

St. Pio of Pietrelcina

103 Washington Avenue
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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Deacon James Turro

Rev. Joy Chacko, Parochial Vicar



Go, and from now on do not sin any more.

JOHN 8:11

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APRIL 6, 2025 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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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
Phone: 732-899-1398 Fax: 732-899-2233
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 March 30, 2025	Sacred Heart	Saint Pio of Pietrelcina
In Pew at Church	\$ 3,554	\$4,801
Online	\$ 1,433	\$ 1,345
Total	\$ 4,987	\$ 6,146

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:

Understanding the Passion and death of Jesus

To prepare for the reading Palm Sunday and Good Friday



We are coming to the last segments of our history series, and now focus on the economic conditions, the military Roman Governors, and High Priests, Chief Priests and Sadducees, and Pharisees of Judea at the time of Jesus' trial, which is estimated to have occurred around 30-33 A.D. Pontius Pilate Judea was appointed by Emperor Tiberius in 26 A. D. as the prefect (military governor), and was of the equestrian class of the Roman military, and born in Italy.

Archelaus, the ethnarch of Judea, was deposed by Emperor Augustus in AD 6 and banished to Gaul. Archelaus's rule was marked by harsh and oppressive policies, which led to widespread dissatisfaction among the Judean population. Judean representatives, unhappy with Archelaus's rule, sent multiple embassies to Augustus in Rome, demanding his removal and the establishment of direct Roman rule!!

Annas, the high priest, was appointed by Quirinius, the Roman governor of Syria. He was removed from his position in AD 15 by Valerius Gratus. Annas served officially as High Priest for ten years, when at the age of 36 he was deposed by the procurator Valerius Gratus.

He held the High Priesthood for nine years. According to Josephus Annas was removed "for imposing and executing capital sentences which had been forbidden by the imperial government." According to one source, he lost the High Priesthood for ordering the stoning of a young Sabbath-breaker (source: <https://eglewis.blogspot.com/2012/03/>). After having been officially removed he remained as one of the nation's most influential political forces. His five sons and his son-in-law Caiaphas all served as High Priests. His family remained dominant figures in the High priesthood until the revolt in 66 A.D. His death is unrecorded. His son Annas the Younger, also known as Ananus the son of Ananus, was assassinated in AD 66 for advocating peace with Rome.

The fact that Caiaphas lasted for almost 10 years as High Priest is remarkable since Pilate was allowed to remove a high priest after a year of service. The comment in Luke's Gospel of Caiaphas and Pilate becoming friends rings true. It's interesting that they were both removed at about the same time (36 A.D.) as well. Pontius Pilate was recalled to Rome by Vitellius and faced trial for his actions, including cruelty and oppression after he violently suppressed an armed Samaritan movement at Mount Gerizim. The fact that both Caiaphas and Pilate were removed around the same time suggests a possible connection between their removals, perhaps due to growing public unhappiness with their cooperation or perceived need for a conciliatory gesture by Rome.

The days of the High Priest being from the House of Zaddock and lasting for a life-time, and appointed by a king of Judea in the line of David, were over 500 years in the past, and was a memory of times before the Babylonian captivity. The thought of such a Messiah never disappeared, and grew in the time of the Hasmonean kings, Herod the Great, and then in the time of complete Roman domination, especially when the caveat when kingly and priestly reign was authorized until a "prophet should appear", when Simon the Hasmonean was appointed both ruler and high priest in 141 B.C.

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In Judea during the first century A.D., under Roman rule, a significant portion, likely exceeding 70%, of the land was no longer in the hands of the Judean people of the land. The Romans exerted considerable control over Judea, and Roman officials and soldiers held substantial landholdings. Herod the Great's family and associates also owned large tracts of land. As there was now a port in Caesarea, built by Herod the Great, and access to the one at Jaffa, and relatively safe travel on Roman roads, the demand and export of agricultural products such as olive oil, figs and dates (dates were "the sugar" of the Mediterranean people at the time), wine, grain and other commodities to Rome and other parts of the empire, led these opportunists to capitalize and specialize on their land holdings. The now landless poor, who could formerly produce for themselves, had to hire themselves out as labor, especially day labor. Land ownership, even if just a small plot, brought great dignity and social status for most people, as family and honor was so important for communities. For a great majority of small landowners this honor and pride was lost. We get a glimpse of this in the parable of Jesus about the vineyard workers and their salaries. Both men and women often needed to hire themselves out as laborers, with a great population struggling to earn enough to live on. Women were mostly subject to male authority, but some few also engaged in various forms of labor, including running businesses, working as midwives, hairdressers, or doctors, and even as merchants (e.g., Mary Magdalene). As the demand for agricultural products increased, those who formerly grew produce, were dependent on "market prices" to be able to buy them. This concentration of land ownership, lending money at huge interest rates and the debt that resulted in the hands of a few powerful groups, especially during years of drought and famine, led to significant economic and social inequality among the Jewish population. The disparity in land ownership, the Roman presence, great poverty and unrest continued to grow until the revolt began in 66 A.D. Failure to repay loans or debt resulted in harassment, brutality and even torture or slavery for the debtor and family.

During the First Jewish Revolt against Rome, (66-70 A.D.), Jewish rebels burned the High Priest Annas's house to the ground, along with the palaces of Agrippa II and Berenice, and the public archives. (Wikipedia: Siege of Jerusalem). **The collaboration** of the high priests, chief priests, and other Sadducees was despised by the revolutionaries and many Judeans, as is evident by their actions. By the end of the first revolt, the Sadducees, whose necessity was tied to the Temple, ceased to exist as the Temple was destroyed.

Some Pharisees were against Jesus when he was arrested. He certainly challenged them, as is very evident in the Gospels. They sought Jesus' death probably because he claimed an authority which even surpassed that of Moses, their fastidiousness regarding the letter of the law, their hypocrisy, and his association with the unclean and gentiles (sinners, prostitutes, tax collectors). Jesus claiming to be the "Son of Man" offended the Pharisees because they saw it as a messianic claim, implying a divine authority they believed only God possessed, and they viewed Jesus as a mere man. Jesus also claimed authority to forgive sins, and openly challenged them and diminished their honor and pride.

Rev. Joseph G. Hlubik

STONE THROWERS *A reflection for April 6*

“So what do you say?” That was the confrontational question the Scribes and Pharisees asked Jesus in this Sunday’s Gospel (John 8:1-11).

The religious leaders were demanding that Jesus tell them what he would do about the woman they had dragged before him, a woman caught in the very act of adultery. Should she be stoned to death as Moses commanded in the law, or should the stipulated penalty be ignored?

Rather than answer directly, Jesus replied that the person who was without sin in the eyes of God, should be the first to throw a stone at the adulterous woman.

Stones began falling from the hands of those demanding the woman’s death. Beginning with the elders, the crowd melted away. Jesus then told the terrified woman standing before him, “Go, and from now on do not sin any more.”

Thankfully, we do not live in a society where a person can literally be stoned to death by an accusing mob. However, we exist in a culture where people have their hands full of “stones” they are prepared to fling at others. These stones are weightless, readily available, easy to throw, and more than able to damage their target. These stones are words. These stones come in a variety of forms, they come as lies, gossip, insinuations, slanders, innuendoes, half-truths, false accusations, smears, exaggerations, etc.

Today, people can hurl such verbal stones at others in more ways than ever before. They can use Facebook, Tik-Tok, Instagram, X, and other social media. They can use text messages, emails, podcasts, and leave negative comments and adverse ratings on websites. They can file frivolous lawsuits or make anonymous accusations. They can write slanted stories for print and online publications. They can use AI to generate fake recordings and images of individuals.

People who would never think of throwing an actual rock at someone’s face can throw verbal stones at a person with little hesitation and with little regard for the pain and suffering they cause.

We see examples of such verbal stonings in the congressional hearings that take place for those nominated for government positions and in the bullying and gossip that can drive a student from a campus or an employee from a job.

The adage “Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words shall never hurt me” is certainly not true.

This Sunday’s Gospel has a message for all of us who are sometimes tempted to fling verbal stones at another person, perhaps even ones that may be deserved as were the stones meant for the adulterous woman: “Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone.”

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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

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

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

Join us for a Holy Hour during
this Lenten season. The

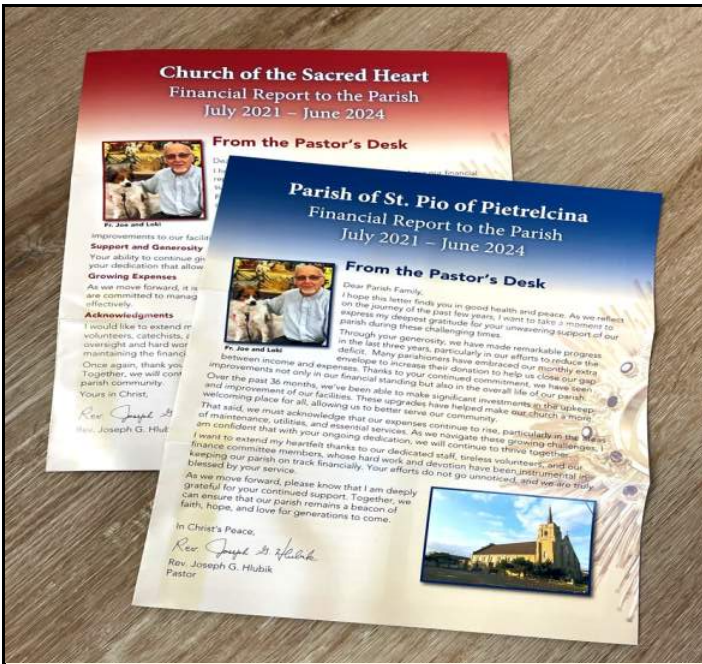
Knights of Columbus will
hold a Holy Hour in the
chapel at St Pio’s every
Friday at 3:00 p.m.

Spend an hour in adoration of Our
Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.



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.



Parish Financial Reports are in the mail to all registered parishioners. If you do not receive yours by next week, please ask an Usher for a copy.



Sacred Heart Religious Education students and families donated food for St. Gregory's Pantry as part of our Lenten Community service helping those in need. Pictured is a small group representing all of the students and families thanking them for their generosity and support.

Catholic Charities News

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton and Recycle-America have joined forces to provide a new service. Now, someone will come to your door to collect your clothing and shoes. All items will be donated to those in need in our local community.

To schedule a pickup in Ocean County please call 609-906-0004 or email racworld2015@gmail.com. Please call or email three days prior to pick up day. Catholic Charities provides assistance with food, housing, drug addiction, domestic violence, and immigration services. If you know a parishioner needing help, please contact us at: www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org or call 800-360-7711

Catholic Relief Services Collection

Thank you for your generous support of the Catholic Relief Services Collection and for **revealing Christ's love** to those who are poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections for more information. #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts donations for this collection (usccb.igivecatholictogether.org)

AED's and where to find them!

An AED, or Automated External Defibrillator, is used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. It's a sophisticated, yet **easy-to-use**, medical device that can analyze the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm. Sacred Heart has 2 AED units.



Automated External Defibrillator

One in the Church (in the Usher's Closet near the front entrance) and one in Casey Hall on the wall nearest the Ladies Room. St. Pio's also has 2 AED units. One in the Church parking lot side on the back wall just before St. Pio's Room and one in the Parish Hall on the back wall (street side). Please familiarize yourself with where these are so they can be retrieved in an emergency.

Sacred Heart's HNS MONTHLY 50/50 CLUB



Open to all parishioners and visitors. Monthly drawing is held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. **\$60.00 gives you (12) chances to win**

Check payable to **Sacred Heart HNS** and return to: **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 _____

Phone _____



**Fan the Flame
of HOPE**
2025 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

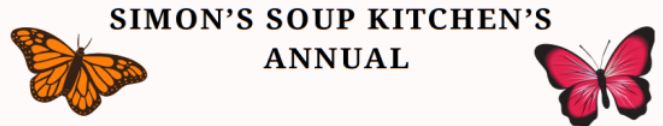
Progress Report

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 52 families have pledged \$15,509 (29%)

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



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

FOR TICKETS
CALL SIMON'S SOUP KITCHEN
732-270-5941

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BY
MAY 1, 2025



Business
Sponsorship
also available



SACRED HEART HNS AC TRIP

Wednesday APRIL 30, 2025

Skip the Bother and Skip the Fuss take the Bus to AC with Us
\$35.00 per person

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

Receive free play from Resorts; Receive a \$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)

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:
Fishermen's Co-Op Dock
Shore Fresh Seafood Market & Restaurant
Americas Gleaned Seafood - AGSUSA.ORG*

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.



**PROMISE TO PROTECT, PLEDGE TO HEAL,
SECRETARIAT OF CHILD AND YOUTH PROTECTION**

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and The Diocese of Trenton are committed to the initiatives outlined in the U. S. Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the report and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors.



The Diocese has in place a Victim's Assistance Coordinator, who is available to obtain support for your needs and help you make a formal complaint of abuse. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan **Abuse Hotline: 1 -888-296-2965**

or via email at abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org

The Diocese encourages anyone with an allegation to also report that abuse to their local law enforcement agency. The Diocese reports all allegations received to the appropriate county prosecutor's office.

Why is music important in the liturgy?

Short answer: Sacrosanctum Concilium (promulgated by Pope Paul VI) Article 112, "The musical tradition of the universal Church is a treasure of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art. The main reason for this pre-eminence is that, as sacred song united to the words, it forms a necessary or integral part of the solemn liturgy. ...Therefore sacred music is to be considered the more holy in proportion as it is more closely connected with the liturgical action, whether it adds delight to prayer, fosters unity of minds, or confers greater solemnity upon the sacred rites."

– "Sing to the Lord" USCCB guidelines

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

BYO Food and Drink

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



Come join the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary for an

International Cuisine Buffet Dinner

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

Sample food from America and around-the-world!

\$25 per person
Includes water, soda, coffee, tea, and dessert

St. Pio's Hall
1206 Grand Central Ave.
Lavallette, NJ 08735

To attend, return this portion with your payment to
Pat Carolan, 113 Kittiwake Avenue, Lavallette, NJ 08735
NO LATER THAN MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025

Name/s: _____ # Attending: _____
Phone: _____ @ \$25 ea. = _____
Total Due \$ _____

Please make your check payable to "KOC Ladies Auxiliary" Check # _____

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

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.

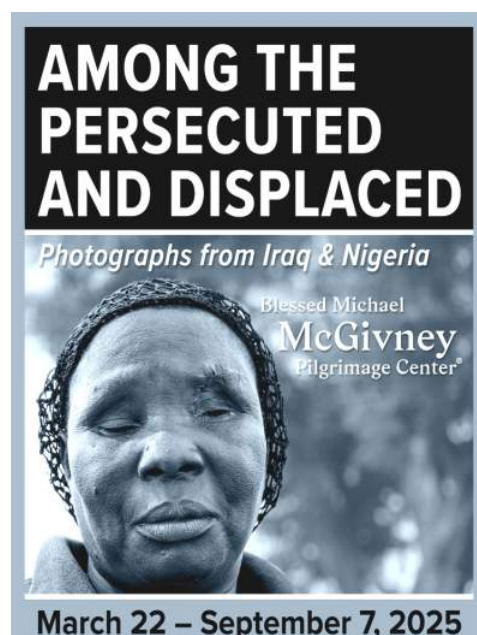
His photography is not just art — it is advocacy, inviting Catholics and others to see what is often left out of headlines.

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





Robert Woodard, Steven Mineo, Jennifer Mineo, Mark Carangi, Felicia Dixon, Gina Carty, Mae Conley Radloff, Emil Stefanacci, Judy Pecoraro, Jim Tavormina, Thomas Rodes, Lucille Coppola, Christopher Barnes, Bob DeAngelo, Carol Olsen, Mary Lou Ocone, Pat and Gerald Marriner, Joan Blanchfield, Jean Taboada, Louise Scarlato, Jesse O'Brien, Judy Cantillo, Henry Drew, Nancy Makoski, Victor Liggeri, Ester S. Acosts, Luciano Perez, Kevin Lion, Joan Romano, Tess Fox, Richard Utter, Joan Gabriello, Kelly Palmieri, Richard Traverso, Jr., Ronald Bartz, Fr. Douglas Freer, Mary Anne Grandinetti, Nicholas Meola, Alan Kurinovich, Joseph Winchock, Janet Daniels, Vince Covello, Gina Kwortnik

**Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks;
Please call the parish office if you wish to extend.**

Blessed, hand-made, **Prayer Blankets** are available for your loved ones at the St. Pio office, we ask for a free will donation to cover the cost of the material.



Mary Ann Baginski, Roger Shulas, Ana Librada Ramos, Leonard Baccaro, Robert Weeden, Mary McGowen, Margaret McEnroe, Pamela Kane, Jaclyn M. Barry, Judith J. Easter, Christopher Broncati, Donna Fahey, Pamela Rita Kane, Grace Bobowsky, John Pochinski, Sandy Pizzuro, Helen Calvanico, Rev. Kevin Ashe, Mario Guardascione, Margaret Finneran, Christopher d'Alessandro, Ellen Tobin, Henry McGinn, Denis Langschultz, Frank "Skip" Cuccaro



All our parishioners and friends who are serving in the Military, as well as our Police, Firefighters, First Responders, and all who are put in harm's way for our protection, especially:

- Col. Scott Wyatt, US Army
- Col. John F. Borowski, USAF
- Lance Cpl. Jack Balwierczak, USMC
- E-4 Specialist Army, Jason Rodriguez, US Army
- Capt. Calvin Smith, US Army (deployed)
- Lt. Col. Wesley Dixon, USAF
- EM3 Jacob Keller, US Coast Guard (deployed)
- 1st Lt. Ryan Waters, USMC
- Major Megan Jimenez, US Army
- Kurtis J. Perez, SFC, US Army
- Ensign Bella Santamaria, US Navy



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



For the month of April the **Altar Bread and Wine** at **Sacred Heart** have been donated for Intentions for **Brian Hawkins** requested by Peter & Diane Hawkins



St. Pio
Andrew & Santa Dill

We Offer a Warm Welcome to our Recently Registered Parishioners!

Sacred Heart
Mr. Michael Pepe



Please Pray for Christians in the Middle East



Month Six of Developing Baby

Your spiritually adopted baby is growing beautifully now. Her weight is approaching 2 pounds. Babies that are born prematurely at this time have a very good chance of surviving. The medical advances in caring for extremely small newborn infants are extraordinary indeed!

Spiritual Adoption

Please spiritually adopt an unborn baby. Every day over 4,000 babies are killed by abortion. They have so little protection only the hand of God can end this massacre. Prayer is the best weapon to help them - the most effective.

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

"Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

Those that walk in darkness walk in an evil place. They walk with Lucifer and his demons. They become participants in evil, evil such as abortion. They walk in darkness and risk remaining in darkness for eternity.

Those who walk in the light of life walk with Our Lord Jesus Christ. He who tells us to turn our back on Lucifer and his demons and to "go and from now on do not sin anymore".

Do you know Planned Parenthood got \$700 million from Fed 2022-2023.

Hear the Word, Walk in the Light of Life



Mass



Intentions

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St. Pio Parish

Sacred Heart Church

Saturday, April 5

8:30am † For Our Parish Families & Their Loved Ones,
Both Living & Deceased
† Laura K. Neidert r/b Tom & Mary Ann Sinnot

Vigil

4:00pm † Judi Bali r/b Carol & Anthony Olivieri
† Antonette Daniels r/b Bill & Pat Kevish

Sunday, April 6

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

9:00am † Rev. Kevin Ashe r/b St. Pio Parish
Intentions for Angels Among Us

10:30am † Anthony Martino r/b Bob & Diane McLaughlin
† Dennis Langschultz r/b Marie Langschultz

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

Monday, April 7

8:30am † William Davie r/b Son
† Joe Merkle r/b Adele

Tuesday, April 8

8:30am Dorothy Gili r/b Adele
† Erenesto Z. Bustamante r/b Eric Bustamante
After Mass Miraculous Medal Novena

Wednesday, April 9

8:30am † Battista Dannolfo r/b Laura & Greg Bierster
† Joseph Borowski r/b John & Jane Borowski

Thursday, April 10

8:30am † Mary Joyce Perry r/b Maureen McElderry
Intentions for Eric Bustamante for his Birthday
After Mass Divine Mercy Chaplet

Friday, April 11

8:30am † Al Brophy r/b J. P. K.
Healing Intentions for Camille Erica Bustamante
After Mass Adoration & Benediction (20 minutes)

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

Saturday, April 5

8:30am † Robert Dudas
r/b Patricia Bruschi & Suzanne Dudas
† Vincent Spina r/b Peggy & Family

Vigil

4:00pm † For Our Parish Families & Their Loved Ones,
Both Living & Deceased

Sunday, April 6

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

8:30am † Manuel DeSouza, Jr. r/b Rob & Maria Scarrone

10:30am † Ginny Mielnick r/b Joe & Roberta Conery
† Bobby Barry & Matthew Morris r/b The Family

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

Monday, April 7

8:30am † King Forsyth r/b His Family
After Mass Miraculous Medal Novena

Tuesday, April 8

8:30am † Dolores Anilonis r/b Dot Macchia & Darlene Olsen

Wednesday, April 10

8:00am The Divine Flame of Love Rosary recited before Mass
8:30am † Eva Scheyer r/b Skip Scheyer

Thursday, April 3

8:30am † Rev, Kevin Ashe r/b Mary Glass

Friday, April 11

8:30am † Bob Mathiesen r/b Mary Glass
†

After Mass Adoration & Benediction (20 minutes)

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

April 2025

St. Pio		Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		
6	Corporate Sunday 7:30am Quiet Mass/No Music 8:30am - 9:00am HNS & RAS recite Rosary 9:00am Mass 10:30am Mass	7	8:30am Daily Mass 1:00pm RAS Rosary 1:30pm RAS Meeting 5:30pm HNS Rosary 6:00pm HNS Meeting 8:00pm KofC 4th Deg	8	8:30am Daily Mass 9:15am Private Breakfast	9	8:30am Daily Mass 9:00am - 10:30am Faith Sharing 6:30pm - 10:30pm HNS Card Players	10	8:30am Daily Mass 9:00am - 11:00am Lenten Bible Study	11	Office Closed 8:30am Daily Mass, Stations of the Cross, Adoration, Benediction 3:00pm Holy Hour w. Adoration	12	8:30am Daily Mass 3:20pm Confession 4:00pm Vigil Mass			
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 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	Maundy 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			
Sacred Heart																
6	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	7	8:30am Daily Mass	8	8:30am Daily Mass 9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group	9	8:30am Daily Mass 9:15am - 11:15am Bible Study - Matthew 7:00pm - 9:00pm AA Meeting	10	8:30am Daily Mass	11	Office Closed 8:30am Daily Mass 7:00pm Stations of the Cross	12	8:30am Daily Mass 9:00am - 11:00am Breakfast Club Bereavement Group 3:20pm Confession 4:00pm Vigil Mass			
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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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