



Evan A. Waycott, 25, of Wallingford, passed away on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at Yale New Haven Hospital due to injuries sustained from a motorcycle accident. He brought light, love and laughter into the lives of everyone that knew him. Evan was born at Midstate Medical Center, March 3, 2000.

Evan's greatest joy in life was his daughter, Payton Alexandra Waycott, who was the center of his world. He is survived by his mother Jennifer Becket and her husband Jeff; his father Bruce J. Waycott Jr and his partner Amy; his sister Paige Hunter and her husband Logan; his brothers Kyle Waycott and Jacob Becket; his grandparents Donna and Michael Dinneen, "Grandpa with the big beard" (James Whitney Sr), and Charlene Waycott. He is predeceased by his grandfather Bruce J. Waycott Sr.

Evan is also survived by his aunts and uncles; Jeremy Waycott and his partner Stacey Ballough, Sarah and John Mott, Amber and Steve Raucci, James Whitney Jr, Bob and Jenny DellaVecchia, Nic and Stef Dinneen, Todd and Jess Dinneen, as well as many great-aunts, great-uncles, cousins, extended family members, and friends- especially his best friends, Nic and Angel.

Evan's family would like to extend their deepest gratitude to the staff at Yale New Haven Hospital's ICU, particularly 6-1 South pavilion, for their extraordinary care and compassion. A special thank you to Evan's nurses-Mike, Lilly, and Rachel, whose kindness and dedication brought comfort during his final days.

Should friends desire, donations in his memory may be sent to an education fund that is being set up for his daughter, Payton Alexandra Waycott, C/O Paige Hunter, 95 Wallace Row, Wallingford, CT 06492.



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McGivney Center to Highlight Papacy of Pope Francis

New Haven: The Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center in New Haven is welcoming visitors to view a memorial display on the papacy of His Holiness Pope Francis, and to leave a written tribute in its register of condolence. The display consists of Vatican correspondence, objects, and archival documents related to the Knights of Columbus during the 12 years of Pope Francis' pontificate. In 2020, Pope Francis approved the miracle that led to the beatification of Father Michael McGivney, Founder of the Knights of Columbus.

Beyond the tribute display, the Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center features a permanent gallery that recounts the relationship between the Vatican and the Knights of Columbus. Popes have had a significant role in the growth and activities of the Knights of Columbus during the organization's 143-year history. Featured items include artwork, artifacts, commemorative papal medallions and photographs.

News outlets seeking local angles to papal news developments are invited to visit. The Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center is at 1 State Street in New Haven, and is open Wed-Sun., from 10am-4pm. Parking is in the McGivney Center's underground garage.

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Statement of KofC Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly Following The Election of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV



Pictured: Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and his wife, Vanessa, greeting Cardinal Robert F. Prevost in the Vatican's Hall of Blessings on Sept. 30, 2023, following his creation as a cardinal. From the same Hall of Blessings, the new pontiff emerged today to greet and impart his first Urbi et Orbi (To the City and the World) blessing to the faithful following his election as Pope Leo XIV.

New Haven: Following the election of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly issued the following statement:

"The Knights of Columbus joins Catholics everywhere in celebrating the election of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, the successor of St. Peter and spiritual leader of the Catholic Church. On behalf of our 2.1 million members around the world, I pledge our loyalty to Pope Leo XIV as well as our prayers today and every day of his pontificate. The Knights of Columbus will always stand in solidarity with Pope Leo XIV as we support the Church's mission of evangelization through our works of charity and faith formation.

"Pope Leo XIV, the first American Pope, assumes the Petrine ministry with a strong familiarity with the Knights of Columbus. I was honored to meet with him in 2023, shortly after the beginning of his tenure as Prefect of the Vatican's Dicastery for Bishops, and I know firsthand of his sincere appreciation for the Knights of Columbus and our service to the Church around the world. Our Order began during the pontificate of Pope Leo XIII - and in the years ahead, we will proudly stand with Pope Leo XIV as we seek together to build up the Kingdom of God.

"Since our founding in 1882 by Blessed Michael McGivney, fidelity to the Holy Father has been a defining characteristic of the Knights of Columbus. As it was with his predecessors, the pastoral priorities of Pope Leo XIV will guide and inform everything we do."

Following the First World War, the Knights of Columbus answered the invitation of Pope Benedict XV to open sports fields to serve the youth of Rome. And ever since, for more than a century, the Knights has enjoyed a long and enduring relationship with each successive Pope. Since 1980, the Knights of Columbus has sponsored numerous restoration projects at the Vatican, most recently the restoration of Gian Lorenzo Bernini's iconic Baldacchino over the papal altar and tomb of St. Peter, as well as the Chair of St. Peter monument, both undertaken in anticipation of the Jubilee Year 2025.

Knights of Columbus Photo

Spring Glen Garden Club 100 Years Celebration



Pictured: Theresa McCabe, President of The Spring Glen Garden Club at the annual meeting of The Federated Garden Clubs of Ct., Inc. Theresa stands next to the Club's 100 years display. The Club will receive a certificate from the Federation at its Founder's Day Celebration.

Hamden: Also look for club members around town beautifying Hamden at the Dickerman House, Lock Keeper's House on the Farmington Canal Trail Line, the gardens and planters in Spring Glen Center, at the Miller Library and The Hamden Government Center.

The Spring Glen Garden Club is celebrating a hundred years of beautifying the town of Hamden. Look for our celebratory activities:

1. Week of June 1-7 is National Garden Week. Stay tuned for activities of that week.
2. June 14, the Club will have a booth at Hamden Fest, stop by and say hi.
3. July 1, Founders Day. Our activities are still in the works.
4. Aug 6, Plant Science Day at Lockwood Farm of The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station. The Club will have a booth highlighting our community involvement and our past role in the lovely Bird and Butterfly Garden.

This promises to be a wonderful year for the Club, please join us in this historical milestone.

For anyone who is interested in joining our club, please call Dorothy at 203.934.5975 or 475.434.8017

The Club has been a fixture in the Hamden community since 1925, a chartered member of The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc., and National Garden Clubs, Inc., since 1929.

Please stop by our historical display in hall outside the Miller Library in front of the Thorton Wilder Auditorium.

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Interfaith Volunteer Care Givers Presentation To GFWC Women's Club Of North Haven



Pictured (L-R): Pam Lerner, Pres. GFWC Women's Club of North Haven, Dan Camenga, Executive Director of Interfaith Volunteer Care Givers of Greater New Haven, Bernadine Goulet, Vice President of GFWC Women's Club of North Haven.

North Haven: At the May meeting of the GFWC Women's Club on May 2, 2025 Dan Camenga, Executive Director of Interfaith Volunteer Care Givers of Greater New Haven (IVCG of GNH) provided an excellent, highly informative presentation of the numerous activities of IVCG and its important impact on New Haven and surrounding communities. IVCG has been in operation for 41 years. It was founded under the auspices of the Downtown Cooperative Ministries as a non-sectarian aid organization. Its mission involves neighbors helping neighbors with an emphasis on seniors. Over the years IVCG has developed many programs to meet the needs of area seniors, and even a reading program to help children in grades 1 to 4 learn to read under supervision of a senior citizen with approval and coordination with the schools.

The General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) with clubs in all 50 states and internationally, began in the 1890's, and over the years has been instrumental in the growth of our Nation. GFWC was involved in the development of public free libraries, raised millions of dollars to fund the building of bombers and fighters during WW 2. With member, Eleanor Roosevelt, was involved in supporting the United Nations, and many other activities. Service to the community has been the major goal of the GFWC Women's Clubs since their inception some 130 years ago. Their motto is "GFWC LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT".

Since September the GFWC Women's Club of North Haven has been involved in many projects For Domestic Violence Month in October, the Women's Club filled 33 purses with toiletries, socks, other feminine necessities and provided these to BHcare for women in Domestic Violence Safe Houses. Also in October the Women's Club donated diapers, wipes, children's clothes and other items to Mary and Joseph's Place for mothers with financial needs. Throughout the year members give food donations to North Haven's facilities. A large amount of food, toys and gift cards was donated North Haven's Community Services. In December The Women's Club provided paperbacks. Socks and underwear, winter hats and gloves, toiletries, calendars, holiday cards and other items to the Veterans Hospital in West Haven. Tray favors of small vases containing artificial flowers and a candy cane for the patients at the VA hospital in West Haven were given in December as our part of our holiday gift to the veterans. In January the Club provided school supplies to Clintonville School in North Haven. At the GFWC State Convention on May 9, the GFWC Women's Club of North Haven received 11 awards largely for service to the community. And so it goes with the Women's Club providing services or donations to the community each month of the club year.

The GFWC Women's Club is open to women 18 and over who are interested in making a real difference in their community through numerous community service projects. Contact Pam Lerner at (203) 281-3090 for additional information about our club and meetings. Join us at one of our meetings and meet other ladies who are committed to serving our community. Come and meet, make friends and enjoy some social time as well. Our club meets at the North Haven Senior Center on the first Friday of the month at 10:00 am. Again, our members would enjoy meeting new people who may find our activities meaningful. In the current economic and political climate service to the community is more important than ever.

Like us on Facebook at GFWC Women's Club of North Haven. You may also contact us at gfwcnh@gmail.com.

Memorial Day Mass at All Saints Cemetery 2025

Memorial Day Masses held at the Catholic Cemeteries Association (CCA). Join us for Mass on Mon., May 26 (Memorial Day).

If you would like to honor a Veteran, please visit our website at www.ccacem.org and select the Blog & News Tab, and click on Events to open the calendar. Select May 26th on the calendar and fill out the form included. All Veterans names will be honored at all the masses held at our cemeteries.

Below is a schedule of masses offered on Mon., May 26th, Memorial Day in the local area:

All Saints Cemetery Mausoleum - North Haven, 700 Middletown Ave. (Rt. 17). Celebrant: Rev. Ajeesh Ouseph. Time: 10:30am. Office: (203) 507-9213.

Mt. St. Peter Cemetery Mausoleum - Derby, 219 New Haven Ave. Celebrant: Rev. Jeff Gubbiotti. Time: 10am. Office Telephone: (203) 735-8026.

Questions? Please call our Outreach Assistant, Barbara at (203) 780-8418. Please visit our website for more masses being offered across the Archdiocese at the CCA. Thank you.

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.

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/>

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