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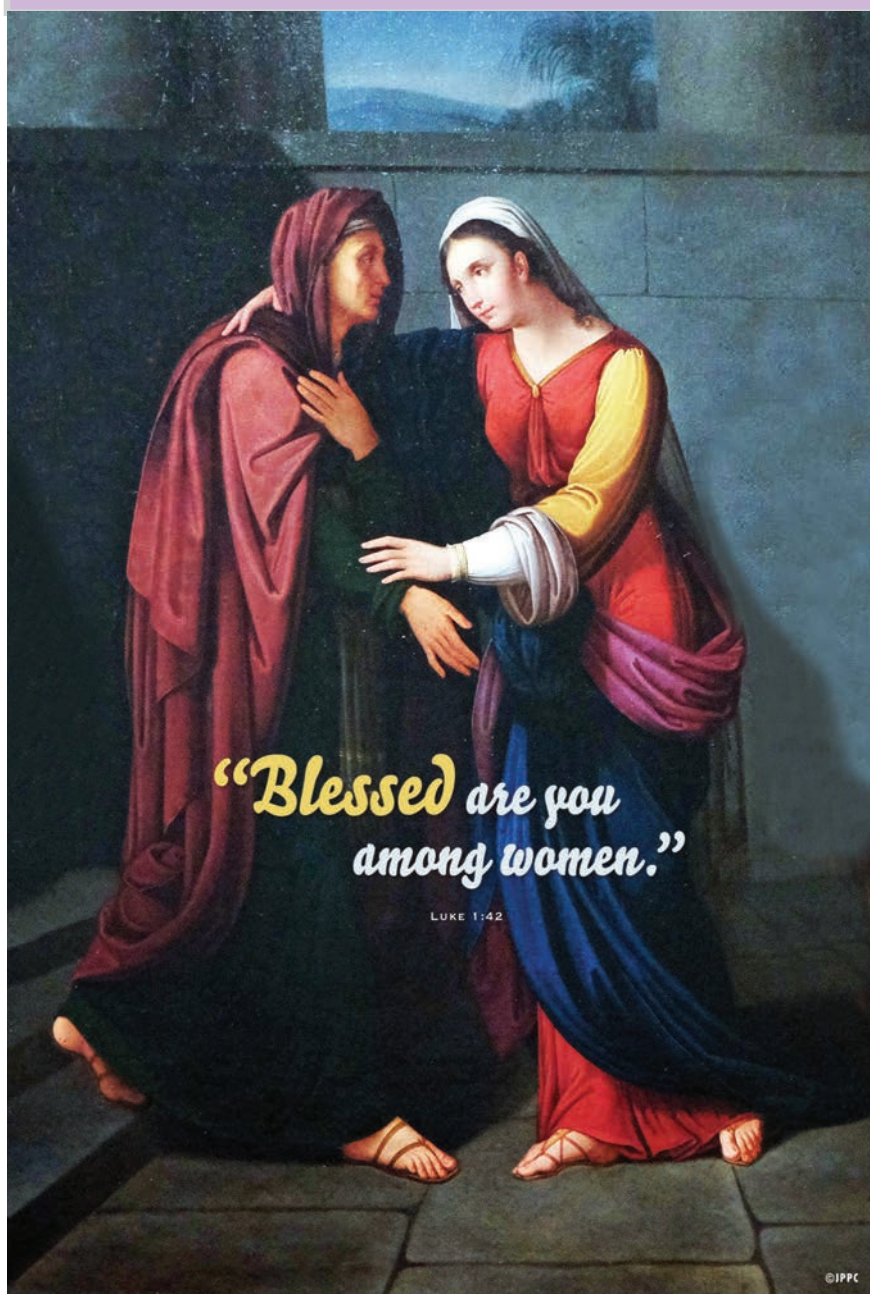
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Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00am to 2:00pm

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December 19, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Our Parish is Served by:

Rev. Fr. Joseph Hlubik, Pastor, x302

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

Rev. Fr. Joy Chacko, Parochial Vicar, x361

Assisting Priest:

Rev. Fr. Frederick Kochan

Rev. Monsignor Phil Franceschini

Deacon Emeritus, John H. Han, x320

Pastoral and Support Staff

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Finance, Facilities & Wedding
Coordinator, x322

John Paglione, Director of Liturgy, Lay
Ministries & Catechesis

732-899-1398, x5

Caroline Woodrow, Director of Sacred
Music, x315

Joyce Kobylarz, Ministries Coordinator

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Connie Barraco, x316

Laura Bierster, x321

Pat Kevish, x301

Tim Drake, Facilities Manager

Bart Coleman & Vito Gagliardi, Trustees

Nick Zaccaria, Finance Chair

Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday: 8:30am Chapel

1st Saturday of Month: 8:30am Chapel

Saturday (Vigil): 4:00pm Church

Sunday: 8:30 and 10:30am Church

Holy Days of Obligation 9:30am Church

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday

December 18

4:00pm
Vigil

Joan Dygon r/b Family
Anna Barca r/b Patty & John Wagner

Sunday

December 19

8:30am

Michael & Catherine Callanan
r/b Bart & Theresa Coleman
Maria Arpaia r/b Daughter

10:30am

Michael, Harriet, Anthony & Carmen
Criscuolo
r/b Mr. & Mrs. Petrecca & Family
For the People of the Parish

Monday

December 20

8:30am

Dorothy Berdel r/b Family
Marilyn Giordano
r/b Kevin & Louise Braddock

Tuesday

December 21

8:30am

Annette & Santo Tavormina
r/b Daughter, Connie
Ken Shaffer r/b Mary

Wednesday

December 22

8:30am

Marilyn Giordano r/b MaryJo Brownback
Marge Tremain
r/b Laura & Greg Bierster

Thursday

December 23

8:30am

Margaret C. Petranich r/b Frank
Grace Filak r/b Sister

Friday

December 24

8:30am

For the People of the Parish
Christmas Eve

2:00pm

For All Parishioners & their Families,
Living & Deceased

Vigil

4:00pm

William Lyons r/b the Lyons Family
For All Parishioners & Their Families,
Living & Deceased

Vigil

Saturday

December 25

Christmas Day

8:30am

For All Parishioners & Their Families,
Living & Deceased

10:30am

Rose Dannolfo r/b Laura & Greg Bierster
For All Parishioners & Their Families,
Living & Deceased

Sunday

December 26

8:30am

Tom Burrell r/b Maureen
For the People of the Parish

10:30am

Stanley & Helen Buda r/b Daughter
For the Intentions of Mary Buontempo
r/b Bart & Theresa



Healing: Fr. Douglas Freer, Jill Rager, Marci Haxall, The Filippini Religious Teachers in Rome & Ethiopia, Marie Woodrow, Mary Anne Grandinetti, Ginny Stefanacci, Fred Barbeito, Christopher Dorso, Nicholas Meola, Bernard D'Andrea, Sangita Rossano, Louise Scarlato, Colleen Anderson, Marie Graham, RJ Graham, Michael Christa, Joann Christa, Sharon Witty, Nick Lettas, Mary Buontempo, Dennis Maloney, Michael Iansito, Ed & Ann Bonner, Tim Drake, Jimmy Deery, 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).



The Deceased: Marilyn Giordano, Marge Tremain, Florence Tynski, Lucille Chiesa, Arleen Grudus



Our Heroes: All our parishioners and friends who are serving in the Military, as well as our Police, Firefighters, First Responders, and all who are put in harm's way for our protection.

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



The Altar Flowers

for the month of December have been donated in loving memory of Joseph Baginski, requested by the Baginski family.

Magnets are available from the Knights of Columbus at all weekend Masses. \$5



December 19, 2021



REMEMBRANCES FROM ST. PIO PARISH
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



THANKS TO ALL
WHO MADE THIS POSSIBLE



St. Bonaventure Church Building
Roof Replacement Project

The slate roof on our church was 56 years old and needed to be replaced. We chose to replace the roof with "high-end premium shingles" with a 40-year warranty.

The total cost for the project is \$350,000. St. Pio Parish is fortunate to have reserves on hand to fund Building Preservation projects such as this. However, it is also necessary to replenish these funds. Envelopes will be available in the Church for roof donations or you can mail donations directly to the parish and put ROOF in the memo section. We thank you for your generosity.

*Thank
You!*

We received from Catholic Charities:

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We wish you a blessed Christmas and holy, healthy and happy New Year."

Fourth Sunday of Advent

FROM FR. JOE:

Pope Francis in Greece: ‘Let Us Ask for the Grace of Hope’

Pope Francis reflected on hope and the call to conversion after offering Mass in Athens’ Megaron Concert Hall on Dec. 5.

December 5, 2021

In Athens, Greece, Pope Francis said Sunday that the Greek language gave the entire Church a word that sums up the gift of Christ.

This word is Eucharistia — the ancient Greek word meaning “thanksgiving” adopted by the early Church as a word for the Sacred Host, the Eucharist.

“For us Christians, thanksgiving is at the heart of our faith and life,” Pope Francis said after offering Mass in Athens’ Megaron Concert Hall on Dec. 5.

“May the Holy Spirit make of everything we are and everything we do a ‘Eucharistia,’ a thanksgiving to God and a gift of love to our brothers and sisters.”

In his homily, Pope Francis reflected on St. John the Baptist’s call for conversion as “a voice of one crying out in the desert.”

“Dear brothers and sisters, in our lives as individuals or nations, there will always be times when we feel that we are in the midst of a desert. Yet it is precisely there that the Lord makes his presence felt,” Pope Francis said.

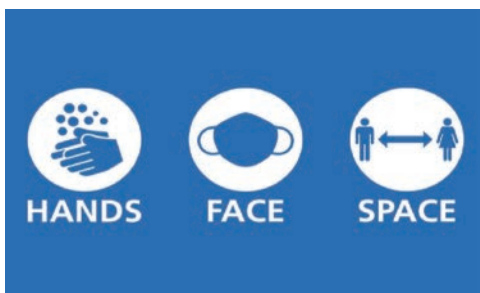
“Indeed, He is often welcomed not by the self-satisfied, but by those who feel helpless or inadequate. And He comes with words of closeness, compassion and tenderness: ‘Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you. I will help you.’ (Isaiah 41:10).”

The Pope encouraged the 2,000 people gathered in the hall to be “witnesses of hope and sowers of joy.”

“Brothers and sisters, let us ask for the grace to believe that with God things really do change, that He will banish our fears, heal our wounds, turn our arid places into springs of water,” he said.

“Let us ask for the grace of hope, since hope revives our faith and rekindles our charity. It is for this hope that the deserts of today’s world are thirsting.”

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REMAIN VIGILANT

The rate of COVID is rising and we remind you to remain vigilant about safety procedures such as frequent hand washing, wearing your mask, and social distancing. We can all do our part to keep the spread down.

December 19, 2021

RETREAT INFORMATION

CURRENT BROCHURE FOR ST. JOSEPH BY THE SEA CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE – www.sjbsea.org. Please call Sr. Bruni at 732-892-8494 for further information on the following Retreats.

February 18-20, 2022 - COME TO THE QUIET – A SILENT RETREAT

March 19, 2022 - HONORING ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

March 25-27, 2022 – FOOTSTEPS IN THE GARDEN

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**SAVE THE DATE MARCH FOR LIFE 2022
WASHINGTON D.C.**

The 49th Annual National March for Life is scheduled for Friday, January 21, 2022 in Washington, DC. Buses will be going from St. Peter's in Point Pleasant. To get a seat on the bus email Georgina at gmvastola@optimum.net. Or, watch from home on EWTN all day.

In addition, the New Jersey Rally for Life is scheduled for Friday, January 14, 2022 in Trenton. Please save that date and see the flyer on the church bulletin board in the vestibule.

Please pray for an end to abortion and for conversion, reconciliation, and healing.

**GOD OF LOVE AND LIFE
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CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION

JESUS CHRIST, eternal God and Son of the eternal Father, desiring to consecrate the world by his most loving presence, was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and when nine months had passed since his conception, was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judah, and was made man.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

May You Be Blessed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety and Fear of the Lord



If you would like to lift your spirits and learn a little more about your faith and your well-being think about attending the **St Pio Parish Faith Sharing Group**. They meet once a week on Wednesdays after morning Mass and spend about one hour discussing the readings for the next Sunday and what they mean to us personally. Men and women both are welcome. Please contact Dc. John if you are interested or would like more information. God Bless

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The Holy Name Society of The Parish of St. Pio

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John 732-259-3577 Tony 732-830-8932
 Bob 732-830-1577

Fourth Sunday of Advent

PARISH INFORMATION

Anointing of the Sick - This sacrament is for those facing serious illness or surgery, and for those of advanced years. If you or a family member is planning to enter the hospital, please see one of the priests following Mass to receive this sacrament or call the parish office for an appointment.

Baptisms and Marriages

Please visit St. Pio's web site for information and call the parish office to schedule. www.stpioparish.com

Receiving Communion:

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

Lost & Found Items:

Please call the parish office.

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 Dec. 12, 2021	This Past Week	Same week Last Year
At Church N/A		\$5,393
Online At		\$1,010
Total Printing		\$6,403

Parish Giving
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Gift Giving SIMPLIFIED

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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. Giving electronically also helps the church save money and plan the budget. Check out the website listed for benefits and details.

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	Dc. John Hanna	732-793-7291 x320	jhanna@stpioparish.com
Holy Name Society	Bill Haight	201-334-6686	beachbum09@optonline.net
Knights of Columbus	Donald Almasy, GK	732-407-3226	throssell@verizon.net
Ladies Auxiliary to the KofC	Joyce Kobylarz	973-714-6797	jkoby2@aol.com
Lectors & Extraordinary Ministers	Joyce Kobylarz	973-714-6797	jkoby2@aol.com
Parish Nurses	Joan Blanchfield	201-362-4148	blanch139@gmail.com
Pro-Life	Georgina Vastola	732-742-3986	gmvastola@optimum.net
Raffle Committee	Jack McCormack	732-830-4787	jack17mac@verizon.net
Religious Education & R.C.I.A.	John Paglione	732-899-1398 x5	pags711@gmail.com
Rosary Altar Society	Pat McCourt	732-830-6519	fifthmyles@yahoo.com
Wedding Ministry	Joyce Kobylarz	973-714-6797	jkoby2@aol.com
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