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Prayer for Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.
Grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled, as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved, as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

~St. Francis of Assisi

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 3, 2021

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, October 2 - Vigil - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm OLOP + Vincent & Ann Costanzo
by Daughter, Roma
4:00pm ST. B + Maria Acosta-Suniga
by Son, Angel
4:30pm SVDP + Gennaro Sanzari
by Wife & Family

SUNDAY, October 3 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am OLOP + John & Catherine Imbesi
by Family
8:00am ST. B + Dr. John E. Onofrio
by Family
9:00am SVDP + Alfonso Montanaro
by Child
10:00am OLOP + Cheryl Remback
by Family
10:00am ST. B + Nicholas DiAdamo
by Children
11:00am SVDP + Karol Strzalkowski
by Montesanto Family
11:45am OLOP + Granata Family
by Tiani Family

NEW DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, October 4 - St. Francis of Assisi
8:00am OLOP + Winifred Bowery
by Porto Funeral Home
8:00am SVDP + Laura Anderson

TUESDAY, October 5 - B1. Francis Xavier Seelos
8:00am OLOP + Jerry Esposito
by Family
8:00am SVDP + Joyce Hutt

WEDNESDAY, October 6 - St. Bruno
8:00am OLOP + Dec'd Members of the Annunziata & Limosani Family
by Daughter
8:00am SVDP + Sr. Susan Carlin, R.S.M.
8:00am ST. B + Gloria Caruso
by Deb Caruso Thorson

THURSDAY, October 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary
8:00am OLOP + Giuseppe Capozzo
by Porto Funeral Home
8:00am ST.B + Tagariello Family
by Patricia Mahoney

FRIDAY, October 8 - Weekday
8:00am ST. B + Peter Giammalvo
by Family

SATURDAY, October 9 - Vigil - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm OLOP + Rosalie & Anthony Purificato
by Tina & Family
4:00pm ST. B + Carmela & Pasquale LaCava
4:30pm SVDP + Alphonse & Vincenza Criscuolo
by Joe, Gina & Children

SUNDAY, October 10 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am OLOP + Henry, Mary, Ronald & Cecelia Podsiadlo
by Family
8:00am ST. B + **Available (Call Office to Book)**
9:00am SVDP + Marion Gayer
by Diane
10:00am OLOP + Joseph Vittorio
by Patti Scussel
10:00am ST. B + Annette Talbot
by Family
11:00am SVDP + Paula Conte
by Emily Fabrizio
11:45am OLOP + Helen Page
by Jack & Sue Stacey

STEWARDSHIP

Regular Collection
Total Regular $8,471.00

HOPES Collection
Total HOPES $2,189.00

October 9 & October 10 Second Collection:
Utilities

Thank you to the many of you who have been so generous and responsive in these difficult times.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/ Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12
Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28

CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

St. Bernadette & Our Lady of Pompeii:
Saturday at 3:00-3:30pm

St. Vincent de Paul: Saturday at 3:30-4:00pm

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

If you would like something in the bulletin or in the announcements, please email it to the office at stpioofpietrelcina@gmail.com no later than 12:00pm on the Tuesday before the weekend you would like it in.

MINISTRY & EVENT CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3 **NO ACTIVITIES**	**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10** **NO ACTIVITIES**
MONDAY, OCTOBER 4 **Holy Hour -** 8:30-9:30am in Our Lady of Pompeii Church **Bible Study** - 7:00pm on Zoom **Contact Christine Sandford at 203-469-7823**	**MONDAY, OCTOBER 11** **Holy Hour -** 8:30-9:30am in Our Lady of Pompeii Church **Bible Study** - 7:00pm on Zoom **Contact Christine Sandford at 203-469-7823** **Midnight Run -** 7:00pm **Contact Sue Stacey at 203-214-1762**
TTUESDAY, OCTOBER 5 **Rosary Group -** 8:00 pm on Zoom **Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8**	**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12** **Fr. Patrick Adult Catechesis Class** - 6:30pm in SVDP Parish Center **Rosary Group -** 8:00 pm on Zoom **Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8**
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6 **Bible Study** - 10:00am on Zoom **Contact Christine Sandford at 203-469-7823** **Bible Study -** 6:30pm at SVDP Parish Office **Contact Marie Connors at 203-468-1184** **Rosary Group -** 8:00 pm on Zoom **Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8**	**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13** **Bible Study** - 10:00am on Zoom **Contact Christine Sandford at 203-469-7823** **Bible Study -** 6:30pm at SVDP Parish Office **Contact Marie Connors at 203-468-1184** **Rosary Group -** 8:00 pm on Zoom **Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8**
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7 **Scriptural Rosary -** 7:00pm at OLOP Chapel **Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8**	**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14** **Scriptural Rosary -** 7:00pm at OLOP Chapel **Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8**
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8 **Rosary Group -** 8:00 pm on Zoom **Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8**	**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15** **Rosary Group -** 8:00 pm on Zoom **Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8**
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9 **Food Pantry -** 10:00am-11:00am at St. Bernadette **Divine Mercy -** 11:00am at Our Lady of Pompeii Chapel **Rosary Group -** 8:00 pm on Zoom **Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8**	**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16** **Food Pantry -** 10:00am-11:00am at St. Bernadette **Divine Mercy -** 11:00am at Our Lady of Pompeii Chapel **Rosary Group -** 8:00 pm on Zoom **Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8**

PRAY FOR WORLD PEACE!

There will be a public rosary rally to be held on the East Haven Green (corner of Main Street and Hemingway Avenue) on Saturday, October 9, promptly at 12 noon.

Participants are asked to bring a pair of rosary beads and dress appropriately for the weather. A folding chair is optional

The event will take place rain or shine.

Any questions? Please call Marie Connors 203-468-1184

LADIES' GUILD

The Annual Ladies' Guild Tea will be held on Monday, October 11, at Our Lady of Pompeii Church Hall at 7:00pm. If you haven't joined yet, you may still do so, membership is $5.00. Entertainment will be provided by Rich DePalma. All ladies of the parish are welcomed! Please bring a non-perishable food item for the food pantry.

The Candles burn this week for these special intentions:

Our Lady of Pompeii Candles
Sanctuary Lamp (Right Side) ~ In Memory of Billy Richmond & For All the Souls in Purgatory
Sanctuary Lamp (Left Side) ~ In Memory of the Mauro & Elko Families
Chapel ~
Sacred Heart of Jesus ~
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Icon ~
Our Lady of Pompeii Picture ~

St. Vincent de Paul Candles
Sanctuary Lamp (Right Side) ~ In Memory of the Balzano & Avitable Families
Sanctuary Lamp (Left Side) - In Memory of Ronald Paolillo
Our Lady's Altar ~
St. Joseph's Altar ~ Nicholas, Raffaele & Peter Bertier by *Ann*

St. Bernadette Candles
Sanctuary Lamp (Right Side) ~
Sanctuary Lamp (Left Side) ~

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Nick Vessicchio, Sally Ann Fallon, Lynette Ely, David T. Boyle, Richard Lucibello, Carmel Ferretti, Bryan Surprenant, Sharon Spadacenta, Marie & Charles Zambrano, Helen Langello, Annette Brissette, Brian Savo, Gerry Andrea, Alan Poirier, Connie Rasimas, Jane Pyka, Harry Clark, Lou DiNola, Virginia Klump, Robert Savino, Geraldine Licciardi, Joanne Cretella, Joseph Anyzeski, Alice Tietjen-DeSenti, Fran Sofo, Elizabeth Kuen, Deborah Sanning, Paula Ferrara, Patricia Brasile, Joann Mazzucco, Tina Marie Fionia, Elizabeth Nucolo, Joseph Parise, Frank DelGrego, Moira Ferguson, Danielle Joubert, Katherine Hungerford Picciano, Frances Polaski, Sharon Filion, Pauline Condon, Rose Marie Monaco, Anna Izzo, Angelo DeMatteo, Patricia Aulenti, Michael Pascale, Alyce Richmond, Catherine Leach, Mark Schettino, Patty DiMilo, Rose Rogalski, Elaine Smith, Karen Rescigno, Virginia Pisano, Joan Baisley, DJ DiVincenzo, Sgt. Anthony Rybaruk, Philip & Sally DeMilo, Anna Concelmo, Anna Marie Nappi, Brian Higney, Rich Tortora, Frances Randi, Denise Bailey, Peg Dmytruk, Joseph Peterson, Marion Mahl, Paula Ruddock, Pamela Willis, Laura Luzzi, Jose Maisonet, Anita Della Ventura, Brian Wilson, Maureen Redmond, Kristianne Argentino, Shirley Perrelli, Bill Izzo, Andrew & Catherine Criscuolo, Patricia Miles, Joe Coscia, Deborah Verab, Barbara Nixon, Dona Marie, Louis Messina, Christina Meoli, Ed Piazza, Michelle Smith, Ron Mattei, Angela Riccio, Charlene Tantalo, Al Forgione, Gabriella Garrity, Beverly Fucci, W.D. Merkle, Phyllis Anastasio, Cheryl Barbara, Carmine DelBasso, Laura-Phyllis Esposito, Diana Vitelli O'Brien, Meghan Keeney, Gennaro Milone, Jo Vuolo, Felicia DeRoche, Marilyn Kozin, Mike Barnett, Richard Costanzo, Carole & Frank Casapulla, Gerrie Amendola, Josephine DiLungo, Michael Bowen, Linda Montone, Mary Diamante, Carol Esposito, Cheryl Rembac, Alan Purcell, Fred & Barbara Brow, Christopher Farrell, Helen, Robert & Tom Zacks, Ted & Willie Willard, Bill, Irving & Billie Oertel, Roberta Sanders-Gray, Jeannette Winston, Marilyn Sisson, Ryder Feeley, Theodore Siwinski, Michael Enders, Nicholas Cerillo, Edwina Cinque, John Soleski, Rudolph Pohlman, Linda Esposito, Renee Flynn, The Cooper Family, Carmine Riccitelli, Sr., Rosemary Riccitelli, Marie Riccitelli, Lynn Ely, Ethan Roche, Frances Graney, Barbara Kapusta, Megan Maturo, Rose Paula Dziedulonis, Roma Criscuolo, Lucille Ready, Ron Rosarbo, Taras Mychajlowskyj, Denise Steiner, Joann Affie, Mary Ann Anastasio, Guy Brasile, Gloribeth R., Stacie Bouchard, Daija Diaz, Al Sappinetti, Guy Racino, Michael Polaski, Martha Catel

Please send prayer requests to stpioofpietrelcina@gmail.com so that our parishioners and friends can be remembered in our prayers.

Midnight Run
Taylor Avenue Campus

The Midnight Run for October is the 2nd Monday, which is October 11th. Donations of brown bag lunches, water, juice boxes and toiletries are appreciated. These donations can be dropped off to Sue Stacey's home, 82 Forbes Place, up until 7pm on Monday, October 11th. At this time, because of Covid, clothing and blankets can not be accepted. Thank you and God bless you for all donations. Stay safe & well.

Midnight Run
Foxon Road Campus

On the last Monday of each month, we bring 75 bagged lunches to the Columbus House Overflow Shelter.

Donations Needed:
ShopRite Gift Cards or
Gallon Size Ziploc Bags
Quart Size Ziploc Bags
Peanut Butter & Jelly
Juice Pouches
Raisin Boxes
Fruit Cups & Pudding Cups
Granola Bars
Individual Packaged Cookies, Crackers or Chips

We are also looking for small amounts or full skeins of yarn, it will be used to make hats and scarves for the midnight run. Please leave your donations at any entrance of the church. Thank you.

Midnight Run is the **LAST** Monday of **EVERY** month from Our Lady of Pompeii Church from 6-7 pm. Thank-you for being so generous!

Every Monday, immediately following morning Mass at Our Lady of Pompeii, there is one hour of **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.** This *Holy Hour* is also streamed for those who cannot join us. Go to https://www.stpioofpietrelcinaeh.com

ST. BERNADETTE PRAYER GARDEN

Brick orders for the "Prayer Garden" are being accepted. Order forms can be obtained at the entrance of the church or by emailing Ralph Esposito at 417.esposira@gmail.com.

Please title your email as *Brick Order*

4X8 brick: $250.00 and has 3 lines with 13 spaces per line.
8X8 brick: $300.00 and has 6 lines with 13 spaces per line.

NO NICKNAMES PLEASE

All bricks ordered will now be placed in the walkway to the garden.

Please make checks payable to Rodrigo Council #44

THE EAST HAVEN FOOD PANTRY is asking for peanut butter and jelly the month of September. Please leave your donations of food at the church entrances.

From the *P*en of *F*r. *M*.

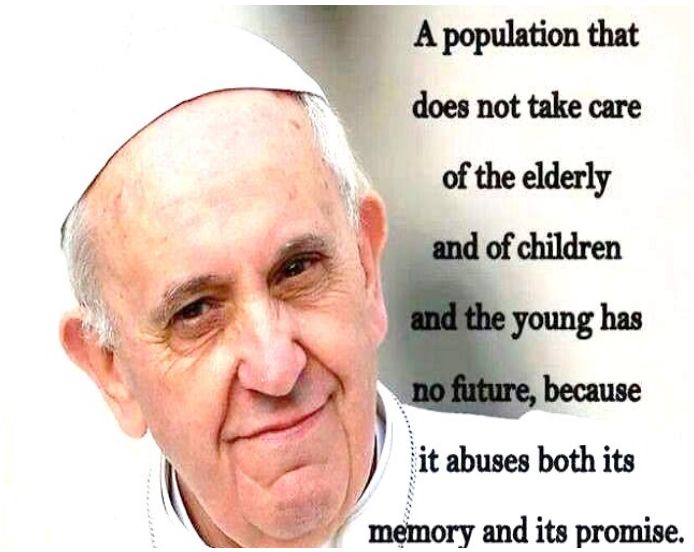
Reverend Jeremiah N. Murasso, Ph.D., Ed.D., Psy.D.

The Dignity of Human Life:
Rediscovering the Master Value

During the month of October, the Church focuses her attention on *the dignity of human life.* This past Friday, October 1, the Church kicked off the annual *Respect Life Month.* How appropriate it is to reflect on the dignity of life as we celebrate the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi this weekend.

Saint Francis lived his entire life sensitive *to* and conscious *of* the *beauty*, the *sacredness* and the *dignity* of *all* life as a creation of God. Saint Francis recognized that all life but in particular, human life is a testimony of God's presence in the world.

Never before has it been so important for men and women of faith to recognize and to acknowledge the dignity that every human being possesses. We live in a society in which individuals have become excessively cruel and judgmental of their fellow human beings. We *appear* to have little time for one another and all too frequently, we become dismissive and indifferent to those who are different. The month of October becomes an annual reminder of our need as men and women of faith to *re*-discover the dignity of our fellow human beings and in doing so, to recognize the presence of Jesus that every individual embodies. Human life possesses *unconditional value* and because of this each human being is deserving of *unconditional* respect and reverence despite petty differences that we as humans *create* in and among our relationships.



Responsibility for Life

Postmodern men and women of faith, living in the twenty-first century must take responsibility for life strive to preserve life on all levels: from conception to natural death. The unconditional value of human life *is* and must continue *to be*, the *model* and *norm* from which all other values flow.

Having been created in *God's image and in His likeness,* human beings are more than just a body. Man is a spiritual entity. He is soul. The creation of the human soul not only *defines* man's humanity; the presence of soul is that aspect of the human person that actually constitutes man's human nature. The human being is by nature a *spiritual being.*

***Re*-Discovering the Master Value**

As the Church celebrates *Respect Life Month*, Christians are reminded once again that recognizing the value of life requires much more than tacit agreement concerning the dignity and worth of the unborn. Recognition with regard to the unconditional value of all life embraces a belief system that acknowledges the fact that all life and its inherent goodness and dignity must become the *normative value* or the *Master Value* from which all other values emanate.

Just the other day, I picked up yet again, an old article, which covered Pope Benedict XVI's message to civil leaders. The Pontiff praised social policies that serve the poor, the marginal and the infirmed as well as the middle class and those who for too long have been unjustly forgotten and ignored.

In addition, Benedict also conveyed a very serious and an extremely timely message as he cautioned the civil leadership throughout the world with the reminder that unless government policies and laws embrace, first and foremost, the unconditional dignity of the human person……in all cases, at all times, from the beginning to the end of life……all other policies; social policies as admirable as they might be, would ultimately fail and in fact, would *"bare no good fruit."* History will be the judge as to the credibility and validity of the Pontiff's words.

A solid belief system that is nourished by and rooted in the Law of God; the *Good News,* must unequivocally become the *Master Value* in the lives of men and women of faith. The *Master Value* is the dominant value in man's belief system that both supersedes and takes precedence over all other values. The *Master Value* is the *barometer* by which all other values are measured, once discovered and cultivated.

American Secularism

In Benedict XVI's historic visit to America in April, 2008, the Pontiff spoke of an *American Secularism* that actually continues to permeate and define our American culture. According to Benedict, ours is a secularism different from that of the *Enlightenment* in the fact that it is defined by an *attitude* that views religion and its practice as *one value among other equally-acceptable values*. In doing so, religion, its practice and the need for cultivating one's faith has been reduced to the least common denominator. This can be seen specifically with *attitudes* directed to the unconditional value and the dignity of human life in the manner that we treat one another.

Protection of Wildlife & Environment

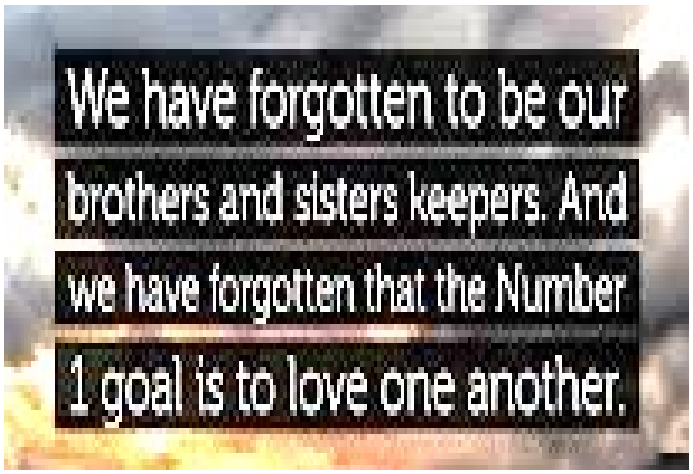
In society today, the debate over the preservation of life on many different levels continues. In the recent past, laws have been enacted for the protection of animals that at times fall victim to the cruel and violent ways of humans. This has led to increased attention for the humane treatment of animals and wildlife in general. There are laws that thankfully punish people for their cruel treatment of animals as well as numerous campaigns to prevent their mistreatment. From time to time, we continue to see movements and campaigns for the purpose of protecting marsh lands and the wildlife: the deer, the whale, the dolphin, and other creatures that inhabit our rapidly depleting woodlands and deteriorating oceans, ponds and streams.

More than ever before, there is greater concern about the environment and its preservation for future generations. There is ongoing debate about the air we breathe, the water we drink, the food we eat and the earth we till. People are angered when as a result of human carelessness, tankers pollute our waters, killing marine life and defiling our beaches.

People become just as enraged when at the careless strike of a match, forest fires displace wildlife and human life, driving members of the animal kingdom from their natural habitants and forcing them to adapt to hostile and unfamiliar environments. This same society becomes incensed when pollutants enter the atmosphere and threaten the air we breathe. Concern for wildlife and the environment is necessary if not indispensable. It is the responsibility of every citizen of the earth as good stewards to provide *responsible stewardship* over the goods of the earth, which have been created by God for human prosperity.

Human Life

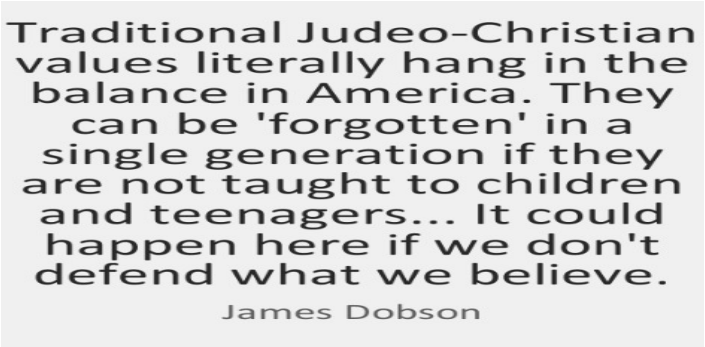
When the preservation of human life is called into question, each of us must strive in non-aggressive ways to protect and defend its dignity, whether the issue involves the unborn or the living. We need to relate to one another with unconditional reference and respect; thus raising the level of consciousness with regard to those in our society who often slip through the cracks of injustice, indifference and hostility.



We live in a society where human life from the womb to the grave is compromised. *Abortion on demand* is a good example of a society *pretending not* to know the difference between *right* and *wrong*. Society eases its *collective conscience* by calling abortion a woman's *choice*, when we know quite well that *choice* is not the issue. Society continues to perpetuate a cultural climate in which human beings feel justified in embracing a *morality of convenience* and a gospel of death, especially when the issue is the unborn child's right to live.

"When human beings in the weakest and most defenseless stage of their existence are selected, abandoned killed or used as pure biological matter, how can it be denied that they are no longer being treated as some-one but as some-thing; thus, placing the very concept of human dignity in doubt?" (Pope Benedict XVI, January 31, 2008).

In such a climate, moral decisions result from that which can provide humans with the greatest amount of pleasure or from what might appear convenient or popular. As a society, we seem to care less about the Judeo-Christian values that once defined our American society; virtues that aided man in his quest for happiness leading to physical and spiritual wholeness.



We have become a society where human *desires* are mis-*perceived* as human *needs.*

Secular Humanism

Our twenty-first century society has adopted a philosophy and a climate where Secular Humanism flourishes, insinuating itself in our society on all levels. Most people are unaware of the flaws of this philosophy, which couches itself in *short-sighted* attempts to build a better world. Secular Humanism is a false philosophy, which is rooted in the experience of the individual, with no appeal to supernatural revelation or to God.

The secular humanist maintains that if human experience reveals that something promotes human growth, it is moral. If human experience suggests that something prevents or stifles human growth, then it is immoral. It admits to no absolutes. Consequently, what may have been immoral twenty-five or fifty years ago may not be immoral today because this philosophy bases its standard for judgment on *human experience*, and *not* on the dignity of the human person.

Human dignity can never be a matter of subjective beliefs, simply because beliefs are subject to change, while human dignity is constant. Human experiences are always changing; thus, are *not* the result of rational behavior that is directed toward obtaining the *Good*. Until human behavior becomes an extension of God's laws, men and women will constantly mistake evil for the *Good*.

Society has lost sight of the importance of embracing the *Golden Rule.* In addition, as a culture, we have abandoned our religious consciousness and have replaced our spiritual lens with a moral and ethical code that more often than not appears to have emerged as a self-serving value system with the pleasure principle as the *Master Value*. As a society, we have lost sight of the Creator. In addition, as Benedict predicted, we have become a culture in which many no longer see the need or the importance of organized religion and an affiliation to a worshipping community

Religious Consciousness

Postmodern man lacks a *religious consciousness.* It is this religious consciousness, which throughout history has sustained human culture, resulting in the creation of social *mores* and traditions that reflect sound Judeo-Christian values. When a society loses sight of its religious consciousness, it ceases to see life as an extension of God. This is better demonstrated when looking at the practice of organized religion and the role of the *parish* in the lives of men and women of faith.

The local church, as it is experienced on the parish level for example, is no longer the final and unquestionable home for the twenty-first century Christian. This is what Benedict meant when he spoke of an *American Secularism*; an attitude and unsophisticated philosophy that views religion and faith not as the *Master Value* in man's hierarchy of values; rather, one value among other values. Such a view does not acknowledge the permanent nature of religion as an enduring reality in the formation of man's conscience and basic orientation to life.

Judeo-Christian Values

The values of a Judeo-Christian world are quickly becoming absent in the public forum. In the absence of a religious consciousness, postmodern men and women have become absorbed with feelings of emptiness; searching for the meaning to their lives and the meaning of life in general. One reason for these feelings of emptiness and incompleteness results from the fact that moral absolutes no longer govern or direct human behavior, nor do they exist in our American culture as ideals toward which man strives. The consequence? Postmodern humanity is losing its sense of *rootedness.* Men and women of faith are losing sight of their *sacred origin;* thus, they are losing sight of the reasons for which they *hunger and thirst* for a spiritual frame of reference.

Religion: A Psychological Matrix

In the past, religion created a psychological and spiritual matrix for men and women of faith, which provided a stable and solid frame of reference from birth to death. This sanctified and endorsed ordinary and extraordinary experiences through sacrament and ritual. The loss of a church-centered *(parish-centered)* consciousness is the loss of an entire system of symbols, images, dogmas and rites, which once reinforced and validated the immediate experiences for generations of individuals: for men and women of faith across all denominations.

Religious symbols and rituals at one time provided men and women of faith with an identity and a sense of being *spiritually rooted.* In religion's diminished role, the *perceived* need for God as a way for experiencing wholeness and peace of mind has become *twisted* and at times even perverted. This has resulted in confusing postmodern men and women into thinking that the human intellect, instead of the human *soul* is or can be the measure for all things, at the same time provide the human being with that needed *moral barometer* for discovering and experiencing real truth and a permanent experience of happiness.

The decline of a religious consciousness in our postmodern world has given rise to the loss of the self. This has resulted in feelings of unwholeness and incompleteness; feelings and attitudes, the source of which are skewed from human consciousness due to man's insatiable need for acquiring *quick-fix -feel-good-fast* remedies from the world as a means of repairing, replenishing and removing feelings of incompleteness.

Human beings have lost contact with that part of their humanity that defines their human-*ness*: their *spiritual self.* Man has jeopardized his spiritual nature by the fact that he has made secondary values normative in his life. These secondary values masquerade as the *Master Value* from which all truth and happiness flows. In other words, man has divinized the secular, and as a result has fallen victim to its false promises.

The Creator and His Creation

In the twenty-first century, it is indispensable for men and women of faith to take the lead in assisting society and its secular leaders, in placing the Creator back into His creation and to embrace and to take seriously the meaning behind, *"One nation under God."* This begins, not with condescending or castigating accusations. Rather, the process begins with open and honest dialogue in an attempt for each participant (group) to *re*-discover common ground that can lead to an open and honest search for Truth.

Man's Spiritual Frame of Reference

In Matthew's gospel account of Peter's confession of faith, the evangelist indicates that after Peter tries to prevent Jesus' imminent suffering and death, Jesus rebukes Peter and tells him that he is not thinking according to God's ways, rather, he is thinking according to the ways of men. When man creates a relationship with Christ, he establishes a frame of reference rooted in grace from which he lives and thinks and acts and responds.

Without such a frame of reference, man lacks real purpose for living and being. Without such a frame of reference, man ceases to *think like God* and is reduced to merely thinking like man; thus, becomes blinded to the sacred in the midst of the profane.

Until postmodern man assumes a *vision in faith* from which to make decisions and from which to live his life, society as a whole will suffer and continue to fall short of the dignity, which God calls every individual to embrace and perpetuate. The Old Testament writers tell us, *"Where there is no vision, the people perish*."

Let us pray for *vision,* a vision, which will provide men and women across all denominations with faith strong enough to reflect God's true image in *all* His creation. **JNM**

Additional Note: Although sensitive of gender-related language; he/she, him/her, it is often necessary to refer to the generic, "man" when reference is made to the essence of human nature.

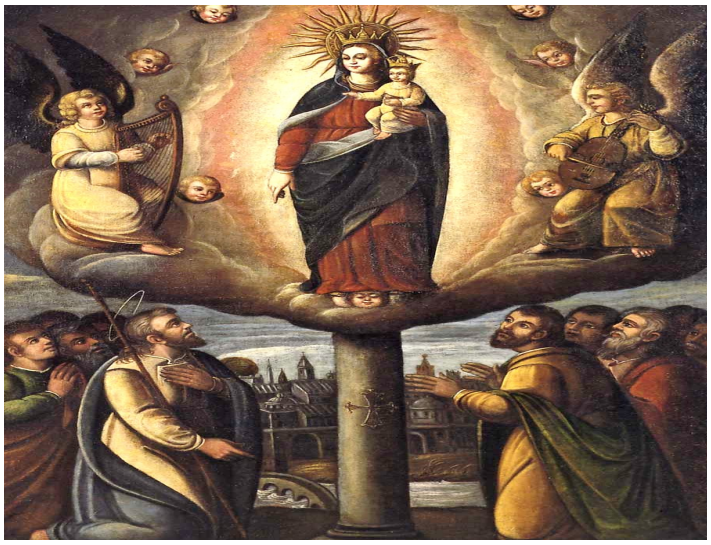
From the *P*astor's *P*en

Reverend Jeremiah N. Murasso, Ph.D., Ed.D., Psy.D.

The Month of October:

Our Lady of the Pillar, Our Lady of the Rosary, Our Lady of Pompeii, and Our Lady of Fatima

Our Lady of the Pillar



On October 12, the Spanish, particularly in Spain honor their Patroness, the Blessed Virgin Mary, under the title of *La Nuestra Senora del Pilar* (Our Lady of the Pillar).

According to tradition, in A.D. 40, the Apostle James, while preaching the Gospel in Spain became very depressed and disenchanted with his missionary appeal for the conversion of the pagan population to Christianity. Not only was James ignored by those who refused to relinquish their worship of idols, he also feared for his life at times.

On one January evening of that year, James, though quite depressed and at the brink of ending his missionary career and return home was deep in prayer by the banks of the Ebro River in Zaragoza, Spain. Suddenly, his concentration was broken when to his utter amazement, he saw the Blessed Virgin Mary being carried on a cloud, standing on a pillar of marble escorted by two angels. Mary instructed James to build a church in her honor and handed him a small wooden statue of herself standing on a column of jasper. Mary told James: "*This place is to be my house; this image and column shall be the title and the altar of the temple that you shall build."*

James, the obedient disciple that he was, went forward with plans for a small chapel to be built, just as the Blessed Mother had requested. Upon its completion, James returned to Jerusalem. Shortly after was met with execution during one of the many massacres waged against Christians who refused to denounce their faith in Christ.

Shortly after the martyrdom, the little chapel that James had constructed was destroyed; burned to the ground along with numerous other chapels and Christian shrines. Miraculously, however, the statue and the pillar remained intact and were hidden and protected throughout the years by the faithful people in Zaragoza.

Many miracles have been performed at the shrine of Our Lady of the Pillar. In 1640, the limb of a man named Juan, native of Colanda was cured. In remembrance of the apparition of Our Lady, the people of Zaragoza made a vow in 1642 to honor always Mary, as the *Patroness of Zaragoza.*

In the latter part of the 16th century, Zaragossa was besieged by a large French army. A few men and women with sixteen cannons and a few shotguns defended the town for two months. The French sacked the famous town, taking everything.

However, they did not dare touch the treasures of Our Lady of the Pillar. One of the generals brashly took one of the jewels from the crown of the Virgin to carry home to his wife. He offered the Virgin in exchange a valuable gift. In the first battle, a cannon ball took off his leg.

The site upon which the present 17th century Baroque Basilica majestically stands saw numerous chapels and churches constructed and then destroyed again and again, through the decades that followed James' initial structure. In 1681, the present Basilica was constructed by Charles II, the King of Spain. It is interesting to note that despite the *Spanish Civil War* in the first half of the 20th century and the several attempts that were made to destroy the façade, the three bombs that hit the Basilica never exploded. Two of these bombs can still be seen, lodged in the church's spires.

The beautiful and exquisite baroque basilica, *la Basilica – Cathedral de Nuestra Senora del Pilar*, located in Zaragoza, Spain venerates Mary and is believed to be the first church in the world dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The apparition itself of Mary's visit to St. James is also believed to be the first visit by our Blessed Lady to the Spanish people. It is for this reason that the Basilica at Zaragoza is still considered to be one of the most important Marian shrines in the world along with Fatima, Lourdes and Knock.

During my pilgrimage to Portugal and Spain in November, 2017, I took the group to this memorable Cathedral to see firsthand the legendary pillar that was presented to St. James by the Blessed Mother and to view the undetonated bomb in dome of the church.

Our Lady of the Rosary

One of the many feast days attributed to the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated each year on October 7, under the title of Our Lady of the Rosary. This feast honoring our Blessed Mother, initially recognized Mary under the title of *Our Lady of Victory*. It was, however, changed by Pope Gregory XIII in the 16th century as a result of the Christian victory over the Turks in the naval battle at Lepanto.

It was believed that through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother and by the recitation of the rosary by the faithful, Christendom was delivered from the hands of the Turks. As a sign of gratitude to Mary, the Pontiff established the first Sunday of October for observance of the Most Holy Rosary with *Mary* as the *Patroness of the Rosary*.

Mary and St. Dominic

In the year 1213, Mary appeared to St. Dominic, the founder of the *Order of Preachers*, known as the Dominican Order with the request that he spread the teachings of the rosary as a way of converting heretics to Christianity. In her message to St. Dominic, Mary also promised 15 special graces to those who prayed the rosary daily.

Our Lady of the Rosary at Pompeii

Mary, under the title of Our Lady of the Rosary at Pompeii in Italy is depicted as Our Lady of the Rosary accompanied by both St. Dominic and St. Catherine of Siena to whom she is presenting rosaries. This painting has been attributed with numerous miracles and at the present time hangs in the Basilica that bears her name in Pompeii, Italy.

Pompeii, Italy: A.D. 79

We are familiar with Mount Vesuvius and its eruption on August 24, 79A.D. Within 25 hours, the entire region was destroyed. It wasn't until 1595, that the city of Pompeii was rediscovered by accident with the construction of an aqueduct. It is interesting that archeologists in their discovery of this buried city, also discovered its inhabitants perfectly preserved by the volcanic ash. The eruption caught the inhabitants completely off guard; thus, many were discovered frozen in their tracks as the combination of rain and ash petrified them in time.

The Year is 1872

Fast forwarding to 1872, the city once again bore the scares of *Mother Nature* as it was tragically ravaged by an outbreak of Malaria, which killed most of its inhabitants, leaving an area defined by its poverty, unhealthy, swamp-like terrain and looters who preyed on the poor and uneducated inhabitants.

The story of Our Lady of the Rosary at Pompeii, Italy begins with a young Italian, agnostic lawyer, Bartolo Longo (1841-1926). As a pious youth, he lost his faith and in fact, began to experiment with the occult, becoming a Satanist Priest.

Bartolo Longo, by accident was in the area of the city of Pompeii closing out the estate of a wealthy deceased client when he providentially witnessed the present state of a city lying in ruin. The young lawyer became moved with pity and shame for this once beautiful little city. As he walked through the remains of the parish church, which at one time was dedicated to the Most Holy Savior, and which at the present was destroyed, he heard, quite clearly, the voice of the Blessed Virgin: *"My son, cease in your unbelief and if you seek salvation, promulgate the Rosary."* At that very moment, Longo's life changed forever. He made it his life's mission to spread the recitation of the Rosary by sponsoring festivals in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary.

In 1873, Longo began to restore the parish church and continued to sponsor festivals in honor of Mary with games and competitions for the purpose of raising money. In 1875, Longo came upon an old, worn painting of Our Lady of the Rosary from a convent in Naples. He raised the necessary revenue to refurbish the painting and then placed it into the newly restored church. Bartolo Longo died October 5, 1926 and was beatified by Pope John Paul II on October 26, 1980.

Throughout the ages, many miracles have been attributed to the image of Our Lady of Pompeii. The painting was derived from an Eastern icon of the 6th century and represents Our Lady as the Queen of Heaven. She and her Son, Jesus are presenting rosaries to St. Dominic and St. Catherine of Siena.

The Blessed Virgin appeared as the Queen of the Rosary on March 3, 1884 to Fortuna Agrelli, a young girl suffering from cancer. After she and her parents had prayed for her recovery, the girl was healed on May 8, of that same year.

Our Lady of Fatima

On Thursday this week we begin the month of October. I am still wondering what happened to September! The month of October, like the month of May is traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, and our Mother. Mary is given hundreds upon hundreds of titles, but none is more noteworthy than the title of *Our Lady of Fatima.* Mary was given this title as a result of her appearance to three shepherd children near the town of Fatima, in Portugal in the year 1917.

The apparition of Fatima is one of the most powerful and one of the most amazing manifestations of the presence of the Devine in human history. Mary appeared to the three shepherd children, Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta, six times between May 13 and October 13, 1917.

Wednesday, October 13, marks 104 years since Mary's last appearance to the children. Mary told the children that she had been sent by God with a message for all people. Mary entered human history at a time when the world, not unlike our twenty-first century world was in the grips of a bloody war; violence of all kinds as well as a widespread and deliberate disregard and disrespect toward religion, the Church and the faithful.

Portugal at the time was being destroyed by and was in the grips of the anti-clerical Freemason, Socialist Revolution. This was the precursor to the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia. World War I was hot-and-heavy, and would later bear responsibility for the taking of over 37 million young lives. In addition, the Spanish Flu Pandemic was raging, claiming thousands of lives.

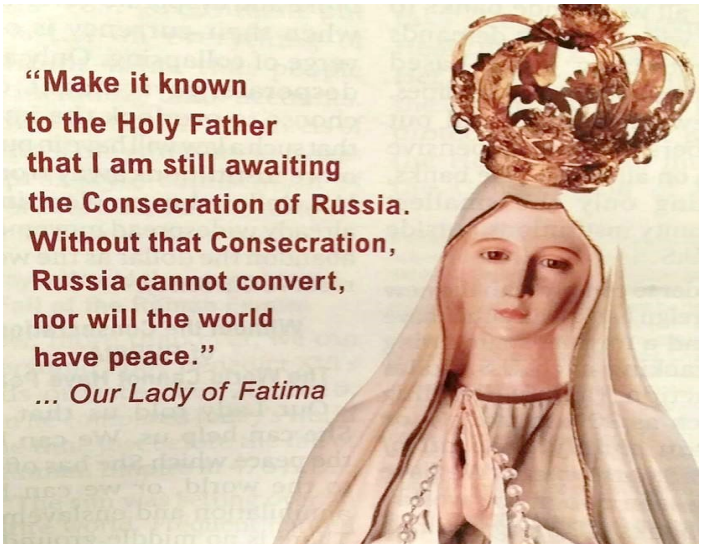
It was in this climate that Mary appeared to the children with neither prior warning nor fanfare. Mary explained to the children that, *"War is a punishment for sin."* Mary warned that God would further castigate the world for its disobedience to His will by means of war, hunger, the persecution of the Church, the persecution of the Holy Father aa well as believers.

The Secret

The heart of Mary's message to the children and to the world was confined to what is referred to as the *Three-Part Secret,* which she confided to the three children. The first part of the *Secret* consisted of a frightening glimpse of hell where the souls of unremorseful sinners go. This first part of the *Secret* also included an urgent plea for the children to pray daily for these souls and for other souls that they might be spared the fires of hell by repenting of their sins.

The second part of the *Secret* was the prediction of the outbreak of World War II. This also included Mary's request for the "*Consecration of Russia*" as a condition of world peace. In addition, this second part of the "*Secret*" predicted the triumph of Her Immaculate Heart following Russia's consecration and conversion to the Catholic faith.

The last part of the *Secret* was made public in the year 2000. It is interesting to note that five popes in succession kept the third part of "*The Secret of Fatima*" locked in a safe in the Vatican. It is also interesting to note that none of the five popes consecrated



the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, as she requested.

It was with Pope John Paul II, on June 30, 2000, that the third part of the *Secret* was revealed. In relating this secret, Mary told the children that: "*A bishop clothed in white, who, while making his way amid the corpses of martyrs will fall to the ground apparently dead, under the burst of gunfire.*"

This description presumably recalls the 1981 assassination attempt against John Paul ll, who was wounded when a Turkish gunman opened fire in St. Peter's Square. The shooting came on May 13, sixty-four years to the day that Mary first appeared to the children at Fatima.

The Pope credited the Blessed Virgin Mary of Fatima with intervening and sparing his life. The Holy Father said, "*A motherly hand guided the bullet's path enabling me to halt at the threshold of death*."

On Mary's final visit to the children, 104 years ago, on October 13, 1917, just as she had promised, she performed a miracle so that, "*The doubters of the world would be convinced of the reality of my presence and of the will of God.*" During this final appearance, Mary appeared as Our Lady of Mount Carmel, accompanied by St. Joseph and Jesus. On this day, what has been referred to as *"The Miracle of the Sun"* occurred. There were approximately seventy thousand spectators in the crowd on that day.

The sun whirled about and seemed to be plunging down as it sent off multicolored rays. Many cried out that it was the end of the world. Many were cured instantly from diseases and disabilities. The result of these apparitions took shape in the building of a large shrine where to this day thousands upon thousands of documented miracles have taken place through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

1. *"Whosoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary shall receive signal graces." [Signal graces are graces sent to us by the Lord to help us make the right decisions for our life).*

2. *"I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary."*

3. *"The Rosary shall be a powerful armor against Hell, it will destroy vice, decrease sin and defeat heresies."*

4. *"It will cause good works to flourish; it will obtain for souls the abundant Mercy of God; it will withdraw the hearts of men and women from the love of the world and its vanities and will lift them to the desire for Eternal Things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means."*

5. *"The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary shall not perish."*

6. *"Whosoever shall recite the Rosary devoutly, applying oneself to the consideration of its Sacred Mysteries shall never be conquered by misfortune. God will not chastise him in His justice; he shall not perish by an unprovoked death; if he be just, he shall remain in the Grace of God, and become worthy of Eternal Life."*

7. *"Whoever shall have a true devotion for the Rosary shall not die without the Sacraments of the Church."*

8. *"Those who are faithful to recite the Rosary shall have during their life and at their death the Light of God and the plenitude of His Graces; at the moment of death they shall participate in the Merits of the Saints in Paradise."*

9. *"I shall deliver from Purgatory those who have been devoted to the Rosary."*

10. *"The faithful children of the Rosary shall merit a high degree of Glory in Heaven."*

11. *"You shall obtain all you ask of me by recitation of the Rosary."*
12. *"All those who propagate the Holy Rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities."*
13. *"I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the Rosary shall have for intercessors the entire Celestial Court during their life and at the hour of death."*
14. *"All who recite the Rosary are my sons, and brothers of my only Son, Jesus Christ."*
15. *"Devotion to my Rosary is a great sign of predestination."*

At Fatima, Mary also told the children about the importance of reciting the rosary daily for world peace, the conversion of Russia and to help those in purgatory get into heaven. October and the October feasts in honor of Our Blessed Mother are a great time to either begin, or continue to make the recitation of the rosary and meditation on the mysteries of the life and death of Jesus a real part of our daily schedule. **JNM**

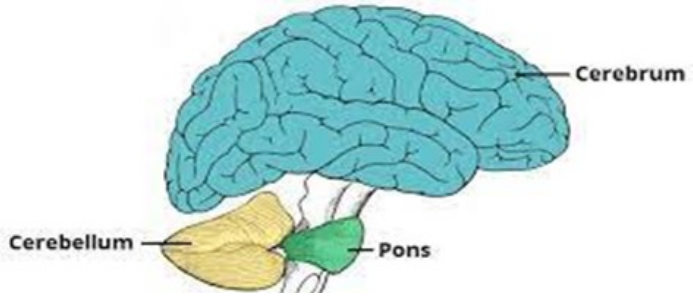
Parish Nurse Ministry

From the *P*en of the *P*arish *N*urse

Brain Health

The brain is the most powerful organ in the human body; yet, it weighs only about 3 pounds. The three main parts of the brain consist of the *cerebrum*, *cerebellum*, and the *brain stem*. The cerebrum fills up most of the skull. This part of the brain is used for problem solving, thinking, the control of movement as well as assisting with memory.

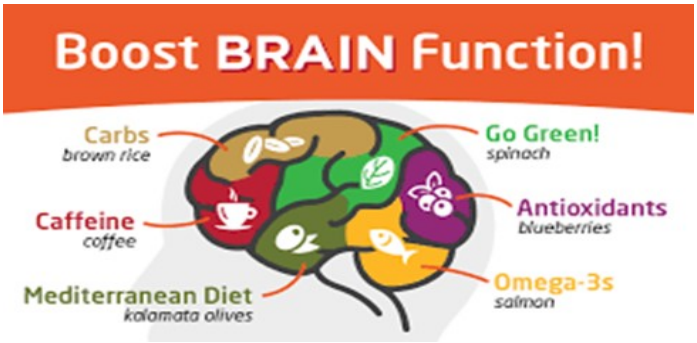
The cerebellum sits at the back of the head, it controls coordination and balance. The brain stem connects the brain to the spinal cord and controls autonomic functions such as breathing, digestion, blood pressure and heart rate. The brain is divided into right and left halves. The left half controls movement on the body's right side and the right half controls the body's movement of the left side.



The real work of the brain goes on in individual cells. An adult brain contains 100 billion nerve cells or neurons with branches that connect at more than 100 trillion points. Scientists call this dense branching network a *"neuron forest."* Signals traveling through the neuron forest form the basis of memories, thoughts and feelings. Neurons are the chief type of cell destroyed by Alzheimer's disease.

A Healthy Brain

How is it possible to maintain good brain health? Lifestyle habits can help improve health as the body ages. Research has shown that combining good nutrition with mental, social and physical activities have great benefits in maintaining and improving brain health. Physical activity is a vital part of overall wellness and is associated with lower risk of cognitive decline. Exercise increases the blood flow to the brain and to the body, providing nourishment aa well as decreasing the risk of dementia.



It is never too late to begin. The weather is beautiful during the Fall months, enjoy the sunshine and take a walk. Walking during a lunch break or after dinner is a perfect time for improving one's health not only brain health but overall health of minds, body and soul.

Enjoy an afternoon of golf, sign up for a dance or yoga class; do something to keep the blood flowing. Exercise and yoga classes, for example, are offered via zoom (computer). This provides another platform for staying safe, active, mentally alert and physically fit if there is a concern about COVID-19 exposure.

A Heart-Healthy Diet

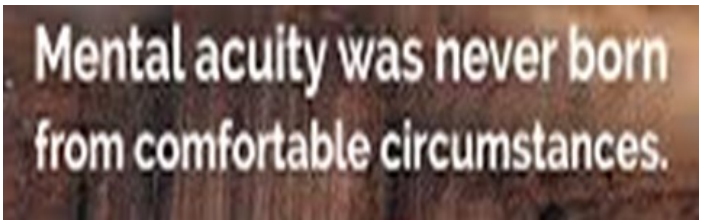
Eating a heart-healthy diet benefits the brain and the body. A diet that is lower in saturated fat and higher in fruits and vegetables is key to keeping the brain healthy. The DASH diet and the Mediterranean diet, for example, can help keep the brain healthy. Focus on eating more whole grains, poultry, fish and nuts. Decrease the intake of fats, red meats, sweets, sugared beverages and sodium. Replace un-healthy saturated fats (butter) with olive oil (healthy fats). Use herbs to flavor food, rather than salt.

The MIND diet, a hybrid of the Mediterranean diet and the heart -healthy DASH diet with emphasis on berries and leafy green vegetables were both created specifically to boost brain health. Both diets have been proven effective to lower the risk of Alzheimer's disease (webMD.com).

Dark chocolate has flavanols in the cocoa beans, which can help improve memory and cognitive function. Made from the seed of the cacao tree, it is one of the best sources of antioxidants. Studies have shown that consuming dark chocolate in small amounts can decrease the risk of heart disease.

High blood pressure increases the risk of cognitive decline as a person ages. Engage in lifestyle modification to keep blood pressure as low as possible. Maintain a healthy weight and reduce stress. **Excessive alcohol consumption** is another major risk factor for dementia. If you consume alcohol, limit yourself to two drinks a day (or less). **Sleep deprivation** has a negative impact on cognitive functions like attention and working memory. Sleep can feel like an indulgence, especially if busy or stressed. Research has shown, sleep should not be a luxury. Sleep is a necessity; the brain will rebel when it is not rested with quality sleep.

Protect the head because moderate to severe head injuries, even without diagnosed concussions can increase the risk for cognitive impairment. **Avoid tobacco** in all its forms. Diabetes is an important risk factor for dementia. Strive to keep fasting blood sugar 99 mg/dl or below.



Stay mentally active by adopting a new hobby or learning a new skill. Engage in taking a formal educational class or join a challenging book club. All the above and so much more serves as a means of keeping the brain healthy and protect the brain from developing dementia. The brain is a muscle, which needs to be stimulated intellectually in order to remain active. It is never too late to learn a new language or to play an instrument.

Excessive TV watching as an adult can cause cognitive decline and a reduction in gray matter. Excessive TV watching can also lead to excessive weight gain as many often snack while watching TV. Excessive TV watching can also lead to sleeping disorders, irregular and unhealthy eating habits as well as contribute to various chronic diseases.

Stay Socially Active

Staying socially active supports brain health and reduces the risk of dementia. There are many ways to stay socially active in the community. Volunteer at a local food bank or animal shelter. Go to a nursing home and read or talk to residents who may be in need of companionship. Get involved with the senior center, play a game of bridge or chess. Join a walking group or visit the library. The library is filled with many educational topics as well as audio books, which can be a great way to keep the mind active. Be creative and do something that makes a connection with other people. Staying in touch with family and friends is yet another way to keep the brain active and alive. **KP**

To contact parish nurse - kimp51@comcast.net or call 203-980-0931.

Meet the parish nurse at St. Bernadette Church on Sunday October 10, immediately following both the 8:00 and 10:00 Masses in the convent for blood pressure screening and health counseling.

FROM THE DESK OF FR. PATRICK

Thank you to all who signed up for my Adult Catechism Class. It was a tremendous response from all of you, and we have 32 students, which basically puts us at capacity. A big thank you to Cathy and Carmine Amento for donating the Smart TV for the classroom, and to Joe Silva for mounting the TV on the wall. This allowed us to use the finished basement space in St. Vincent de Paul Parish Center, which was a far bigger space than the original location of the conference room.

Tuesday, September 21st, we had our first class, where we had a discussion about virtue, and its importance in living a good, Christian life. We covered the Cardinal virtues of Justice, Prudence, Temperance, and Fortitude, as well as the Theological virtues of Faith, Hope, and Love. This past Tuesday, September 28th we examined the Apostle's Creed, one of the most ancient professions of faith in the church. This creed is most often used at Mass during the Easter season, and is the same creed used when praying the Rosary. Having a creed is an important thing for our faith. It is something we can cite if we're ever asked what we believe as Catholics.

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The first two weeks of the Adult Catechism Class have gone quite well. We have had over 25 people at each session, and have over 30 signed up in total. This past week we looked more closely at the Apostle's Creed, the most ancient of all Creeds we have. This creed predates the Nicene Creed that we typically recite at Mass on Sundays.

The point of our most in-depth discussion came from the line "He descended into Hell." For those who aren't in the class, Hell is more of a state of being than an actual place. Hell is the absence of God, it is devoid of God. The Hell that Jesus descended to was the place of the just souls who died before the Resurrection, people like Adam, Noah, Abraham, and Moses, along with many others. Jesus descended to Hell, or the realm of the dead, to free the just souls who were awaiting salvation. In many ways, these souls were the first to hear the real "Good News" about the impending Resurrection of Jesus, as the Gates of Heaven were finally opened for them.

This upcoming week there will be no class, as I, along with Fr. Murasso and the other priests of the Archdiocese, will be away on convocation in Mystic. Class will resume on Tuesday, October 12th where we will be attempting to make sense of the Trinity, the central mystery of Christianity.

In Christ, Fr. Patrick

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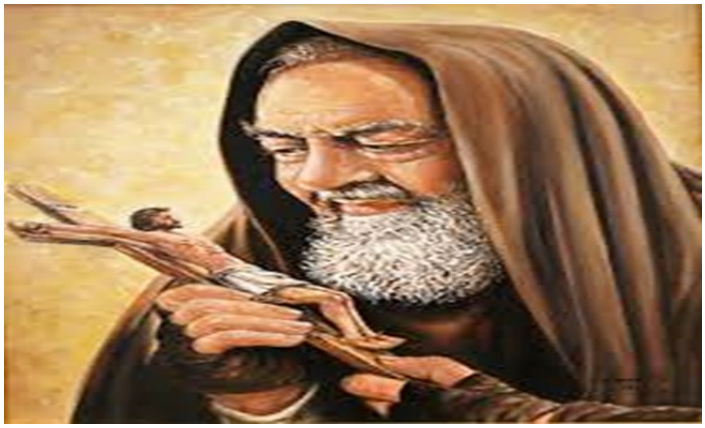
Mass in honor of Padre Pio

Monday, October 18 @ 7:00pm



Mass will be celebrated on Monday evening at 7:00pm at Our Lady of Pompeii in honor of our Patron, Padre Pio. We have waited to celebrate our Patron's feast day so we could have the *"glove,"* which Pat DeCrosta will be getting for us.

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CALLING ALL PUMPKINS!

We need pumpkins to decorate the altars at the worship sites at all three churches. Painted artistically, with all kinds of faces, expressions and dispositions to go along side of our Jack-O-Lantern. Please bring them to Mass next weekend and place them anywhere around the altar.

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SOMETHING TO *P*ONDER

How welcoming am I of other People? Do I receive others with genuine goodwill? Or, do I reserve that to only those who I know and who may be like me?

Am I hospitable to those who are different from me? Do I make myself available to those who have a need, even when my schedule does not permit?

Do I treat others as I myself desire to be treated, or am I judgmental, critical and aloof? When others depart from me, do they feel better about themselves than prior to being in my company?

Am I *"my brothers' and sisters' keeper?* Do I demonstrate unconditional acceptance and respect in all my relationships? What needs to change in my life for me to begin to re-discover child-like virtues?

Mass Schedule

October 2 & 3, 2021
4:00pm OLOP Vigil: Fr. Murasso
4:00pm SB Vigil: Fr. Meehan
4:30pm SVDP Vigil: Fr. Patrick
8:00am OLOP: Fr. Borino
8:00am SB Fr. Patrick
9:00am SVP: Fr. Murasso
10:00am OLOP: Fr. Borino
10:00am SB: Fr. Meehan
11:00am SVDP: Fr. Murasso
11:45am OLOP: Fr. Patrick
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October 9 & 10
4:00pm OLOP Vigil: Fr. Borino
4:00pm SB Vigil: Fr. Patrick
4:30pm SVDP Vigil: Fr. Murasso
8:00am OLOP: Fr. Borino
8:00am SB: Fr. Meehan
9:00am SVDP: Fr. Patrick
10:00am OLOP: Fr. Murasso
10:00am SB: Fr. Meehan
11:00am SVDP: Fr. Patrick
11:45am OLOP: Fr. Murasso
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October 16 & 17, 2021
4:00pm OLOP Vigil: Fr. Patrick
4:00pm SB Vigil: Fr. Murasso
4:30pm SVDP Vigil:
8:00am OLOP: Fr. Borino
8:00am SB: Fr. Murasso
9:00am SVDP: Fr. Patrick
10:00am OLOP: Fr. Borino
10:00am SB: Fr. Murasso
11:00am SVDP: Fr. Charman
11:45am OLOP: Fr. Patrick

NEW WEEKDAY MASS 8:00 am SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

OLOP: Monday to Thursday & First Friday Mass
SVDP: Mass: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
No Mass on Thursday & Friday
SB: Mass: Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
No Mass on Monday & Tuesday

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Upcoming Events

October 9 - Dave Kane's Comedy Show, "Jokes My Irish Father Told Me"
Tickets will be on sale Sept 25, 26 & Oct 2 & 3 $15.00 per person

October 10 - Silver Rose 8:00am at Our Lady of Pompeii. 11:00am at St. Vincent De Paul

October 23 - Coats for Kids Drive Begins

November 20 & 21 - Annual Food Drive to Support the East Haven Food Pantry.