

St. Pio of Pietrelcina

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Lavallette, NJ 08735

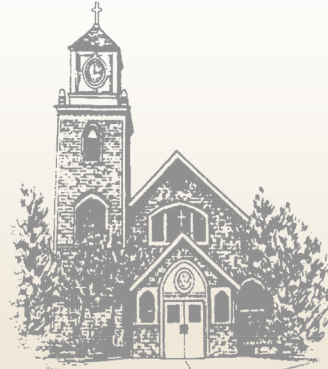


Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am (no music), 9:00am, 10:30am
Monday - Saturday Daily Mass: 8:30am (*in the Chapel*)
Confessions: Saturday 3:20 or after Daily Mass

Church of the Sacred Heart

751 Main Avenue
Bay Head, NJ 08742



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Rev. Joseph G. Hlubik, Pastor

Deacon James Turro

Rev. Joy Chacko, Parochial Vicar



**Father, into your hands I
commend my spirit.**

LUKE 23:46

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APRIL 13, 2025 - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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Weekend Clergy Assisting with Masses

We very much appreciate the retired priests who help both our parishes with daily and weekend masses.

- Rev. Kevin Ashe (Rest in Peace)
- Rev. Noel Danielewicz
- Rev. Msgr. Philip Franceschini
- Rev. Robert Grodnicki
- Rev. Msgr. James Pagnotta
- Rev. Msgr. Lewis Papera

Administrative Offices for Both Parishes are located at

St. Pio of Pietrelcina Parish Center

103 Washington Avenue, Lavallette, NJ 08735
Office is located 1-block south of the main church.
Entrance to office, use foyer in parking lot behind Chapel.
Office is on the second floor, there is an elevator.

Hours: Monday to Thursday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Phone: 732-793-7291 Fax: 732-793-8204
Email: office@stpioparish.com
Website: www.stpioparish.com

Sacred Heart Rectory / Office

751 Main Avenue, Bay Head, NJ 08742
Located diagonally across from the church.
Entrance to office, use foyer on Goetze Street.

Hours: Monday to Thursday 9:00 am - 12:00 noon
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Email: shrcbh@comcast.net
Website: www.sacredheartbayhead.com

NOTE: There is a **secure parishioner dropbox** located inside each parish office foyer, Open 6:00am-6:00pm

Thank You for your Support!!

Contributions Weekend of April 6, 2025	Sacred Heart	Saint Pio of Pietrelcina
In Pew at Church	\$ 5,758	\$5,339
Online	\$ 2,102	\$ 1,400
Total	\$ 7,860	\$ 6,739

Good Friday Collection April 18 is for Holy Land Sanctuary

to support the work of the Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land. They have the unique responsibility of caring for the Holy Places as well as caring for the Christians living in the Holy Land. It is vital that we care for the Christians living in the Holy Land in order to maintain a Christian presence in a land that is filled with a majority Islamic and Jewish population.



Please consider giving Online with our safe, secure Parish Giving program. It is very easy to sign up, just scan the QR code (use the camera on your phone) or visit the parish website.



From the Desk of Fr. Joe:

Reading Parts on Palm Sunday and Good Friday

“The crowd” in the readings of the Passion

I’ve always assumed that the crowd at the passion clamoring to crucify Jesus was about the same crowd that had welcomed him on His entrance in to Jerusalem as we read on Palm Sunday. That was not the case. The “Good Friday crowd” was one that was orchestrated by the High Priests (Caiaphas and Annas), the Sanhedrin, some Pharisees, and “their crowd.” Some of “the crowd” were pilgrims who were caught-up in the commotion of the trial at Passover.

“The Jews” in the gospel reading of the Passion, especially in John’s Gospel, make it look like all Jews were responsible for the crucifixion of Jesus. That is certainly not correct. It has caused much persecution and death of Jewish people since the time of Christ. It was the crowd mentioned above. They were the ones who stirred people against Jesus. Jesus and his mother and all of his apostles were Jews. He maintained then as he does now his love “for Jews and gentiles,” the two types of people that existed.



When we read the Passion, it would be better to think of “Caiaphas, Annas, the Sanhedrin and their supporters,” or “the Temple authorities and their crowd” instead of “the Jews.” Jesus cleansed or cleared the Temple because of their corruption, greed, cheating, and lack of concern for the poor and their people. They actually were a “den of thieves,” as Jesus calls them. When I read the parable of “Lazarus and the rich man,” I now am inclined to think Jesus was referring to Caiaphas as the rich man who ends up in hell. Only priests and royalty could wear purple.

Why did Jesus confront the Temple authorities in Jerusalem as the prophets Jeremiah and Isaiah did?

Jesus went to the Temple because the High Priests, Chief Priests, and Other Sadducees and Jerusalem Pharisees were so corrupt that the sacrifices they performed were worthless in God’s Eyes. In Jesus, God establishes the New Temple, as His dwelling place forever. This is symbolized in the tearing of the Temple Curtain in the Synoptic Gospels, and when Jesus is “lifted up,” in John’s Gospel.

Jesus went to Jerusalem in obedience to His Father. the Book of Philippians, echoes this theme, stating that Jesus, "though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross". It is like God’s call to Abraham to sacrifice his beloved son, Isaac, in the book of Genesis.

Both Jeremiah and Jesus prophesied against the Temple. They condemned the Temple leaders’ corruption, greed, commercialization and hypocrisy, and their lack of concern for the poor and needy, and their empty worship and rituals. Jeremiah’s prophecy was fulfilled in in 586 B.C., when Jerusalem and the first temple was destroyed. Jesus’ prophecy was fulfilled when Jerusalem and Herod’s temple were destroyed in 70 A.D. Both, as prophets (as well as Isaiah the prophet), called the Temple a "den of thieves." Jeremiah and Ezekiel prophesized a “New Covenant.” They listened neither to Jeremiah or to Jesus. (Continued on next page...)

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When the first temple was destroyed, the prophet Ezekiel, who was one of the priests exiled in the destruction of Jerusalem (586 B.C.), envisioned a New Covenant and a New Temple with life-giving and nourishing, healing waters for all peoples. Jeremiah described this new covenant in Jeremiah 31:31-34, stating that God will put his law in their hearts and minds, and they will be his people. Ezekiel prophesied about a new heart and a new spirit, and God removing the heart of stone and giving a heart of flesh (Ezekiel 11:19, 36:26). He also mentioned God making a covenant of peace with his people (Ezekiel 34:25, 37:26). God commanded Jeremiah and Ezekiel to prophesy, regardless of whether the people would listen or not, with the words: "You shall speak all these words to them, but they will not listen to you; when you call to them, they will not answer." They hardened their hearts against Jesus as well, who is the living "Word of God," and the truth. As Peter describes (1 Peter 2:4-5).

Jesus is the New Temple and His followers are The Stones of the Temple.

"Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

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Jesus is the "new Temple," and initiated the "New Covenant" sealed by his blood. He was and is "the lamb of sacrifice," who takes away the sins of the world, and the High Priest offering the sacrifice.



As the Priest raises the broken Host at communion time during Mass we proclaim:

**Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi (Latin)**

**Have mercy on us.
Miserere Nobis.**

Rev. Joseph G. Hlubik

CROSS OR CRUCIFIX *A reflection for April 13*

Every building where Christians gather in prayer has a cross somewhere inside the structure and usually on the outside as well. The cross is the preeminent Christian symbol.

However, a church where Catholics gather has more than a bare cross on display inside the building. It has a crucifix, a cross with an image of the crucified Lord. But crucifixes are not only in Catholic churches. They are found in most Catholic homes. Crucifixes are also attached to rosary beads and religious medals, made part of devotional displays, worn outwardly as part of a religious habit, and fastened to necklaces.

Certainly, the crucifix is the image most associated with the Gospel reading that will be proclaimed at Mass this Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Luke 22:14-23:56). That Gospel relates the events that led to Jesus being crucified even though he was innocent.

Pilate had stated that both he and Herod had “not found this man guilty of the charges” brought against him. The innocence of Jesus was also affirmed by one of the criminals being executed with him, who said “this man has done nothing criminal,” and by the Roman centurion who watched him die and proclaimed, “This man was innocent beyond doubt.”

Jesus was crucified not for doing evil, but for doing good. Throughout his ministry, Jesus had remained faithful to the passage from Isaiah that he had applied to himself in the synagogue in Nazareth. “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord” (Luke 4:18-19).

In faithfully carrying out that mission and remaining true to his identity as the One sent by God, Jesus had become a threat to the religious authorities—a threat that had to be dealt with. The crucifix that we Catholics cherish and look upon in our churches reminds us of the injustice suffered by Jesus, and it also proclaims his faith and trust in God and his love for the people he came to save.

The cross with the image of the crucified Lord also reminds us that life is not fair, that bad things happen to good people, that pain and sickness are part of the human condition, that being innocent does not save us from false accusations and condemnation, and that sometimes it feels as if life is nailing us to a cross. A bare cross can remind us of God’s love. But a crucifix not only proclaims God’s love, it assures us that God knows the pain and suffering that come with being human and assures us that the Lord is with us through it all.

We might say a cross proclaims the Christian faith, while a crucifix proclaims that the Christian faith has something to say about the suffering and challenges that we face in our lives. Tom Iwanowski from LookingToSunday.com Used with permission

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2025

St. Pio

Palm Sunday April 12, 4:00PM Vigil
April 13, 7:30, 9:00, 10:30AM

Holy Thursday April 17, at [Sacred Heart](#) only

Good Friday April 18, 3 PM Services

Blessing of Easter Food, Saturday April 19, 9AM

Holy Saturday April 19, 7 PM

Easter Sunday April 20, 7:30, 9:00, 10:30AM

Sacred Heart

Palm Sunday April 12, 4:00PM Vigil
April 13, 7:15, 8:30, 10:30AM

Holy Thursday April 17, 7 PM, and after mass
Exposition until 9:30pm

Good Friday April 18, 3 PM Services

Blessing of Easter Food, Saturday April 19, 9AM

Holy Saturday April 19, at [St. Pio](#) only

Easter Sunday April 20, 7:15, 8:30, 10:30, 12Noon



A Holy Week Opportunity:

The [Sacred Heart](#) Rosary Altar Society is hosting an engaging speaker, Rev. Noel Danielewicz, a Conventual Franciscan Priest from Seaside Park, on Tuesday April 15th at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall. His talk will be on “*Moving from Lenten Preparation to Easter Transformation*“. All are welcome to attend the talk, and can join the Rosarians to recite the Rosary at 6:00PM, followed by Mass at 6:30PM. Refreshments will be served.

*Thank
You!*

A great big thank you to Alex Barletta and the Knights of Columbus for the giving of their time that made possible our Lenten Holy Hour Fridays during Lent.

All those that attended in the Chapel were able to visit with our Lord in a quiet and peaceful way.



Fan the Flame of HOPE

2025 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Progress Report

St. Pio parish goal is \$43,000, and already 57 families have pledged \$15,960 (37%)

Sacred Heart parish goal is \$53,000, and already 53 families have pledged \$16,023 (30%)

We still need support from more parish families. Every gift, regardless of size, helps provide hope through vocational, pastoral, and outreach programs. Once we reach our goal, 100% of every additional dollar comes back to our parish as a rebate. Please consider making your contribution today and help us Fan the Flame of Hope for both our diocese and parish.

Make your gift online at giveaca.org

Why use Latin & Gregorian chant in the liturgy?

61. ...Pastors should ensure "that the faithful may also be able to say or to sing together in Latin those parts of the Ordinary of the mass ... In addition, "selections of Gregorian chant should be sung" at such gatherings, whenever possible.

72. "The Church recognizes Gregorian chant as being specially suited to the Roman Liturgy. Therefore, other things being equal, it should be given pride of place in liturgical services."68 Gregorian chant is uniquely the Church's own music..."

– "Sing to the Lord" USCCB guidelines

Parish Counseling Services (PCS)

Counseling Services are available through the Diocese of Trenton. For more information or clarification, call Brenda Rascher at 609-403-7180. Areas of help can be marital, raising children, eldercare, bereavement or stress of job.



Knights of Columbus JOIN US



The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend Catholic values. Our local council, #8415, is looking for new members. If you want to join today, visit KofC.org/joinus or scan the QR code, and enter our council #8415.

Need more information, email: barlettaa@verizon.net



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Wednesday APRIL 30, 2025

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****Rolling Thunder \$10 for 20 tickets**** (Optional)

Receive free play from Resorts; and \$15.00 Food Voucher

Payments have to be received by FRIDAY APRIL 25TH

No sign up day of trips. Check-in is 8:45AM day of trip:

Bus leaves 9:AM, returns @ 5:30- 6PM

Leaves From the Sacred Heart Parking Lot

751 Main Ave Bay Head

***Rolling Thunder is an on-bus "Give away" all monies collected are given out in prize for winning ticket.**

Depending upon the number participating could result in multiple drawings.

Make Checks to SHHNS, \$35.00 per person, and if joining Rolling Thunder an additional \$10 for 20 tickets.

Mail to: Sacred Heart Church, HNS Att: Pags,
751 Main Ave Bay Head, 08742

Provide Name, Cell phone number, Email, Amount \$ enclosed

If paying for additional people please list information on the back (Include emails and Cell Phone Numbers)

Bereavement Group

Please join the **Breakfast Group** if you are feeling down because of a loss in your life. We are a group of your fellow parishioners who have suffered from a loss recently or several years ago. We are a good group sharing our loss and how we manage to move forward. We pray, talk and laugh and enjoy goodies and coffee and tea. We meet the second Saturday of the month at **Sacred Heart** in the Parish Hall at 9:00 am. You come in feeling down and leave feeling lifted up. Try joining and meet all of us to journey together lifting each other up. Please come join us. Everyone is welcome and wanted.

Faith Sharing Group

If you would like to lift your spirits and learn a little more about your faith and well-being, think about attending our **Faith Sharing Group**. The group meets once a week on Wednesdays 9AM at **St. Pio's** in Lavallette after morning Mass, and spends about one hour discussing the readings for the next Sunday and what they mean to us.

Contact Maureen Zebrowski at 732-259-1578 if you are interested or would like more information. All are welcome.

Share the Joy of Easter

Give Online to Support
Our Mission



Give Now! Scan this QR Code with your smartphone for easy, secure online giving. Thank you!



St. Pio

To get started, just scan the QR code (use the camera on your phone) or visit the parish website and click on the Parish Giving Logo, then follow the easy registration steps.



Sacred Heart

Parish Giving offers secure flexible Online Giving for our parishioners who would like to make their donations online using a credit card or bank transfer. You never have to bring cash or checks to church. Online Giving helps the church save money and plan the budget.

THE FISHERMEN'S CO-OP DOCK
PRESENTS
**BLESSING OF
THE FLEET**

**Join us Friday, April 25th, 2025
10:30AM**

**Located at the Fishermen's Co-Op Dock,
57 Channel Drive, Pt. Pleasant Beach**

**Father Robert of
St. Peters's Church will
Conduct the Blessing**

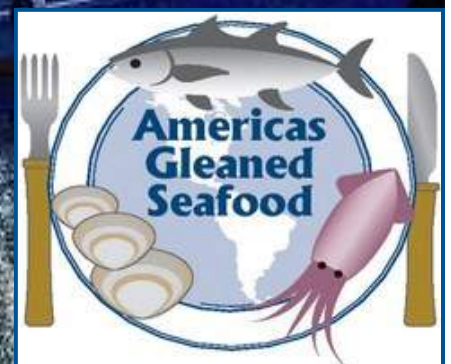


Immediately following the blessing, all are invited to a complementary lunch for those who make reservations, please call:

**Shore Fresh Seafood Restaurant,
57 Channel Drive, Point Pleasant Beach
732-899-0909**

*The “**Blessing of the Fleet**” is sponsored by:
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Shore Fresh Seafood Market & Restaurant
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Thank you to the fishermen and fishing industry for helping to fight food insecurity locally with their Gleaning Program and donations to food banks and churches.



St. Francis Food Pantry

in Seaside Heights is open Wednesdays from 10am until 12 noon.

Please consider bringing some food items with you when you attend Mass at St. Pio's each Saturday or Sunday.

Donations may be left in the bin in the narthex of the Church or you can call Paul Sandy at 732-606-3656. He would be happy to do a pick up. The food pantry is grateful for the support that has been given over the years. Thank you!



Knights of Columbus Council 8415

... provides a container in the vestibule of St. Pio and Sacred Heart Churches for the collection of used eyeglasses

Lavallette Seniors Club

Will meet on Thursday, April 24, 2025 at 12:30 PM in the St Pio Parish Center. Our speaker will be Messina Tulko, Branch Manager of the PNC Bank in Lavallette. Her topic will be *Banking Scams to be avoided.*

Come Join Us! Coffee and cake will be served.

Jim Peeney, President
732-793-4675

St. Pio Holy Name Society presents

Doo Wop Saturday Night

with
Jukebox Legends

May 3, 2025

St. Pio Parish Hall
Rt. 35 & Philadelphia Ave.

Doors open at 6:15
Show 7:00 - 10:00

\$20.00 pp

Checks made out to: St. Pio Holy Name Society

Plus.... a 50/50

For Further Information and Tickets Call:
John: 732-259-3577 • Tom: 732-995-0044
Gary: 908-672-6710 • Mike: 347-668-6046
The Parish Office: 732-793-7291



SIMON'S SOUP KITCHEN'S ANNUAL SPRING GALA Fundraiser

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025
6:00 PM TO 10:00 PM

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Center

168 GRANT AVENUE
SEASIDE HEIGHTS

COCKTAIL HOUR, BUFFET DINNER, & DANCING

TICKETS: \$45 PER PERSON DONATION

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TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BY
MAY 1, 2025



Business Sponsorship

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Saturday
May 31, 2025
6 - 9 p.m.



Sample food from America and around-the-world!

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St. Pio's Hall
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Pat Carolan, 113 Kittiwake Avenue, Lavallette, NJ 08735
NO LATER THAN MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025

Name/s: _____ # Attending: _____
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Please make your check payable Total Due \$ _____
to "KOC Ladies Auxiliary"..... Check # _____

For additional information, call/text Pat at 908-392-1638.



Full article at <https://catholicvote.org/vatican-sends-letter-bishops-worldwide-collection-christian-presence-holy-land/>

McKenna Snow on March 18, 2025

Vatican sends letter to bishops worldwide about collection to protect Christian presence in Holy Land

CV NEWS FEED // Warning that the presence of Christian communities in the Holy Land is at stake amid a fragile ceasefire in the region, the Vatican in a March 17 letter urged the world's Catholic bishops to raise contributions for an annual collection that offers those communities crucial support and protection.

The [letter](#) states that the Collection for the Holy Places, which is taken up every **Good Friday**, supports pastoral initiatives in the Holy Land that operate schools, parishes, hospitals, homes for elderly persons, and support centers for refugees, displaced persons, and migrants. Pope St. Paul VI began the collection, which the letter described as "an essential resource" this year.

The letter's signatory, Cardinal Claudio Gugerotti, explained that the 2020 pandemic almost completely halted pilgrimages to the Holy Land, causing the local economy to stall. As a result, many Christians were forced to leave. The conflict between Hamas and Israel that began in 2023 led even more Christians to depart from the Holy Land, exacerbating the problem. "If we want to strengthen the Holy Land and ensure living contact with the Holy Places, we must sustain Christian communities that, in their various traditions, offer perennial praise to the God-with-us, also in our name," Cardinal Gugerotti wrote. "For this to happen, we absolutely need the generous support of your communities."

Cardinal Gugerotti, who is the prefect of the Dicastery for the Eastern Churches, wrote on behalf of the Holy Father in the letter that the people of the Holy Land have been suffering greatly amid conflict in the Middle East. He wrote that the fragile ceasefire between Hamas and Israel "will not be enough on its own to solve the problems and extinguish the hatred in that area."

He urged the bishops to act concretely and swiftly to help life in the Holy Land begin again. "Everyone, starting with children, has the right to live in peace and to have homes and schools again, to play together without the fear of seeing the satanic grin of death again," he wrote. "It is true. For us Christians, the Holy Places have a special value; they are the incarnation of the Incarnation."

Cardinal Gugerotti implored the bishops around the world "to become persuasive apostles" in efforts of garnering support from their communities for the Collection for the Holy Places. He described the current landscape of violence and death as "times of new Calvary".

"The Holy Land, the Holy Places, the Holy People of God are your family, because they are the heritage of all of us," he continued. "I implore you to feel the Collection as one of your pastoral priorities: at stake is the survival of this precious presence of ours, which dates back directly to the time of Jesus."

He also requested that the bishops not promote second or "parallel" collections to raise money to support the pastoral initiatives in the Holy Land. This would not be as effective and would compromise the Vatican's initiative, he wrote.

"Pope Francis sends all of you his Blessing: God will not forget, especially in this Jubilee Year of Hope, those who have become witnesses of His Providence and instruments of His Peace," he concluded. "Our Christians of the Holy Land await you. Thank you and have a good Jubilee pilgrimage."

Prayer Anthology # 70

Focus Point: As we approach Easter, we reflect on Christ's Passion and the hope that His resurrection brings. Jesus died for our sins, to cleanse us of our sins and give us the gift of grace and mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Do we find ourselves delaying attending confession or only attending because its "expected" of us? Perhaps we can approach Confession also as a way to show our thankfulness to God for the sacrifice of His Son. Confession is not just an "obligation" - it is also a wonderful gift - a gift that forgives us of our sin, reconciles us with God and gives us hope for eternal life. So, let's give thanks for this beautiful Sacrament and this Lenten season ask the Lord to help us make a well thought out examination of conscience so that we may make a point of attending confession and showing our thankfulness for God's gifts.

Father Joy says *"Embrace the spirit of love, forgiveness, repentance & reconciliation."*

Prayer for Guidance for Confession

Dear Lord, I am so thankful to You for the gift of forgiveness, mercy and the hope for eternal life through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I pray for Your help as I spend time reflecting on my sins in order that I may make a clear and thorough examination of conscience. I ask You for a contrite heart to hold me deeply sorry for my sins as I repent with true remorse. Let me hear Your voice guiding me each day as I strive to continue to avoid sin in my life. I need reconciliation Lord, so I may receive Your healing and forgiveness which serves to strengthen my relationship with You forever. Amen

"Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us"

**Sacred Heart's HNS
MONTHLY
50/50 CLUB**



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Sacred Heart Church HNS, Attn: Pags.

751 Main St.

Bay Head, NJ 08742

*(if you refer a person to join,
each time they win you get \$25)*

March 50/50 winner was Bill & Maryjane Reilly #29
\$500.00. Ticket selected by Father Joy.

Name _____

Address _____

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Knights of Columbus exhibit honors persecuted in Iraq, Nigeria



Black and white photo of a displaced Iraqi Christian woman shown in the summer of 2016 as she is being moved to her third displaced persons camp in six months. When asked if she could be photographed, she said, "my son, every time I see you, I know you have come to move me again. When will I go home?"

Photo courtesy of Stephen Rasche

The *Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center* in New Haven, Connecticut, has opened a powerful new exhibition spotlighting **some of the world's most persecuted Christian communities**. Titled *Among the Persecuted and Displaced: Photographs from Iraq and Nigeria*, the exhibit runs from **March 22 to September 7, 2025**, and offers an unflinching look at the suffering — and resilience — of Christians targeted by extremist violence.

According to the *2025 Open Doors World Watch List*, more than **380 million Christians** currently face persecution and discrimination for their faith. [Iraq and Nigeria stand out as two of the most dangerous places to be a Christian today](#), where groups like **ISIS** and **Boko Haram** have displaced thousands, destroyed homes and churches, and inflicted trauma on entire communities.

Witness and Memory in Photos

The exhibition features striking photography from **Stephen Rasche**, an American attorney and humanitarian who spent years on the ground in Iraq serving displaced Christians in the Chaldean Catholic Archeparchy of Erbil.

Rasche's lens doesn't just capture destruction — it reveals courage. His images bear witness to families rebuilding after unimaginable loss, priests ministering amid rubble, and children receiving education and medical care through grassroots Catholic efforts.

Recently, Rasche extended his mission to Nigeria, where his work now supports education and healthcare for Christians affected by targeted violence. Through the photographs, visitors can see **not only the cost of faith, but the strength it inspires**. Many of the faces in these images carry both sorrow and unwavering dignity.

A Knight's Mission of Mercy

Rasche is a member of the Knights of Columbus; the fraternal organization sponsors his work in both Iraq and Nigeria. The Knights also operate the Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center, named after their founder, a parish priest from New Haven who is now one of the Church's blessed. The Center continues his legacy of defending the vulnerable and serving the Church in times of hardship.

Rasche's mission reflects the growing importance of Catholic humanitarian work in areas of religious conflict. He currently serves as Director of the Institute for Catholic Humanitarian Service at Franciscan University of Steubenville and as a Senior Fellow at the Religious Freedom Institute in Washington, D.C.

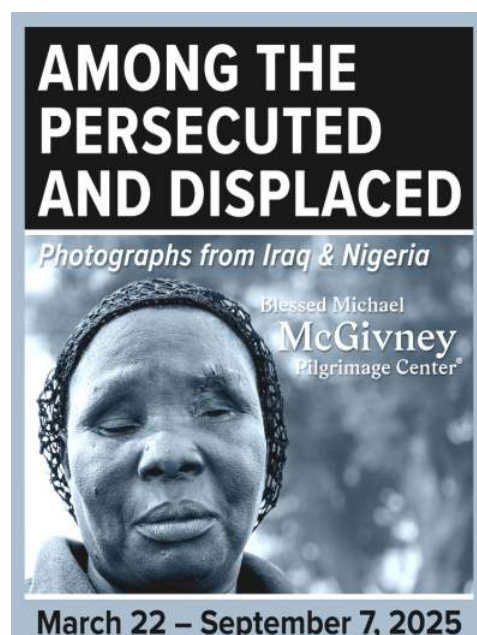
His photography is not just art — it is advocacy, inviting Catholics and others to see what is often left out of headlines.

A Call to Prayer and Action

Visitors to the McGivney Center can experience this testimony free of charge. The center is open Wednesdays through Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with complimentary parking and admission.

In a world where persecution often happens in silence, *Among the Persecuted and Displaced* gives voice to those whose only "offense" is their Christian faith.

For Catholics, and all people of goodwill, this exhibit is more than an invitation to awareness—it's a summons to solidarity. The faithful may find in these photographs a deeper call to prayer, advocacy, and action in support of our brothers and sisters who, in the words of St. Paul, are "hard pressed on every side, but not crushed ... struck down, but not destroyed" (2 Cor 4:8-9). Learn more at michaelmcgivneycenter.org





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For the month of April the **Altar Bread and Wine** at **St. Pio Parish** have been donated in loving memory of **Brian Hawkins** requested by Joe & Maryanne Green



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Say this prayer every day for 9 months to save a baby's life!

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.

Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J Sheen

"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you." (Jeremiah 1:5)

GOD OF LOVE AND LIFE FATHER, SON and HOLY SPIRIT

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord" Luke 19:36

"Crucify him! Crucify him!" Luke 23:21

As Jesus approached the Mount of Olives Thursday for the Passover, the crowds adored and glorified Him shouting **"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord"**. On Good Friday they were shouting **"Crucify him! Crucify him!"**

Some Catholics can be just as contradictory. On Sunday Our Lord Jesus Christ is adored and glorified and promised fidelity. By Friday, after days of being exposed to the false promises of the world, Jesus and His commandments of **"Love God and love thy neighbor"** are abandoned and abortion is tolerated.

Love God, Obey God, Love Life!



Mass



Intentions

St. Pio Parish

Sacred Heart Church

Saturday, April 12

8:30am † For Our Parish Families & Their Loved Ones,
Both Living & Deceased
† Sandy Pizzuro r/b Elma & Jim Stoveker

Vigil

4:00pm † Helen Degillio r/b The Barry Family
† Diane Daniels r/b Antonette Daniels

Sunday, April 13

7:30am † For Our Parish Families & Their Loved Ones,
Both Living & Deceased

9:00am Intentions for Clayton Etzold r/b Etzold Family
Intentions for Jackson Etzold r/b Etzold Family

10:30am † T. J. Jacoviak r/b Eugenia & Juleigh
† Delia Cole r/b The Maher Family

Rosary recited before Daily Mass, 8:00am Monday - Saturday

Monday, April 14

8:30am † Rev. Kevin Ashe r/b Joe & Joyce Kobylarz
† Kevin Farrell r/b The Gavin Family

Tuesday, April 15

8:30am † Louanne Cosenza r/b Sister
† Barbara Olas r/b Pat Carolan

After Mass Miraculous Medal Novena

Wednesday, April 16

8:30am Intentions for Kate Kopec r/b Etzold Family
† Tina Raia r/b Kim & Chris Nardone

No Daily 8:30am Mass Until After Easter

Holy Thursday, April 17

Mass at Sacred Heart Church

Good Friday, April 18

3:00pm Veneration of the Cross & Holy Communion

Holy Saturday, April 19

Easter Vigil

7:00pm † For Our Parish Families & Their Loved Ones,
Both Living & Deceased

Easter Sunday, April 20

7:30am † For Our Parish Families & Their Loved Ones,
Both Living & Deceased

9:00am † For Our Parish Families & Their Loved Ones,
Both Living & Deceased

10:30am † For Our Parish Families & Their Loved Ones,
Both Living & Deceased

Saturday, April 12

8:30am † For Our Parish Families & Their Loved Ones,
Both Living & Deceased
† Ellen Tobin r/b Ann & Michael Kelly

Vigil

4:00pm † Frances Biddlecome r/b Barbara Domanic
† Henery Barry McGinn, Jr. r/b Barbara Domanic

Sunday, April 13

7:15am † For Our Parish Families & Their Loved Ones,
Both Living & Deceased

8:30am † Frank "Skip" Cuccaro r/b a Friend

10:30am † Rev. Kevin Ashe r/b Mary Lane & Family & Friends
† Peter Selesky r/b his Wife

*Rosary recited before Daily Mass, 8:00am Monday - Saturday
After Daily Mass Divine Mercy Chaplet, Monday-Saturday*

Monday, April 14

8:30am † Ellen Tobin r/b Susan Bell

After Mass Miraculous Medal Novena

Tuesday, April 15

8:30am † Frank G Megaro r/b Catherine Megaro
† Ellen Tobin r/b Ann & Michael Kelly

Wednesday, April 16

The Divine Flame of Love Rosary recited 8:00am before Mass

8:30am † Ellen Tobin r/b Ann & Michael Kelly
† Marie Coscia r/b her Goddaughter

No Daily 8:30am Mass Until After Easter

Holy Thursday, April 17

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

† For All Priests, Living & Deceased

After Mass Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9:30pm

Good Friday, April 18

3:00pm Veneration of the Cross & Holy Communion

Holy Saturday, April 19

Mass at St Pio Church

Easter Sunday, April 20

7:15am † For Our Parish Families & Their Loved Ones,
Both Living & Deceased

8:30am † For Our Parish Families & Their Loved Ones,
Both Living & Deceased

10:30am † For Our Parish Families & Their Loved Ones,
Both Living & Deceased

12 Noon † For Our Parish Families & Their Loved Ones,
Both Living & Deceased

LENT: The days of FAST (only one full meal) and ABSTINENCE (no meat) are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. ALL OTHER FRIDAYS OF LENT are days of ABSTINENCE.

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to FAST (only one full meal) as above. From the age of 14, people are also obliged to ABSTAIN (no meat).

April 2025

St. Pio Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
13	Palm Sunday 7:30am Quiet Mass/No Music 9:00am Mass 10:30am Mass	14	8:30am Daily Mass	15	8:30am Daily Mass 9:30am Doo Wop Volunteer Meeting 6:30pm - 10:00pm KofC - Social Meeting	16	8:30am Daily Mass 9:00am - 10:30am Faith Sharing 6:30pm - 10:30pm HNS Card Players	17	Holy Thursday OFFICE CLOSED 7:00pm Holy Thursday Service at Sacred Heart	18	Good Friday Office Closed 3:00pm Good Friday Service	19	Holy Saturday 7:00pm Easter Vigil Service
20	Easter Sunday 7:30am Quiet Mass/No Music 9:00am Mass 10:30am Mass	21	OFFICE CLOSED 8:30am Daily Mass	22	8:30am Daily Mass	23	Administrative Professionals Day 8:30am Daily Mass 9:00am Faith Sharing 4:00pm - 10:00pm KOC Ladies Aux Spring Movie Night 6:30pm - 10:30pm HNS Card Players	24	8:30am Daily Mass 12:15pm - 4:00pm Lavallette Seniors Club Meeting	25	Office Closed 8:30am Daily Mass	26	8:30am Daily Mass 3:20pm Confession 4:00pm Vigil Mass
Sacred Heart Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
13	Palm Sunday 7:15am Quiet Mass/No Music 8:30am Mass 9:30am - 10:45am Religious Education Class 10:30am Mass 3:00pm - 5:00pm Bible Study - Matthew	14	8:30am Daily Mass	15	8:30am Daily Mass 9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group 6:00pm - 7:00pm Rosary Mass + Rosary 7:00pm - 9:00pm Rosary Meeting	16	8:30am Daily Mass 9:15am - 11:15am Bible Study - Matthew 7:00pm - 9:00pm AA Meeting	17	Holy Thursday OFFICE CLOSED 7:00pm Holy Thursday Service, and Exposition until 9:30pm	18	Good Friday OFFICE CLOSED 3:00pm Good Friday Service 6:00pm - 7:00pm Good Friday Soup Supper 7:00pm Stations of the Cross	19	Holy Saturday 7:00pm Easter Vigil Service at St. Pio Church
20	Easter Sunday 7:15am Quiet Mass/No Music 8:30am Mass 10:30am Mass 12:00pm Mass	21	OFFICE CLOSED 8:30am Daily Mass	22	8:30am Daily Mass 9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group	23	8:30am Daily Mass 9:15am - 11:15am Bible Study - Matthew 7:00pm - 9:00pm AA Meeting	24	8:30am Daily Mass 1:00pm - 3:00pm Seaweekers	25	Office Closed 8:30am Daily Mass	26	8:30am Daily Mass 3:20pm Confession 4:00pm Vigil Mass

Marriages: We ask that you **do not schedule your venue date** until you call the parish and schedule a meeting with one of our priests. Contact Marta Barkhausen at marta@stpioparish.com or call 732-793-7291 x322.

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