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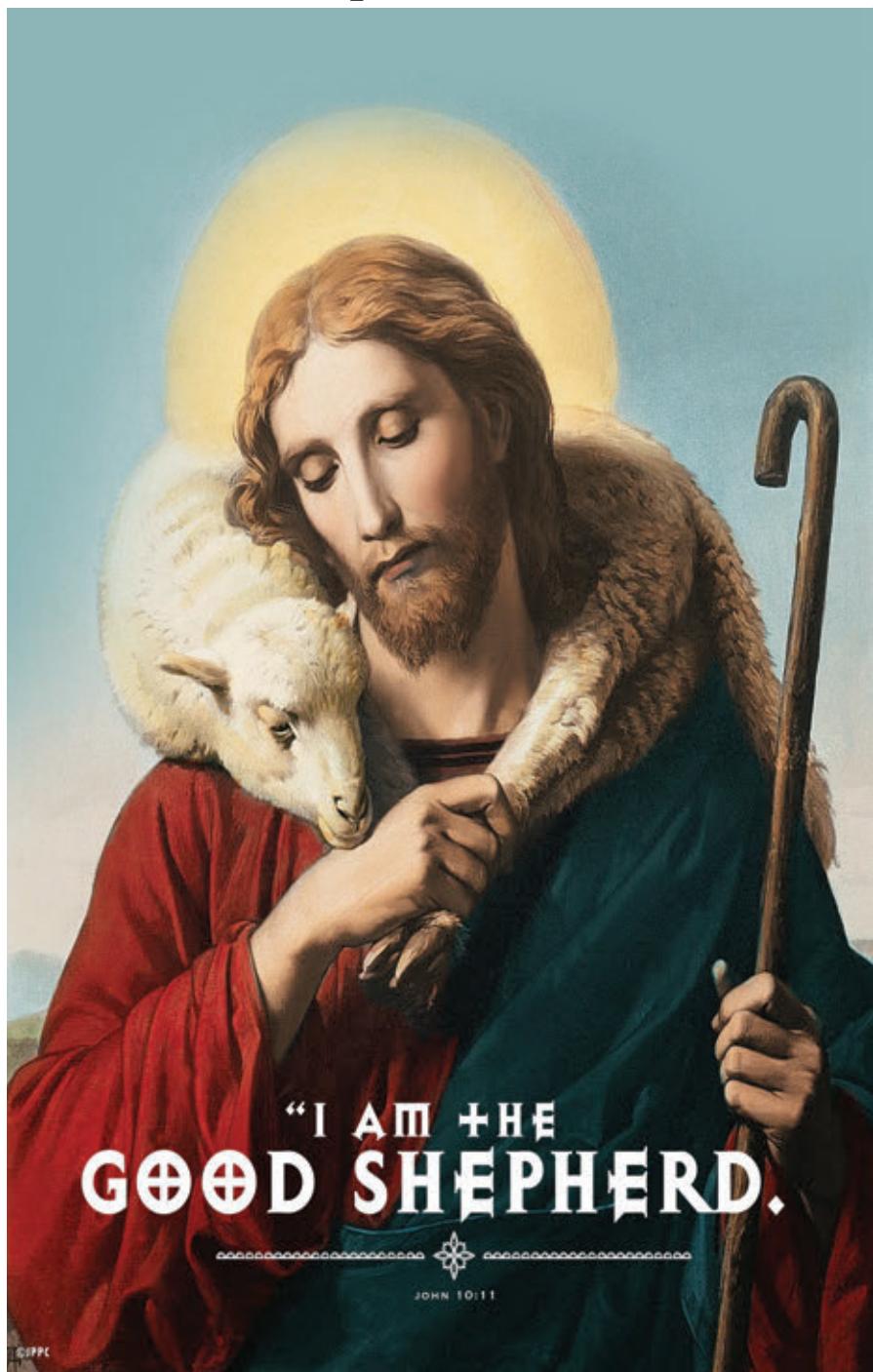
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April 25, 2021 Fourth Sunday of Easter



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MASS TIME CHANGE NEWS:

*Starting May 1st
Saturday Vigil Mass
will change to
5:00pm at
St. Pio's*

APRIL 25 2021

Mass Schedule & Mass Intentions



Saturday

April 24

- 4:00pm **Raymond Birchler**
r/b Vince & JoAnn Marino
Thaddeus J. Jocoviak
r/b Parents, Thaddeus & Eugenia

Sunday

April 25

- 8:00am **In Thanksgiving**
r/b Ginny & Emil Stefanacci, Sr.
For the People of the Parish

- 10:00am **William A. Kenny** r/b Etzold Family

Monday

April 26

- 8:30am **Danielle Ceceri** r/b Connie & Family

Tuesday

April 27

- 8:30am **Clare & Michael LaPlace**
r/b Joe & Joyce Kobylarz
Charles Nagergast r/b Ted & Janet Dore

Wednesday

April 28

- 8:30am **Ruth Delayo** r/b John & Cathy Coghlan
Mary Helmstetter r/b Family

Thursday

April 29

- 8:30am **Ruth Delayo** r/b K of C Ladies Auxiliary

Friday

April 30

- 8:30am **Albert Berdel** r/b Joe & Joyce Kobylarz

Saturday

May 1

- 5:00pm **Brian Martin** r/b Joe & Adele Merkle
Josephine Gadaleta
r/b Joe & Joyce Kobylarz

Sunday

May 2

- 8:00am **For the People of the Parish**

- 10:00am **Daniel J. Dugan** r/b Dugan Family
Josephine Gadaleta r/b Kathy Diffley



A time to be healed... Fr. Douglas Freer, Dawn Carmosino, Jill Rager, Marci Haxall, Pat Moran, Maggie Smith, The Filippini Religious Teachers in Rome & Ethiopia, Jim Carlson, Louis Amendola, Sr., Rosemarie Amendola, Ernesto DeLuccia, Marie Woodrow, Sharon Kline, Mary Anne Grandinetti, Emil Stefanacci, Jr., Chris Durso, Joan Ferrary, Fred Barbeito, For those who have received Prayer Blankets, and For all the sick of the Parish

(Names will remain on the healing prayer list for 4 weeks; please call the parish office if you wish to extend).



A time to die ...Anthony Crisafulli, Ann MacMaster, Allen Kowtko, Kathleen Helmstetter Ferrara, Charles Cerami, Annette Kurinovich, Dr. Rita Coleman, Vincent Tavormina, Raymond Maragni, Joan Mandella, Patricia Golembeski, Clare & Michael LaPlace, Ruth Delayo, Albert Berdel

Our Heroes...



Please pray for all our parishioners and friends who are serving in the Military, as well as our Police, Fire-fighters, First Responders, and all who are put in harm's way for our protection.



We welcome the Eckels family;

Dennis, Debra, Patrick and Brian,

as our newest members in St. Pio's parish community.

The Communion of Saints

Catholics believe in the “communion of saints.” Even though people die, we stay in touch with them and they with us. How is this possible? It is possible through Baptism by which we enter into the death and Resurrection of Jesus. Even though Jesus died, He rose from the dead, remaining even more present than when He was on earth to all who believed in Him. We live in Christ. Those who have died believing in Christ remain alive in Him.



Therefore, whether dead or alive, we are connected in love. So when your grandmother who loved you very much dies, we believe that she now continues in heaven to love who she loved on earth, but with much greater intensity and depth and selflessness.

The saints play an important role in Catholicism because Catholicism recognized how people come to know and love God through others. Parents, grandparents and family play a key role in your development in everything, including faith. I remember how my grandparents played a major role in my love for our faith, living and speaking of their faith in everyday conversation. Speaking of almost anything was prefaced with, “with the help of God, God forbid, God rest their souls, God’s table,” etc. Later in life, all sorts of experiences, especially friendships, have a deep influence on how we grow in our faith.

The communion of saints is a network of friendships that connects us to the love of God. Saints function like windows through whom we can see the shape of God’s love. Saints don’t point to themselves, but to God. It is impossible for a saint to take the place of Jesus for their whole lives and all their energies were and remain focused on Him, and on us in Him. If we look to the saints for their intercession, we will be led to Jesus.

Can the Saints Hear Us?

One charge made against Catholics is that the saints in heaven cannot hear our prayers, making it useless to ask for their intercession. But as Scripture indicates, those in heaven are aware of the prayers of those on earth. This can be seen, for example, in Revelation 5:8, where John depicts the saints in heaven offering our prayers to God under the form of “golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.” But if the saints in heaven are offering our prayers to God, then they must be aware of our prayers.

Some might try to argue that in this passage the prayers being offered were not addressed to the saints in heaven, but directly to God. Yet this argument would only strengthen the fact that those in heaven can hear our prayers, for then the saints would be aware of our prayers even when they are not directed to them!

When we pray to the saints, we’re simply asking the saints to help us, by praying to God on our behalf—just like we ask our friends and family to do so—or thanking the saints for having already done so.

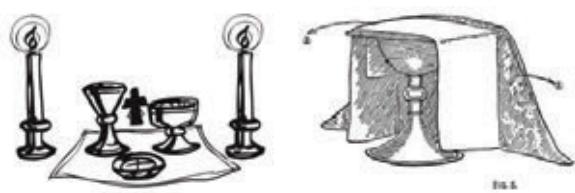
When we think of the communion of saints it’s a joyful message to us because we know that we are not alone. The saints are here to help us, to intercede for us, to pray for us and to be with us.

FROM FR. JOE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Pio’s Parish is in need of volunteers that are willing to launder the small finger linens that are used at our Masses. If you can give your time once a month, please contact Adele at 732-830-5242 for more information.

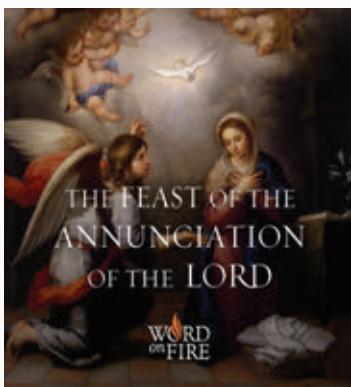
Thank you!



WE ARE THE NEW KIDS IN TOWN!



Starting in May the Secular Franciscan Fraternity of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be meeting at St Denis! Although new to the parish, we have been around quite a while, more than 800 years! Founded by St. Francis of Assisi in the 13th century, we were founded as an Order specifically for laypeople. An Order is a way of life and, like all Franciscans, ours is to serve God and His people by joyfully bringing the Gospel to life and life to the Gospel.



Our first meeting will be on Saturday, May 15 at 9:30 am in St. Denis School. Like our founder, St. Francis, we are deeply devoted to Our Lady and we will include a talk and brief study on the Annunciation, as well as, a flower Dedication to Our Lady under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We hope that you will join us and come and see what we are all about. For more information please contact us at dawnrusinko@yahoo.com and yes, we will be following social distancing guidelines. All are welcome! Peace and all goodness be yours!



"Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which He blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are His body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours." Teresa of Avila

Contributions Week-end of April 18, 2021	This Past Week	Same week Last Year
At Church	\$3,148	Easter 2020
Online	\$965	
Total	\$4,113	

Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2COR 9:7

Respect Life Prayer:

*"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."*

Baby's Due Date: July, 2021



**GOD OF LOVE AND LIFE
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**"See what love the Father has bestowed on us
that we are called the children of God" John 3:1**

As the children of God we bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Does it sound like the children of God would support abortion? Are you a child of God? Are you pro-life?



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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The mission of the Religious Teachers Filippini is to “Go forth and teach the Word of God.” Their ministry on this holy ground is for the people of God who come to St. Joseph By the Sea for soul searching, trying to find peace in their lives and a God who understands them. Please call St. Joseph By the Sea to register or for additional information.

May 4-6, 2021 - GIFT FROM THE SEA – WOMEN'S CONTEMPLATIVE WEEKEND “Patience, patience, patience, the sea teaches.

May 14-16, 2021 – WELLNESS WEEKEND FOR WOMEN – Come away to the quiet and serenity of the ocean and renew yourself in body, mind and spirit.



FROM OUR PARISH NURSES

Keeping Your Heart Healthy as You Age

- 1) Get a minimum of 150 minutes of moderate exercise every week.
- 2) Watch your sodium/salt intake.
- 3) Cook at home as much as possible.
- 4) When eating at restaurants, look for “heart-healthy options on the menu.
- 5) If you smoke, get help to quit.
- 6) Limit your alcohol intake.
- 7) Focus on maintaining a healthy weight.
- 8) Work with your doctor to ensure that other health conditions, like diabetes, stay under control.

In addition to working with your doctor, it can be fun to have a buddy to work with on achieving your heart-healthy goals. Share recipes and cook “together” over video chat. Set up an online chat where you and friends report successes and support one another when temptation strikes.



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Young men and women that are Catholic parishioners, graduating high school in 2021 (or graduated in 2020), and attend (or plan to attend) an accredited 2 or 4 year college or university, vocational or trade school are eligible to apply. The award will be between \$250-\$1,000. Pick up an application at the parish center foyer or request an application by email: jkoby2@aol.com. Applications are due by May 15th.



St. Pio's parish community welcomes

Blair Rose Formisano

Blair Rose was baptized on April 18th.

Congratulations to the Formisano family.

FEAST DAYS FOR THIS WEEK

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| April 28 | St. Peter Chanel, St. Louis Grignion |
| April 29 | St. Catherine of Siena |
| April 30 | St. Pius V |

April 25, 2021

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For more information contact Marilyn Dunleavy 732 793-1960 Email: MDunleavy9@aol.com



PARISH INFORMATION

Anointing of the Sick

This sacrament is given 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 if you would like 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



Religious Education for Children or R.C.I.A. for Adults

Call John Paglione at 732-899-1398, x5



SPECIAL COVID GUIDELINES:

RECEIVING COMMUNION WITH A MASK ON

Please remember not to remove your mask until after the priest or Eucharistic Minister puts the Sacred Host in your hand. Then step aside, lift your mask, consume the Host, and then immediately cover your face back with the mask. Also, Holy Communion will be distributed in the hand. Anyone receiving on the tongue please wait until all have received and then go to the end of the line of the priest distributing Communion.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Collection baskets are at the main doors of the Church to drop your envelopes and contributions. You can also give them to an usher as you exit the Church. There is a secure drop box in the foyer of the parish office for contributions, and correspondence. We also recommend Online Giving, visit our website for easy signup information.

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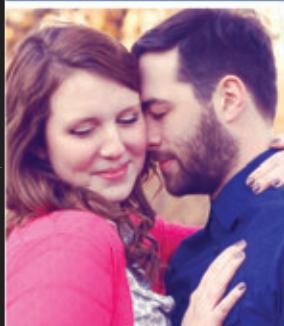


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