

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF
ST. PIO OF PIETRELCINA

REVEREND JEREMIAH N. MURASSO, PH.D., ED.D., PSY.D., PASTOR
REVEREND MATTHEW CHERIAN, PH.D., PAROCHIAL VICAR



12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!"
The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them,
"Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" - Mk 4:39-40

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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 23, 2024

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, June 22 - Vigil – 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm OLOP + Angie Brancato
by Linda

5:30pm SVDP + George & Millie Iacobellis & Deceased
Iacobellis & Salzano Families

SUNDAY, June 23 – 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am OLOP + John Bethke, Sr.
by Son, Jack & Steve

9:00am SB + Dominic Savo & Celeste Turcio
by Family

10:30am OLOP + Joseph & Mary Oddo
by Children & Grandchildren

11:45am SVDP + Vivian & Anthony Bruno
by Family

MONDAY, June 24 - Nativity of St. John the Baptist

8:00am OLOP + Anna & Bill Allen, Jr.
by Marianne Hall

8:00am SVDP + In Memory of All Who Are Deceased

TUESDAY, June 25 – Weekday

8:00am OLOP + Mary Ann Kross
by Clancy-Palumbo Funeral Home

8:00am SVDP + Marcello Meadows
by Clancy-Palumbo Funeral Home

WEDNESDAY, June 26 – Weekday

8:00am OLOP + Norman DeMartino
by Family

8:00am SVDP + Caroline Sagnella
by Clancy-Palumbo Funeral Home

THURSDAY, June 27 - St. Cyril of Alexandria

8:00am OLOP + John Puglia
by Kuczenski Family

8:00am ST. B + Ralph Criscuolo
by Son, Ralph

FRIDAY, June 28 - St. Irenaeus

8:00am ST. B + Ida Ricciardi
by John & Brigida

SATURDAY, June 29 - Vigil – 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm OLOP + Lucille Carerra
by Family

5:30pm SVDP + Nicholas Ferraro, Sr.
by Family

SUNDAY, June 30 – 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am OLOP + Frederick Nuzzo
by Donna Esposito

9:00am SB + Kathy Conner
by Terry Sayles

10:30am OLOP + Joseph Guarneri
by Wife & Son

11:45am SVDP + Anthony Frangipane (1st Anniversary)
by Wife & Family

STEWARDSHIP

June 15 & 16

Regular Collection

\$9,845.00

**June 29 & 30 Second Collection:
Peter's Pence**

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 (1b)/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

Monday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Ps 119:33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40/Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Mt 7:21-29

Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19



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

CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

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

St. Vincent de Paul: Saturday at 4:30-5:00pm

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.

St. Pio of Pietrelcina Parish

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Phone Number: (203) 469-0764

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Foxon Road: Mon-Thu 8:00-12:00 & 1:00-3:00;

Fri 8:00-12:00

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Website: stpiofpietrelcinaeh.com

2025 MASSES -

Payment due at time of booking and is cash or check only.

Kindly have your Mass requests ready when scheduling. We will continue to have a **limit of 2 weekend Masses** per individual booking.



MINISTRY & EVENT CALENDAR

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

**SATURDAY VIGILS FROM
SATURDAY, JUNE 15 to
DECEMBER 14:**

OLOP Vigil at 4:00—Confessions 3:00
SVDP Vigil at 5:30----Confessions 4:30

FROM DECEMBER 21 to JUNE 21, 2025:

SVDP Vigil at 4:00—Confessions 3:00
OLOP Vigil at 5:30----Confessions 4:30

SUNDAYS

Pompeii Campus

7:30 & 10:30

Saint Vincent de Paul Campus

11:45

Saint Bernadette Campus

9:00

2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal



Through the generosity of our parish community, **\$89,286.25** has been pledged to this year's effort; this is **80%** of our financial target. I encourage everyone to consider a gift that is appropriate for them; let's work together to exceed our parish goal. Every gift makes a difference and has an incredible impact. Thank you for your consideration.

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 ~ Virginia Mancini by Ann

Sacred Heart of Jesus ~ Angie Brancato by Linda

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Icon ~ Peter Coppola by Wife, Ann Coppola

Pascal Candle ~ Deceased Members of the Calamita, Hart, Surprenant & Zito Families

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 ~

Pascal Candle ~ Barbara & Maurice Connolly

St. Bernadette Candles

Sanctuary Lamp (Right Side) ~ Vincent Savo by Mom & Dad

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 Zambrano, Helen Langello, Brian Savo, Gerry Andrea, Alan Poirier, Connie Rasimas, Jane Pyka, Harry Clark, Lou DiNola, Geraldine Licciardi, 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 Tantalo, Al Forgiome, 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, 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, Megan Maturro, Rose Paula Dziedulonis, Taras Mychajlowskyj, Denise Steiner, Mary Ann Anastasio, 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, 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, Terrence King, Monica Cantore, Fr. Lawrence Boch, Antoinette Comiskey, Diane DiLungo, Frances 'Jean' Massimino, Luca Small, Vincent Savo, Louis Cinque, Alex Dugatto, Kim Vincent-Foschini, Dawn Quartiano Ferraro, Sal DeCola, Pasquale Marino, Bernadette Mckiernan, Bill Izzo, Ron Ardito, Michael Giaimo, Fr. Krugle, Fr. O'Keefe, Fr. McClaran, Antonio DiBenedetto, Marc Izzo

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

**Midnight Run
Taylor Avenue Campus**

The Midnight Run for July is the **2nd Monday**, which is **July 8th**. 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, July 8th**. Any questions, please contact Sue at 203-214-1762. 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 Our Lady of Pompeii church **ONLY**. 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 pasta, sauce, and canned corn for the month of June. 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.

For more info call Christine Sandford 203-469-7823

From the Pastor's Pen

Reverend Jeremiah N. Murasso, PhD, EdD, PsyD

**A Gospel Reflection
Mark 4:35-41**

In the Gospel for this 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Mark recounts the story of Jesus and his disciples in a boat crossing the Sea of Tiberias. During the journey, a storm came up, and as Mark tells us, "Waves were breaking over the side of the boat, and the boat was filling with water."

We are also told that Jesus was asleep in the stern of the boat. Terrified for their lives, the disciples yell out to Jesus to save them for fear that they will soon capsize and drown. They yell out to Jesus, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"

After rising from his sleep, Jesus calms the storm. He then turns to the disciples and says, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" Mark goes on to tell us that the disciples, "Filled with great awe, say to one another, 'Who then is this that even the wind and sea obey'"

This story provides us with a powerful metaphor. As men and women of faith, how often are we like the disciples in the boat, overwhelmed by the trials and tribulations of life? How often do we cry out, "Where is God?" How can He let this happen to me? LORD, do you not care for me, for our world?"

When your faith is put to the test, how do you respond? With fear? With anger? With unbelief? Or do you respond in faith, using prayer as a tool for discerning where you are in relation to your God and what He might be asking of you?



Take a long hard look at the people in the above picture. They look a lot like you and me. They all appear to be fearful, unable, or unwilling to recognize the Christ among them. Do you see yourself in this picture? Look closer because you just might be there. We all just might be there.

At the end of your journey through life, when you meet the LORD, will he say to you, "Do you not yet have faith?" Or will he say, "Thank you for your faith in me while you lived in the world?" Fear is the antithesis of faith. They cannot co-exist. Where there is fear, there is no trust. Where there is not trust, there is no hope. Truly something to ponder! JNM

MYSTIC AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

“ START BEING BRAVE ABOUT EVERYTHING. ”

-ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA



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

HEAT STROKE

The summer season is here, and with it comes the heat. Temperatures and humidity tend to fluctuate during the summer months, which can affect the body. Heat-related deaths and illnesses are preventable. Despite this fact, approximately 1,220 people in the U.S. die from exposure to extreme heat every year (CDC.gov.).



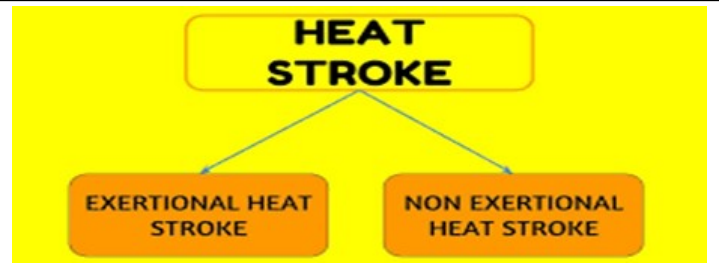
Heat stroke is a condition caused by the body overheating, usually due to prolonged exposure to or physical exertion in high temperatures. This most serious form of heat injury can occur if the body temperature rises to 104 F (40 C) or higher. It is most common in the summer months.

It is important to understand that heat stroke is a life-threatening condition, a medical emergency that requires treatment.

Types of Heat Strokes

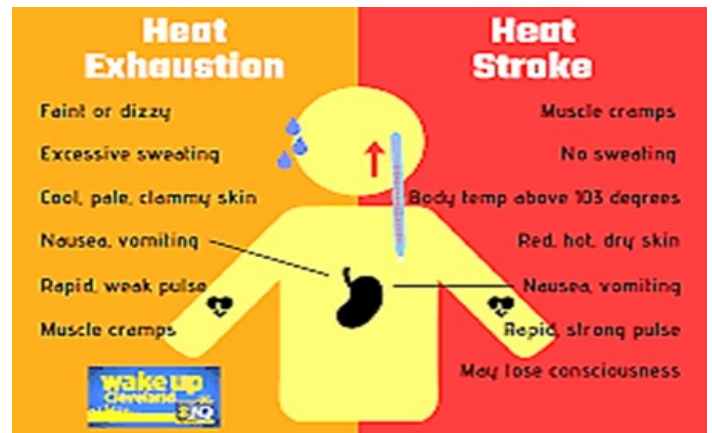
There are two types of heatstroke:

1. **External heatstroke**, a form of heatstroke, is usually the result of physical overexertion in hot, humid conditions. It can develop over a period of a few hours.
2. **Non-exertional heatstroke**, also known as classic heatstroke, can occur due to age or underlying health conditions and tends to develop over several days.



Heat Exhaustion vs Heatstroke

Heat exhaustion and heatstroke are both types of hyperthermia. Heat exhaustion can develop into heatstroke if left untreated. However, heat exhaustion is not as severe as heatstroke, does not cause neurological problems, and is usually not life-threatening.



Risk Factors

Anyone can get heatstroke. Infants and the elderly are especially at high risk because their bodies may not be able to regulate body temperature effectively. Soldiers, athletes, construction workers, and people with occupations that require physical labor in hot environments are also susceptible to heatstroke.

Other risk factors that can increase the possibility of heatstroke include:

- Being male.
- Drinking alcohol.
- Being dehydrated.
- Wearing heavy or tight clothing, such as protective gear.
- Having certain diseases that affect the body's ability to sweat, such as cystic fibrosis.
- Drugs that affect the body's ability to regulate temperature, such as diuretics, sedatives, tranquilizers, and blood pressure medications.
- Having certain medical conditions, such as a sleep disorder or problems with the heart, lungs, kidneys, liver, thyroid, or blood vessels.
- Poor physical conditioning or not being accustomed to hot conditions.
- Carrying excessive weight.
- A past history of heatstroke.
- Having a fever.

Risk Factors for Heat Stroke

- **Dehydration**
 - Respiratory and GI illnesses most common
 - Alcohol use
 - Laxatives and diuretics
- **Medications**
 - Increase heat production and/or decrease heat loss
 - pseudoephedrine, thyroid hormone, cocaine
 - Decrease sweating
 - antihistamines (Benadryl), anti-nausea (meclizine, phenergan)
- **Supplements**
 - Ephedrine (MaHuang), caffeine

The risk for heat-related illness increases dramatically when the heat index climbs to 90 F or higher. It is important to pay close attention to the weather during heat waves; full sunshine exposure can increase the reported heat index by 15 degrees. Humidity of 60% or more hinders sweat evaporation, which affects the body's ability to cool itself.

Signs & Symptoms of Heatstroke

The signs and symptoms of heatstroke include:

- Balance problems.
- Dizziness.
- Delirium, confusion, or disorientation.
- Ataxia (problems with movement and coordination).
- Nausea or vomiting.
- Low or high blood pressure.
- Lung crackles (gurgling sound in the lungs).
- Hot, flushed skin or very pale skin.
- Oliguria (low urinary output).
- Rapid breathing or tachycardia (fast heart rate).
- Excessive sweating that continues after exercise (more common in exertional heatstroke).
- Seizures.
- Weakness.
- Syncope (fainting) or loss of consciousness.

Prevention

How can heat stroke be prevented? When the heat index is high, plan to stay in an air-conditioned environment. When going outdoors, adhere to the following recommendations:

1. Wear lightweight and light-colored clothing.
2. Wear a wide-brimmed hat.
3. Use sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 30 or more.
4. Drink extra water. The body requires fluids during the summer months. To prevent dehydration, drink at least 8 glasses of water, fruit juice, or vegetable juice per day.
5. Heat-related illness can also result from salt depletion. During extreme heat and humidity, it may be helpful to substitute an electrolyte-rich sports drink for water.

6. Check with a healthcare provider about fluid requirements for hydration if you have kidney disease.

7. Be mindful when exercising or working outdoors. The general recommendation is to drink 24 ounces of fluid 2 hours before exercise and add another 8 ounces of water or a sports drink immediately prior to exercise. During exercise, consume another 8 ounces of water every 20 minutes, even if you don't feel thirsty. The body loses fluids through sweating. It is important to replace fluids that may be lost, reducing the risk of dehydration.



It is important to schedule outdoor activities during the coolest time of the day, either early in the morning or after sunset. It is equally important to avoid fluids that contain caffeine or alcohol because both can make the body lose more fluids and worsen heat-related illness. Do not take salt tablets without consulting with a physician. The safest way to replace electrolytes during heat waves is to drink sports drinks or fruit juice.

Listen to Your Body

It is important to monitor the color of urine. Dark-colored urine is usually a sign of dehydration. For healthy people, it is important to drink enough fluids to maintain a very light color. People who have chronic kidney disease, for example, may have dark-colored urine due to poor kidney function. Monitor weight before and after physical activity. Monitoring lost water weight can help determine how much fluid is needed to drink.

Never leave anyone in a parked car. This is the most common cause of heat-related deaths in children, elderly adults, and pets. Limit time spent working or exercising in the heat. Recently, in Greece, tourists were hiking in 90-degree weather and are now reported missing. People who are not used to hot weather are especially susceptible to heat stroke. It takes several weeks for the body to get acclimated to the hot weather.

With that said, most of us wait all year to enjoy the sun and warmer weather. Take breaks from being in the direct sun. If at the beach, bring an umbrella and alternate time spent in the direct sun and under the umbrella (shade).



stay safe
this summer!

Consult with a Medical Professional

When experiencing heatstroke, seek medical attention. Call 911 or go to the ER. Take immediate action to cool yourself or the overheated person while waiting for EMS to arrive. Get the person indoors or into the shade. Remove excess clothing. Cool the person down with any means that are available, such as a cool shower, a cool tub, spray with a garden hose, sponge with cool water, fan while misting cool water or an ice pack, cold, wet towels on the person's forehead, neck, armpits or groin.

It is important not to use an ice pack for older people, young children, people with chronic illnesses, or anyone whose heat stroke occurred without vigorous exercise. Doing so can be dangerous.



**Heat
Stroke
First Aid**

Treatment

IV fluids are often necessary to compensate for fluid or electrolyte loss. Bed rest is generally advised and body temperature can fluctuate abnormally for weeks after heatstroke. The doctor may decide to do blood tests, urine tests, chest X-ray, and ECG to assess if heatstroke has damaged any internal organs.



Bottom Line:

Stay hydrated! During extremely hot weather, stay indoors with the AC. Plan outdoor activities early in the morning or after sunset. Speak with the pharmacist about medication side effects and how heat (sun) affects the body. Find time each day to enjoy the summer! It is a short season. Find meaning in each day and find a reason to smile! KP

Parish nurse can be contacted via email at kimp51@comcast.net or mobile at 203-980-0931. **Health counseling is available by appointment.**



On Saturday, July 27 from 3:30 to 6:30 pm, at the annual parish carnival, the parish nurse will provide health screenings, including cholesterol and A1C testing. **You do not have to fast for the screening.**

The screening and testing will be **free of charge**. Griffin Hospital has kindly donated the testing supplies for me to conduct these blood tests. **You must make an appointment in advance for the screening. If interested, please contact Kim directly to sign up.**

Holy Spirit,
We praise and thank you!

You anoint us to
bring glad tidings to the poor
proclaim liberty to captives
recover sight for the blind
free the oppressed
and build communities in keeping
with God's vision of justice.

Show us how to be
light of the world
salt of the earth
seeds that sprout love
and leaven that infuses humanity
with the desire to promote
human dignity and solidarity.

Help us to listen so that
those in poverty can lead our
efforts to
proclaim a more hopeful vision
liberate captives from injustice
heal the blindness of the powerful
free us all from self-centeredness
and build community to overcome
poverty.

Amen.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS

**Isabella Balisciano
Brylee Bishop
Alexander Granda-Castro
Luca Cappello
Victoria Chaclan
Anthony Coppola
Jaymie Dattilo
Lianna DeGray
Aubrey Dion
Giada Esposito
McKenzie Foust
Sophia Franco
Leonardo Garrett Hellyar
Spencer Johnson
Olivia Juliano
Olivia Leng
Adrianna Lettierio
Michael Malerba
Oliva Mari
Rocco Maricondi
Giuliana Mello
Brody Miller
Zoey Mills**

**Luciano Martone
Milan Najera Ramos
Brooklyn Pagan
Gianna Pallone
Dante Parisi
Samantha Parisi
Ashlynn Parrino
Anthony Pasciolla
Joseph Pellegrino
Michael Richardson
Mia Rispoli
Antonella Garcia-Rivera
Violetta Garcia-Rivera
Gabriel Rodriguez
Norah Stanislawski
Callen Tagliatela
Natalie Thompson
Matthew Tochimani-Ahuatl
Kaitlyn Treusch
Gabriella Tripp
Angelina Vera
Travis Zacks**



FROM THE *DESK* OF THE *PASTOR*

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

**Effective June 15 & 16
THIS WEEKEND!**

The following Sunday Mass schedule changes will occur:

SATURDAY VIGILS

The two **Saturday vigils** will be at **4:00 and 5:30**. The time assigned to each church will continue for six months. After six months, the two churches will switch Mass times so that in the span of 12 months, both churches will offer a 4:00 and a 5:30. Holy Trinity and Our Lady of Fatima in Wallingford have had success in this kind of schedule.

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It is becoming increasingly difficult to find weekend priests to cover Masses when either Fr. Matthew or I are absent. The present schedule of Masses makes it difficult for one priest to safely move between the three campuses. We continue to do our best to accommodate the spiritual needs of the parishioners who are part of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina Parish.

As you may already know, in addition to a daily weekday and weekend Mass schedule, Father Matthew and I are responsible for four nursing homes and two senior living facilities where a good number of our senior parishioners live. We are on-call 24 hours a day for these facilities and, in addition, are on-call at Hospice in Branford one day a week.

Both of us are pretty s-t-r-e-t-c-h-e-d, given that we are the seventh largest parish in the archdiocese, with two of us ministering to the needs of approximately 3,000 families. Although these changes may be difficult for some, we ask that you look at the big picture.

It is our priority to provide you with a *spiritually meaningful experience* when you attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in a relaxed and unrushed atmosphere. This is compromised if the celebrant worries about quickly leaving at the conclusion of a Mass in order to celebrate Mass across town.

This new schedule, which will go into effect the weekend of **June 15 and 16**, will enable one priest to cover all the weekend Masses if the need arises, ensuring a consistent and *uninterrupted spiritual experience for our parishioners*.

We are extremely fortunate to have Fr. Borino, Msgr. Walker and Fr. Charman; however, although each is retired, they all have extensive daily/weekend commitments at other parishes. JNM

ARCHBISHOP ANNUAL APPEAL

**IT'S NOT
TOO LATE!**

This year, the Archbishop's Annual Appeal is more critical than ever! State and Federal resources have become increasingly 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.**

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.

SAVE THE DATE

**THIRD Annual
Parish Nite on the Deck
Tuesday, July 9
5:00 to 9:00**

**Amarante's Sea Cliff Inn.
Rain Date: Wednesday, July 10**



This was a great opportunity for our parish family, representing three church campuses, to break bread together before our parish carnival and food festival. This is a great social evening with good food, music, and drink.

For reservations, please call or text Mike Fimiani at 203.627.9216, or call Amarante's.

Please indicate *St. Pio Parish Get Together*.

VESTMENTS



Vestments are desperately needed for the Saint Vincent de Paul Church campus. The present vestments are very old and extremely heavy, particularly during the warmer months.

Several sets consisting of the priest and deacon matching vestments have been ordered. Interesting parishioners who would like to memorialize a vestment in a loved one's name can do so with a donation to cover the cost of each vestment, a donation of \$500 per vestment.



Fundraiser for Veterans

The Knights of Columbus, Hon. W. Patrick Donlin Assembly #2459 is sponsoring a golf fundraiser to benefit "Veteran and Military Programs and other charitable causes" on Monday, August 26, 2024 at Race Brook Country Club in Orange. We're looking for golfers, sponsors and contributors. Please contact Chris Neumann at Hello.Neumann@KOLonline.com or (203) 393-2924 or Ric Raffone at (203) 640-6482 to participate or donate to this worthy cause. Or log on to: www.assembly2459.org to download the brochure.

**DON'T MISS
OUT!**

THE BEST OF ITALY & SICILY

13 DAYS: NOV. 3 TO NOV. 15, 2024
**DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS FANTASTIC ITALIAN
EXCURSION**

ACT FAST!



VISITING:

***SORRENTO, *POMPEII, *AMALFI COASTLINE, *SAN
GIOVANNI ROTONDO, *ROME,**

&

**OPTIONAL TRIP TO ASSISI
AUDIENCE WITH POPE FRANCIS
DON'T MISS OUT!**

Contact Fr. Murasso TODAY at
jeremiah.murasso@aol.com or 860-977-7675 for a
**BROCHURE & RESERVATION FORM WHILE THERE IS STILL
ROOM!**



CARNIVAL NEWS

The 67th Annual St. Pio of Pietrelcina Parish Carnival takes place **Tuesday, July 23 – Saturday, July 27 on the grounds of Our Lady of Pompeii.** Our Annual Carnival features a midway of rides for all ages, games, a variety of delicious food choices, and our famous fried dough pizza.

If you've attended in the past, you know our Carnival only takes place through the help of all of our 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 volunteer. Volunteers are needed in our food and pizza booths, with set up and breakdown, and to help with hospitality and clean up.

If you would like to volunteer one or more nights, please contact Dawn Vittorio at 203-535-4091 or dawn.vittorio@gmail.com; or Patti Scussel at 203-710-7886 or 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 **Wednesday, July 17 at 7:00pm in the Our Lady of Pompeii Church Hall.**

We hope you will join us in making this year's Carnival the best-ever!

Ric Raffone, Joe Sicignano, and Mike Vittorio
Carnival Co-Chairs

Register by July 15th

BIBLE CAMP 2024

AUGUST 5 – 9

9 am to 12:30 pm
OLOP Church Grounds

Registration Forms can be downloaded on our website:
<https://stpioofpietrelcinaeh.com/religious-education/biblecamp/>
or pick-up the forms at either office.

Return Forms with Payment to either office, mail to:

St. Pio 355 Foxon Rd. E.H. 06513 or drop in Collection Baskets by July 15th.

Contact: Sally Mucka at saintpio.rcia@gmail.com or 203-415-2710

Featuring: A Visit from Mystic Aquarium's Live Creature Exhibit

Join our Adventure into the deep blue seas as we seek out the beauty of God's Creation and the Blessings that our Oceans provide for us.

**Knights of Columbus
Rodrigo Council #44
June 2024 300 Club Winners**

**1st - JoAnn Mazzetta (#153)- \$150.00
2nd - Massimo Piroli (#232) - \$100.00
3rd - Doug MacDonald (#282) - \$75.00
4th - Monica DiAdamo (#80) - \$50.00**



**ST. PIO OF PETRELCINA PARISH
WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT**

September 19, 2024 through September 22, 2024

Adoration – GOD'S CALL, YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF, AND RESPONSE TO GOD.

Community – LOVE AND CARING FOR EACH OTHER.

Theology- STUDYING GOD THROUGH SCRIPTURE AND OUR
CATHOLIC FAITH.

Service – 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 19, 2024, with a 5:00 pm check-in at St. Vincent dePaul Church Hall on 80 Taylor Avenue, East Haven. At 6:00 pm, 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 22, 2024, with a 11:15 AM Mass and reception at St. Vincent dePaul Church. Transportation to and from the 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 registration form, will reserve your place. Also, for first time retreatants who are members of St Pio of Pietrelcina Parish, ACTS CT Chapter will give those first-time retreatants \$100.00 toward the cost of the retreat making the total cost of the retreat \$230.00. The remaining balance will be before the retreat.

Brochures and registration forms can be found at the front entrance of the church.

For further information contact:

**Donna Carotenuto, Director
203-506-5439**

Email: donnacarot63@comcast.net

**Carol Silva, Co-Director
203-915-5503**

**Tara Daly, Co-Director
203-415-4545**



Have you recently lost a friend or family member?
 Are you having difficulty concentrating and enjoying everyday activities?

For information, please contact Barbara Natarajan at

Rajnet352@comcast.net or
 Phone: 713-898-2563



SHOPPING CARDS *STILL* NEEDED

With 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 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



SAVE THE DATE

St Pio of Pietrelcina Women's
 ACTS Retreat
 September 19-22, 2024
 Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center,
 Farmington, CT
 More details to follow

MASS SCHEDULE



June 22 & 23, 2024

4:00 pm OLOP: Fr. Matthew
 5:30 pm SVDP: Fr. Murasso
 7:30 am OLOP: Fr. Borino
 9:00 am SB: Fr. Matthew
 10:30 am OLOP: Fr. Murasso
 11:45 am SVDP: Fr. Matthew

June 29 & 30, 2024

4:00 pm OLOP: Fr. Murasso
 5:30 pm SVDP: Fr. Matthew
 7:30 am OLOP: Fr. Matthew
 9:00 am SB: Fr. Murasso
 10:30 am OLOP: Fr. Matthew
 11:45 am SVDP: Fr. Murasso
[Deacons Preaching Weekend](#)
 4:00 & 11:45: Deacon Larry
 7:30 & 10:30: Deacon Wayne
 5:30 & 9:00: Deacon George

July 6 & 7, 2024

4:00 pm OLOP: Fr. Matthew
 5:30 pm SVDP: Fr. Murasso
 7:30 am OLOP: Fr. Borino
 9:00 am SB: Fr. Matthew
 10:30 am OLOP: Fr. Murasso
 11:45 am SVDP: Fr. Matthew

July 13 & 14, 2024

4:00 pm OLOP: Fr. Murasso
 5:30 pm SVDP: Fr. Matthew
 7:30 am OLOP: Fr. Matthew
 9:00 am SB: Fr. Murasso
 10:30 am OLOP: Fr. Murasso
 11:45 am SVDP: Fr. Murasso



July 23-July 27

**Our Lady of
 Pompeii Church Grounds**