

**THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF  
ST. PIO OF PIETRELICINA PARISH**  
67TH ANNUAL CARNIVAL  
*OUR LADY OF POMPEII CHURCH GROUNDS*



**JULY 25<sup>TH</sup> TO 29<sup>TH</sup>**

**COME ENJOY OUR *FAMOUS* PIZZA!**

**FOOD BOOTHS open at 5:30pm**

**GREAT RIDES & WRISTBANDS EVERY NIGHT**

**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 23, 2023**

### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### SATURDAY, July 22 - Vigil – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm OLOP + Nicholas & Angie Criscuolo  
by Children

4:30pm SVDP + Laura, Alphonse & Vincenza Criscuolo  
by Joe, Gina & Children

#### SUNDAY, July 23 – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am OLOP + Robert Izzo  
by Sister, Dottie

9:00am SB + Constance 'Connie' Pietrosimone  
by Jeffrey

10:00am OLOP + Francis S. "Mac" McCarthy  
by Family

11:15am SVDP + Maria Truffa  
by Frances

#### MONDAY, July 24 - St. Sharbel Makhluf

8:00am OLOP + Jim Lekas  
by A Friend

8:00am SVDP + William DiCrosta, Jr.  
by Clancy-Palumbo Funeral Home

#### TUESDAY, July 25 – St. James

8:00am OLOP + Frank Somers  
by Friends

8:00am SVDP + Mary Pellegrino  
by Clancy-Palumbo Funeral Home

#### WEDNESDAY, July 26 – Sts. Joachim and Anne

8:00am OLOP + Ann Bohannah  
by Family

8:00am SVDP + Donna Onofrio-Nero (Birthday)  
by Family

#### THURSDAY, July 27 - Weekday

8:00am OLOP + Linda Ely  
by Porto Funeral Home

8:00am SB + Martha O'Neill  
by Debbie Caruso-Thorson

#### FRIDAY, July 28 - Weekday

8:00am SB + Lorraine Ferrero

#### SATURDAY, July 29 - Vigil – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm OLOP + William DiCrosta & Manna Family  
by Daughter, Lisa

4:30pm SVDP + Frank Massimino  
by Wife & Family

#### SUNDAY, July 30 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am OLOP + Arthur Higgins  
by Family

9:00am SB + Dominic Proto  
by Carr Family

10:00am OLOP + Loretta D. McCarthy  
by Family

11:15am SVDP + Vivian & Anthony Bruno  
by Family

### STEWARDSHIP

Regular Collection \$8,979.00

Online Giving \$1,732.00

July 29 & 30 Second Collection:  
None

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

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (5a)/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30  
Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42  
Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28  
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9  
Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17  
Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 13:18-23  
Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

### CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

Our Lady of Pompeii: Saturday at 3:00-3:30pm

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

## SILENCE.

Please, be mindful that many parishioners arrive early prior to the start of Mass in order to sit reflectively with the LORD in prayer. Please, be mindful of the level of your voice and that voices carry from the back of the church to the front. Please, maintain a subdued tone when speaking so that other's quiet time is not disturbed.



Every Monday, immediately following morning Mass at Our Lady of Pompeii, there is one hour of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

### 2024 MASSES - SAVE THE DATE!



The 2024 Mass Intention Book opened on Thursday, June 1, 2023. Kindly have your requests ready when scheduling. We will continue to have a limit of 3 weekend Masses per individual booking.

Payment due at time of booking.

### St. Pio of Pietrelcina Parish

Address: 355 Foxon Road, East Haven, CT 06513

Phone Number: (203) 469-0764

### Office Hours:

Foxon Road: Mon-Fri 8:00-12:00 & 1:00-3:00

Taylor Avenue: Mon. & Fri. 10:00-2:00

E-Mail: stpioofpietrelcina@gmail.com

# MINISTRY & EVENT CALENDAR

<p align="center"><b>SUNDAY, JULY 23</b></p> <p align="center"><b>No Events or Activities Scheduled</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>SUNDAY, JULY 30</b></p> <p align="center"><b>No Events or Activities Scheduled</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>MONDAY, JULY 24</b></p> <p><b>Holy Hour</b> - 8:30-9:30am in Our Lady of Pompeii Church</p> <p align="center"><b>Bible Study</b> - 7:00pm on Zoom</p> <p align="center"><b>Contact Christine Sandford at 203-469-7823</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>MONDAY, JULY 31</b></p> <p><b>Holy Hour</b> - 8:30-9:30am in Our Lady of Pompeii Church</p> <p align="center"><b>Bible Study</b> - 7:00pm on Zoom</p> <p align="center"><b>Contact Christine Sandford at 203-469-7823</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>TUESDAY, JULY 25</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Carnival at Our Lady of Pompeii</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Rosary Group</b> - 8:00 pm on Zoom</p> <p align="center"><b>Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>TUESDAY, AUGUST 1</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Rosary Group</b> - 8:00 pm on Zoom</p> <p align="center"><b>Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>WEDNESDAY, JULY 26</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Carnival at Our Lady of Pompeii</b></p> <p><b>Bible Study</b> - 6:30pm at SVDP Parish Office</p> <p align="center"><b>Contact Marie Connors at 203-468-1184</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Rosary Group</b> - 8:00 pm on Zoom</p> <p align="center"><b>Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2</b></p> <p><b>Bible Study</b> - 6:30pm at SVDP Parish Office</p> <p align="center"><b>Contact Marie Connors at 203-468-1184</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Rosary Group</b> - 8:00 pm on Zoom</p> <p align="center"><b>Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>THURSDAY, JULY 27</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Carnival at Our Lady of Pompeii</b></p> <p><b>Scriptural Rosary</b> - 7:00pm at OLOP Chapel</p> <p align="center"><b>Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>THURSDAY, AUGUST 3</b></p> <p><b>Scriptural Rosary</b> - 7:00pm at OLOP Chapel</p> <p align="center"><b>Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>FRIDAY, JULY 28</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Carnival at Our Lady of Pompeii</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Rosary Group</b> - 8:00 pm on Zoom</p> <p align="center"><b>Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>FRIDAY, AUGUST 4</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Rosary Group</b> - 8:00 pm on Zoom</p> <p align="center"><b>Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>SATURDAY, JULY 29</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Carnival at Our Lady of Pompeii</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Men's Group</b> - 7:30am-9:00am at SVDP Parish Center</p>	<p align="center"><b>SATURDAY, AUGUST 5</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Men's Group</b> - 7:30am-9:00am at SVDP Parish Center</p>

**Knights of Columbus  
Rodrigo Council #44**

**PRAY THE ROSARY**

KofC Rodrigo Council #44 Rosary, every 1st Tuesday of the month at St. Bernadette Church as we pray for an increase in priestly vocations as well as all religious vocations and the Holy Spirit to inspire our priest and religious.

- ⇒ **Peace in the World**
- ⇒ **Thanksgiving for the Vaccine and the Medical Personnel.**
- ⇒ **For a Return to Christ and the Blessed Virgin.**
- ⇒ **For an end to the Pandemic.**
- ⇒ **Increase in Priestly vocations**

**WHEN:** Tuesday, August 1 at 6:30pm. (Rosary)

**WHERE:** St. Bernadette Church

**Monthly Rosary is held the first Tuesday of every month.**

**You are cordially invited  
To a Mass of  
Thanksgiving of my 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
By Father Timothy Meehan**

Thursday July 27<sup>th</sup> 6 pm at  
St. Therese Church  
555 Middletown Ave. North Haven

As you know I will be celebrating my 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Thursday July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023. I want to take the opportunity to thank you for your prayers, your friendship, your support and your patience with me; especially when my mistakes are obvious.

There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving at St Therese Church 555 Middletown Ave. North Haven on Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM; a reception will follow with light refreshments. No gifts or donations are expected, this is my gift to you. PLEASE FEEL FREE to extend this invitation to anyone associated with me at one of the parts of the last 64 years of my Priesthood.

A special note to my relatives and friends: I do not expect you to travel to my birthday celebration. Because I am now fully retired, my time is much freer, I plan to visit you sometime this fall.



**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* ~ Francis S. McCarthy

*Sacred Heart of Jesus* ~

*Our Lady of Perpetual Help Icon* ~

*Pascal Candle* ~ Fr. John Lavorgna

**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* ~ Joanne Petonito by Family  
*St. Joseph's Altar* ~

*Pascal Candle* ~ Barbara & Maurice Connolly

**St. Bernadette Candles**

*Sanctuary Lamp (Right Side)* ~

*Sanctuary Lamp (Left Side)* ~

*Pascal Candle* ~ Harold Donegan

**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, Brian Savo, Gerry Andrea, Alan Poirier, Connie Rasimas, Jane Pyka, Harry Clark, Lou DiNola, Geraldine Licciardi, Joanne Cretella, Joseph Anyzeski, Fran Sofo, Elizabeth Kuen, Deborah Sanning, Paula Ferrara, Tina Marie Fionia, Joseph Parise, Frank DelGrego, Moira Ferguson, Danielle Joubert, Frances Polaski, Pauline Condon, Rose Anna Izzo, Angelo DeMatteo, Patricia Aulenti, Michael Pascale, Alyce Richmond, Mark Schettino, Patty DiMilo, Rose Rogalski, Elaine Smith, Karen Rescigno, Virginia Pisano, DJ DiVincenzo, Sgt. Anthony Rybaruk, Philip & Sally DeMilo, Anna Concelmo, Anna Marie Nappi, Brian Higney, Rich Tortora, Denise Bailey, Joseph Peterson, Marion Mahl, Paula Ruddock, Pamela Willis, Laura Luzzi, Brian Wilson, Maureen Redmond, Kristianne Argentino, Shirley Perrelli, Bill Izzo, Andrew & Catherine Criscuolo, Patricia Miles, Joe Coscia, Deborah Verab, Dona Marie, Christina Meoli, Michelle Smith, Ron Mattei, Angela Riccio, Charlene Tantalio, Al Forgione, Gabriella Garrity, Beverly Fucci, W.D. Merkle, Phyllis Anastasio, Cheryl Barbara, Laura-Phyllis Esposito, Diana Vitelli O'Brien, Meghan Keeney, Gennaro Milone, Jo Vuolo, Felicia DeRoche, Mike Barnett, Richard Costanzo, Carole & Frank Casapulla, Michael Bowen, Linda Montone, Mary Diamante, Carol Esposito, Fred & Barbara Brow, Christopher Farrell, Roberta Sanders-Gray, Jeannette Winston, Marilyn Sisson, Ryder Feeley, Theodore Siwinski, Michael Enders, Nicholas Cerillo, Edwina Cinque, Rudolph Pohlman, Linda Esposito, Renee Flynn, The Cooper Family, Lynn Ely, Ethan Roche, Frances Graney, Barbara Kapusta, Megan Maturo, Rose Paula Dziedulonis, Taras Mychajlowskyj, Denise Steiner, Mary Ann Anastasio, Guy Brasile, Gloribeth R., Stacie Bouchard, Al Sappinetti, Guy Racino, Michael Polaski, Martha Catel, Eddie Villecco, Isaiah Colville, Jennie Nazario, Joan Proto, Caitlin Rustic, Michael Filion, John Torello, Mauro Antonio Bezanilla, Matteo Criscuolo, Robert Filion, Lucy Carbone, Dorene Izzo, Lucille Palange, Carmine Riccitelli, Sr., Louise Amato, Mark Houston, Avery Bye, Alex Bernaitis, Vincent Pisano, Ann Hamilton., Barbara Bellucci, Michael Bulger, Joseph Bonie, Mary Katherine Hart, Billy Carr, Andrea Pepe, Anna Sabatino, Audrey Elder, Theresa Polio, Mike Liso, John Mongillo, Sr., Bill Morrison, Juan & Family, Vern Kelly, Barbara Corso, Terrence King

Please send prayer requests to [stpiofpietrelcina@gmail.com](mailto:stpiofpietrelcina@gmail.com) so that our parishioners and friends can be remembered in our prayers.

**Midnight Run  
Taylor Avenue Campus**

The Midnight Run for **August** is the **2nd Monday**, which is **August 14th**. 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, August 14th**. 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!



**St. Bernadette Food Pantry** located at the East Shore Senior Center is open every Saturday from 10:00am-11:00am. We are always in need of non-perishable foods. Top choices are, canned: tomatoes, tomato sauce, vegetables, tuna fish, soups and fruits. Pasta, mac & cheese and peanut butter. Consumption guidelines provided to us from the CT Food Bank: Expiration/Code Date Extensions past expiration: high acid foods (i.e. tomatoes) 12-18 months. Low acid foods (canned meat, most vegetables) 2-5 years. Food in jars, 12 months past expiration, dry cereal 6-12 months, rice/pasta (dry) 1 year. Questions, please contact Deb or Rico at 203-468-7489



**THE EAST HAVEN FOOD PANTRY** is asking for cereal and ramen noodles the months of July. Please leave your donations of food at the church entrances.

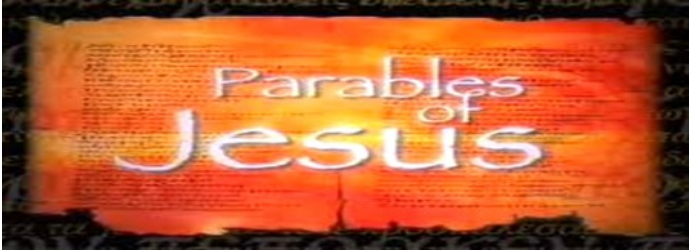
The Food Pantry will be open from 9:00am-11:00am on Saturdays & Tuesdays for East Haven residents.

The Food Pantry is looking for volunteers to deliver to one homebound senior in their neighborhood twice a month, if you are able to please call Christine at the below number.

## From the Pastor's Pen

Reverend Jeremiah N. Murasso, PhD, EdD, PsyD

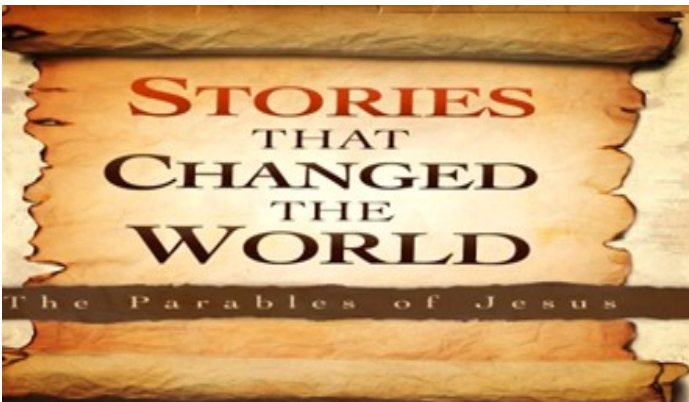
The Parables of Jesus:  
*Parable of the Good Seed & the Weeds,*  
*Parable of the Mustard Seed*  
*Parable of Yeast*  
Matthew 13:24-43



Last Sunday, the fifteenth Sunday in ordinary time, we listened to what will be several weeks of Jesus teaching his disciples in the form of parables. As I indicated in last week's reflection, a parable is a story that has as its objective the explanation or teaching of very abstract concepts by using very concrete experiences in the lives of the people for whom the teaching is directed.

Jesus uses parables, for example, to explain the extremely nonconcrete ideas of the *kingdom of heaven* by using the day-to-day activities of the people. The Hebrew word for parable is *marshal*, whose primary meaning is *comparison*, which Jesus made between the eternal, mystical realities and the familiar ideas and experiences in the everyday life of his listeners. Jesus uses parables; creative and intriguing stories, fictional illustrations in his descriptions of the *kingdom of heaven*.

The parables were not meant to be *Hallmark* moments; rather, they were meant to instruct and to warn the disciples as well as the multitude about the opposition facing men and women of faith. The parables often describe the subtle, yet, daunting presence of evil in the world and even in the church, among religious believers, or those who *claim* to believe in God. As we hear in the parables, such evils often times masquerade as a *perceived good*; thus, they confuse and distract the innocent man or woman of faith



The disciples question Jesus as to his reasons for speaking in parables. To this, Jesus tells them that the message of God's kingdom was not meant for everyone; only those who are faithfully predisposed to receive the truth. In other words, the message of the kingdom of God is meant for those who have heard the *Sermon on the Mountain* and the message of the *Beatitudes* and who can put this message into practice by the manner in which they live their lives.



The kingdom of heaven will not be received or accepted by those with a hardened heart. The mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are meant for those who have faith in God because in receiving the message, their faith will be strengthened and fortified for the difficult times ahead. Those who possess little faith or a weakened faith will not understand the message of God's kingdom; thus, they will reject Jesus and embrace the false, yet alluring advancements coming from the world.

- Matthew 13:24-30: *Parable of the Weeds*, teaches about good and evil. We will listen to this parable next weekend.
- Matthew 13:33: *Parable of the Mustard Seed and the Leaven* complete the first section and will also be explained next weekend in Matthew's account. Of all the teachings of Jesus, these two parables are perhaps, the most misunderstood as well as being the most misinterpreted parables.
- The parables that comprise the second section, Matthew 13:44-56, are directed *not* to the multitude but to the disciples:
- Matthew 13:44: *Parable of the Hidden Treasure*
- Matthew 13: 45-46: *Parable of the Valuable Pearl*
- Matthew 13:47-50: *Parable of the Net*
- Matthew 13:51-52: *Parable of the Householder*

The parables emerge in the teaching ministry of Jesus as a response to the growing opposition of Jesus and his message. Consequently, it was important for Jesus to express his very difficult message about the kingdom of heaven in stories. These stories or parables were meant to help perspective disciples who possessed a sincere heart to better understand the extent to which God was present and active in their lives. The message of Jesus was quite radical to the hidden, often punitive God of the Old Testament who was portrayed by the prophets as disappointed and angry.



The parables served as a coded message for the disciples; an aid for understanding the opposition that they would encounter after Jesus ascended into heaven. The parables would also help the early Church in dealing with their own trials as they were confronted with pagan governments that would become antagonistic and outright hostile to those who embraced the *New Covenant* and who publicly proclaimed allegiance to and faith in Jesus Christ.

### **Message of the Parable of the Sower**

The *Parable of the Sower* was meant to be a teaching by Jesus about man's rejection of the *Word* of God. The sower in the parable is God. The seed that is distributed across the large field is *not* the *Word* of God. Rather, the seed symbolizes the first fruits of the *Word*. The field in the parable symbolizes the world. God, through Jesus scatters and disseminates the teachings of the kingdom to man who responds in the following manner:

• ***Seed Sown on the Path:*** The *Word* of God is received with little or no interest or understanding. The path upon which the seed is sown symbolizes the man who is superficial, and who has no real commitment to anything or anyone; thus is easily influenced by the false and fleeting values of the world.

• ***Seed Sown on Rocky Ground:*** Initially, the *Word* of God and the message of the kingdom is received with excitement; something novel and new. However, like the seed sown on the path, this individual has no heart. He possesses no real sensitivity toward the presence of the divine in his life. He is the man who lives day in and day out with no real desire to pray, or to commit himself to a relationship with God because he sees no need for a relationship with a Being that he cannot see. As soon as the dark storm clouds roll into his life, he is the first to proclaim the non-existence of God; thus all the more reason to go it alone.



• ***Seed Sown among the Thorns:*** This individual likes the fast life. Pleasure and feel-good-fast-remedies for making it through any given day are this person's reason for living. He fills the existential vacuum; the emptiness in his soul with food, drink and pleasures of all kinds. He thinks that in doing so, he will heal that which is broken at the core of his being. In other words, such an individual mistakes the needs of the soul for the desires of the flesh. In the end, he is consumed and emotionally destroyed by the very world that he mistakenly presumed loved him.



• ***Seed Sown on Rich Soil:*** This man is a true disciple. He is the man who is able to separate the sacred from the profane, truth from opinion and good from evil. This individual has spiritual depth and moral fiber that is evidenced by his integrity and by his veracity for life and for living. This is a man whose values are rooted in truth; Gospel Truths. The proof that such an individual is a man of integrity can be seen by the choices that he makes, the life that he lives, the people that he surrounds himself with, the attitudes that he embraces, the depth of his love and the genuineness of his being. It is to such a person that others gravitate.

The parables are as important today as they were when Jesus first uttered them to a people not unlike people who live in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and who have become lazy and careless with their faith in God. The parables provide each of us with a visual aid; a measuring stick with regard to our receptivity for recognizing, receiving and responding to God's *Word*.

### Which Best Describes You?

Which example above best describes your response to God's *Word*? Do you receive His *Word* like a rock, a patch of thorny bushes or like rich, fertile soil that is receptive; thus prepared to use God's *Word* to bear fruit? Who is Jesus for you? Just as a tree is assessed by the quality of its fruit, in the same way, you and I are judged by the sincerity of our actions and by the genuineness of our behavior. JNM

### The Parable of the Sower



### From the Desk of Fr. Patrick



Join Fr. Patrick at the National Eucharistic Congress, July, 2024 in Indianapolis!

The USCCB has initiated a 3-year Eucharistic Revival, in which we are in the midst of now. This will culminate in a National Eucharistic Congress to be held at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Indiana, July 17-21, 2024. I will be leading a pilgrimage to the Eucharistic Congress and have secured 17 free passes to the 5-day event through the Archdiocese of Hartford. Travel, hotel and food costs will be the responsibility of those traveling. I have reached out to a travel agency in order to get information about putting a trip together so that we will all stay in the same hotel and fly out on the same flight to and from Indianapolis. Anyone who is seriously interested can contact me at [kanepmk@gmail.com](mailto:kanepmk@gmail.com). More details will follow, including final costs once they are available.



From the Pen of the Parish Nurse  
Kimberly Petrillo, R.N.

### Water Safety

Summer is the time of year when both adults and children engage in water activities. With warmer temperatures, many look to cool off in the ocean or by a swimming pool. The water is indeed a refreshing way to cool off, relax and socialize. However, while having fun in the water, it is important to realize that the water can also be dangerous.



It takes only a moment, for a child or a weak swimmer to drown in the time it takes to reply to a text or apply sunscreen. Death and injury from drownings happen every day in our backyard pools, hot tubs, at the beach, in the ocean, lakes, rivers, streams and even in the bathtub.

Ten people die each day from unintentional drowning and on average, 2 of them are under the age of 14.

Drowning is responsible for more deaths among children ages 1 to 4 than any other cause except birth defects. Among those ages 1 to 14, drowning is the second-leading cause of unintentional injury-related deaths behind motor vehicle crashes.

For every child who dies from drowning, another **five** receive emergency care for nonfatal submersion injuries.

1. NEVER SWIM ALONE
2. SUPERVISE CHILDREN WHEN THEY'RE IN THE WATER
3. ALWAYS WEAR A LIFE VEST
4. ENTER THE WATER FEET FIRST
5. STAY WITHIN DESIGNATED SWIM AREAS
6. DON'T PLAY BREATH-HOLDING GAMES
7. DON'T JUMP IN THE WATER TO SAVE A FRIEND
8. STAY AWAY FROM POOL DRAINS



## Swimming Safety

Swimming in a natural body of water is more challenging than swimming in backyard pools. It is important to know what to do in order to be safe. Top Things to Know include the following:

- Be sure that you are water competent for natural environments before swimming. A natural body of water is different than a backyard swimming pool.
- Always enter unknown or shallow water feet first.
- Pay close attention to possible under water currents and waves as well as underwater obstructions like sharp objects, rocks, glass, etc.
- Be aware of other individuals around you who may be involved in water sports. In addition, be aware of any oncoming motor boats or jet skis.

## Weather & Hazardous Conditions

It is important to pay attention to changes in weather patterns as well as other possible hazards. In other words, being water competent in natural water requires additional knowledge and skills than in a backyard pool. Whenever near a lake, river, stream or natural water environment, watch and prepare for:

- Unexpected changes in air or water temperature.
- Onset of thunder & lightning.
- Leg cramps or any physical changes to the body.
- As indicated above, fast moving currents, waves and rapids can occur quickly with the change of the air temperature even in shallow water.

In such cases, it is important to leave the water immediately. With regard to thunder, for example, it is important to find shelter in an enclosed area for at least 30 minutes after the last thunder clap. If outside, avoid open areas such as tall, isolated trees and metal objects.

It is equally important to become aware of hazards, such as dams, underwater obstacles, rocks and/or debris as well as vegetation, water animals and fish. Another aspect of water safety is awareness of drop-offs that can unexpectedly change water depth.

## Water Safety Code



## Establish & Enforce Rules

Enter the water feet first for safety.

- Always enter unknown or shallow water cautiously.
- Dive only in water clearly marked as safe for diving, at least 9 feet deep with no underwater obstacles.
- Do not enter the water from a height, such as a bridge or boat.
- Be careful when standing to prevent being knocked over by currents or waves.
- Swim sober.
- Supervise others in a sober state and without distractions, such as reading a book, talking or using a cell phone.
- Swim with a buddy.

## Water Safety Steps

- Employ layers of protection including barriers to prevent access to water, life jackets and close supervision of children to prevent drowning
- Ensure every member of the family learns to swim so they have some level of water competency; able to enter the water, get a breath, stay afloat, change position and swim a distance to get out of the water safely.
- Know what to do in a water emergency, including helping another in trouble.

## Swimming Safely at the Beach

### Top Things to Know:

1. Always swim in a lifeguarded area.
2. Never swim alone, regardless of age or level of swimming skills.
3. Keep within your fitness and swimming capabilities.
4. Be aware of weather and water conditions and heed warnings.
5. Be aware of hazards & changing weather conditions.
6. Be aware of tide changes.
7. Fast-moving currents and waves, even in shallow water.
8. Drop-offs that unexpectedly change water depth.
9. Unexpected changes in the air or water temperature.
10. Hazards, such as underwater obstacles, rocks and debris.
11. Vegetation, marine animals and fish.
12. Other people's activities in the same water, such as boating.
13. Thunder & Lightning.
14. Read the posted signs.

When unfavorable conditions for water safety occur:

- Leave the water immediately, if swimming off shore.
- If in a boat, head back to shore as quickly as possible.
- If in a boat and are unable to return to shore, lie down in the bottom of the boat or shelter in the cabin if available.





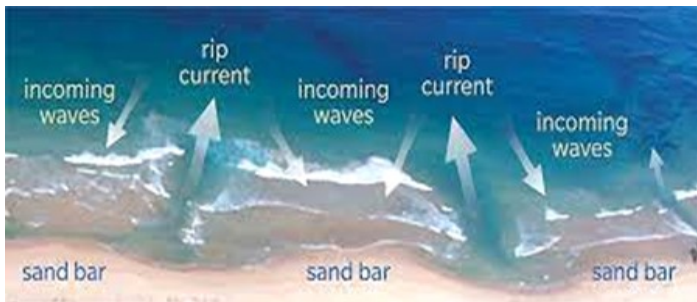
### **Dangers of Rip Currents**

Rip currents can form in any large open water area such as low spots and breaks in sandbars or near structures such as jetties and piers. It is important to check conditions before entering the water, looking for warning flags or signs. If there is a lifeguard on duty, ask him/her about water conditions, beach conditions and potential hazards.

While in the water, stay at least 100 feet away from piers and jetties. Permanent rip currents often exist near these structures.

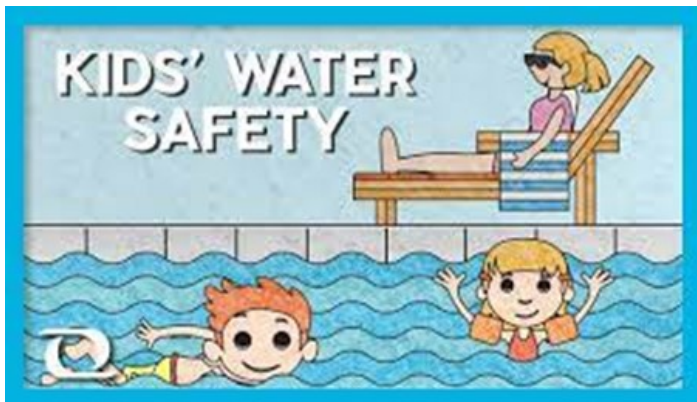
### **Escaping From a Rip Current**

If caught in a rip current, stay calm and do not fight it. Swim parallel to the shore until you are out of the current. Then turn and swim to shore. Alternately, float until you are free of the rip current and then head to shore. If unable to make it to shore, draw attention to yourself by waving and calling for help. If someone else is caught in a rip current and is in trouble, get help from a lifeguard. If a lifeguard is not available, have someone call 911. Throw the victim something that floats, such as a lifejacket, cooler or inflatable ball. Do not attempt to rescue the individual yourself, unless you are a trained beach lifeguard.



### **Backyard Pool & Hot Tub Safety**

It is interesting to note that approximately 60% of young children who drown were in fact, not expected to be in a pool or near water. It is important to secure the pool with appropriate barriers. Designate a water-watcher and stay in arm's reach of young children. Install anti-entrapment drain covers and safety release systems to protect against drain entrapment. If a child is missing, check the water first. Secure the pool when not in use. It is important to surround the pool with four-sided isolation fencing with a self-closing and self-latching gate that is out of reach of a child.



A four-sided isolation fence (separating the pool area from the house and yard) reduces a child's risk of drowning 83% compared to three-sided property fencing. For ground pools, secure, lock or remove steps, ladders and anything that can be used for access (such as outdoor furniture and toys) whenever the pool is not being actively supervised by an adult.

Install a secondary barrier, such as: door alarms and locks that are out of reach of a child on all doors and windows with direct access to the pool or spa areas. Establish and enforce rules and safe behaviors. Do not enter the pool head first unless in a pool that has a safe diving area. Stay away from drains and other openings that cause suction.

### **Drowning Prevention**

- Learn basic swimming and water safety skills.
- Wear a life jacket because life jackets reduce the risk of drowning.
- Learn CPR. CPR can save someone's life in the time it takes for paramedics to arrive.
- Know the risks of natural waters and check the forecast before activities in, on, or near the water.
- Avoid alcohol.
- Use a buddy system. Always swim with a buddy.
- Consider the effects of medications and avoid swimming if taking medication impairs balance, coordination or judgement. These side effects can increase the risk drowning.
- Take additional precautions for medical conditions. Know if your medical condition may increase the risk for drowning. For example, if a person has a seizure disorder like epilepsy, it would be important to have one-on-one supervision around water.
- Heart conditions and autism may also increase the risk for drowning.
- Do not hyperventilate or hold your breath for a long time. Do not hyperventilate before swimming underwater for long periods of time. This can cause a person to pass out and drown. This is sometimes called "hypoxic blackout" or "shallow water blackout."

An average of 4,012 unintentional deaths occurred each year from 2011 to 2020. An average of 8,061 estimated emergency department visits due to non-fatal drowning occurred each year from 2011 to 2020 (redcross.org; cdc.gov.).



Be safe and adhere to the safety information provided above. Enjoy the rest of the summer. May it be filled with happiness and good health. KP

Parish nurse can be contacted [kimp51@comcast.net](mailto:kimp51@comcast.net) or mobile 203-980-0931. Health counseling available by appointment.



**ST. PIO OF PETRELCINA PARISH  
WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT  
September 21, 2023 through September. 24, 2023**

**A**doration - God's call, your acceptance of, and response to God.

**C**ommunity – LOVE AND CARING FOR EACH OTHER.

**T**heology- STUDYING GOD THROUGH SCRIPTURE AND OUR CATHOLIC FAITH.

**S**ervice – TO GOD AND HIS PEOPLE.

**What is it?**

An ACTS retreat is a three-day, three-night Catholic lay retreat presented by women who have attended prior ACTS retreats, under the guidance of a Catholic Guide. Retreat activities focus on Adoration, Community, Theology and Service. Scripture and the teachings of the Catholic Church are the guides. The goals are to renew yourself spiritually, to strengthen your faith and its application in your daily life, and to create lasting and supporting friendships. This is done via a positive, lively and interactive manner. Participants return to their parish faith communities with a deeper love for each other and a desire to become more involved.

**Interested In Attending?**

The retreat begins Thursday evening, September 21, 2023, with a 5:00 pm check-in at St. Vincent de Paul Church Hall on 80 Taylor Avenue, East Haven. Participants will then be transported to Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center in Farmington, CT. for the remainder of the retreat. The retreat will end on Sunday, September 24, 2023, with a 11:15 AM Mass and reception at St. Vincent de Paul Church. Transportation to and from Retreat Center will be provided. The cost for the retreat is \$330.00. A deposit of \$115.00, made payable to St. Pio of Pietrelcina Church, submitted with the enclosed form, will reserve your place. The remaining balance will be due on or before September 14, 2023

**Also, for first time retreatants who are members of St Pio of Pietrelcina Parish, ACTS CT Chapter will give those first-time retreatants \$100 toward the cost of the retreat making the total cost of the retreat \$230.00.**

**Next weekend, July 22 & 23, details about the retreat will be given along with brochures and applications for anyone interested in attending. Members of the retreat team will be available at all Masses to answer any questions.**

For further information contact:

Carol Silva, Director

203-915-5503

Email: [carnajoe93@gmail.com](mailto:carnajoe93@gmail.com)

Jean Benzi, Co-Director

203-627-3280

Donna Carotenuto, Co-Director

203-506-5439





The Kate  
300 Main Street, Old Saybrook  
860-510-0473

<https://www.katharinehepburntheater.org/>

Old Mackie is back in town! After a sold out run in April at The Legacy Theatre, I am delighted to announce that "Mack is Back" will perform at The Kate in Old Saybrook, CT on Thursday, August 17. Tickets are on sale and going fast - don't miss out!

*Chaz Esposito sings*  
**Mack is Back**  
The Music of **BOBBY DARIN** *AND MORE!*

**"AN ACCURATE MEMORABLE PORTRAYAL"**  
- Gary Walden, Brother of Bobby Darin

**"CHAZ ESPOSITO REKINDLES THE PASSION AND GENIUS OF BOBBY DARIN WITH VERVE AND ENERGY"**  
- David Evanier,  
author of Roman Candle,  
The Life of Bobby Darin

**"THE BAND IS WAILING, CHAZ IS SINGING AND THE AUDIENCE IS CLAPPING IN TIME TO MACK THE KNIFE, I FELT BOBBY IN THE HOUSE. BRAVO CHAZ!"**  
- Jimmy Scalia,  
The Official Bobby Darin Archivist



**Tuesday, July 25 – Saturday, July 29**  
**6:00pm-10:00pm**

The **66th Annual St. Pio of Pietrelcina Parish Carnival** takes place **Tuesday, July 25 thru Saturday, July 29** on Our Lady of Pompeii Church grounds.

Our Annual Carnival features rides for all ages, games, a variety of delicious foods and our **famous fried dough pizza**.

If you have attended in the past, you know our carnival only takes place through the help of hundreds of volunteers.

We invite all members of our St. Pio of Pietrelcina Parish family from Our Lady of Pompeii, St. Bernadette and St. Vincent de Paul to *help us make this year another success by volunteering a few hours of your time.*

Volunteers are needed in our food and pizza booths, game booths, set-up and breakdown, hospitality and clean up.

If you would like to volunteer one or more nights, please contact **Dawn Vittorio @ 203-535-4091** or [dawn.vittorio@gmail.com](mailto:dawn.vittorio@gmail.com) or **Patti Scussel** at 203-710-7886 or [parscussel@aol.com](mailto:parscussel@aol.com).

All volunteers must be Virtus trained. If you are not Virtus trained, **Virtus training is now online.**

An **all-volunteer meeting** will be held on **Monday, July 17 at 7pm** in the **Our Lady of Pompeii Church Hall**.

**PLEASE join us in making this year's Carnival the best-ever!**



**VISIT THE HOLY LAND**

**JANUARY, 2024**

**WITH FR. MURASSO**

**DON'T WAIT TOO LONG**

**GET YOUR BROCHURE &  
RESERVATION FORM SOON**



**A Holy Land Pilgrimage IS A  
ONCE-AND-A-LIFETIME EXPERIENCE. This  
fantastic pilgrimage departs on January 30,  
for 10 spiritually uplifting day!**

Interested perspective travelers should contact Fr. Murasso, ASAP. For a brochure while there are still seats left. Visiting: Caesarea, Haifa, Tiberias, Mount of Beatitudes Golan Heights, Samaria & Jacob's Well, Sea of Galilee, Cana, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Jerusalem and so much more!

**Package Price: \$3099**

Government Taxes & Airline Surcharge: \$700

**TOTAL PACKAGE: \$3799.00**

**Includes: Air, Hotels, Breakfast and Dinner**

**RESERVE YOUR PLACE ON THIS  
INCREDIBLE JOURNEY!**

**IS THE LORD CALLING YOU TO VISIT HIS  
HOMELAND? TO WALK IN HIS FOOTSTEPS FOR  
10 DAYS?**

Contact Fr. Murasso at the parish for a **Brochure and  
Reservation Form.**



**SAINT BERNADETTE CHURCH  
PRAYER GARDEN**



THE KNIGHT'S OF COLUMBUS RODRIGO COUNCIL #44 OF SAINT BERNADETTE CHURCH CAMPUS OF ST. PIO PIETRELCINA PARISH IS NOW ACCEPTING ORDERS FOR ENGRAVED BRICKS TO BE PLACED IN OUR BEAUTIFUL **PRAYER GARDEN** AT ST. BERNADETTE CHURCH.

**PURCHASE AN ENGRAVED BRICK FOR  
PLACEMENT IN OUR GARDEN TO REMEMBER  
A DECEASED FRIEND OR RELATIVE.**

**BRICKS COME IN TWO SIZES:**

**1.4X8: \$250 AND ALLOWS 3 LINES WITH 13  
SPACES IN EACH LINE.**

**2.8X8: \$300 AND ALLOWS 6 LINES WITH 13  
SPACES IN EACH LINE.**

**PLEASE, NO NICKNAMES.**

100 PERCENT OF THE PROCEEDS BENEFIT OUR PARISH. *We thank you in advance for your support.*

**TO ORDER BRICKS OR ANY QUESTIONS  
CONTACT:**

**MICHAEL FIMIANI AT 203-627-9216 OR  
RALPH ESPOSITO AT 203-481-8238.**

***ORDER FORMS CAN BE EMAILED TO YOU  
UPON REQUEST. PAYMENT DUE UPON  
SUBMISSION OF ORDER FORM.***

**CHECKS TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO:**

**K OF C RODRIGO COUNCIL #44**

**LAST DAY TO ORDER A BRICK WILL BE  
LABOR DAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2023.**



# Ladies Guild

Hello everyone!

Dawn Scussel Vittorio has organized a Christmas ornament group to make ornaments to sell at our annual Ladies Guild Christmas Fair..

They are meeting in the Lower Office Meeting Room at Our

Lady of Pompeii the 3rd Monday of the month @ 6:30pm

The dates are July 17, August 21, September 18, & October 16..

Please reach out to Dawn @ 203-535-4091..

Thank you so much Dawn for organizing this group..

Save the date for the Christmas Fair November 11 & 12...

Watch the weekly bulletin for updates and info

## FR. MURASSO'S MESSAGE BOARD

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

### ARCHBISHOP ANNUAL APPEAL

This year the Archbishop's Annual Appeal is more critical than ever! State and Federal resources have become more and more limited. Across the Archdiocese of Hartford more people need our help. If you have yet to make a donation, please consider doing so. **YOUR DOLLARS COME BACK TO OUR PARISH AND PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE MINISTRIES THAT OUR PARISH SUPPORTS.** It's not too late.

Your contribution will provide funds to four local ministries:

- St. Bernadette Food Pantry,
- East Haven Food Pantry
- St. Gianna Pregnancy Recourse Center.
- Our Blessed Mother's Arms Pregnancy Resource Center.

If you have not done so, please make a contribution to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. **Please indicate the parish name so that the above 4 ministries can receive funding.** The more that our parish gives to the Appeal, the more dollars these ministries receive.

## Celebration of St. Clare



August 10-11

St. Bernadette Church Grounds

**SERVING AUTHENTIC ITALIAN  
CUISINE  
& RAFFLE DRAWING**



### SHOPPING CARDS *STILL* NEEDED

Although the holidays have passed, the food prices continue to rise, several of our parishioners are having trouble buying food as they *struggle* to purchase other household necessities and pay for rent and utilities.

Grocery Shopping cards in any denomination to any of the local supermarkets would help me help members of our parish family, who are in need of assistance for the purchase of food. These gift/shopping cards can be dropped into the collection basket or brought to the parish office. Whatever you can do, is greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance. JNM

## Fr. Murasso's Message Board

# RAFFLE TICKETS

It's that time of the year. **RAFFLE TICKETS!** We have another fantastic raffle this year with the Grand Prize of \$10,000! Who among us can't use \$10,000? The raffle drawing will be on Friday, August 11, at 8:00pm on the St. Bernadette Church Grounds.

Extending the raffle to August gives us additional time to sell tickets. **Please, please** support our raffle! We cannot do this without everyone doing their part to make this raffle a success. **We stand to profit just under \$100,000** if all our registered parishioners do their part. We are asking that you **buy or sell** the two books (10 tickets per book) that are enclosed in the white envelopes at the entrance of our churches.

Each ticket is \$5.00 as in the past. **Please, pick up your envelope on the way out of church.** In the past, as you know, we have mailed the raffle tickets; however, with the cost of postage, this is a great expense that detracts from our *desperately needed profit*.

The raffle along with the annual carnival and *Food Fest* honoring St. Clare are the only fundraisers that we conduct annually. The funds raised help us get through the winter months. JNM



**Registrations Due July 17<sup>th</sup>**

## Bible Camp 2023

Return Registrations to either office or drop in  
Collection Basket

**August 7-11 from 9:00am-12:30pm**

Our Lady of Pompeii Campus 355 Foxon Rd. East Haven

**Students in Grades K - 6**

**Camp Counselors: Grades 7-12 Fun Service  
Hours**

**Visit our Website for Registration Forms or pick up at  
either office:**

[https://stpioofpietrelcinaeh.com/religious-education/  
biblecamp](https://stpioofpietrelcinaeh.com/religious-education/biblecamp)

**Contact: Sally Mucka at [saintpio.rcia@gmail.com](mailto:saintpio.rcia@gmail.com) or cell: 203  
-415-2710**

**Adult Help Needed too!**

## MASS SCHEDULE



### July 22 & 23, 2023

4:00pm OLOP: Fr. Murasso  
4:30pm SVDP: Fr. Patrick  
8:00am OLOP: Fr. Murasso  
9:00am SB: Fr. Borino  
10:00am OLOP: Fr. Murasso  
11:15am SVDP: Fr. Patrick  
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### July 29 & 30, 2023

4:00pm OLOP: Fr. Federico  
4:30pm SVDP: Fr. Patrick  
8:00am OLOP: Fr. Patrick  
9:00am SB: Fr. Fr. Borino  
10:00am OLOP: Fr. Patrick  
11:15am SVDP: Msgr. Walker  
*Fr. Murasso away at Oxford University*  
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### August 5 & 6, 2023

4:00pm OLOP: Fr. Borino  
4:30pm SVDP: Fr. Patrick  
8:00am OLOP: Fr. Patrick  
9:00am SB: Fr. Fr. Borino  
10:00am OLOP: Fr. Patrick  
11:15am SVDP: Msgr. Walker  
*Fr. Murasso away at Oxford University*  
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### August 12 & 13, 2023

4:00pm OLOP: Fr. Murasso  
4:30pm SVDP: Fr. Patrick  
8:00am OLOP: Fr. Murasso  
9:00am SB: Fr. Borino  
10:00am OLOP: Fr. Murasso  
11:15am SVDP: Fr. Patrick  
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### August 19 & 20, 2023

4:00pm OLOP: Fr. Patrick  
4:30pm SVDP: Fr. Murasso  
8:00am OLOP: Fr. Patrick  
9:00am SB: Fr. Borino  
10:00am OLOP: Fr. Patrick  
11:15am SVDP: Fr. Murasso

## Fr. Murasso's Message Board

*Good time*

**A good time was had by all at the *2<sup>nd</sup>*  
*Annual Meet & Greet* at Amarante's Sea  
Cliff.**

**A BIG THANK-YOU to those  
parishioners who were in attendance!**

**There was good food! Great  
company! And a Spectacular view!  
Many thanks, also, to Grace Hurley and  
her wonderful staff! JNM**