

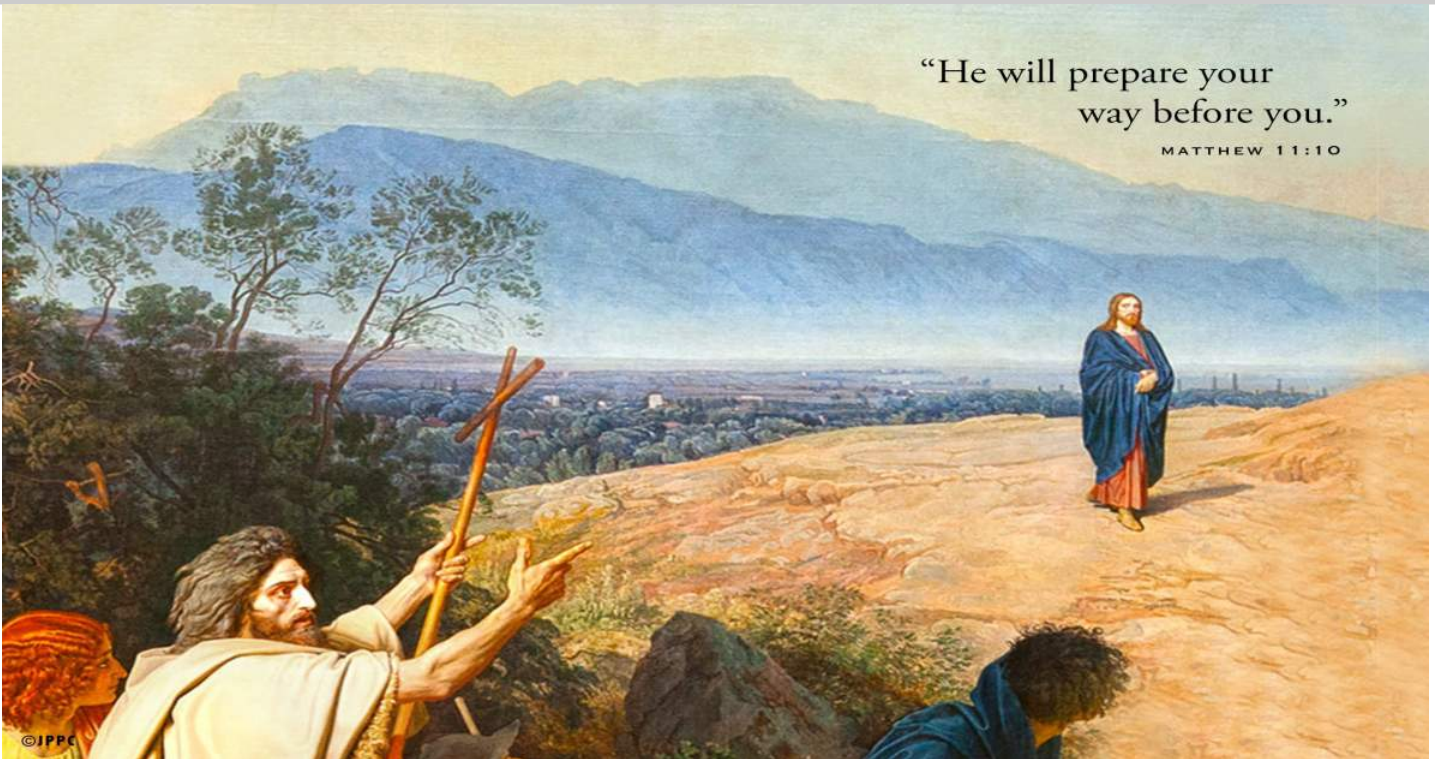
The Parish of St. Pio of Pietrelcina

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December 11, 2022
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“He will prepare your
way before you.”

MATTHEW 11:10



Our Parish is Served by:

Rev. Fr. Joseph Hlubik, Pastor, x302

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

Mass Schedule

Monday - Saturday: 8:30am Chapel

Saturday (Vigil): 4:00pm Church
Sunday: 8:30 and 10:30am Church

Holy Day of Obligation (Vigil): 6:00pm Chapel
Holy Day of Obligation: 8:30am Chapel

Confession: Saturday 3 - 3:30pm or by appointment

December 11, 2022

THE JOY OF ADVENT

During Advent we celebrate the joy that Jesus offers in coming close to all humanity and offering us a relationship with God and one another. We also anticipate joy on the day when Jesus will return again and His kingdom will bring a time of unhindered relationships with God and others.

For hundreds of years the Church has anticipated the coming of Jesus during the season of Advent. The third week of waiting for His arrival invites us to receive **His JOY!**

Jesus arrived after a period of 400 years of silence, confusion, and longing for the Jewish people. Into this space the angels announced to the shepherds the Good News of Jesus that would bring great joy to all people.

Jesus Promised Joy

“These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.” (John 15:11)

In the preceding verses (John 15:1-10) Jesus described His relationship with His Father, using the metaphor of the vine and branches. He assures His disciples that He will remain in them. And, thus, Jesus promised faithful followers that because He will keep His promises, that will have joyful hearts.

Joy is Celebratory

And the angel said to them, ***“Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people.”*** (Luke 2:10)

The shepherds were shocked, amazed and afraid when the angel appeared to them above the field where the sheep were grazing. They left the field to find what the angel had told them and found great joy.

Bach wrote this sonata and it was set to the following lyrics by Salomon Franck in 1713.

Sheep may safely graze and pasture in a watchful Shepherd's sight.

Those who rule with wisdom guiding bring to hearts a peace abiding.

Bless a land with joy made bright.

Prayer for Joy

Our joy doesn't come from what we have on earth or who we are with. Our joy is a gift. It is the gift that you gave us that first Christmas in Jesus Christ. Our joy is encompassed in our Savior, King Jesus. Flood our heart with joy this Advent season as we reflect on the good news of Jesus' birth. In Jesus' precious name we pray. Amen

Find Joy in His coming this Advent season!



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HELP NEEDED

Retired priest living in Lavallette with his own car needs a driver for shopping, errands and appointments. Biweekly house cleaning is also needed. If you are able to assist with either of the above, please call Chris Anderson at 973-975-6523 or Joyce Kobylarz at 973-714-6797. Thank you!



ADVENT
PENANCE
SERVICE

DECEMBER 1ST



We welcome the newest members of
St. Pio Parish, the

Davie Family, Joan & William

into its faith community.



The Sacrament of *Baptism*

We welcome

Jovanni Borre

into the faith community of St. Pio's Parish.
Jovanni was baptized on Sunday,
December 4th.
Congratulations to the Borre family.

Clothing Drive


What's in your closet?

The Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary invites all parishioners to join us in our winter clothing drive to benefit the homeless in the Toms River area. We are now looking for clean WINTER clothing for men, women and children. So clean out your closets and call Angie (908-705-1483) or Joyce (732-830-3467) for details on how to donate. Thank you!



The Knights of Columbus Council 8415
invite all parishioners and their families to a

Breakfast with Santa

Sunday, December 11
9 a.m. until noon

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

\$5 Adults
Kids 5 & under free
Pay at the door

December 11, 2022

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. Those wishing to receive Communion on the tongue should wait until the end of the Communion distribution and receive from the Priest.
- Only Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion with a valid Sacred Heart/St. Pio ID card can receive Communion in a Pyx to take to the sick and homebound. For anyone that is not a Eucharistic Minister and is requesting a Host needs to see the Priest before or after Mass. Hosts will not be distributed during Mass.
- If you need a low gluten Host, please go to the Communion line in the front on the pulpit side, and ask the Eucharistic Minister.

Sponsorship Certificates
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.****

Thank You for your Support!!

Contributions Weekend of December 4, 2022	This Past Week	Same week Last Year
At Church	\$5,794	\$6,110
Online	N/A	\$ 991
Total	N/A	\$7,101



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.



The **Rosary Altar Society** is sponsoring their annual drive for our military from now through January, 2023. A container is provided in the parish center entrance and in the vestibule of the Church for all your gifts. You can bring your donations to the parish center Mondays through Wednesdays between 9am and 2pm and before and after all weekend Masses at the Church. Your gifts will be delivered overseas in time for Valentine's Day. A list of gifts is attached to each container for your convenience. Some, i.e., can be: paperback books, toiletries, puzzles, gloves, socks, packaged tea, nuts, tuna, pens, Valentine cards, and batteries.

Thank you for your generosity!

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Cookies & Carols”

Christmas
Cookies

Spend a relaxing Sunday afternoon with the K of C Ladies Auxiliary on December 11th at 2pm in St. Pio's parish hall! Enjoy complimentary crackers and cheese (BRING YOUR OWN WINE!), while you learn about the origin of Christmas and some interesting stories behind our popular Christmas carols. Join in singing some cheerful Christmas songs, then enjoy complimentary decaf coffee and holiday cookies! Free will offering only!



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

“And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me.” Matthew 5:6

This beatitude is a warning to John the Baptist, and to us, not to disbelieve because our expectations have not been met. This is especially meaningful to Catholics who expected the end of abortion because Roe v Wade was declared unconstitutional. Sadly, abortions are flourishing in some states, especially New Jersey.

Take no offense in God. Continue the battle at the state and local levels. Walk in the ways of the Lord, be proudly Catholic and rejoice!

BE and ACT PRO-LIFE!



The Altar Bread and Wine, for the month of December, have been donated in loving memory of **William B. Lyons** requested by the Lyons Family.



The Knights of Columbus will have the **“Keep Christ in Christmas”** magnets available after all weekend Masses for \$5.00 each.



First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022



December 11, 2022

Greetings, Friends!!

St. Barnabas RC Church in Bayville, NJ is hosting the Toms River Multigenerational Orchestra (TRMO) Christmas Concert on Monday, December 19 at 7:00 PM in the main church.

♪♪♪♪ The TRMO has prepared excellent seasonal music to usher in the Christmas Season!!!!
♪♪♪♪♪♪

No admission charge for this concert; free will offerings are appreciated to support local social action and food pantry organizations.

Please contact me at 732-269-2208 x105 with any questions.

Joe Antonowicz

Music Minister of St Barnabas RC Church

Bayville, NJ



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Christmas Mass Schedule and New Year Masses

Christmas Eve
Saturday, December 24th
4:00pm

Christmas Day
Sunday, December 25th
8:30am and 10:30am

New Year's Eve
Saturday, December 31st
4:00pm

New Year's Day
Sunday, January 1st
8:30am and 10:30am

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- Satisfaction of the required minimum distribution without increasing taxable income
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- Ability to direct your gift to any area of our parish operations

For more information, please contact:
Marta Barkhausen, Business Manager
732-793-7291 x322 or marta@stpioparish.com

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Oplatki Wafers Available

The family-centered tradition of sharing Oplatki before the Christmas Eve meal is a wonderful celebration of love and forgiveness that has its origins in Poland. Family members and guests each break a piece of the wafer and share it with the next person at the table along with an expression of love, blessing and, sometimes, forgiveness. In America, it is often referred to as "Christmas Wafers." Each package includes 3 white wafers, 1 pink wafer and pamphlet with prayers and an explanation of this Christmas tradition. If you'd like to have some, please call the office for a Christmas Wafer pack.

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John	732-259-3577
Tom	732-995-0044



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	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	blanchrn139@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
Rosary Altar Society	Joan Blanchfield	732-854-1276	blanchrn139@gmail.com
Wedding Ministry	Joyce Kobylarz	973-714-6797	jkoby2@aol.com
Ushers	Chris Grandinetti	908-910-6214	chris.grandinetti@gmail.com

SCHEDULE OF ORGANIZATIONS

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

K of C LADIES AUXILIARY

FAITH SHARING Meeting Wednesday December 14, 2022 9:00am

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS 8415 Meeting

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS 8415 Social Wednesday December 14, 2022 6:30pm

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