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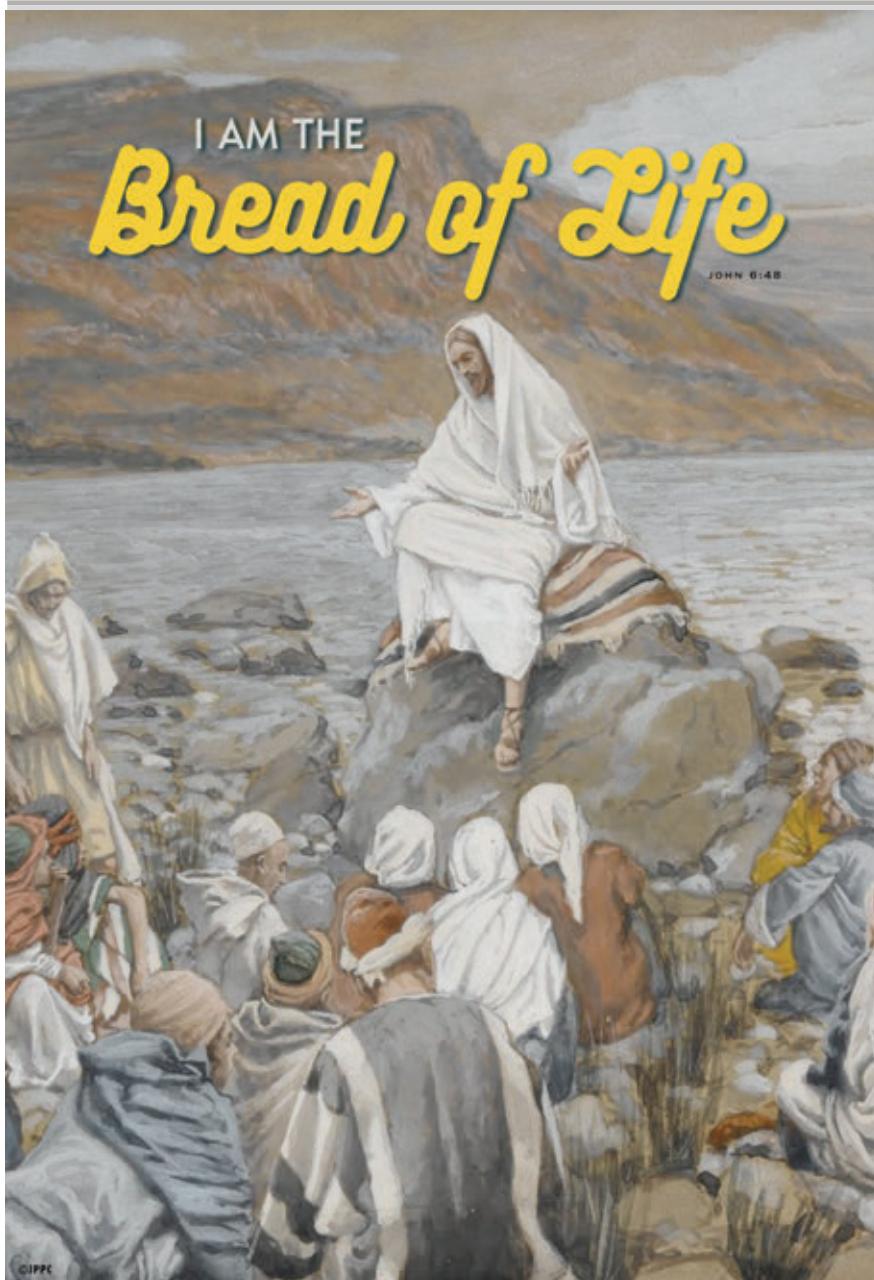
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August 1, 2021
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Our Parish is Served by:

Rev. Fr. Joseph Hlubik, Pastor, x302

Pastor's office hours: Tuesdays &
Thursdays following 8:30am Mass

Rev. Fr. Joy Chacko, Parochial Vicar, x361

Assisting Priests:

Rev. Fr. Frederick Kochan

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Trustees

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August 1, 2021



Saturday July 31

5:00pm **Charles Cerami**
r/b Matt & Serena Buontempo & Michael
Theresa Welle r/b Gawel Family

Sunday August 1

7:30am **Dorothy Child** r/b Barbara Jarosz & Family
For the People of the Parish
8:30am **Patricia M. Moran** r/b Bill & Pat Kevish
10:30am **Diane Bucciarelli** r/b Vassallo family
Dawn Carmosino r/b
St. Pio/Sacred Heart Music Ministry
The Intentions of Loretta Bober
r/b Felicia & Chuck Karstens

Monday August 2

8:30am **Patricia Moran** r/b Cathy & John Coghlan
John Lodato Debbie & Jack McCormack

Tuesday August 3

8:30am **Helen & Victor Puznieski**
r/b Dianne Hayden
Ross Dailey r/b The O'Reilly Family

Wednesday August 4

8:30am **Leo Daniels** r/b Greg & Mary Buontempo
The Intentions of Loretta Bober
r/b Felicia & Chuck Karstens

Thursday August 5

8:30am **Andy, Peggy & James Lavin**
r/b Lavin Family
Paul DeMassi r/b Wife

Friday August 6

8:30am **Pat Moran** r/b Ken & Maureen Zebrowski

Saturday August 7

8:30am **Kenneth Faistle**
Thomas & Grace Castillenti
r/b Antonette Daniels
50th Wedding Anniversary
r/b John & Jane Borowski

Sunday August 8

7:30am **Carolanne Traverso**
r/b Rita & Jim Sullivan
Diane Daniels r/b Veronica & Bill Matthaei

8:30am **For the People of the Parish**
Rosangela Zaccaria r/b Nick

10:30am **Frank Potenza** r/b Family
Kevin Kelly r/b Vassallo Family

Healing: Fr. Douglas Freer, Jill Rager, Marci Haxall, Maggie Smith, The Filippini Religious Teachers in Rome & Ethiopia, Marie Woodrow, Mary Anne Grandinetti, Ginny Stefanacci, Fred Barbeito, Nicholas Meola, John Jackson, Bernard D'Andrea, Sangita Rossano, 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).

The Deceased: 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, Joan Ferrary, Catherine Bogdan, Anna DeSousa, Judith Mrozek, Pat Moran, Dorothy Child, Maria Spoto, Katherine Barnett, Dawn Carmosino

Our Heroes: 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.



The week of August 7th and 8th, we will be handing out envelopes (instead of Baby Bottles) after each Mass for donations to Good Counsel.

Please join us as we continue to help many pregnant mothers in great need while building a culture of life!



The Altar Bread and Wine for the month of August has been given in loving memory of William B. Lyons r/b The Lyons Family requested by wife, Sophie.

August 1, 2021



GOD OF LOVE AND LIFE FATHER, SON and HOLY SPIRIT

“You should put away the old self of your former way of life ... and put on the new self, created in God’s way in righteousness and holiness of truth.” Ephesians 4:22-24

In today's secular world it is difficult to find “holiness of truth”. Today truth is relative, thus there is no truth. Without truth there is no God. Right and wrong depend on the situation. Thus if there is no right and wrong there is no heaven or hell. In today's world such things as terrorism become “peaceful demonstrations” and killing a baby merely becomes choice.

THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART & ST. PIO OF PIETRELCINA ARE BLESSED TO WELCOME FR. PIO MANDATO, FMHJ HEALING SERVICE AND TALK



**Tuesday, August 10th at St. Pio's Church
Confessions and prayers at 5:30 PM
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:30 PM
6:50 PM - Fr. Pio will talk about Eternal Life,
followed by individual healing prayer with
St. Padre Pio's Bloodstained Glove**

All are welcome to attend with your family and friends for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! A love offering will be collected for Fr. Pio. For further info, please contact DawnRusinko@yahoo.com. Fr. Pio Mandato, FMHJ is a Franciscan priest living as a missionary hermit in the Diocese of Scranton PA under Bishop Joseph Bambera, D.D. Born in Pietrelcina, Italy the same town as St. Padre Pio, the famous stigmatist priest, his parents knew St. Pio very well. Fr. Pio's mother was a spiritual daughter of St. Padre Pio who named Fr. Pio after the beloved saint. Fr. Pio grew up in N.J., entered the Capuchin Franciscans at the age of 17, where he received his Franciscan formation and later his priestly ordination in 1985.

Thank You for your Support!!

Contributions Weekend of July 25 2021	This Past Week	Same week Last Year
At Church	\$10,061	\$4,510
Online	\$ 1,955	\$ 785
Total	\$12,016	\$5,295

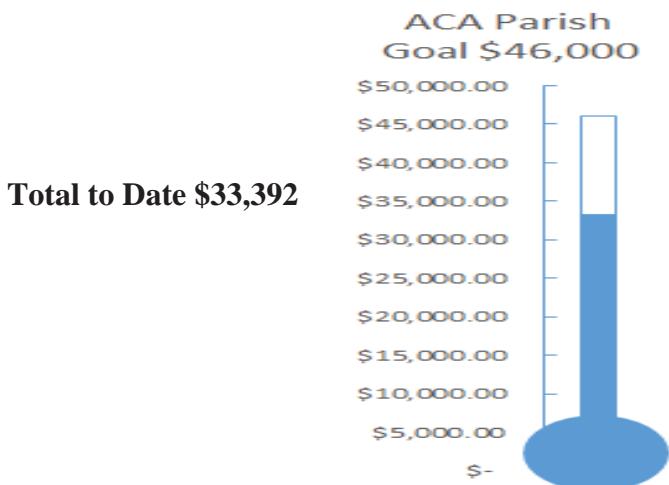
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The Annual Catholic Appeal kicked off in our parish on February 21, 2021. Donations shown are as of July 26, 2021. Each of us has a vital part TOGETHER in all we do in Christ's name, and each of us can share in all we do with a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). Our single Act of Faith propels the works of love that build up our Church. You make that happen with a generous gift to the ACA. Your contribution does make a difference! Please help to the extent that you can. Donations can be made online <https://dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal> or by dropping a check made out to **Annual Catholic Appeal** at the Parish Office. Thank you for all those that have already made a donation. When we attain our parish goal, 15% is rebated back to the parish for our needs.



From Fr. Joe (Part 2)

The Life of Padre Pio.

<https://padrepiodevotions.org/a-short-biography/>

Padre Pio is understood above all else as a man of prayer. Before he was thirty years old he had already reached the summit of the spiritual life known as the “unitive way” of transforming union with God. He prayed almost continuously. His prayers were usually very simple. He loved to pray the Rosary and recommended it to others. To someone who asked him what legacy he wished to leave to his spiritual children, his brief reply was, “My child, the Rosary.” He had a special mission to the souls in Purgatory and encouraged everyone to pray for them. He used to say, “We must empty Purgatory with our prayers.” Father Agostino Daniele, his confessor, director, and beloved friend said, “One admires in Padre Pio, his habitual union with God. When he speaks or is spoken to, we are aware that his heart and mind are not distracted from the thought and sentiment of God.”

Padre Pio suffered from poor health his entire life, once saying that his health had been declining from the time he was nine years old. After his ordination to the priesthood, he remained in his hometown of Pietrelcina and was separated from his religious community for more than five years due to his precarious health. Although the cause of his prolonged and debilitating illnesses remained a mystery to his doctors, Padre Pio did not become discouraged. He offered all of his bodily sufferings to God as a sacrifice, for the conversion of souls. He experienced many spiritual sufferings as well. “I am fully convinced that my illness is due to a special permission of God,” he said.

Shortly after his ordination, he wrote a letter to his spiritual director, Father Benedetto Nardella, in which he asked permission to offer his life as a victim for sinners. He wrote, “For a long time I have felt in myself a need to offer myself to the Lord as a victim for poor sinners and for the souls in Purgatory. This desire has been growing continually in my heart so that it has now become what I would call a strong passion. . .It seems to me that Jesus wants this.” The marks of the stigmata, the wounds of Christ, appeared on Padre Pio’s body, on Friday, September 20, 1918, while he was praying before a crucifix and making his thanksgiving after Mass. He was thirty-one years old and became the first stigmatized priest in the history of the Church. With resignation and serenity, he bore the painful wounds in his hands, feet, and side for fifty years.

In addition, God endowed Padre Pio with many extraordinary spiritual gifts and charisms including the gift of healing, bilocation, prophecy, miracles, discernment of spirits, the ability to abstain beyond man’s natural powers from both sleep and nourishment, the ability to read hearts, the gift of tongues (the ability to speak and understand languages that he had never studied), the gift of conversions, the grace to see angelic beings in form, and the fragrance which emanated from his wounds and which frequently announced his invisible presence. When a friend once questioned him about these charisms, Padre Pio said, “You know, they are a mystery to me, too.”

The Bishop's Anniversary Blessings



October 10, Ocean/Monmouth

All couples celebrating their 1st, 25th or 50+ wedding anniversary during the 2020 or 2021 calendar year are invited to share the Eucharist, reaffirm your sacred wedding vows, and receive Bishop O'Connell's Episcopal Blessing. Couples from Ocean and Monmouth Counties may attend the Mass and Blessing at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine in Freehold on October 10, 2021 at 3 pm. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, attendance at Mass is limited but both events will be livestreamed. Couples may register through their parish or online pending approval of their parish. For more information or to register online go to www.dioceseoftrenton.org/bishops-anniversary-blessing. The registration deadline for all anniversary couples is **September 15, 2021**



50/50 RAFFLE

Parishioners, Visitors and Friends: Every weekend continuing through Labor Day weekend, volunteers will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets at all Masses. Please stop by the tables and help support this important fundraiser. Thank you and God bless!

SUMMER WORDS OF WISDOM From Our Clergy

In our relationship with the Lord, truthfulness is critical. He relieves and removes all our fears when we are truthful about our needs. God is always our help and comfort. His presence in our lives sustains us through our troubles. Each time we need guidance, we must turn to Jesus for He is the fullness of truth. He is she way, the truth and the light.

Fr. Joy

Padre Pio Prayer Anthology

Our first parish prayer anthology will include many types of prayers. We will begin our collection with prayers that you can use to develop a relationship with God that is more personal and intimate.

Prayer #26

Focus idea: We are all blessed by God in many ways, in our strengths and talents and in His loving graces that fill our hearts. We are nurtured by God through His unconditional love for each of us. Jesus in His humanity acts as our role model for living, and the Holy Spirit motivates us to share our gifts generously by “touching us with His fingerprints”, fingerprints of love, kindness and forgiveness! Our words and our deeds become the fingerprints of the Spirit. Our mission is to leave our fingerprints everywhere, to influence others emotionally and spiritually. The Holy Trinity has set us on the path of goodness and is counting on us to show others the same path. In Fr. Joe’s words, “Have the courage to help others reach salvation!” It is a joyous and rewarding task!

Prayer to Bring Salvation to the World:

Dear God, help me to recognize my faults and to celebrate my strengths, for my strengths are an extension of Your love, and one of Your many gifts! Please, God, motivate me to resist temptation and minimize my shortcomings, so that I may live in Your image and likeness as best I can. Most importantly, inspire me to be a strong and loving role model for everyone I encounter. Invigorate me with excitement, so that all will see that being on the path to goodness is a greatly desired place to be! Bless me with the fingerprints of the Spirit”, and enkindle in me the fire of Your love. Let all of Your faithful joyfully and enthusiastically take up Your mission to bring salvation to the world!! Amen.

Closing thoughts: Tell Jesus what is in your heart. Thank Him for your gifts and most of all, thank Him for loving you with His most Sacred Heart!

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. To receive on the tongue please wait until all have received, go to the end of the line of the priest distributing Communion.
- Anyone needing a **low gluten host**, please get in the communion line in the front, on the pulpit side. Ask the minister for a low gluten Host.
- To take Communion from Mass to **homebound family members**, go to the sacristy after Mass with your pyx. Ask the priest/minister to get you a host from the tabernacle. Hosts for others will not be distributed during Mass.

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

Lost Items?? Please call the parish office.

Dress Code: The summer months may be very hot and uncomfortable, but please remember to always dress modestly for Mass. Thank you.

Sponsorship Certificate/ 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.

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

Committee/Organization	Contact	Phone Number	Email
Adult Altar Servers	Joyce Kobylarz	973-714-6797	jkoby2@aol.com
Altar Linen Laundry	Adele Merkle	732-830-5242	merkles@verizon.net
Collection Counters	Joe Kobylarz/Rich Traverso	973-747-4599	objoekoby@aol.com
Communion for Homebound	Dianne Hayden	732-575-0222	dkhay5@aol.com
Faith Sharing	Dc. John Hanna	732-793-7291 x320	jhanna@stpioparish.com
Holy Name Society	Bill Haight	201-334-6686	beachbum09@optonline.net
Knights of Columbus	Donald Almasy, GK	732-407-3226	throssell@verizon.net
Ladies Auxiliary to the KofC	Joyce Kobylarz	973-714-6797	jkoby2@aol.com
Lectors & Extraordinary Ministers	Joyce Kobylarz	973-714-6797	jkoby2@aol.com
Parish Nurses	Joan Blanchfield	201-362-4148	blanch139@gmail.com
Pro-Life	Georgina Vastola	732-742-3986	gmvastola@optimum.net
Raffle Committee	Jack McCormack	732-830-4787	jack17mac@verizon.net
Religious Education & R.C.I.A.	John Paglione	732-899-1398 x5	pags711@gmail.com
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