social Services Thanksgiving Basket Share and the Christmas gift and food basket share programs; 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 a Rhubarb Fest, Ice Cream Socials, and Harvest Supper. Also, the Parish Hall is available for rent for birthday parties, showers, receptions, etc.

For more information please contact Nan at (203) 710-7005.

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Knights of Columbus Of Wallingford Annual Tootsie Roll Drive



Pictured: Area volunteers from the Knights of Columbus of Wallingford Pinta Council #5 participating in this year's annual Tootsie Roll Drive.

Wallingford: All funds collected go to local organizations who care for individuals with autism and other intellectual disabilities.

Special thanks to Stop & Shop of Wallingford and East Center Market of Wallingford for their continued support and cooperation!

Upcoming Reunions

NORTH BRANFORD H.S. CLASS OF 1975

Save the Date: August 22, 2025 from 6pm-10pm - The North Branford High School Class of 1975 will hold their 50th Class Reunion at Amarante's, New Haven.

For more information and updates: Facebook group **NBHS Class of 1975.** Please send your contact information (name, address and email address) to **NoBranfordHSClassof1975@gmail.com**.

Please share this information with other classmates.

NORTH HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1975

North Haven High School classmates of 1975, come join us in celebrating our 50th Year Class Reunion of the maroon & white. Dining, dancing, connecting with old friends, and celebrating our youth.

Save the Date: Saturday, September 20, 2025; 6pm-10pm at Terrace on the Green at Traditions Golf Club, Wallingford.

We are looking to reach as many of our classmates as possible. We need your help to make this a night to remember. Please contact: Elaine - erjpiano@aol.com; Bruce - ktzman@aol.com; Patti - patti-mac@comcast.net; Dan - Daniel.fiasconaro@ya hoo.com with your information.

Pass this "save the date" information along to your friends so they can contact us too. Follow our Facebook page: North Haven High School 50th Reunion for updates.

Come join in the fun, enjoy reminiscing our memories and creating new ones. Formal invitations will follow. We are looking forward to hearing from you!