

Church of the Sacred Heart

751 Main Avenue
Bay Head, NJ 08742



Mass Times:

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Sunday: 7:15am (no music), 8:30am, 10:30am
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St. Pio of Pietrelcina

103 Washington Avenue
Lavallette, NJ 08735

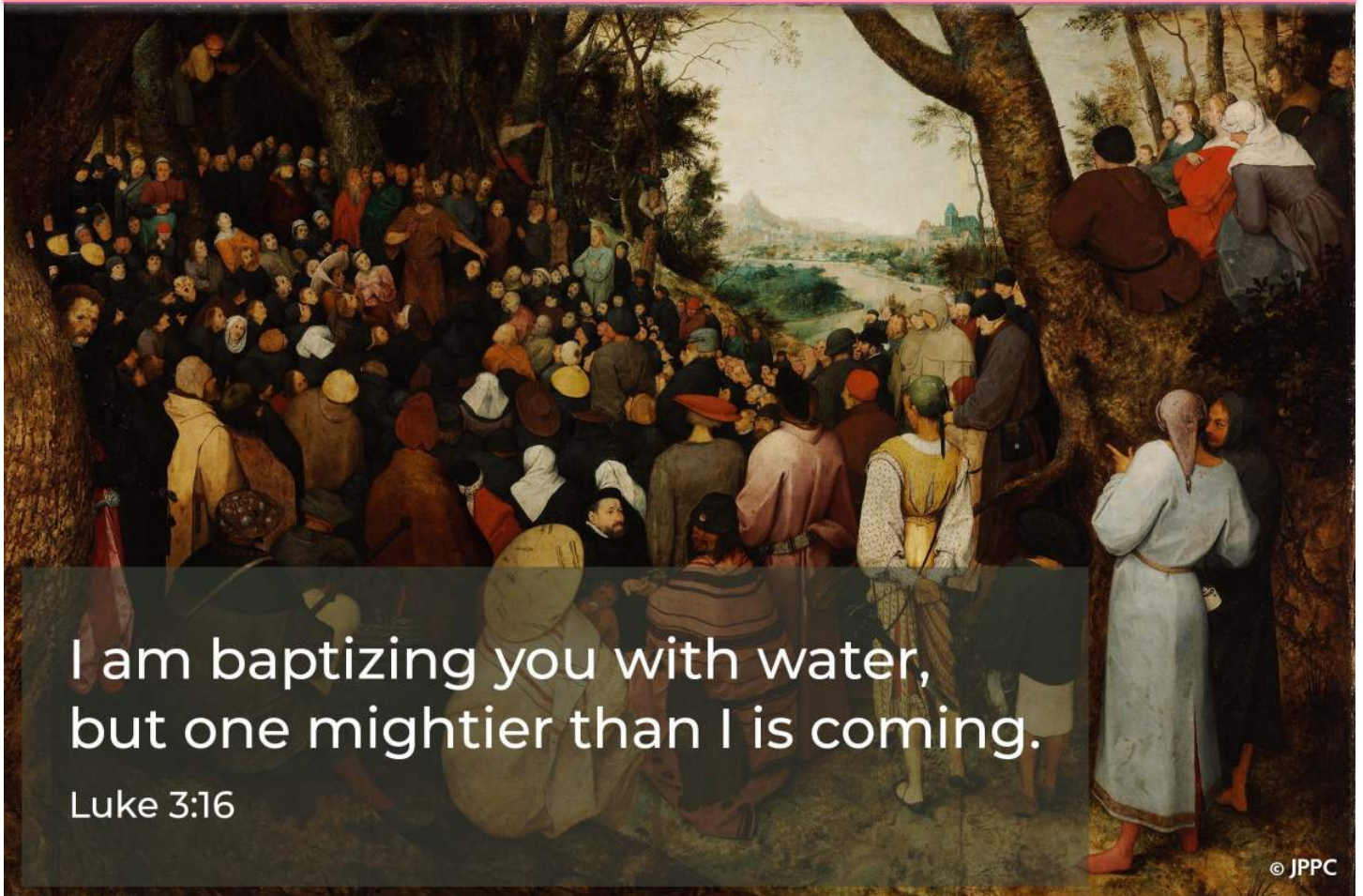


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Rev. Joseph G. Hlubik, Pastor
Deacon James Turro

Rev. Joy Chacko, Parochial Vicar



I am baptizing you with water,
but one mightier than I is coming.

Luke 3:16

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DECEMBER 15, 2024 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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St. Pio of Pietrelcina:
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Sacred Heart Church
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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 (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

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 December 8, 2024	Sacred Heart	Saint Pio of Pietrelcina
In Pew at Church	\$ 2,843	\$ 3,756
Online	\$ 2,092	\$ 1,580
Total	\$ 4,935	\$ 5,336

Monies received from monthly/annual contributions and general donations will be reported here each month

November 2024	Sacred Heart	St Pio
Collection	\$ 8,500	\$ 10,150
Donation	\$ 225	\$21,208

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

History of the 4 kingdoms in Judea 597B.C. to 165 B.C.

The Babylonians 597 B.C. to 538 B.C., About 70 years. The Babylonian Captivity

According to biblical accounts, the line of David ruled Judea for approximately 400 years, with King David himself reigning for 40 years, followed by a succession of kings from his lineage until her defeat by Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon. They destroyed Jerusalem and the Temple in 586 B.C., and deported and exiled many of the people (tens of thousands or more depending on the source of information) from in 597 to 586 B.C. This is known as the Babylonian captivity (which lasted about 60+70 years. (rounded to 70 years in biblical math-as there were several groups that were exiled at different times, and several groups that returned at different times).

The Persians 538 BCE to 332 BCE. About 206 years

The Babylonian Empire then fell to the Persians, and Cyrus the King issued “The Edict of Cyrus” in 539 B.C., a decree which allowed the Jews to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple, but they were not permitted to have a king of their own. They were allowed to have a governor, Zerubbabel, who was a descendant of David. He was assisted by Joshua the Priest; they led the effort to construct the Second Temple, between 521 and 516 B.C. Nehemiah led the rebuilding and re-fortification of Jerusalem. The 2nd temple was meagre compared to that of Solomon. They did not have the Ark of the Covenant when they returned. The Persians controlled Judea for approximately 206 years, from 538 BCE to 332 BCE, when Alexander the Great conquered the region; marking the end of Persian rule in Judea.

The Greeks 332-201 B.C.

Alexander the Great effectively ended Persian rule over Judea and marked the beginning of the Hellenistic period in the region. This conquest brought Greek culture and influence to Judea, leading to a period known as Hellenistic rule. After Alexander’s death his empire was divided amongst his generals, with Ptolemy gaining control of Egypt and Seleucos of Syria. Judah and Jerusalem lay strategically between these two rival kingdoms and fell under the control of Ptolemaic Egypt from 332 to 201 B.C.

Greek-Egyptians 332-201 B.C.

During Ptolemaic (Egyptian-Greek) control, the Hebrew Bible was translated into Greek. This made it accessible to Diaspora Jews such as those living in Alexandria, Egypt, who increasingly were Greek speaking and whose knowledge of Hebrew was diminishing. According to legend, the translation was made when 70 scholars were assigned to undertake the assignment, hence the name Septuagint, The Greek Bible. There was quite a large ghetto of Judeans living in Egypt, especially in Alexandria.

The Greek-Syrians 201-165 B.C.

The Greek Syrians wrested control of Judea from the Ptolemies, in 200 B.C.

There had been a tolerant state of affairs, but it changed with the reign of Antiochus IV Epiphanes (175-164 BCE), and the pace of Hellenization accelerated as did his cruelties.

The Temple was looted, an altar to Zeus built, pigs sacrificed and Jewish worship and observance, including kashrut and circumcision outlawed – according to the books of the Maccabees...



Rev. Joseph G. Hlubik

A REASON FOR JOY A reflection for December 15, The Third Sunday of Advent

“Shout for joy...Sing joyfully...Be glad and exult with all your heart!” This is what the Prophet Zephaniah tells the people of Judah to do in Sunday's first reading.

This same directive is found in Sunday's Responsorial Psalm. The people are told, “Cry out with joy and gladness” and “Shout with exaltation.”

This message appears again in the Second Reading. Saint Paul orders the Christians at Philippi, “Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!”

In all three cases, the same reason is given for being joyful.

Zephaniah declares, “The Lord, your God, is in our midst, a mighty Savior.” The Responsorial Psalm proclaims, “For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.” St. Paul announces, “The Lord is near.”

That same merciful, loving, and caring God whose presence is proclaimed in these readings is also in our midst. God comes and speaks to us as the scriptures are proclaimed and invites us to become one with him in the eucharist. God stands near us when we gather with our fellow Christians to lift up our hearts to him in prayer and seek to serve others as Jesus did.

God is with us at every moment of our lives. He began to dwell in us at our baptism and has no wish to leave us. As the Lord told us in the Gospel of Matthew, “I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

Our readings this Sunday, remind us to be conscious that God is with us. This certainly is a reason for joy.

As we know, one of the greatest sources of joy in life is being with people who love us. That is certainly evident during the Christmas Season. We make every effort to be with family members and friends and others who love us.

It is not the Christmas presents we receive that truly matter but being in the presence of people who have made a place for us in their hearts.

Certainly, the people we hear about in Sunday's Gospel wanted to be in the Lord's presence. That is why they sought out John's baptism of repentance and asked him what they needed to do to be ready to stand in the presence of the coming Messiah.

The Lord whom they awaited is with us in a real and personal way. As Pope Francis reminds us, “Jesus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you; and now he is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you” (The Joy of the Gospel, #164).

The Lord is in our midst. That is why the scriptures call us to “be glad and exult” and to “cry out with joy and gladness”.

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IRA Charitable Rollover A TAX-SAVING CHARITABLE GIFT FOR NON-ITEMIZERS

Due to an increased standard deduction, many individuals and couples will no longer be able to claim itemized deductions. However, a tax-free IRA charitable rollover offers the following benefit to individuals age 70 1/2 or older:

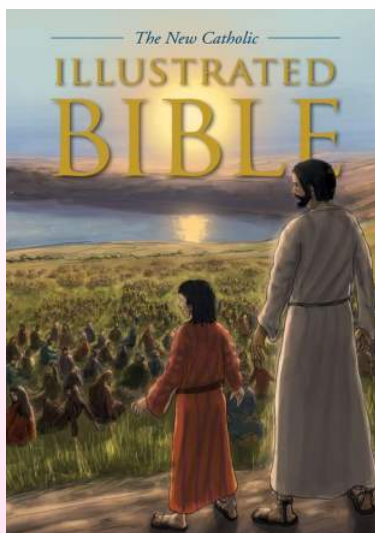
- The ability to direct a current, outright IRA gift, up to \$100,000, to our church, or other qualified charities
- Satisfaction of the RMD (required minimum distribution) without increasing taxable income
- No loss of a charitable contribution itemized deduction
- Ability to direct your gift to any area of our parish operations

For more information, please contact:

Marta Barkhausen, Business Manager

732-793-7291 x322 or marta@stpioparish.com

Looking for an idea for a great Christmas Gift for your children, grandchildren, god-child?



The New Catholic Illustrated Bible, published by: St. Benedict's Press, PO box 269, Gastonia, North Carolina, 28053. You can also get it on Amazon.

It is an excellent beautiful, wonderful, book, with large artist's depictions of the stories of the Bible. It is a great way to read with

your children or by themselves. I recommend it for grade school and maybe 6th and 7th graders. I highly recommend it, and enjoy it myself. -Fr. Joe



"Let us get ready for Christmas by being close to Our Lady. Let us try, as well, to get ready for the Holy Season by encouraging an atmosphere of Christian peace where we live and work, and by doing all we can in small ways to bring pleasure and affection to those around us. People tend to be convinced that Christ has really been born in Bethlehem, and few things are more convincing that the habitual happiness of the Christian, even in the midst of pain and contradictions. Our Lady knew many such contradictions when she came to Bethlehem tired out and after such a long journey, and unable to find a place fit for the birth of her Son. But these problems did not cause her to lose her joy when God became Man, and dwelt amongst us."


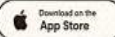
"O Almighty God, gracious provider and giver of life, we anxiously await the celebration of your birth. Like the people of long ago, our ancestors in faith, we, too, are in need of light, in need of direction, in need of your Word, to show us the way. Our busy lives and the consumerism that surrounds us make it difficult to recognize your kingdom and to hear your voice. Help us Lord, to focus on you. Amen."




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JOIN THE ADVENT PRAY25 CHALLENGE

Prepare your heart for Jesus this Advent with daily prayer on Hallow, a Catholic prayer and meditation app that helps us encounter Christ through daily prayer.



Hallow
hallow.com/pray

DowneySide Adoption Fundraiser

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

15 DEC

Join us this Christmas for a breakfast with Santa!

9am - 12 pm
Sunday
December 15th

PHOTOS WITH SANTA

Enjoy some fun activities such as story time, face painting, crafts and more.

Raffles every hour

\$15 adults
\$10 for kids
4yrs and under are free

St. Pio of Pietrelcina Church Hall
103 Washington Ave Lavallette

For more information, contact drusinko@downeyside.org or call 732-359-8434



Mass Schedule

St. Pio

Tuesday, December 24	Christmas Eve 4:00pm Vigil
Wednesday, December 25	Christmas Day 9:00 & 10:30am
Wednesday, January 1, 2025	New Year's Day, 9:30am (in the Church), Solemnity of Mary The Holy Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

Sacred Heart

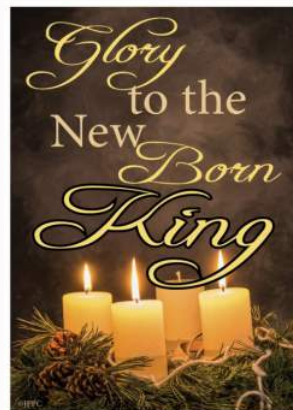
Tuesday, December 24	Christmas Eve 3:00 & 5:00pm
Wednesday, December 25	Christmas Day 8:30 & 10:30am
Wednesday, January 1, 2025	New Year's Day, 8:30am Daily Mass, Solemnity of Mary The Holy Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)



Oplatki
Christmas
wafers

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 parish office or see an usher after Mass for a Christmas Wafer pack, at St. Pio and at Sacred Heart parishes.



In celebration of our Lord's birthday, the parish office will be closed:

Monday, December 23 (Closed)
Tuesday, December 24 (Closed)
Wednesday, December 25 (Closed)
Thursday, December 26 (Closed)
Friday, December 27 (Closed)

"The Twelve Days of Christmas"

"The Twelve Days of Christmas" was written during the sixteenth century by a couple of Jesuits who were playing a dangerous game. During the sixteenth century in England anything Catholic was prohibited and punishable by imprisonment or death.

The Catholic faith was forced underground. There was a need to encourage the faith and spread it to the next generation. So these Jesuits taught the faith in code. The code was our song. It sounds harmless to us, but let's look at it more closely.

... The **twelve days of Christmas**, as everybody knows, is the period from the Nativity celebration to the Epiphany.

... "**My true love gave to me**" is God speaking to the anonymous Catholic.

... **Twelve Drummers** drumming are the *twelve beliefs* outlined in the Apostles Creed.

... The **eleven pipers** piping are the eleven apostles - Judas having left, who piped the faith in an unbroken tradition.

... The **ten lords** a leaping are the Ten Commandments.

... The **nine ladies** dancing are the nine choirs of angels.

... The **eight maids** a milking are the eight beatitudes.

... The **seven swans** a swimming are of course, the seven sacraments.

... The **six geese** a laying are the six precepts of the Church.

... The **five gold rings** are the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Gospel.

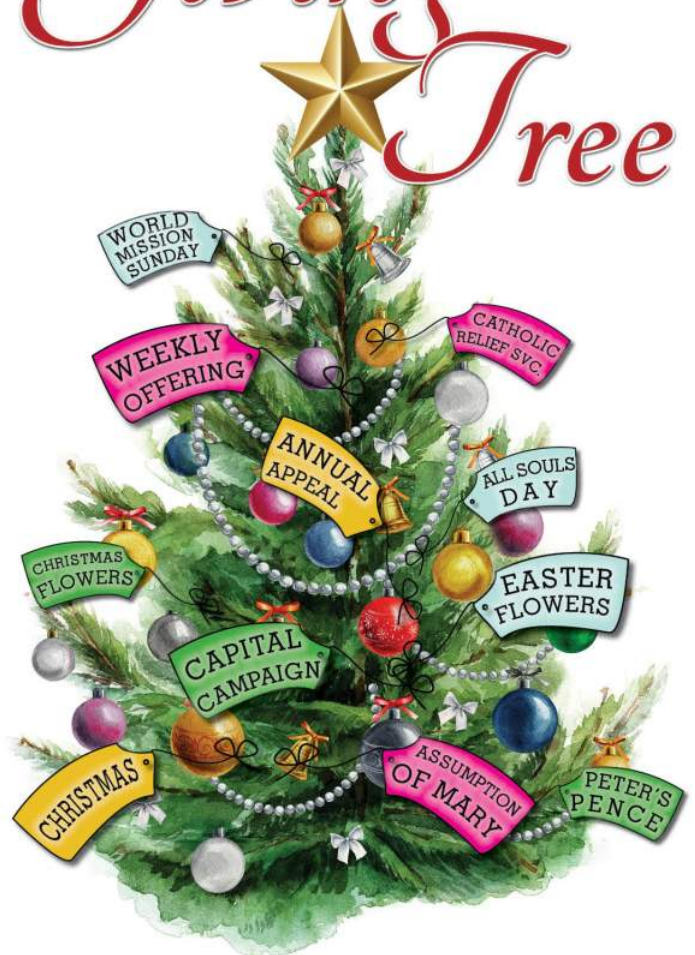
... The **four calling birds** are the four Gospels that *sing* the Good News.

... The **three French hens** are the three gifts of the Magi.

... The **two turtle doves** are the Old and the New Testaments.

... **And finally of course the partridge in the pear tree is the resplendent Christ reigning from the cross.**

Online Giving Tree



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

Please visit our websites
www.sacredheartbayhead.com
www.stpioparish.com
To sign up today!

Thank you.

Parish Giving

simple. secure. convenient.



Download the Parish Giving app today! Visit



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.

GIVING TREE



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Valentine House Giving Tree At Sacred Heart Church

The tree is empty now, all of the tags
have been taken, thanks to
Sacred Heart generosity!



Knights of Columbus Council 8415
Breakfast with Santa
Held Sunday, December 8th



Photo of Ed Convey with the Giving Tree

REMINDER - gifts are due back to
Sacred Heart Church prior to the 22nd.

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

For more information go to:
AGSUSA.ORG
or scan the QR Code below

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 **300,000 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



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.



Knights of Columbus Council 8415

... provides a container in the vestibule of St. Pio and Sacred Heart Churches for the collection of used eyeglasses



Listen to **Relevant Radio** on stations WNSW 1430AM or WWJZ 640AM. Programming is 24 hrs/day, 7 days/wk. Their mission is to bring Christ to the world through the media.

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

My Christmas Gift for a Man Like You A Catholic Man of Faith

A Gift of membership in an organization that supports your faith and beliefs where you can put your faith into action.



Join Now for FREE

Promo Code: BLESSEDMCGIVNEY



St. Francis Food Pantry

in Seaside Heights is opened 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!

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)

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 _____



SACRED HEART CHURCH

Drive By Dinner to Go

Wednesday January 1, 2025

To serve our community we will be offering a "Drive By" Dinner to go, but unfortunately limited to 200 dinners. Once we reach our limit, an apology message will notify callers.

Pick up time: 12 Noon-1PM

Sacred Heart Church Bay Head
751 Main Ave (Rt. 35 South)
Parking lot behind the Church

**Call 732-451-2580, leave your name and
Cell number by Sunday December 22nd.**

We will confirm your request, for Number of meals requested
Please make sure to leave your Cell Number
Thank you

Holy Name Friendship Dinner Jan 1st

The Holy Name Annual January 1st Friendship dinner serving our community, is again a pickup and go. Those wishing a dinner or know of someone who may want a dinner can call, 732-451-2580, leave your name, cell number and the number of requested dinners.

You will receive a returned call confirming your request. Unfortunately we have a limited number of dinners we can provide, once we reach our limit, an apology message will notify callers.

Pick up time is between 12 noon and 1PM, in the Parking lot of Sacred Heart Church 751 Main Avenue Bay Head For any additional questions you can contact John Paglione at 732-598-1590.



Sick: Joan Blanchfield, Jean Taboada, 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 Kwornik, Helen Calavanico

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.



For the month of December the **Altar Bread and Wine at St. Pio Parish** have been donated in loving memory of **Scott D. Gates** requested by Fred and Mary Beth Versaci



We offer a warm welcome to our recently registered parishioners!

Sacred Heart
Mr. Colin Daily
Patrice O'Malley

Sacred Heart
Sean and Donna McFarland
Laurie Anne Roemmele, Ph.D.



Deceased: Mary Ann Baginski, Roger Shulas, Ana Librada Ramos, Leonard Baccaro



Congratulations to the families of the newly Baptized

St. Pio

Sacred Heart

Jordon Savage 11/24/24 Dominic daGraca 12/10/24
Clayton J. Haarmann 12/1/24



Please Pray for the Victims of Hurricanes Helene and Milton



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.



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 Balwierzczak, 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

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

“His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” Luke 3:17

St John the Baptist was warning those gathering to be baptized to prepare for the coming of the Lord. Pray that the fruits of the Holy Spirit, charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control and chastity are perfected in us so that we may be counted among the wheat not the chaff.

Mary, carrying the unborn Messiah, visited the pregnant Elizabeth. As Mary greeted Elizabeth John leaped in his mother's womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Even before birth Jesus Christ and John the Baptist were identifiable distinct individuals. John was three months from birth and Mary's pregnancy had just begun, yet each baby was already alive, active and individual.

Be Moral, Be Catholic, Be Pro-Life



Spiritual Adoption Monthly Report

Month Two Developing Baby

Your baby is making progress developing all of her external features and internal organs. Her brain is functioning at 40 days. Her mother can hear her heartbeat now with an ultrasound stethoscope. Her milk-teeth buds are present at 6 1/2 weeks. It is reported that at 2 months she can suck her thumb! From this moment onward, your spiritually adopted baby grows and refines her body. But everything she needs to survive once she is born is already present by the end of the eighth week.



St. Pio Parish

Sacred Heart Church

Saturday, December 14

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

Vigil

4:00pm † Margaret Delaney r/b James Delaney, Jr.
Special Intentions r/b Laura & Greg

Sunday, December 15

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

9:00am † Fr. Fred Kochan r/b Antonette Daniels
† Judy Thorton r/b Maureen Assuma

10:30am † William Lyons r/b The Lyons Family
† Laura English r/b Ginny Botts

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

Monday, December 16

8:30am In Thanksgiving for Mary Pat Shaffer
† Dorothy Gili r/b Pat and Bill Kevish

Tuesday, December 17

8:30am † John Reilly r/b Maureen McElderry
† Baby Landon Wierks and Family
r/b Trish Pessannante

After Mass Miraculous Medal Novena

Wednesday, December 18

8:30am † Patrick Glynn r/b Laura and Greg Bierster
† Gertrude Bierster r/b Laura and Greg Bierster

Thursday, December 19

8:30am † Dorothy Burns r/b Maureen McElderry
† Dorothy Gili r/b Adele

After Mass Divine Mercy Chaplet

Friday, December 20

8:30am † Dorothy Berdel r/b Family
† Richard Roemmele Jr.

After Mass Adoration & Benediction (20 minutes)

Saturday, December 21

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

Vigil

4:00pm † Annette and Santo Tavormina r/b Connie Barraco
† Albert Berdel r/b Family

Sunday, December 22

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

9:00am † Emily Mautner r/b Rosary Altar Society
† Rick Tango r/b The Hawkins Family

10:30am † Michael John Sherlock r/b Wife
† Michael, Harriet, Anthony and Carmine Criscuolo
r/b Robert and Florence Petrecca and Family

Saturday, December 14

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

Vigil

4:00pm Intentions for Fr. Doug Freer

Sunday, December 15

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

8:30am † Frank Dockery r/b Wife Fran

10:30am † Dr. Michael J. Arnone r/b The Grella Family

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

Monday, December 16

8:30am † Baby Landon Wierks

After Mass Miraculous Medal Novena

Tuesday, December 17

8:30am † Lewis Alan Badger r/b Eileen Rinaldi
† Dennis Joyce r/b Rory Joyce

Wednesday, December 18

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

8:30am † Charles Gilligan r/b The Gilligan Family

Thursday, December 19

8:30am † Ginny Mielnicki

Friday, December 20

8:30am † Barbara Jasko r/b Arlene Olsen and Dot Macchia
† Edward Cupoli r/b Emily Cupoli

After Mass Adoration and Benediction (20 minutes)

Saturday, December 21

8:30am † Deceased Members of the Carroll Family
r/b Dr. Albert and Jean Taboada

Vigil

4:00pm † Pamela Rapcienski r/b Meredith and Kyle
† Michael Donovan
r/b Dot Macchia and Arlene Olsen
† Robert Leslie r/b Wife Agnes

Sunday, December 22

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

8:30am † Tom Van Dersprut r/b Family

† Brett Schriever r/b James Delaney

10:30am † Richard Perello r/b The Perello Family

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.

December 2024

St. Pio		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15	7:00am - 12:00pm DowneySide - Breakfast with Santa 7:30am Quiet Mass/No Music 9:00am Mass 10:30am Mass	16 8:30am Daily Mass - in the Main Church 8:00pm - 9:00pm KofC 4th Degree	17 8:30am Daily Mass in the Main Church	18 8:30am Daily Mass - in the Main Church 9:00am - 10:30am Faith Sharing 6:30pm - 10:30pm HNS Card Players	19 8:30am Daily Mass - in the Main Church 6:30pm - 10:00pm KofC - Social Meeting	20 Office Closed 8:30am Daily Mass - in the Main Church	21 8:30am Daily Mass - in the Main Church 3:20pm - 3:40pm Confession 4:00pm Vigil Mass
22	7:30am Quiet Mass/No Music 9:00am Mass 10:30am Mass	23 Office Closed 8:30am Daily Mass Chapel Reopens for Daily Mass	24 Christmas Eve Office Closed 8:30am Daily Mass 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass	25 Christmas Day Office Closed 9:00am Christmas Mass 10:30am Christmas Mass	26 Office Closed 8:30am Daily Mass	27 Office Closed 8:30am Daily Mass	28 8:30am Daily Mass 3:20pm - 3:40pm Confession 4:00pm Vigil Mass
Sacred Heart		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15	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	16 8:30am Daily Mass	17 8:30am Daily Mass 9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group	18 8:30am Daily Mass 7:00pm - 9:00pm AA Meeting	19 8:30am Daily Mass	20 Office Closed 8:30am Daily Mass	21 First Day of Winter 8:30am Daily Mass 3:20pm - 3:40pm Confession 4:00pm Vigil Mass
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Baptisms: Parents call at least 2 months prior. Contact the parish office 732-793-7291 or connie@stpioparish.com.

Anointing of the Sick: This sacrament is given 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 or call the rectory if you would like to receive this sacrament.

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