

## Church of the Sacred Heart

751 Main Avenue  
Bay Head, NJ 08742



### Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Sunday: 7:15am (no music), 8:30am, 10:30am

Monday - Saturday Daily Mass: 8:30am

Confessions: Saturday 3:20 or after Daily Mass

## St. Pio of Pietrelcina

103 Washington Avenue  
Lavallette, NJ 08735



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**Rev. Joseph G. Hlubik, Pastor**  
**Deacon James Turro**

**Rev. Joy Chacko, Parochial Vicar**

**THEN THEY WILL SEE THE SON OF MAN  
COMING IN A CLOUD WITH POWER AND GREAT GLORY**

**LUKE 21:27**

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**DECEMBER 1, 2024 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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 Louis Mucardo, Ron Molitoriss, Sacred Heart

### In Trust by:

St. Pio of Pietrelcina:  
 Alex Barletta & Jack McCormack, Trustees  
 Nick Zaccaria, Finance Chair  
 Sacred Heart Church  
 Mary Glass & Vincent Spada, Trustees  
 Val DeNoia, Finance Chair

### 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 (mercyj133435@gmail.com)
- Rev. Noel Danielewicz
- Rev. Msgr. Philip Franceschini
- Rev. Robert Grodnicki
- Rev. Msgr. James Pagnotta
- Rev. Msgr. Lou 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](http://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  
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 Website: [www.sacredheartbayhead.com](http://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 November 24, 2024	Sacred Heart	Saint Pio of Pietrelcina
In Pew at Church	\$ 4,986	\$ 3,819
Online	\$ 1,011	\$ 1,235
Total	\$ 5,997	\$ 5,054

The Chapel at St. Pio is closed for Daily Mass for painting and Sacristy renovation. Masses will be held in the main Church.

### **The Parish Office**

Will close 11:30 AM on Monday 12/2 and reopen Tuesday 9:00 AM 12/3.

*Please remember our parish in your final will and testament.*



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

### Reflections on Vatican II – Divine Revelation

Published by Keith Morris on January 29, 2024

<https://www.rcdea.org.uk/reflections-on-vatican-ii-divine-revelation/>

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**In preparation for the Jubilee Year of 2025, Pope Francis encouraged a return to the documents of Vatican II, refreshing awareness of the fruits of that Council. To encourage your own study of those documents, Fr Peter Wygnański here begins a short series of articles about the four major constitutions.**



**The Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation *Dei Verbum***, (Latin for the Word of God), was a watershed moment for our understanding of how God reveals Himself to humanity, and how we, in turn, respond.

The document takes its name, as all such documents do, from its opening words: “Hearing the word of God with reverence and proclaiming it with faith, the sacred synod takes its direction from these words of St John: We announce to you the eternal life which dwelt with the Father and was made visible to us. What we have seen and heard we announce to you, so that you may have fellowship with us and our common fellowship be with the Father and His Son Jesus Christ.” (§1), What was different then, about this understanding of God’s Revelation, and what does that mean for us today?

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Faith, then, was largely a matter of agreeing with, or submitting to, that list of teachings which were carefully preserved. As long as I believed what I received, and did what I was supposed to, I could be part of the Church and saved. When Revelation is a list, however, we can fall into the trap of worrying about the list more than the God it describes, and Scripture and Tradition of the Church seem to wrestle with each other for the final word.

The Council Fathers, however, rediscovered an ancient understanding of Revelation as being more like knowing a childhood friend, a shared past. Revelation is not (just) the content, but the process: the Living God, out of the abundance of His love speaks to men as “friends” to make himself known to us, most fully through the incarnate Word bursting into History in the person of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

When Revelation is God’s unveiling action, the “divine wellspring” from which “both Scripture and Tradition flow”, we do not throw away the teachings entrusted to the apostles and faithfully handed down to us through the ages by their successors, but we receive those teachings as they are meant to be, sure knowledge which point to the true depths of our human condition and to the God who “frees us from the darkness of sin and death to raise us up to life eternal.”

We believe, then, because we are able to encounter a living power who has reached out towards us by His self-disclosure, and our faith is a relationship with Jesus Christ. In friendship with God, already a fruit of the Holy Spirit, that same spirit “opens the eyes of our minds” so that we “commit our whole selves freely to God”, with full submission of intellect and will.”

That is how we come to know Christ, and how “the whole world may believe, by believing it may hope, and by hoping it may love.”

**Rev. Joseph G. Hlubik**

## PREDICTING THE FUTURE - *A reflection for December 1, The First Sunday of Advent*

Sunday, December 1, and Wednesday, January 1, have something in common: both deal with predictions about the future.

On January 1, New Year's Day, the media focuses our attention on what may happen in the coming year. We hear predictions about the economy, politics, world affairs, technology, sports, religion, medicine, climate, etc.

This Sunday, December 1, also focuses our attention on the future. The readings for this first day of Advent and this first day of the new liturgical year of 2025 look to the future.

In our First Reading, the Prophet Jeremiah speaks of the time to come when God will restore the line of David by raising up "a just shoot... who shall do what is right and just in the land."

In our Second Reading, Paul urges the Christians at Thessalonica to be ready for the future coming of the Lord Jesus Christ and to make a greater effort to conduct themselves in a way pleasing to God.

In our Gospel, Jesus predicts the events that will announce his second coming in glory. He says, "there will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay... People will die in fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world."

These words of Jesus seem particularly relevant since our world seems to be falling apart. There is war in Ukraine and in the Holy Land, and violence and terrorism in Nigeria, Sudan, and Haiti. There is increasing polarization among people, the continuing breakdown of the family, and a decline in moral values. There is hunger and disease in a world that is yet to recover from the effects of the recent pandemic. God and religion are being pushed aside and societal structures are weakening.

Of course, such dire predictions have been made before. We hear them at the beginning of every Advent Season. Thankfully, they have not yet come to pass. If Jesus had come 100 years ago, the world would have ended, the kingdom of God would have come, and we would never have been created.

But we are here. And we continue to wait in hope for these Advent predictions to be fulfilled when Jesus returns in glory or when he comes to us at the conclusion of our personal lives.

As we wait, Jesus tells us, "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life... Be vigilant at all times that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand firm before the Son of Man."

This December 1 and January 1 we will listen to predictions about the future. The ones we will hear on New Year's Day may or may not come to pass. But the predictions we hear this Sunday, December 1, come with a Divine Guarantee: The Lord Jesus will return in glory. In fact, if we look with the eyes of faith, we can see signs of his presence even today in Word and Sacrament and in his Church.

Tom Iwanowski from [LookingToSunday.com](http://LookingToSunday.com) Used with permission.



*Please Pray for the Victims  
of Hurricanes  
Helene and Milton*



### St. Francis Food Pantry Seaside Heights

Open on Wednesdays from 10am until 12 noon. Please consider bringing some food items with you when you attend Mass at St. Pio's each Saturday or Sunday. Donations may be left in the bin in the narthex of the Church or you can call Paul Sandy at 732-606-3656. He would be happy to do a pick up. The food pantry is grateful for the support that has been given over the years. Thank you!

### Advent Retreat

Christmas is quickly approaching, and it is a great time to reconnect, recharge, and remember what all the hubbub is all about. Join us for a time of reflection and peace at the Advent Retreat. Preparing our hearts and mind for the coming of Christ into our hearts. All our welcome and light refreshments will be available. For further info or to register please contact [DawnRusinko@yahoo.com](mailto:DawnRusinko@yahoo.com)

Tuesday December 3rd 9-11 am St. Pio Pietrelcina Hall, 103 Washington Ave Lavallette

Thursday December 5th 10:30-12pm St. Maximilian Kolbe Church 130 St. Maximilian Lane Toms River



### SVDP Christmas Wreaths At Sacred Heart Church

Christmas wreaths will be available for purchase before and after all Masses on the weekend following Thanksgiving.

**(This is the only weekend that wreaths will be on sale)**

All the wreaths are double sided and have red velvet bows. They will be \$25 each. Checks should be made out to 'SVDP'. We hope that you will stop by the parish hall to get a wreath or two for your home, since the wreath is the symbol of love and the proceeds from the sale will be used to help the needy in our area. Thank you in advance for supporting the **Society of Saint Vincent de Paul.**

# St. Pio's Annual Christmas Giving Tree Campaign Is almost over!

Sunday, December 8, 2024, is the last day of giving



God Bless all of you who have donated gifts already. Christmas 2024 will certainly be a wonderful day for many children.

The Christmas tree is at the main entrance of the church (35N) with tags designated to either girls or boys and their age, diapers too. Feel free to take a tag **or two** and when you can, put your special donation under the tree. You can bring your gift to the Parish office, Mon-Thurs 9am-2pm. Gift cards and checks are also welcome. ***Please write your checks out to Madonna House and mail them to the office.***

**Once again, thank you sincerely for your kindness. Your generous donations are truly a gift from God.**

Wishing you and your families an incredibly happy Christmas Season!

The Giving Tree Committee



## ***Healing Mass***

St. Pio of Pietrelcina,  
1100 Grand Central Ave  
(Rt 35N) Lavallette

***12 Noon on Thursday, December 12th***

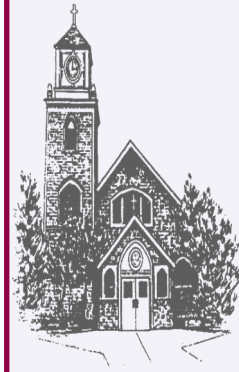
***“The Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe”***

*Celebrant Fr. Kevin Ashe, prayer teams and music  
(Mark J.L. Mattheiss) from NJ Campus Graduates/Students  
of Encounter School of Ministry.*

*Come join us for a Mass with healing prayers. All are Welcome!  
CONTACT: [DawnRusinko@yahoo.com](mailto:DawnRusinko@yahoo.com) for more information*

## The Parish Office

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and reopen Tuesday 9:00 AM 12/3.



Fr. Joe and the Sacred Heart Finance Committee wishes to thank **Mr. Edward Smith** for many wonderful years of service. We sincerely appreciate your attentiveness and advise, even attending meetings virtually by phone from Florida!



We offer a warm welcome to our recently registered parishioners!

**Sacred Heart**  
**Rob and Sydney McAvoy**  
**Mr and Mrs John Buletza**  
**Ms. Debbie Gude**  
**Miss Gillian Gude**

### Parish Counseling Services (PCS)

Counseling Services are available through the Diocese of Trenton. For more information or clarification, call Brenda Rascher at 609-403-7180. Areas of help can be marital, raising children, eldercare, bereavement or stress of job.



### Sacred Heart Rosary Altar Society

Will Meet Tuesday, December 10, 2024  
in the Church at 6:00 PM to pray  
the Rosary followed by Mass at 6:30pm.

We will gather together at 7:00 pm in  
the Paris Hall for our Christmas Party.

Please bring an appetizer, a main dish or  
dessert for all to share. We will have a  
50/50 and a sing along of Christmas music.



If you would like to lift your spirits and learn a little more about your faith and well-being, think about attending our **Faith Sharing Group**. The group meets once a week on Wednesdays at **St. Pio's** in Lavallette after morning Mass, and spends about one hour discussing the readings for the next Sunday and what they mean to us. All are welcome.

Contact Maureen Zebrowski at 732-259-1578 if you are interested or would like more information.

### Sacred Heart's HNS MONTHLY 50/50 CLUB



**HOLY NAME  
SOCIETY**

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)

**November** winner is Paul McGarry #9, \$487.50

Ticket selected by Fr. Joy

(Please note: Bruce Donald the Sept. winner donated  
back \$200 to the HNS)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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in Seaside Heights is opened on  
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He would be happy to do a pick up. The food pantry  
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the years. Thank you!



**400 Route 35 North**  
**South Mantoloking, NJ 08738**

### **December 6, 2024 - AN ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION**

Reading and discussing the Infancy stories from the Gospels  
of Matthew and Luke is a wonderful way to prepare to cel-  
ebrate the joy of the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

Lunch and Eucharistic Liturgy included.

Arrival: 9:00 a.m. / Departure: 2:30 p.m.

(Presenter: Janice Santanello, M.Th., CLEM, CSG, CPC) Cost: \$65

Please call St. Joseph By the Sea at 732-892-8494  
to register or for additional information.

Current Brochure can be found on [www.sjbsea.org](http://www.sjbsea.org)



First Sunday of

# Advent

***“Let the hills sing for joy together before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.” (Psalm 98:8-9)***

We light an advent candle today, a small dim light against a world that often seems forbidding and dark. But we light it because we are a people of hope, a people whose faith is marked by an expectation that we should always be ready for the coming of the Master. We must capture that urgency today in the small flame of our candle. We light the candle because we know that the coming of Christ is tied to our building of the kingdom. Lighting the flame, feeding the hungry, comforting the sick, reconciling the divided, praying for the repentant, greeting the lonely and forgotten – doing all these works hastens His coming.

***Lord, our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ, for He is Emmanuel, the Hope of all people. He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us. He is the Savior of us all.***

***O Lord, let your blessing come upon us as we light the first (purple) candle of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise of salvation. May He come quickly and not delay.***

***We ask this in His holy name. Amen.***

**NEWS From our Diocese:** THIS YEAR, THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, a holy day of obligation usually celebrated on December 8, will be celebrated on Monday, December 9 because December 8 is the Second Sunday of Advent. (Sundays of Advent outrank any other feasts on the Church calendar.)

**December 9 remains a holy day of obligation.**



The image is: Alromonte, Bartolomeo, "The Immaculate Conception"

**Mass Times:**

**Sacred Heart: 8:30 am and 5:00pm**

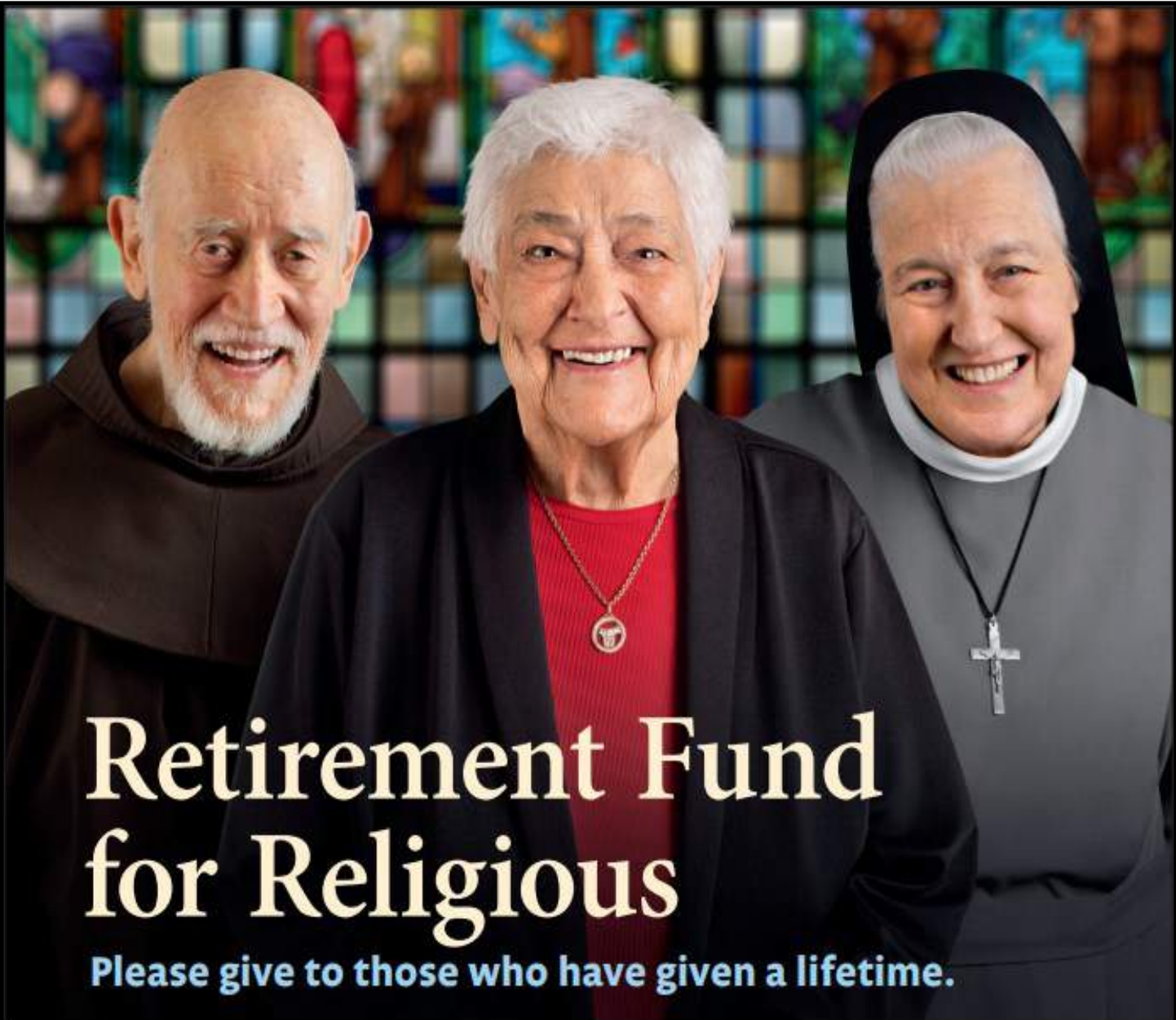
**St. Pio: 9:30am in the Church (not chapel) and 5:00pm**



## Advent Penance Service

We are beginning to prepare  
for the Birth of Our Lord

Please join us for the **Penance Service** that  
will take place on Thursday, December 5th.  
Confessions start at 4pm in the Church  
at St Pio.



# Retirement Fund for Religious

**Please give to those who have given a lifetime.**

**Our aging religious need your help.** Like those pictured, more than 24,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated their lives to serving others through prayer and ministry. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings to care for them. Your support of the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide care, medicine, and other necessities. Please give back to those who have given a lifetime.

**Please give at your local parish.**

The 2nd collection  
on December 7/8 will be  
for this fund.

**[retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org)**

Visit [retiredreligious.org/2024photos](http://retiredreligious.org/2024photos) to meet the religious pictured.  
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The Knights of Columbus Council 8415 invite all parishioners and their families to a

# Breakfast with Santa

and a **50/50 RAFFLE**



Sunday, December 8  
9 a.m. until noon

Saint Catharine of Siena Church Hall  
50 E Street, Seaside Park

Each child in attendance will be entered into a free raffle for one girl's and one boy's bicycle and helmet!



**\$10 Adults**  
Kids 5 & under free

Pay at the door

# Online Giving Tree



Simplify your Christmas Season and Start Giving Online to Our Parish.

Please visit our websites  
[www.sacredheartbayhead.com](http://www.sacredheartbayhead.com)  
[www.stpioparish.com](http://www.stpioparish.com)  
 To sign up today!

*Thank you.*

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[Google Play](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.parishgiving) or [App Store](https://apps.apple.com/us/app/parish-giving/id1444444444)

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 Holy Name Society of The Parish of St. Pio  
PRESENTS

## New Years Eve Gala

Featuring  
**Off-R-RockerZ**

Tuesday, December 31, 2024  
9:00 – 12:30 AM  
Doors open 8:00

Music, Dancing & 50/50

St. Pio Parish Hall  
Rt 35 North & Philadelphia Ave.  
Lavallette, NJ

Includes: Party Favors, Coffee,  
Dessert, Soda and Water

BYO – Food and Drink  
**\$25.00 PP**

Checks made out to: St. Pio Holy Name Society

For Further Information and Tickets Call:

Gary 908-672-6710  
Tom 732-995-0044  
John 732-259-3577

# We are called to Feed the Hungry

*"For I was hungry and you gave me food"* Matthew 25:30

Americas Gleaned Seafood is a Non-Profit organization that provides *Gleaned fish* (excess fish that the fishermen can't use) to be processed into a Protein-Rich food source and distributes these to foodbanks and food pantries for low-income families.



Thanks to Local, County, State, and Federal Grants, many of the expenses, like ice, boxes, and staffing are provided. The fishers do their part also by bringing in the fish for zero dollars, not even a tax write off. AGS need is the costs that are not covered by grants; like rent, utilities, and professional fees (attorneys and accountants).

- Fr. Kevin Ashe

The 2nd collection on December 14/15 will be to support American Gleaned Seafood

## Your Help Is Needed To Expand the Fight Against Hunger

To date, thousands of pounds of seafood have been gleaned and more than **100,000 meals in 2023 & 2024** have been provided to Monmouth, Essex and Ocean County families. Since AGS is utilizing many existing resources and systems, its primary expense is processing. This is where we need your help. The program is very cost-effective since fishers do not get paid and all seafood is donated.

A \$50 donation can provide eighty 4oz. portions (\$0.50/meal) of New Jersey seafood can be given to families, while also providing significant environmental, health, industry, and community benefits.

As part of our ministry to Feed the Hungry, we are having a Second Collection on December 14/15 to help AGS in their efforts to meet the needs of even more people by being able to accept and process more fish from the fishing boats to foodbanks. Please be as generous as you can.

*"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."* Matthew 25:40



The Diocese of Trenton  
presents

George Frideric Handel's  
**Messiah**  
Part One

featuring the combined  
choirs of the Diocesan Festival Choir &  
the Choir of the Red Bank Oratory  
with the Orchestra of St. Cecilia  
under the direction of Shawn Mack

Sunday December 8, 2024 3:30 p.m.

Admission: Adults \$20  
Seniors & Students \$15  
under 8 free

(Tickets may be purchased  
at the door or in advance online at  
[https://dioceseoftrenton.org/  
diocesan-festival-choir](https://dioceseoftrenton.org/diocesan-festival-choir))

For Further Information contact  
St. Aloysius Church  
935 Bennetts Mills Road,  
Jackson, NJ 08527  
Phone: 732-370-0500

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Hallow  
hallow.com/pray

2024

The KOC Ladies Auxiliary  
is happy to invite  
all parishioners &  
their guests to a:

**PIZZA & MOVIE NIGHT**

5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, December 4  
St. Pio's Parish Center  
Lavallette

**\$12** per person  
includes  
• salad & pizza  
• soft drinks (BYOB)  
• coffee & dessert  
• and a Classic Film

RSVP to  
Maribeth Hess  
at 201-988-5516  
by Sunday, December 1

♦ raffles! ♦ prizes! ♦

Downey Side **Volunteers Needed**

Downey Side Adoption is a non-profit organization  
dedicated to placing children in the foster care system  
with forever families through adoption. Nearly  
500,000 children across the United States are in need  
of a family. We rely on donations and fundraising  
efforts to keep adoption fees as low as possible.

We need your help! If you have time and a passion  
for helping children, please consider volunteering to  
help on one of our committees.

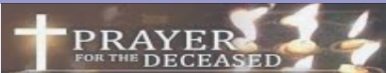
To get involved, please email our Director, Dawn Rusinko  
at [DRusinko@downeyside.org](mailto:DRusinko@downeyside.org) or call 732-359-8434.  
Your support can make a difference!



**Sick:** Anthony Calabro, Louise Scarlato, Jesse O'Brien, Molly Mack, 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 healing prayer 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.



**Deceased:** Mary Ann Baginski, Roger Shulas

**GOD OF LOVE AND LIFE  
FATHER, SON and HOLY SPIRIT**

**“... and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man” Luke 21:36**

Advent is a time of preparation, preparation for the coming of the Messiah. We use the historical fact of His first coming to anticipate and prepare for His second coming.

As St Paul tells us “You should conduct yourselves to please God”. We really should please God before the tribulations start so that we have the strength to “stand erect and raise our heads” so as to face our Lord and Saviour at the time of His second coming.

*Do you know that Advent is the perfect time to repent through Confession and to renew our commitment supporting respect life issues.*

**Repent, Respect Life, Be Holy**



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
- Capt. Tyler Urban, USMC
- Lance Cpl. Jack Balwierzak, 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

**Prayer Anthology #66**

**Focus Point:** December is here and most of us are busy preparing for the Holidays. Decorating, shopping, making lists, wrapping gifts and baking as we ready ourselves and our homes for Christmas. It can be exhausting and time consuming and often leads to us forgetting about what it is we are truly preparing for: the Birth of Jesus. As we think about Mary and Joseph and what it was they were doing to prepare for His birth, we recognize that their preparations were quite drastically different from our preparations of today. So how, in this busy time, can we return to the focus that Mary and Joseph may have had as they awaited the birth of Jesus? Father Joe would say that "one important way is Prayer." Weekly lighting of the four Candles of the Advent wreath can help us to put aside time for and guide our Prayers. May the Spirit of Christmas fill you with all the meaning of Advent: **Hope, Peace, Joy and Love!!!**

**Prayer for focus on the Birth of Jesus:**

*Dear Lord, Help me to prepare for the Birth of Jesus through daily Prayer. Let me thank the Lord each day for His many blessings. Thank You for the Hope that Jesus brought to all of us and continues to give us today in all of life's situations. Please let me be worthy of and thankful for Your continued Peace in my life. I know that through Your Grace, I can find true peace in all of life, even in my struggles. Thank You for the Joy I find in giving to friends, family and those less fortunate. I know that not everyone will have a "Merry" Christmas and I need to remember them in my prayers. I pray for the Holy Spirit to fill my heart with the same Love you give to me unconditionally. Thank you for the constant presence of You and Your love. And I pray that I share Your gifts of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love with others, especially this Christmas season as we prepare for the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.*



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## St. Pio Parish

## Sacred Heart Church

### Saturday, November 30

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

#### Vigil

4:00pm † Lucille Chiesa r/b John and Barbara Chiesa  
† Joann Leonard r/b Jack and Debbie McCormack

### Sunday, December 1

7:30am † For Our Parish Families & Their Loved Ones,  
Both Living & Deceased  
9:00am † Kim, Mi Kyung r/b Mee Hyun Kim  
† Kathleen & Raymond Minneci r/b Family  
10:30am † Emily Mautner r/b Dianne Hayden  
† Laurent Alata r/b Eileen and Vincent Ferranti

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

### Monday, November 2

8:30am † Thomas Newman r/b Maureen McElderry  
† Baby Landon Wierks Family r/b Dianne Hayden

### Tuesday, November 3

8:30am † Michael DeCarlo Sherlock r/b Parents  
† Andrew M. Glatz r/b Tom and Eileen Hanrahan

**After Mass Miraculous Medal Novena**

### Wednesday, November 4

8:30am † Antonette Daniels r/b Joe and Joyce Kobylarz  
† Baby Landon Wierks Family r/b J P Kennedy

### Thursday, November 5

8:30am † Peggy Aglietti r/b Adele Markle  
† Antonette Daniels r/b J P Kennedy

**After Mass Divine Mercy Chaplet**

### Friday, November 6

8:30am † Jack O'Connor r/b Maureen McElderry  
† Ken Shaffer r/b Wife

**After Mass Adoration & Benediction (20 minutes)**

### Saturday, November 7

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

#### Vigil

4:00pm † Annette Kurinovich r/b Husband Alan  
† Fr. Michael Bakaisa r/b Antonette Daniels

### Sunday, December 8

7:30am † For Our Parish Families & Their Loved Ones,  
Both Living & Deceased  
9:00am † Emily Mautner r/b Lectors and Eucharistic  
Ministers  
† John Sweeney r/b Raymond and Christine Higgins  
10:30am Intentions for Stephen and Ellen Burns  
† Stephen Fitzpatrick r/b Dianne Hayden

### Saturday, November 30

8:30am Anita Tenore r/b Joe and Darlene Sica

#### Vigil

4:00pm † Nancy C. Pollin r/b Anna Gerard

### Sunday, December 1

7:15am † For Our Parish Families & Their Loved Ones,  
Both Living & Deceased  
8:30am † Kenneth Faistl r/b Family  
† Lynn Scamardella r/b Tom and Noreen Kelly  
10:30am † Cindy Smyth r/b Joe and Roberta Convery  
Vivien Drew r/b Chris Tart Aglia

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

### Monday, November 2

8:30am † Stevie Curtis r/b Dot Macchia and Arlene Olsen  
† Eleanor Iannacone r/b Family

**After Mass Miraculous Medal Novena**

### Tuesday, November 3

8:30am † Ed Pfennig r/b Judy and Family  
† William Cothrane r/b Prayer Group

### Wednesday, November 4

**8:00am Rosary of the Divine Flame of Love of Mary**

8:30am † Dorothy Phillips r/b Ken and Pat Paldsen  
† Nancy Cigolini r/b Ken and Pat Paldsen

### Thursday, November 5

8:30am † Baby Landon and Family r/b Emily Cupoli

### Friday, November 6

8:30am † Leonard and Mary Scrudato  
r/b The Scrudato Family

**After Mass Adoration and Benediction (20 minutes)**

### Saturday, November 7

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

#### Vigil

4:00pm † John A Carluccio r/b Candy and Greg Ross

### Sunday, December 8

7:15am † For Our Parish Families & Their Loved Ones,  
Both Living & Deceased  
8:30am † Edward Cassidy r/b The Robinson Family  
† Martiniano Abueg r/b Cheryl and Bill Wanke  
10:30am † James Melone r/b Joe and Roberta Convery  
† Richard F. Coveleski  
r/b Cindy and John Mulligan

The Chapel at St. Pio is closed for Daily Mass for painting and Sacristy renovation.  
Masses will be held in the main Church.

Private Prayer at St Pio will be in the main Church, M-F 7:30am-12 Noon, use the parking lot side door.

**Saturday Vigil now 4:00 PM at St Pio and Sacred Heart  
December 2024**

<b>St. Pio</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
December 1 <b>Advent</b> 7:30am Quiet Mass/No Music 8:30am - 9:00am Holy Name recite Rosary 9:00am Mass 10:30am Mass 12:00pm - 1:00pm Baptism	2 8:30am Daily Mass <b>12:00pm - 2:30pm Joint Parish Christmas Party</b>	3 8:30am Daily Mass 9:00am - 10:30am Advent Retreat 7:00pm - 9:00pm KofC Business Mtg	4 8:30am Daily Mass 9:00am - 10:30am Faith Sharing 5:30pm - 8:30pm KofC Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Movie Night 6:30pm - 10:30pm HNS Card Players	5 8:30am Daily Mass <b>4:00pm Advent Penance Service</b>	6 8:30am Daily Mass	7 8:30am Daily Mass 3:20pm - 3:40pm Confession 4:00pm Vigil Mass	
8 7:30am Quiet Mass/No Music 9:00am Mass 10:30am Mass	9 <b>HOLY DAY of OBLIGATION</b> 9:30am Mass Immaculate Conception in the Church 5:00pm Mass Immaculate Conception 8:00pm KofC Ocean County Chapter	10 8:30am Daily Mass	11 8:30am Daily Mass 9:00am - 10:30am Faith Sharing 6:30pm - 10:30pm HNS Card Players	12 8:30am Daily Mass 12:00pm - 1:00pm Healing Mass	13 8:30am Daily Mass	14 DowneySide setup for Breakfast 8:30am Daily Mass 3:20pm - 3:40pm Confession 4:00pm Vigil Mass	
<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
1 <b>Advent</b> 7:15am Quiet Mass/No Music 8:30am Mass 10:30am Mass	2 8:30am Daily Mass 9:30am - 11:00am Rosary Board Meeting <b>12:00pm - 2:30pm Joint Parish Christmas Party</b>	3 8:30am Daily Mass 9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group	4 8:30am Daily Mass 9:15am - 11:15am Bible Study - Matthew 7:00pm - 9:00pm AA Meeting	5 8:30am Daily Mass <b>4:00pm Advent Penance Service at St. Pio</b>	6 8:30am Daily Mass	7 8:30am Daily Mass 3:20pm - 3:40pm Confession 4:00pm Vigil Mass	
8 <b>Immaculate Conception</b> 7:15am Quiet Mass/No Music 8:30am Mass 9:30am - 10:45am Religious Education Class 10:30am Mass 12:00pm - 1:00pm Baptisms - 4 3:00pm - 5:00pm Bible Study - Matthew	9 <b>HOLY DAY of OBLIGATION</b> 8:30am Mass of the Immaculate Conception for RAS Xmas Party 5:00pm Mass Immaculate Conception	10 8:30am Daily Mass 9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group 5:30pm - 9:30pm Rosary Christmas Party	11 8:30am Daily Mass 9:15am - 11:15am Bible Study - Matthew 7:00pm - 9:00pm AA Meeting	12 8:30am Daily Mass	13 8:30am Daily Mass	14 8:30am Daily Mass 9:00am - 11:00am Breakfast Club Bereavement Group 3:20pm - 3:40pm Confession 4:00pm Vigil Mass	

**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](mailto:marta@stpioparish.com) or call 732-793-7291 x322.

**Baptisms:** Parents call at least 2 months prior. Contact the parish office 732-793-7291 or [connie@stpioparish.com](mailto:connie@stpioparish.com).

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