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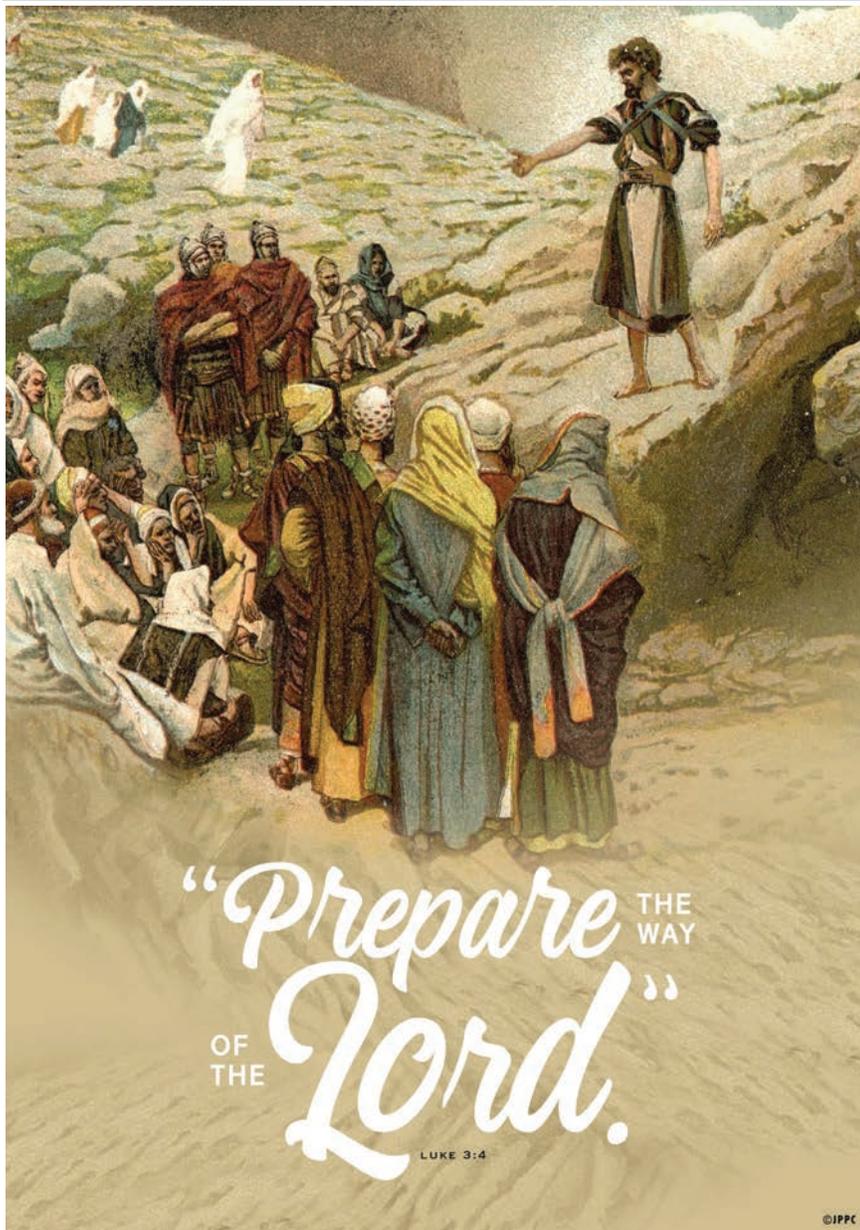
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Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00am to 2:00pm

Friday 9:00am to 2:00pm (by phone only)

December 5, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



“Prepare THE WAY
OF THE
Lord.”
LUKE 3:4

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. Hanna, x320

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Pat Kevish, x301

Tim Drake, Facilities Manager

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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
<u>Confession:</u>	Saturday, 3 - 3:30pm or by appointment	

Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday

December 4

First Saturday

8:30am

Alvina Schwartz r/b Marlene

4:00pm

Ed Camacho r/b Margo Camacho

Vigil

Annette Kurinovich

r/b Altar Rosary Society

Sunday

December 5

8:30am

*Dr. Robert Waldron r/b Dianne Hayden
For the People of the Parish*

10:30am

Dominick Saccente

r/b Andy & Marilyn Vassallo

Patrick J. Hlubik

Monday

December 6

8:30am

*Ken Shaffer r/b Mary
Nicholas Dominick Glynn*

r/b Connie Barraco

Tuesday

December 7

8:30am

*Maureen Galloway r/b Mike Galloway
Joseph McDonald r/b wife, Judy*

4:00pm Vigil

Larry Byrne r/b Etzold Family

Wednesday

December 8

Feast of Immaculate Conception

9:30am

Marge Tremain r/b Connie Barraco

Thursday

December 9

8:30am

*Kathleen Minneci r/b Family
RoseMarie Frailey
r/b Mary Ann, Edward & Matthew
Carol Meyer r/b Mike Galloway*

Friday

December 10

8:30am

*Daniel Del'Re r/b Joni & Ron Kalemba
Marge Tremain r/b Pat Marrone*

Saturday

December 11

4:00pm

*Dennis Cremins r/b Cremins Family
Rev. Michael Bakaisa*

Vigil

r/b Antonette Daniels

Sunday

December 12s

8:30am

*For the People of the Parish
Intentions of Victor Caraballo & Kyla
Donegan r/b Caraballo/Donegan Family*

10:30am

*For the Souls of the Military Personnel
who gave their lives in Afganistan & for
their Families*

r/b Bert & Mary Brady

Dr. Robert J. Waldron

r/b Meenan Family and Ray



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, 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

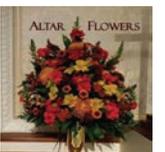
Our Heroes:

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
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at all weekend Masses. \$5**



Over the last few weeks, our parishioners have been beyond generous in helping the Madonna House and Downey Side Adoption agency. On December 25th, pause for a minute and think of the smile that you put on a child's face. We extended the Giving Tree donations to Sunday, December 12th. If you have not donated yet, this is your opportunity to help a child.

Padre Pio Prayer Anthology

Prayer #30 Focus idea: December is a busy and demanding month! We feel the pressure of “getting ready” for Christmas! We want so badly to show our love to those we care about, by giving the perfect gift, or preparing the perfect meal! Can we possibly find the time and the motivation to share what we have with those that we don’t even know? Jesus asks us to give up what we have and follow Him! In today’s world, we probably couldn’t give up everything that we have, but maybe we could “take on” the needs of others who are struggling. Start small - challenge yourself to give up just one thing that you enjoy doing this holiday season. Devote that time to pray for the needs of others or even better yet, volunteer that time to be helpful to others. Fr. Joy suggests that we allow Jesus to search our hearts, and “let His light reveal the mercy, goodness, and generosity that is already there”. Now we just need the will to act upon our own goodness. Rest assured that God will then be blessing you with His priceless gifts of love, pride and appreciation!

Prayer for a Meaningful Christmas Season:

Dear Jesus, Christmas brings such joy and warmth into my heart. Please help me to realize that not all of Your children are so wonderfully blessed. Help me to recognize the needs of others who are struggling in my neighborhood and throughout the world. Help me to be thankful for the sacrifice that You made for my salvation, and to show my appreciation by making my own sacrifice for others. Help me to realize that You have great love for all of Your children and that I should also. Help me to always be appreciative of Your great love for me, especially during the moments when I am unworthy. Thank You for the true happiness that Your love brings to me, for my faith, and for the opportunity to receive You in the Eucharist. Strengthen my faith and instill in me the desire to strengthen my parish, so that I may be of help in spreading the faith and Your comfort and love to those who are unaware of the glorious benefits of having You in their lives. Amen.

Christmas Giving With love and joy in our hearts we share our gifts and treasure with others at Christmas. We ask those that are considering a gift to the parish this year be a little bit extra generous if your means allow. We've had a decline in income for 3-years in a row now, while expenses continue to increase, despite our best efforts to keep them in check. Any support you can offer our wonderful parish is always appreciated. We wish you a Blessed Christmas.

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 ask one of the ushers for a Christmas Wafer packs.



St. Bonaventure Church Building **Roof Replacement Project**

The slate roof on our church was 56 years old and needed to be replaced. The Southern Sloped roof was definitely in worse shape than the Northern side. While a replacement roof with real slate was considered, it was very cost prohibitive (over \$500,000). Instead, we chose to replace the roof with “high-end premium shingles” with a 40-year warranty. Also, new flashing was installed and new gutters and leaders. This part of the project is complete.

Additionally, our Flat roof is 18 years old; it has many areas of standing water from the bad slope and many holes from piercings from falling slate over the years. It needs to be re-sloped, have drains added and a new membrane installed. We are awaiting material delivery to complete this part of the project and hopefully will be able to do so in the Spring.

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. This weekend we will have a Second Collection to help replenish the funds for the Roof Project. We thank you for your generosity.

Second Sunday of Advent

FROM FR. JOE:

How to Go to confession

1. Examination of Conscience

Before you go to confession make sure you take some time to prepare at home or when you arrive at Church. This means making a thorough Examination of Conscience. If it helps you to remember, don't hesitate to write down your sins. You should probably do this at home before you go to the church, and destroy the list afterwards.

Pray a Prayer Before Going to Confession.

Come Holy Spirit into my soul. Enlighten my mind that I may know the sins I ought to confess, and grant me Your grace to confess them fully, humbly and with contrite heart. Help me to firmly resolve not to commit them again. O Blessed Virgin, Mother of my Redeemer, intercede for me through the Passion of Your Son, that I may obtain the grace to make a good confession.

Amen.

2. Beginning when you enter the Confessional.

Usually the priest will begin by saying:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

While he is saying this, make the sign of the cross and respond:

Amen.

Then you say:

Bless me Father for I have sinned, it has been (how long) since my last confession, and these are my sins.

3. Confession of Sins

Now, list the sins you have committed since your last confession that came to mind when doing your examination of conscience.

Tips: Be brief, concise, and frank about your sins. Don't "beat around the bush."

Just confess your sins. Just tell the priest what you have done, don't try to justify it.

Don't be too general (e.g., "I haven't been a good person"), but a lot of detail is not necessary either (you don't need to tell the whole story of how a sin came about).

If you're not sure if something is a sin, just ask the priest.

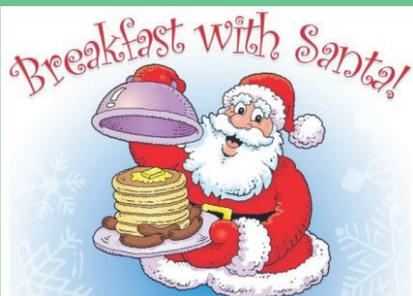
5. Recite the Act of Contrition

After you have received your penance, you need to express contrition (sorrow) for your sins. You can either do this from the heart, or you can use one of the traditional formulas for your act of contrition. This prayer is prayed out loud.

6. Receive Absolution

The priest will then recite God's absolution from your sins. As the priest is finishing the absolution, and makes the Sign of the Cross over you, you should make the Sign of the Cross yourself. When he is finishing the Absolution, you respond:

Amen.



The Knights of Columbus, Council 8415 is sponsoring a "**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**" on Sunday, December 12, 2021, at St. Catherine's Parish Hall in Seaside Park. Serving will be from 10:30 am until 1:00 pm. Children can meet with both Santa and Mrs. Claus. The Breakfast is free for the children and adults are asked for a \$5.00 donation. Thank you.

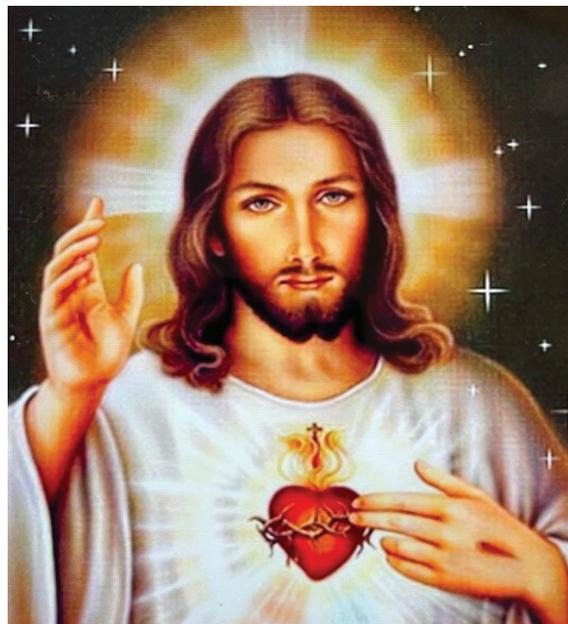
December 5, 2021

COME, JOIN YOUR HEART WITH MINE!

Jesus is calling YOU to join your heart with His through the Sacrament of Penance. Don't be afraid. Join us for gentle and heart-warming prayers, and let the Holy Spirit inspire you to experience a thorough examination of conscience. Ask God to bless you with the strength to avoid sin in the future, and feel the peace and exhilaration of God's forgiveness!

**Join us in the Church
Tuesday, December 14th at 7pm
Short service followed by private
individual confessions.**

Jesus will be waiting!



St. Francis Food Pantry is open on Wednesdays from 10 am – 12 noon. The demand for donations is great. Please consider bringing some food items with you when you attend Mass each Sunday. Donations may be left in the bin in the narthex of the Church. If you would like to donate items, and you are unable to carry the packages to Mass, please call Paul Sandy at 732-606-3656 and he will come to your home to pick up the items. We are grateful for the support you have given us over the years, and we hope that you will continue to support your neighbors who are in need. Thank you.



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



“... so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.” Philippians 1:10-11

As sinners we are not “pure and blameless” but we can become pure and blameless through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

During Advent **GO TO CONFESSION** to prepare for the birth of our Lord and for the good of our own eternal life. Be and act pro-life.

Dear Parishioners:

As we approach the end of 2021 you might be planning your end of year finances/taxes and charitable giving. I would like to take this time for a reminder that you can contribute directly from your IRA to our parish (or any other charity) and it can be beneficial to your personal taxes. Below is information from our investment firm:

Do you want to benefit one or more charities during your lifetime and are age 70½ or older? If so, you can transfer up to \$100,000 of IRA withdrawals each year directly to a qualified charity without recognizing these withdrawals as income. This type of IRA withdrawal is known as a “Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)” and it will count toward satisfying the required minimum distribution (RMD) you must take from your traditional IRA(s) each year after reaching age 70½.

Several of your fellow parishioners have already taken advantage of this idea, contributing directly from their IRA to our parish (some do it in lieu of their weekly donations). If you would like more information about how to do this or how we can split your donation between our parish and our other charities (Special Collections, Holiday & Holy Day Collections, Flowers, the Annual Catholic Appeal, or finishing your pledge to Faith to Move Mountains) please give me a call.

I also have information on charitable stock transfers or remembering your parish in your will or trust. Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

Sincerely,

Marta Barkhausen, MSCM
Business Manager for the Linked Parishes of:
Sacred Heart, Bay Head & St. Pio of Pietrelcina, Lavallette

Second 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.****



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Thank You for your Support!!

Contributions Weekend of Nov. 28, 2021	This Past Week	Same week Last Year
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Online	\$1,286	\$1,135
Total	\$5,287	\$4,503

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Religious Education & R.C.I.A.	John Paglione	732-899-1398 x5	pages711@gmail.com
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