

The Parish of St. Pio of Pietrelcina

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December 24, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent



*Do not be afraid, Mary,
for you have found
favor with God.*

LUKE 1:30

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Our Parish is Served by:

Rev. Fr. Joseph Hlubik, Pastor

Rev. Fr. Joy Chacko, Parochial Vicar

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Rev. Monsignor Phil Franceschini

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x322

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973-714-6797

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Parish Secretaries:

Connie Barraco x316

Laura Bierster x321

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

Mass Schedule

Monday - Saturday: 8:30am Chapel

Saturday (Vigil): 4:00pm Church

Sunday: 7:30 (no music), 9:00 & 10:30am Church

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



Saturday, December 23, 2023

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

Vigil

4:00pm Intentions of Fr. Doug Freer
r/b Antonette Daniels
4:00pm Veronica McGowan r/b Niece, Gerry

Sunday, December 24, 2023

7:30am For the People of the Parish Living & Deceased
9:00am For the People of the Parish Living & Deceased
10:30am For the People of the Parish Living & Deceased

Christmas Eve Vigil

4:00pm For the People of the Parish Living & Deceased

Monday, December 25, 2023 - CHRISTMAS

9:00am For the People of the Parish Living & Deceased
10:30am For the People of the Parish Living & Deceased

Tuesday, December 26, 2023

8:30am Msgr. Frederick Valentino r/b St. Pio's Staff
8:30am For the Intentions of Annette Dundas r/b Family

After Mass **Miraculous Medal Novena**

Wednesday, December 27, 2023

8:30am Tom Jankunas r/b Tom & Maryann Sinnott
8:30am Intentions for Loretta Bober
r/b Felicia & Chuck Karstens

Thursday, December 28, 2023

8:30am Daniel Dugan r/b Family
8:30am Intentions for Angela Pelosy
r/b Felicia & Chuck Karstens

After 8:30am Mass **Divine Mercy Chaplet**

Friday, December 29, 2023

8:30am Joe Merkle r/b Family

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

Saturday, December 30, 2023

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

Vigil

4:00pm Rev. Fr. Frederick Kochan r/b Antonette Daniels
4:00pm Maureen Quinn r/b Francis Quinn

Sunday, December 31, 2023

7:30am For the People of the Parish Rose Dannolfo r/b Laura & Greg
9:00am Arline Daley r/b Joe & Joyce Kobylarz
10:30am World Peace

Healing:

Fr. Douglas Freer, The Filippini Religious Teachers in Rome, Albania & Ethiopia, Nick Lettas, Mary Anne Grandinetti, Mary Buontempo, Pat McCourt, Maureen Burrell, Baby Landon Wierks, Ginny & Emil Stefanacci, Jim Tavormina, Mike Rodriguez, Nicholas Meola, Joe Romano, Alan Kurinovich, Tommy Traina, Eddie McCrabb, Gina Kwortnik, Joseph Winchock, Antonette Daniels, Janet Daniels, Vince Covelto, Kathy Connelly, Michael Garcia, Eileen Carroll, Judi Pecoraro, Amina Gaban, Peter Barkhausen,, Pam McClellan, Maegan Higham, Shannon Finnegan Cook, for all who have received Prayer Blankets & for All the Sick of the Parish *(Names will remain on the healing prayer list for 4 weeks; please call the parish office if you wish to extend).*



Deceased: *Arline Daley*

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



especially:

Capt. Tyler Urban, U.S. Marine Corps.
(deployed)

Lance Cpl. Jack Balwierczak,
U.S. Marine Corps.

Private 1st Class Jason Rodriguez, U. S. Army



The Church Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of December 23rd through December 29th in loving memory of William Zaidel, requested by Loretta Zaidel & Family.

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS!

From Fr. Joe, Fr. Joy, and the entire Staff of St. Pio Parish



*O come, o come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, o Israel
O come, Thou Day-Spring
Come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, o Israel
O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny
From depths of hell Thy people save
And give them victory o'er the grave
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, o Israel
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, o Israel*

Thank You for your Support!!

Contributions Weekend 12/17/23	This Past Week	Same week Last Year
At Church	N/A	\$5,387
Online	At	\$1,005
Total	Printing	\$6,392



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



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

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



The Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 23 4:00pm Vigil
 Sunday, December 24 7:30, 9:00, & 10:30 am
 Sunday, December 24 Christmas Eve 4:00 pm Vigil
 Monday, December 25 Christmas Day 9:00 & 10:30 am
 Saturday, December 30 4:00pm Vigil
 Sunday, December 31 7:30, 9:00, & 10:30 am
 Monday, January 1, 2024 New Year's Day 8:30 am (in the Chapel)
 (Not a Holy Day of Obligation)



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. Please see an usher to obtain one.

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For more information, please contact:

Marta Barkhausen, Business Manager
732-793-7291 x322 or marta@stpioparish.com

The staff of St. Pio Parish wish you and your loved ones a very joyful and blessed Christmas.

We pray for peace in our world, nation, homes, and hearts. And may the New Year be a happy and healthy one. God's blessings to all.

In celebration of our Lord's birthday, the parish office will be closed on Monday, December 25th and Tuesday, December 26th.



The Altar Bread and Wine, for the month of December, have been donated in loving memory of **Maureen Quinn**, requested by Francis Quinn.

Christmas – Epiphany Day of Prayer

Saturday, January 6th, 2024 9am - 2:30pm
St. Peter the Apostle Church, Pt. Pleasant Beach

You are cordially invited to celebrate the 12th day of Christmas in a day of reflection, as we pray for world peace and the challenge to bring the message of the GOSPEL to all the Nations! This year, marks the 800th anniversary of the Christmas Creche in Greccio, Italy through the eyes of Francis of Assisi.

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9 :00 Registration & Hospitality
9: 20 Welcome
9: 30 Morning Prayer
9:45 First Session - "*Greccio, A New Bethlehem!*"
11:00 Break
11:15 Liturgy of Epiphany
12:15 Lunch
1:00 Second Session - "*Christ, Embraces the Nations!*"
1: 30 Epiphany Prayer Service

PRE-REGISTRATION: *required by*
December 31, 2023

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For Further Information & Tickets Call:

Gary 908-672-6710

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Tom 732-995-0044

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The beauty of Christmas is not in the presents but in His Presence. Matthew 1:23

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Merry Christmas!

Our Parish Ministries & Organizations - we invite you to call and join in!

Committee/Organization	Contact	Phone Number	Email
Adult Altar Servers	Joyce Kobylarz	973-714-6797	jkoby2@aol.com
Altar Linen Laundry	Adele Merkle	732-830-5242	merkles@verizon.net
Collection Counters	Joe Kobylarz/Rich Traverso	973-747-4599	objoekoby@aol.com
Communion for Homebound	Dianne Hayden Theresa Coleman	732-575-0222 732-830-3168	dkhay5@aol.com theresahgts@aol.com
Faith Sharing	Maureen Zebrowski	732-259-1578	mzeb@aol.com
Holy Name Society	Tom Leonard	732-995-0044	thomasleonard62@gmail.com
Knights of Columbus	Alex Barletta, GK	908-578-5095	barlettaa@verizon.net
Ladies Auxiliary to the KofC	Joyce Kobylarz	973-714-6797	jkoby2@aol.com
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Raffle Committee	Jack McCormack	732-830-4787	jack17mac@verizon.net
Religious Education & R.C.I.A.	John Paglione	732-899-1398 x5	pages711@gmail.com
Rosary Altar Society	Joan Blanchfield	732-854-1276	blanchrn139@gmail.com
Ushers	Chris Grandinetti	908-910-6214	chris.grandinetti@gmail.com
Wedding Ministry	Joyce Kobylarz	973-714-6797	jkoby2@aol.com
Hall Rental	Marta Barkhausen	732-793-7291	marta@stpioparish.com

HOLY NAME SOCIETY	Meeting	Monday	March 4	5:30pm
ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY	Meeting	Monday	March 4	1:00pm
FAITH SHARING	Meeting	Wednesdays	in January	9:00am
K of C 8415	Meeting	1st Tuesday of Month	January 2	7:00pm
	Meeting	3rd Tuesday of Month	January 16	6:30pm
K of C Ladies Auxiliary	Meeting	Monday	March 25	1:00pm
LAVALLETTE SENIORS				
RIGHT TO LIFE GROUP		2nd Thursday of the month at Sacred Heart, Msgr. Casey Hall		3:30pm
FLAME OF LOVE ROSARY		Recited on Tuesdays at 8am in the Chapel		

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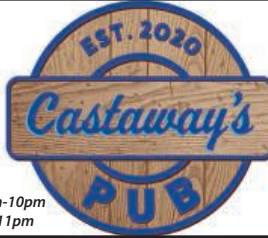
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