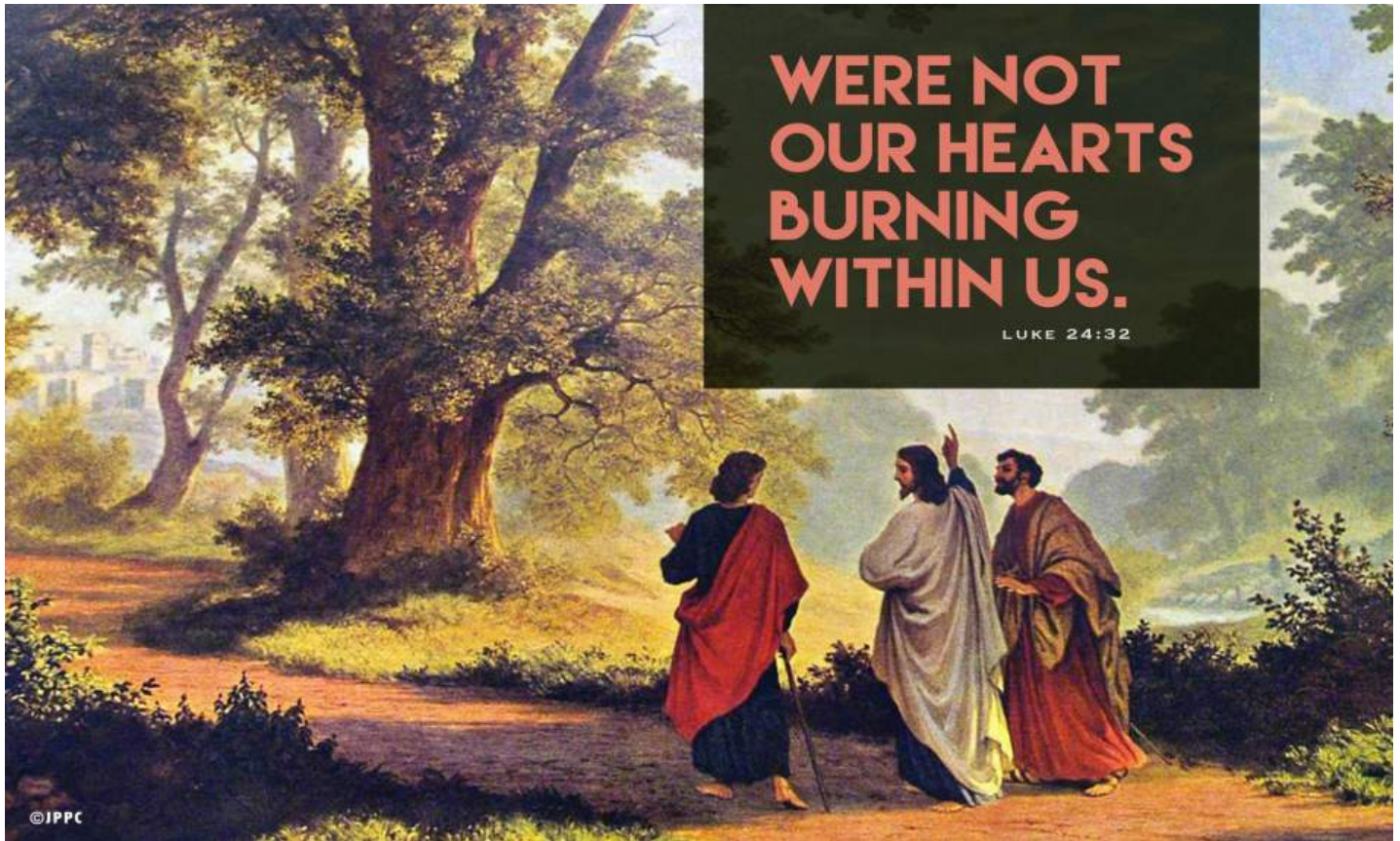


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April 23, 2023
Third Sunday of Easter



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Office Hours: Mon. - Wed., 9am - 2pm

Mass Schedule

Monday - Saturday:	8:30am Chapel
Saturday (Vigil):	4:00pm Church
Sunday:	8:30 & 10:30am Church
Holy Days of Obligation (Vigil):	5:30pm Church
(Day):	8:30am Church

Confession: Saturday 3 - 3:30pm or by appointment

FROM FR. JOE:

How to Convince a Skeptic of the Resurrection

Summary article of the program by John Hanretty April 3, 2023

Recently on The Faith Explained, a listener asked Cale what he thought were the top arguments for the Resurrection, and how specifically he would use those arguments to discuss it with someone who was skeptical of it.

As some of you might know, this issue is very important to Cale because it was the Resurrection that ultimately convinced him to become a Christian after many years of living as an agnostic.

“If Christ has not been raised, then empty [too] is our preaching; empty, too, your faith...If at Ephesus I fought with beasts, so to speak, what benefit was it to me? If the dead are not raised: ‘Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.’” (1 Corinthians 15:14,32)

So, while we were not present at the tomb when Jesus rose from the dead, nor were we present for His appearances before the apostles, we can look at the surrounding evidence that points to the divinity of Jesus and the reason we can absolutely believe in His victory over sin and death.

Cale referenced a study conducted by Gary Habermas, an American historian and New Testament scholar, that was based on a bibliography he compiled. In the bibliography was a comprehensive list of almost 3,500 works that were written on the topic of the Resurrection. And within those 3,500 works, he came to the conclusion that virtually every author, regardless of their religion, philosophy, or belief system, agreed on five things.

1. Jesus died by crucifixion.
2. Jesus’s tomb was found empty on what Christians refer to as Easter Sunday.
3. Jesus’s disciples believed that He rose from the dead physically and He appeared to them alive after His death.
4. Paul, formerly known as Saul, underwent some type of extraordinary conversion.
5. Jesus had a very skeptical relative, James, prior to His death. After Easter Sunday, James not only became a believer but ended up becoming the bishop of Jerusalem and a martyr to the faith.

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The Knights of Columbus of St. Maximilian Kolbe Church (10899) will be holding a flea market on Saturday, April 29th from 9am to 2pm.

The flea market will be held at the parish hall located at 130 St. Maximilian Lane, Toms River, NJ 08757 (indoors - rain or shine). Vendor tables are \$20 with a \$5 refund after clean-up. Vendor tables will have two 3' x 8' tables or 3' x 16'.

All are welcome, vendors and shoppers alike. There will be food; hamburgers, hot dogs, fries, coffee and soft drinks for sale.

Call Richard Muller at 732-255-4834 to register for a table or e-mail Rich at rmullermpa@aol.com.



On April 10th members of Right To Life from joint parishes: St. Pio and Sacred Heart visited **The Open Door** pregnancy center in Toms River; where registered nurses perform tests, ultrasounds, counseling options and parenting classes. Formula, baby supplies and clothing are distributed 100% free of charge. Nancy Schiavo (center) hosted the impressive extensive tour of the facility and provided a wholesome brunch to all in attendance. The Sonogram, donated by the Knights of Columbus, offers women the most valuable up to date technology available. All information and services are confidential and although Faith based, ultimate actions are completely up to the individual regardless of religious, economic or political standpoints. No one is ever turned away at **THE OPEN DOOR** Call 733-240-5504.



Visiting **The Open Door** reminds us of the Baby Bottle Drive that will be held in July. Watch for more details coming in a future bulletin!!

HOLY THURSDAY GOOD FRIDAY EASTER VIGIL
2023





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3 Fridays: May 5, 12 and 19 9:30 AM – Noon

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Led by S. Marie. Donation: \$75

MARY AND OUR RISEN LORD

Monday, May 8 1:00 – 4:00 PM

As we continue to celebrate the Easter Season, what would it be like for us to spend this day with the Mother of Jesus? What might Mary be able to share with us about her post-Resurrection time with her Son?

Might her presence with us deepen our trust as we navigate the tender events of our lives?

Led by S. Marie. Donation: \$20

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May 3 & 19 May 31 & June 16

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If Jesus had not been raised from the dead, our faith would be futile, but on Easter morning He did rise from the dead and the serpents head was crushed.

Through His Resurrection Jesus conquered death. Death has lost its power over us. We, who are in Christ, know that beyond death is everlasting life. **Love God, love life!**

Respect Life Committee at SHRCBH@comcast.net



St. Pio Parish would like to welcome

***The Aiello Family
Pasquale and Lillian***

to its faith community.

Prayer blankets which have been sprinkled with Lourdes water are available at the parish office. The blankets are a beautiful gift for someone who might be ill and in need of prayers.



On June 15, 2023, Knights of Columbus Council 8415, will celebrate a Mass and have a dinner to recognize the 40th Anniversary of the founding of the Council. To support the event, a Program Ad Booklet is being put

together where local owners and parish members can purchase space to promote their businesses or share well wishes. If you are interested in purchasing space in the Booklet, please email Scott Sobka at sobkast@gmail.com or call 410-591-8132. The deadline for submittals is May 15, 2023.

Going to the Hospital?

- If you are scheduled to go to the hospital it is good to go to confession before you go.
- If you are having a scheduled surgery you might want to be anointed before you go.
- You can do this by calling the parish office and arranging a time with Fr. Joe or Fr. Joy.
- When you arrive at the hospital or if an emergency arises make sure that you or a family member let them know that you are Catholic and that you would like an anointing, Holy Communion and a visit by the Catholic priest chaplain.



These steps are important because HIPPA and Covid Restrictions. The hospital often restrict chaplaincy to priests they have on call. In case you cannot get the hospital to respond to your needs, please call the parish office and we will assist you in getting the spiritual help you need, or we will respond ourselves as best we can!

Feast of
St. Mark
the Evangelist
April 25th



PARISH INFORMATION

Anointing of the Sick - This sacrament is for those facing serious illness or surgery, and for those of advanced years. If you or a family member is planning to enter the hospital, please see one of the priests following Mass to receive this sacrament or call the parish office for an appointment.

Baptisms and Marriages

Please visit St. Pio's web site for information and call the parish office to schedule. www.stpioparish.com

Receiving Communion:

- Holy Communion will be distributed in the hand. Those wishing to receive Communion on the tongue should wait until the end of the Communion distribution and receive from the Priest.
- Only Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion with a valid Sacred Heart/St. Pio ID card can receive Communion in a Pyx to take to the sick and homebound. For anyone that is not a Eucharistic Minister and is requesting a Host needs to see the Priest before or after Mass. Hosts will not be distributed during Mass.
- If you need a low gluten Host, please go to the Communion line in the front on the pulpit side, and ask the Eucharistic Minister.

Thank You for your Support!!

Contributions Weekend of April 16, 2023	This Past Week	Same week Last Year
At Church	\$4,639	Last Year Was
Online	\$2,126	Easter
Total	\$6,765	



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.



Sponsorship Certificates Letters of Eligibility

Godparents and sponsors, together with the parents must be willing to help the baptized grow in love for Christ and neighbor. By word and example, the godparents will encourage the candidate to live the Christian life and fulfill faithfully the obligations connected with it. (cf. Code of Canon Law, c. 872-874).

A sponsor must:

- be at least 16 years of age.
- have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist & Confirmation.
- if married, must have been married in the Catholic Church.
- attend Mass faithfully participating in the life and support of the Church, receiving the Eucharist, and leading a life according to the teachings of the Church.
- be registered at the Parish of St. Pio of Pietrelcina for at least six (6) months prior to the request.

Please note, if you received all your sacraments at St. Pio of Pietrelcina years ago but now live elsewhere, you are a member of the parish in whose territory you reside. This is where the sponsor certificate must be obtained.

****Children of parishioners over 21 years of age should register independently.****

Apartment Needed ASAP

An older gentleman is in desperate need of a one bedroom apartment in our area. He works as a part-time custodian for the church. If you have something or know of someone who has an apartment available please call the parish office with information.



St. Joseph By the Sea is looking for a part-time kitchen aide located on Rt. 35 North in South Mantoloking. Please call Sister Bruni at 732-892-8494 for information and details.

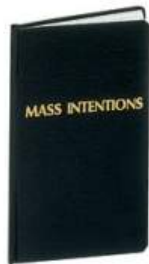
SAVE THE DATE

St. Pio's Festival Dinner Dance, sponsored by the Holy Name Society, is back by popular demand.

It will take place on Saturday September 23, 2023 Tickets will go on sale June 1st. More information to follow..



2024



The 2024 Mass Book will open on Monday, May 1, 2023. If you would like to reserve specific dates for Mass intentions please come to the parish office on Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays between 9am and 2pm. You can also mail in your written requests to the parish office along with a \$10 donation for each Mass.

St. Pio's Rosary Altar Society Presents an Afternoon Luncheon of Fun and Games



St. Pio's Parish Hall
Thursday, April 27, 2023
12:00 noon until 4:00pm
Doors Open At 11:30am
Box Lunch Included
Donation : \$15

Reply by Sunday April 23rd
Call: Debbie McCormack 732-830-4787
or Gerry Adams: 908-803-6262

Sacred Heart's Holy Name Society is planning trips to the Resorts Casino in Atlantic City. The dates are:

Wednesday, May 25
Wednesday, June 22
Wednesday, July 20
and
Wednesday, August 24.



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For more information call John Paglione at 732-598-1590.

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Saturday, April 29 at 12:30pm

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Parade will work its way down Arnold Avenue
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Join us after in the Saint Peter's parking lot for
food trucks from Jersey Shore BBQ
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<https://www.stpschool.org/current-events/centennial-jubilee/>


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Our Parish Ministries & Organizations - we invite you to call and join in!

Committee/Organization	Contact	Phone Number	Email
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Ushers	Chris Grandinetti	908-910-6214	chris.grandinetti@gmail.com
Wedding Ministry	Joyce Kobylarz	973-714-6797	jkoby2@aol.com

SCHEDULE OF ORGANIZATIONS

<i>HOLY NAME SOCIETY</i>	<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>May 8</i>	<i>5:30pm</i>
<i>ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY</i>	<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>May 8</i>	<i>1:00pm</i>
<i>FAITH SHARING</i>	<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Every Wednesday in</i>	<i>April</i>	<i>9:00am</i>
<i>KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS 8415</i>	<i>Officers & Business Mtg.</i>		<i>May 2</i>	<i>6:30pm</i>
<i>KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS 8415</i>	<i>Social Meeting</i>		<i>May 16</i>	<i>6:30pm</i>
<i>K of C Ladies Auxiliary</i>	<i>Meeting</i>		<i>April 24</i>	<i>1:00pm</i>
<i>LAVALLETTE SENIORS</i>	<i>Meeting</i>		<i>May 18</i>	<i>12:30pm</i>
<i>RIGHT TO LIFE GROUP</i>	<i>2nd Thursday of the month at Sacred Heart. Msgr. Casey Hall</i>			<i>3:30pm</i>
	<i>No meetings in Summer. Next meetings: 5/11</i>			
<i>ROSARY OF THE DIVINE FLAME OF LOVE OF MARY</i>		<i>Saturdays at Sacred Heart Church</i>		<i>7:45am</i>
<i>ROSARY OF THE DIVINE FLAME OF LOVE OF MARY</i>		<i>Tuesdays at St. Pio Parish</i>		<i>8:00am</i>
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