

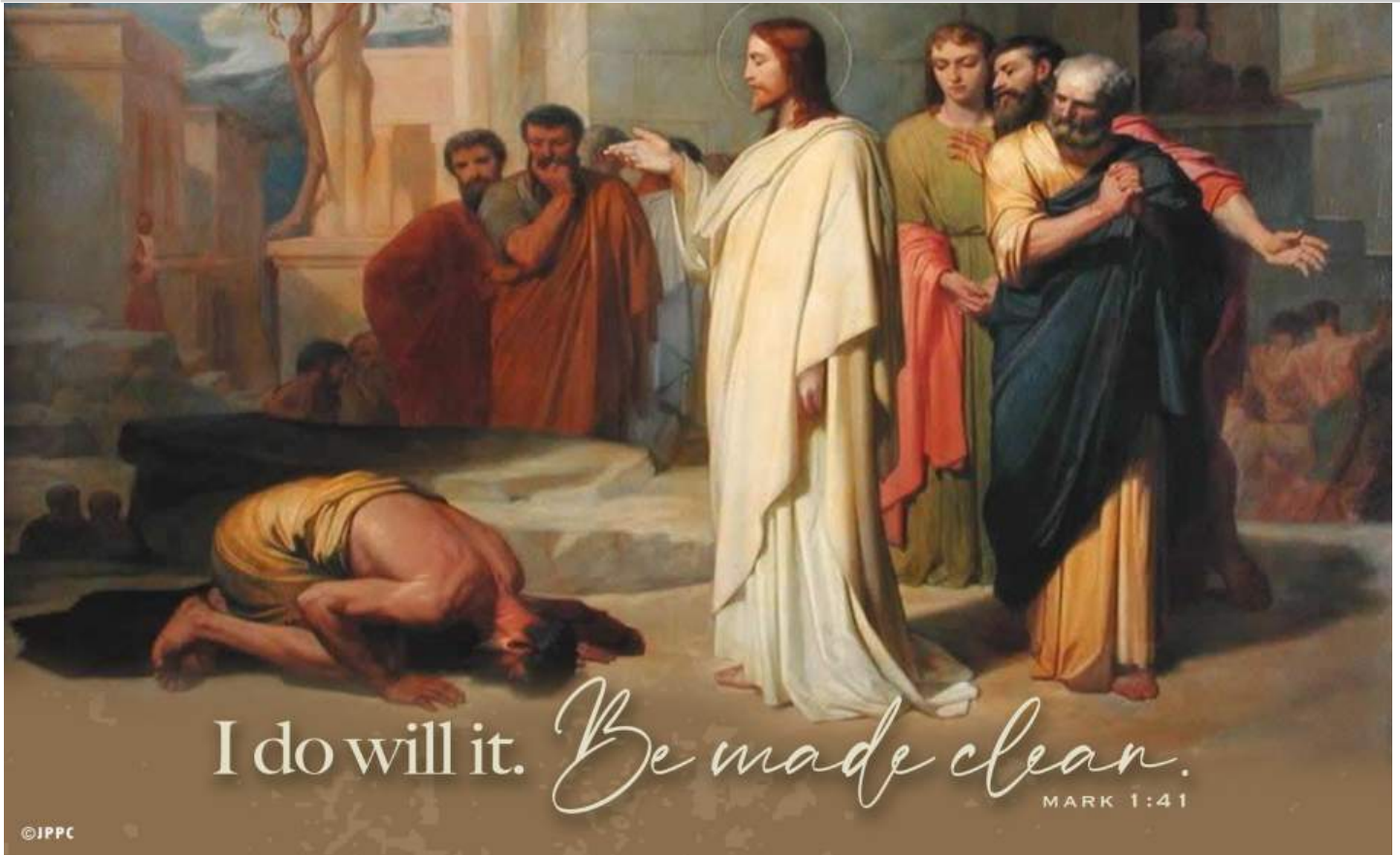
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February 11, 2024
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

Mass Schedule

Monday - Saturday:

8:30am Chapel

Saturday (Vigil):

4:00pm Church

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

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



Saturday, February 10, 2024

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

Vigil

4:00pm Fr. Emmitt Carroll r/b Antonette Daniels
Intentions for Diane Simmons r/b St. Pio Parish

Sunday, February 11, 2024

7:30am For the People of the Parish
For the Intentions of Nick & Roman
r/b Laura & Greg Bierster

9:00am Harry Martyn r/b Ducsak Family
Andrew Capasso r/b Peeney Family

10:30am Robert & Florence Tynski r/b Son
Maureen Gillmore r/b Ladies Auxilary

Monday, February 12, 2024

8:30am Thomas Sobka r/b Scott & Karen Sobka

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

8:30am Holly Shepard r/b Annmarie Casello

After Mass **Miraculous Medal Novena**

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 - Ash Wednesday

8:30am For the People of the Parish,
(Church) Living & Deceased

5:30pm For the People of the Parish,
(Church) Living & Deceased

Thursday, February 15, 2024

8:30am Joe Merkle r/b Family

After Mass **Divine Mercy Chaplet**

Friday, February 16, 2024

8:30am Concetta Zaccaria r/b Nick

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

Saturday, February 17, 2024

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

Vigil

4:00pm Erin Ryan r/b K of C Ladies Auxiliary

Sunday, February 18, 2024

7:30am For the People of the Parish

9:00am William Higgins r/b Wife
Andy, Peggy & Jimmy Lavin r/b Lavin Family

10:30am Judge Robert Figarotta r/b Don & Chris

Healing:

Fr. Douglas Freer, Nick Lettas, Mary Anne Grandinetti, Mary Buontempo, Pat McCourt, Maureen Burrell, Baby Landon Wierks, Ginny & Emil Stefanacci, Nicholas Meola, Joe Romano, Alan Kurinovich, Eddie McCrabb, Joseph Winchock, Antonette Daniels, Janet Daniels, Vince Covello, Pam McClellan, Fr. Joe Hlubik, Gina Kwortnik, Eileen Carroll, Michael Garcia, Alex Barletta, Jr., Ann O'Neill, Greg Thomas, Maureen Zebrowski, 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, Peter Barkhausen, Tyler Rusinko, Andrew Capasso.

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

Capt. Calvin Smith, U. S. Army (deployed)

Lt. Col. Wesley Dixon, U. S. Air Force



From your Pastor, Fr. Joe: Taking care of your spiritual needs when you are going to the Hospital, Rehab Center, Nursing Home, etc...

Due to HIPPA and Covid Restrictions, priests can no longer just enter a hospital or other institution and find out who the Catholics are, or scan a list of patients and find their parishioners. Everything is about privacy! So, unfortunately, when arriving at the hospital, or if an emergency arises, **YOU must advocate for yourself**. Make sure you, or a family member let them know you are Catholic and make known your wishes to have an anointing, Holy Communion, and/or a visit by a Catholic Priest.

Typically, the hospital chaplain is not a Catholic priest, but they can get in touch with one. At Ocean Medical Center, there is a Catholic Priest chaplain on call, his name is Fr. Marian Kokorczycki. If for some reason the hospital does not respond to your needs, please call the rectory and we'll do our best to respond ourselves.

Important: If you are scheduled to go to the hospital, it is good to go to confession, receive communion and be anointed beforehand. Call the rectory and arrange a time with Fr. Joe or Fr. Joy. Just call one of the rectory offices.

I suggest a good way to do this is by to go to Morning Mass at 8:30 and ask the priest for these sacraments before the Mass or after. If you are homebound, a priest will come and minister these sacraments to you or your loved one.

JUDGED “UNCLEAN”

A reflection for The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time-By Tom Iwanowski, : LookingtoSunday.com-used with permission

“Unclean, unclean.” According to Sunday’s First Reading (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46), these are the words that individuals afflicted with skin diseases had to cry out when people were nearby.

Those diseases, often referred to in the scriptures with the term “leprosy,” were seen not only as contagious physical ailments but also indications that the afflicted person was in the grip of sin and evil.

Those judged to be “lepers” had to warn the public of their presence, for if others came too close, they too would become unclean and unable to participate in the community’s life and worship.

“Lepers” were shunned and avoided. Requiring them to shout “unclean” not only announced their presence, it was also a constant reminder to them that they were no longer a father or mother, a son or daughter, a neighbor or friend. They were simply the “unclean.”

Thankfully, we do not live in a society where people with certain diseases are required to announce their ailments. There are privacy laws that prohibit the disclosure of an individual’s medical condition. Those who are ill must give explicit permission for information about their health to be shared with others, even family members. While our society does not demand that people with certain diseases cry out “unclean, unclean,” it has no problem declaring that certain persons are “unclean.”

At the time of Jesus, it was the Jewish priests who determined which individuals had to announce they were unclean. In our day, it is the influencers of the moment, the anointed celebrities of social media, the cultural trend setters, and the politically powerful who decide which people are unclean.

The unclean are those persons whom they judge to be “infected” with beliefs, opinions, morals, and convictions that do not fit the prevailing culture and values of the day. The unclean are to be pushed aside, ignored, and shunned as were the lepers at the time of Jesus.

Those judged as unclean in our day can include persons who:

- believe in the existence of God and recognize people as creations of God subject to his commandments;
- recognize Jesus Christ as the Son of God and as the one who reveals the truth and the way to everlasting life;
- appreciate human life as a precious gift to be safeguarded from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death;
- believe in the sanctity of marriage and see its basis in the Book of Genesis, “a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one body”;
- profess that individuals are endowed with unalienable rights that come from God and not from the state;
- base their opinions on the Word of God and not on the politically correct belief of the moment; and recognize they are ultimately answerable to God and not to themselves or the culture.

We live in a society that is more than ready to call such persons, such Christians, “unclean” and willing to do all it can to silence and isolate them as dangerous “lepers.”

If we remember that, like the leper of Sunday’s Gospel (Mark 1:40-45), God has touched us with his grace made present in Jesus, then society’s shouts of “unclean” will mean nothing.

In fact, we might say the label and shouts indicate that we are doing what Paul advises in Sunday’s Second Reading (1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1), “Do everything for the glory of God...be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.”

Thank You for your Support!!

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Total	\$5,340	\$5,573



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The Lavallette Seniors will meet Thursday, February 15th in St. Pio's parish hall at 12:30pm. The guest speaker will be from Deborah Hospital. A hot luncheon will be served.

A donation was made for the Altar Bread and Wine for the month of February in loving memory of **Michael Buontempo** requested by Greg and Mary.



Lenten Bible Study

When: Thursdays; Feb. 15, 22, 29, March 7,14, & 21
Time: 9:30-11 am
Where: St. Pio Parish Hall, 103 Washington Ave
Who: All are welcome
What: **Discovering who you are in Christ**-We are all called to holiness, but what does that mean? It's not what you think. This book offers you a weapon of truth so that you can stand in your identity as a child of God. It gives personal examples and practical suggestions that motivate and inspire, while convinces attainable transformation.
Cost: \$12
 To Register: send a check made out to St. Pio's Church to Dawn Rusinko 103 Washington Ave Lavallette NJ 08735
 For more info please contact dawnrusinko@yahoo.com



An employee of Sacred Heart Church is looking for a year round rental in the Lavallette area. Please call the office with any information. Thank you.

Thank You!

Due to early print deadlines during the holidays, we were unable to print the collection amounts for Christmas. Thank you as always for your continued generosity and support. God bless you!

Christmas

December 25, 2023	\$28,239
December 25, 2022	\$31,003

GOD OF LOVE AND LIFE FATHER, SON and HOLY SPIRIT



"So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31


As Catholics we must be firmly grounded in God the Son, our Lord Jesus Christ and everything we do, everything, should bring glory to God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Being passive about, condoning or supporting abortion does not bring honor and glory to God. Quite the opposite, as life is one of God's greatest gifts. How can we vote for abortion and abortion supporters and then tell God we honor, adore and love Him? Wouldn't we be hypocrites if we did?

Do you know that the Supreme Court has just (1/5/24) ruled that Joe Biden can't force Idaho to turn its ERs into abortion centers.

Listen to the Word, Love the Holy Spirit, Love Life

Respect Life Committee at SHRCBH@comcast.net



STATIONS SOUP & SALAD

Ladies & Gentlemen:

You are invited to join the
K of C Ladies Auxiliary
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HOLY HOUR

The Knights of Columbus Council 8415 will be holding a Holy Hour every Friday during Lent in the Chapel at St Pio's, 3:00 - 4:00pm. Please join us.

"And He cometh to his disciples, and findeth them asleep, and He saith to Peter: What? Could you not watch one hour with me?" Matt. 26:40

LENT 2024

During the days and weeks of penance that lie ahead --- from Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024, until Holy Thursday morning, March 28, 2024 --- the Catholic Church throughout the world commemorates the penitential season of Lent.



1. The days of FAST (only one full meal) and ABSTINENCE (no meat) are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No dispensations are granted on these solemn days except for reason of sickness or those provided in canon law below. ALL OTHER FRIDAYS OF LENT are days of ABSTINENCE. The pastor of a parish has the faculty to give a dispensation to individual parishioners in his parish and the Diocesan Bishop alone has the authority to dispense groups of Catholics but only for a serious reason.

2. Those who are automatically dispensed from fast and abstinence regulations outside the age limits noted below include: the physically or mentally ill, especially individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also included in the dispensation are women who are pregnant or nursing. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to FAST (only one full meal) as above. From the age of 14, people are also obliged to ABSTAIN (no meat): this obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat). The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious one for Catholics. Failure to observe one penitential day in itself is not considered a serious sin. It is the intentional failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of penitential days, that must be considered a serious matter. The obligation, the privilege really, of receiving the Eucharist at least once a year --- often called "Easter duty" --- for those in the state of grace should still be fulfilled during the period from the First Sunday of Lent, February 17-18, to Trinity Sunday, May 25-26. However, the Church's law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause.

LENT SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday- February 14 - 8:30am & 5:30pm

Masses are in the Church

Palm Sunday - March 24 - Sat., 4pm Vigil and
Sun. 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30am

Holy Thursday - March 28 - 7pm

Good Friday - March 29 - 3pm (Service)

Holy Saturday - March 30 - 7pm Vigil

Easter Sunday - March 31 - 7:30, 9:00, & 10:30am



A **Penance Service, with Confession**, is scheduled for Thursday, March 21 from 4pm in the Church.


Stations of the Cross will take place in the Chapel following the 8:30am Mass every Friday during Lent.



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
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Holy Name Society	Tom Leonard	732-995-0044	thomasleonard62@gmail.com
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Ladies Auxiliary to the KofC	Joyce Kobylarz	973-714-6797	jkoby2@aol.com
Lavallette Seniors	James Peeney	732-793-4675	JDPeeney@msn.com
Lectors & Extraordinary Ministers	Joyce Kobylarz	973-714-6797	jkoby2@aol.com
Parish Nurses	Joan Blanchfield	201-362-4148	blanchrn139@gmail.com
Pro-Life	Georgina Vastola	732-742-3986	gmvastola@optimum.net
Raffle Committee	Volunteer Needed	Please call the office	
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HOLY NAME SOCIETY	Meeting	Monday	March 4	5:30pm
ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY	Meeting	Monday	March 4	1:00pm
FAITH SHARING	Meeting	Wednesdays	in February	9:00am
K of C 8415	Meeting	1st Tuesday of Month	March 5	7:00pm
	Meeting	3rd Tuesday of Month	February 20	6:30pm
K of C Ladies Auxiliary	Meeting	Monday	March 25	1:00pm
LAVALLETTE SENIORS	Meeting	Thursday	February 15	12:30pm
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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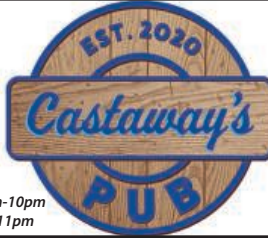
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