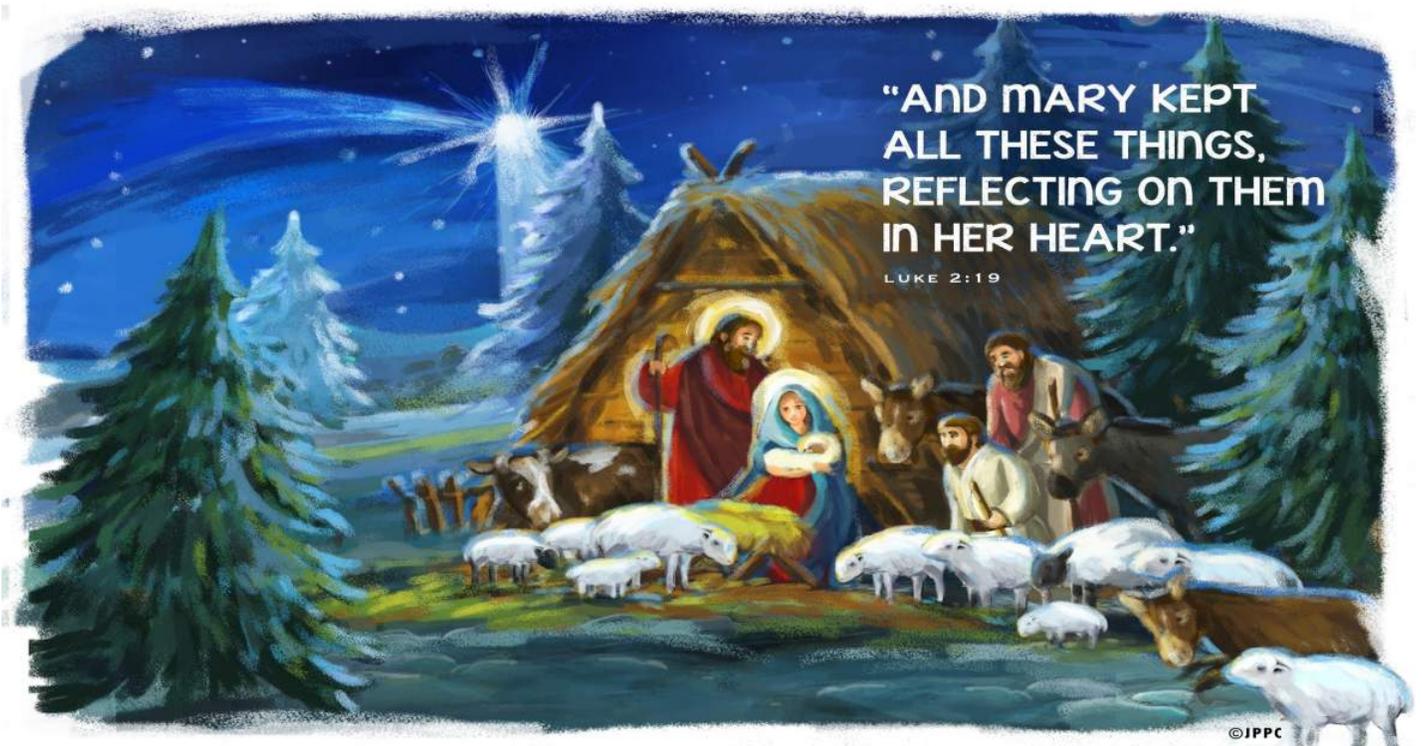


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December 25, 2022

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord



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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

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*Masses For
The Week*



The power of prayer!
PRAY FOR HEALING

Saturday **December 24**
8:30am For our Parish Families & Their
 Loved Ones, Living & Deceased

4:00pm **Christmas Eve**
Vigil For the People of the Parish
 Living and Deceased

Sunday **December 25**
 Christmas Day
8:30am For the People of the Parish
 Living and Deceased

10:30am For the People of the Parish
 Living and Deceased

Monday **December 26**
8:30am Chad Petroulis r/b Family
 William & Virginia Breslin r/b Family

Tuesday **December 27**
8:30am Josephine Hastings r/b Mary Shaffer
 Patrick & Shawn Breslin r/b Family

After Mass **Miraculous Medal Novena**

Wednesday **December 28**
8:30am Thomas, Sr. & Thomas, Jr. Breslin
 r/b Family
 Rob DeSanti r/b Mike Galloway

Thursday **December 29**
8:30am Sally & Paul Lanouette r/b Family
 Carol J. Brzoska r/b Mike Galloway

After Mass **Divine Mercy Chaplet**

Friday **December 30**
8:30am Lee & Charles Breslin r/b Family
 Rev. Fr. Frederick Kochan
 r/b Connie Barraco

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

Saturday **December 31**
830am For our Parish Families & Their
 Loved Ones, Living & Deceased

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, Gina Palmieri, Maureen Zebrowski, Mike Rodriguez, Nicholas Meola, David Vetere, 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: Helen Byrne, Kathleen Pardalos, Jack Howell, Margaret Delaney

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.



Mass Intentions Continued.....

Saturday **December 31 - New Year's Eve**
4pm Vigil Kenneth Breslin r/b Family
 Rev. Fr. Frederick Kochan
 r/b Antonette Daniels

Sunday **January 1 - New Year's Day**
8:30am Kevin Zebrowski r/b Mom & Dad
 For the People of the Parish

10:30am Bernard D'Andrea r/b Fix Family
 Patricia Davis r/b Edie Patterson

December 25, 2022

From the Pastor's Desk

Fr. Joe, Fr. Joy, and all the Clergy and Staff of Sacred Heart

Wish you all the blessings of Christmas!

Now at last the destined ages their appointed course had run, When rejoicing from His chamber issued forth the Bridegroom Son.

He embraced His bride, and held her lovingly upon His breast, and the gracious Mother laid Him in the manger down to rest.

There He lay, the dumb beasts by Him, they were fitly stabled there, while the shepherds and the angels filled with melody the air.

So the feast of their espousals with solemnity was kept; but Almighty God, an Infant, in the manger moaned and wept.

So the bride at her betrothal did the bridal gift arrange; but the Mother looked in wonder at the marvelous exchange.

Man gave forth a song of gladness, God Himself a plaintive moan; both possessing which never had been hitherto their own.

-St. John of the Cross



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St. Pio Parish welcomes its newest members
to our faith community,

Alan Kurinovich
James W. Delaney, Jr.
and
Mr. & Mrs. Gerard Bonardi



Retreat

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

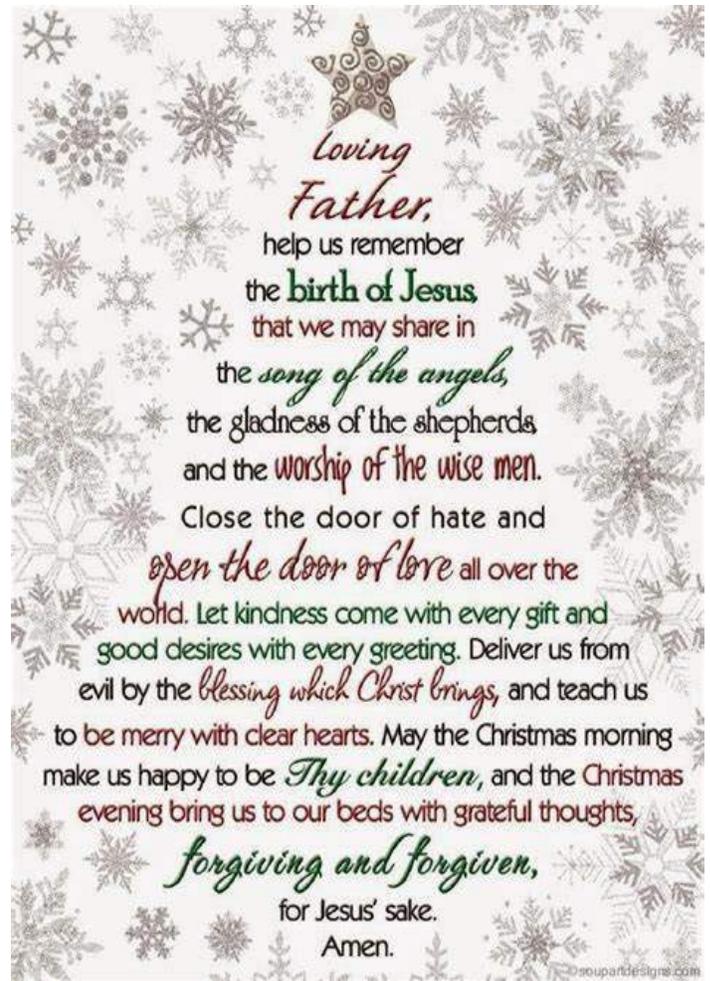
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Memories

Of



Father

Fred

Saying Merry Christmas in another language:

Feliz Navidad (Spanish)
Buon natale (Italian)
Feliz Natal (Portuguese)
Wesołych Świąt (Polish)

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.****



a Christmas poem

Christmas service is starting soon...
Uh oh, I'm gonna be late!
Phew – I've found a spot,
but I've missed the offering plate.

I don't have my checkbook,
and who carries cash these days?
I want to give to my church,
but there's gotta be easier ways!

The year-end is near.
All the presents are wrapped.
If I don't make donations now,
I'll end up getting taxed!

Our faith is what it's all about,
and what matters most to me.
Worth more than any presents.
Worth more than any tree.

But the opportunity is gone.
There's not much more to say.
I want to give to my church,
but there's gotta be easier ways...



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.

Thank You for your Support!!

Contributions Weekend of Dec. 18, 2022	This Past Week	Same week Last Year
At Church	N/A	\$6,597
Online	At	\$1,666
Total	Printing	\$8,263

Contributions Weekend of Dec. 11, 2022	This Past Week	Same week Last Year
At Church	\$6,749	\$3,921
Online	\$1,065	\$1,381
Total	\$7,814	\$5,302

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Construction Alert



We have started the re-roofing on the Parish Center. Thank you for observing the signs and fencing that were put in place - these were for your safety to avoid debris and the construction equipment. This project was funded from the Parish Endowment. We thank you for your patience during this time and apologize for any inconvenience.



**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

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

The **Church Sanctuary Lamp** will burn from December 24th through December 30th in loving memory of **William Zaidel** requested by Loretta and Family.



The **Chapel Sanctuary Lamp** will burn from December 24th through December 30th in loving memory of **Helen Rose Kennedy** requested by the Assumma Family.

The **Altar Flowers** were donated for the weeks of December 24th through January 6th in loving memory of **Joseph Baginski** requested by the Baginski Family.



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 parish office will be closed on Friday, December 23rd and Monday, December 26th in celebration of Christmas.

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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

Please note that starting January 8, 2023, there will be only one Mass on Sundays in the main Church. The time of the Mass is 9:30am. This will remain in effect for the winter season. Vigil Mass remains the same on Saturday evening at 4pm.

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

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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
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Holy Name Society	Bill Haight	201-334-6686	beachbum09@optonline.net
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Pro-Life	Georgina Vastola	732-742-3986	gmvastola@optimum.net
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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

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