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August 27, 2023

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

Summer Mass Schedule

Beginning May 27th

Monday - Saturday:	8:30am Chapel
Saturday (Vigil):	5:00pm Church
Sunday: 7:30 (no music), 9:00 & 10:30am	Church
Holy Days of Obligation (Vigil):	6:30pm Church
(Day):	9:30am Church

Confession: Saturday 4 - 4:30pm or by appointment



Saturday, August 26, 2023

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

Vigil

5:00pm Joe Merkle r/b Pat & Bill Kevish

5:00pm Josephine Kowal r/b Gerry & Gary Adams

Sunday, August 27, 2023

7:30am For the People of the Parish

7:30am Laurie Ann White r/b Batta Family

9:00am Ellen Caskin r/b Dorothy Fleming

9:00am Joe Merkle r/b Family

10:30am Edythe Gorman r/b Chris Grandinetti

10:30am Constance Cesario & Mary Massey r/b Rita

Monday, August 28, 2023

8:30am Frank Juliano r/b College Club

8:30am Richard Mechler r/b Wife, Gerri

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

8:30am Edward Parada r/b Linda Miksza

8:30am Michael Gavala r/b Family

After Mass **Miraculous Medal Novena**

Wednesday, August 30, 2023

8:30am Jack Haggerty r/b Wife, Marilyn

8:30am **For the Intentions of Nicole Golden r/b the Etzold Family**

Thursday, August 31, 2023

8:30am Bob Egle r/b Judy McDonald

8:30am Len Calderaro r/b Nick Zaccaria

After Mass **Divine Mercy Chaplet**

Friday, September 1, 2023

8:30am Dolores A. Tevlin

r/b Frank Petranich & Kathleen Mahoney

8:30am John J. Acquisto r/b Don & Chris

After Mass **Adoration & Benediction - 20 min.**

Saturday, September 2, 2023

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

Vigil

5:00pm Felicia Fushek r/b Jean Peters

5:00pm Sarah DeGruccio r/b Kathy Thelmo & Family

Sunday, September 3, 2023

7:30am For the People of the Parish

7:30am Mary & Lou Fehrle & Leo Barry r/b Family

9:00am Joseph Lorenzo r/b John & Rita Lorenzo

9:00am Anthony Siragusa r/b Bio Family

10:30am Rosemarie McCarthy r/b Sherrie Forst

10:30am Wanda & Stanley Tynski r/b Grandchildren

Healing:

Fr. Douglas Freer, The Filippini Religious Teachers in Rome, Albania & Ethiopia, Nick Lettas, Mary Anne Grandinetti, Mary Buontempo, Pat McCourt, Maureen Burrell, Baby Landon Wierks, Ginny & Emil Stefanacci, Jim Tavormina, Gina Palmieri, Mike Rodriguez, Nicholas Meola, David Vetere, Joe Romano, Greg Thomas, Sherrie Forst, Thaddeus Jacoviak, Susan Smith, Kelly Palmieri, Sharon Kline, Alan Kurinovich, Maegan Higham, Bill Smith, Richard J. O'Neill, Tommy Traina, Eddie McCrabb, Gina Kwornik, Joseph Winchock, Jim Pells, for all who have received Prayer Blankets & 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).



Deceased:

Helen Byrne, Kathleen Pardalos, Jack Howell, Margaret Delaney, Michael Sherlock, Jean Orlando, Bernadette Flaherty, Angelina Santora, Daniel Kasha, Ronald Zappulla, Kenneth Shedosky, Vincent Porcelli, Sr., Sue Orłowski, Anna May Wolfe, Joe Merkle, Rosemarie Calice, Eveline Sadakas, Josephine Kowal, Bob Egle, Michael Galloway, Vincent & Christine Manente, Edith Cullen, Bernadette Shedosky, Len Calderaro, Winifred Kelly, James Henry Muller

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, especially:



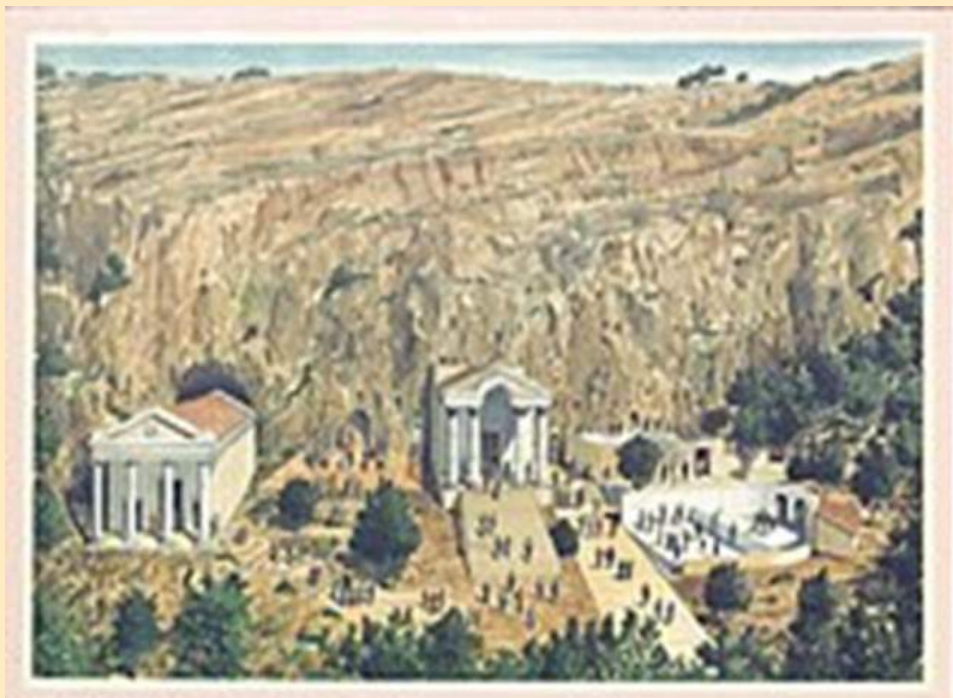
Capt. Tyler Urban, U.S. Marine Corp. who has been deployed.

“You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church.”

In this Sunday' Gospel from Matthew, it says that Jesus went to the region of the city of Caesarea Philippi, 25 miles north of the lake of Galilee and at the base of Mt. Hermon.

Mount Hermon is the highest mountain in Israel, and is in the northeastern corner, in what is called the Golan Heights. See the map below. It is over 9,000 feet above sea level, and 7,000 feet from the base to the top. It is an area which receives about 60" rain per year, so it is lush with trees and vegetation. At the base of the mountain are several springs which supply the headwaters of the Jordan River. The largest of these, at the base of Mt Hermon is the spring at Banias. That is the Arabaic pronunciation of Panias. Since the time of Alexander the Great, it was the location of a temple dedicated to the god Pan. Herod the Great built a Temple to Casear Augustus at the site, and his son Philip was the tetrarch of the region after he died. Philip used it as an administration center and developed it further. There is not much of the original city left, but the main area of the people's congregation in the 1st century was a huge rock face, like standing at the bottom of a tall and rocky cliff. In the rock face were seven different pagan temples, including the Temple of Augustus, the Grotto of the God Pan, the Court of Pan and the Nymphs, the Temple of Zeus, the Court of Nemesis, the Tomb Temple of the Sacred Goats, and the Temple of Pan and the Dancing Goats. This is what the site may have looked like in the 1st century, at the time of Jesus. The rock face was called : “The rock of the gods.”

At the bottom of the cave in which the Court of Pan sits, there is a deep chasm with a spring. As part of pagan worship to Pan, people came from all over to make sacrifices to Pan, which were then thrown down into this chasm. This cave was known all over the region as the Gates of Hades (hell).



Thank You for your Support!!

Contributions Weekend 8-20-23	This Past Week	Same week Last Year
At Church	\$ 9,034	\$11,282
Online	\$ 1,481	\$ 1,396
Total	\$10,515	\$12,678



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The faith community of St. Pio's Parish welcomes,

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Miksiewicz

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"You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Matthew 16:16

Peter's act of faith was not arrived at through human means but faith that was given to him by God. Our faith also comes from God but unlike Peter we are told to not only keep the faith and live it but to profess it and spread it.

We must confess Christ before all people and to follow Christ along the way of the cross, even though we will be persecuted by today's society. Nonetheless, witness to faith is necessary for salvation. Stand with Christ and reject evil, abortion and perversion.

Stand with God, Keep the Faith, Live!

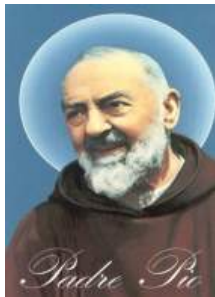
Respect Life Committee at SHRCBH@comcast.net



The **Knights of Columbus Council 8415** will be collecting for God's Special Children after all Masses on September 2 and 3, 2023. These children are special needs children who need our help. Please be as generous as your means allow. Thank you.

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Sisters and Brothers,

You are cordially welcome to join us in a Day of Prayer with "*Francis of Assisi, Man of The Gospel.*" This year marks the 800th Anniversary of the Franciscan Way of Life- "*from Gospel to Life and Life to the Gospel!*"

Franciscan Friar, Noel Danielewicz will serve as your guide in a Day of Prayer, dialogue and fraternity. Mark your calendar and feel free to extend this invitation to family and friends. May the Lord give you peace !

Saturday, September 16, 2023

St. Peter the Apostle Church ~ Point Pleasant, NJ

9:00 am- 2:00 pm @ Kolbe Room

Pre—Registration prior to September 11th. Registration Fee \$15 includes materials & lunch. Kindly make out checks to: *Franciscan Friars*

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Total prize money approaching **\$21,000**,

1st prize is approaching **\$13,000** and growing weekly.

We are very grateful for the many parishioners and visitors who have supported our current summer fundraiser. Over the years, several lucky St. Pio parishioners and visitors have won thousands of dollars in prize money.

- If you have already sent in your raffles, we thank you.
- If you haven't yet, please do so soon - deadline is September 18th!

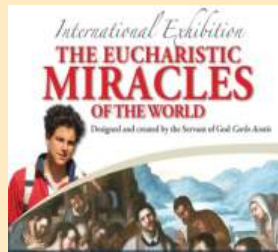
Additional tickets can be obtained by calling the Committee at 732-830-4787.

Thank you, good luck, and God bless you.
St. Pio Raffle Committee



The Chapel Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the week of August 26th through September 1st for the intentions of Eileen Bene and Joan Boudreau, requested by a friend.

The Parish of Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. Mary of the Lake in Lakewood, NJ is featuring **THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBIT** starting Saturday, August 26, 2023. If you would like more information please contact their parish office at 732-363-0139 ext. 427.



St. Vincent de Paul Society

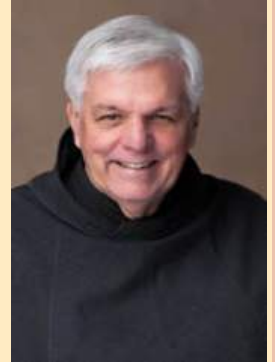
Dear Parishioners,

The St. Vincent de Paul Conference of St. Justin the Martyr Church located in Toms River is asking you to prayerfully consider joining our ministry. We need your help. We are in need of people to screen calls of those in need of help, one day a week from the presence of your home. St. Vincent de Paul ministry helps our neighbors in the eastern section of Toms River as well as the barrier island. There is an in person training on Saturday, September 30, 2023. If you have any questions, please leave a message on our Helpline at 732-929-1119. Thank you for prayerfully considering joining this important ministry to serve God's people.

The Parish Communion Breakfast

sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society, will be on Sunday, October 8, 2023 at 12 noon until 3 pm at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center on Rt. 37 West, Toms River. The guest speaker will be;

Fr. Noel Danielewicz
OFM Conv.



The donation is \$32.00. There will be **no** ticket sales at the door. For tickets contact:

Mary at 908-591-1284
Nancy at 848-469-0318
Sheila at 732-552-7149

All are Welcome

Why Become a Hospice Volunteer?

The simplest gifts are often the most profound. If you've got time, empathy, and compassion, you have the ability to support those nearing end of life. If you have been searching for meaningful ways to spend your time, we invite you to explore the role of hospice volunteer with VNA Health Group.

Companionship visits in patient's homes or facilities in Ocean County, pet therapy, administrative projects, or comforting phone calls from our Toms River office, are just some of the ways in which our volunteers support patients and their families. Training will be provided by members of the VNA Hospice Team on 3 consecutive Wednesdays:

September 13, 20, & 27, 2023
10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Advanced registration is required.
Volunteers must attend all 3 sessions.
1433 Hooper Ave, Toms River NJ 08753

To register or for more information contact:

Pauline De Palma
BSW Director Volunteer Services
(732) 224-6933

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 Theresa Coleman	732-575-0222 732-830-3168	dkhay5@aol.com theresahgts@aol.com
Faith Sharing	Maureen Zebrowski	732-259-1578	mzeb@aol.com
Holy Name Society	Tom Leonard	732-995-0044	thomasleonard62@gmail.com
Knights of Columbus	Alex Barletta, GK	908-578-5095	barlettaa@verizon.net
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Lectors & Extraordinary Ministers	Joyce Kobylarz	973-714-6797	jkoby2@aol.com
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Raffle Committee	Jack McCormack	732-830-4787	jack17mac@verizon.net
Religious Education & R.C.I.A.	John Paglione	732-899-1398 x5	pages711@gmail.com
Rosary Altar Society	Joan Blanchfield	732-854-1276	blanchrn139@gmail.com
Ushers	Chris Grandinetti	908-910-6214	chris.grandinetti@gmail.com
Wedding Ministry	Joyce Kobylarz	973-714-6797	jkoby2@aol.com

HOLY NAME SOCIETY	Meeting	Monday	September 11	5:30pm
ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY	Meeting	Monday	September 11	1:00pm
FAITH SHARING	Meeting	Wednesday	August	9:00am
K of C 8415	Meeting	1st Tuesday of Month		7:00pm
	Meeting	3rd Tuesday of Month		6:30pm
K of C Ladies Auxiliary	Meeting	Monday	September 25	1:00pm
LAVALLETTE SENIORS	Meeting	Thursday	September 21	12:30pm
RIGHT TO LIFE GROUP	2nd Thursday of the month at Sacred Heart, Msgr. Casey Hall No meetings in summer			3:30pm
FLAME OF LOVE ROSARY	Recited on Tuesdays at 8am in the Chapel and on Sundays at 8:30am in the Church except the Rosary Altar & Holy Name Societies 1st Corporate Sunday of the Month.			

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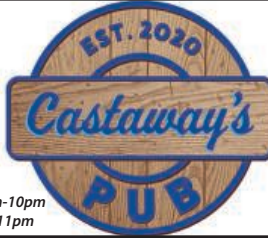
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