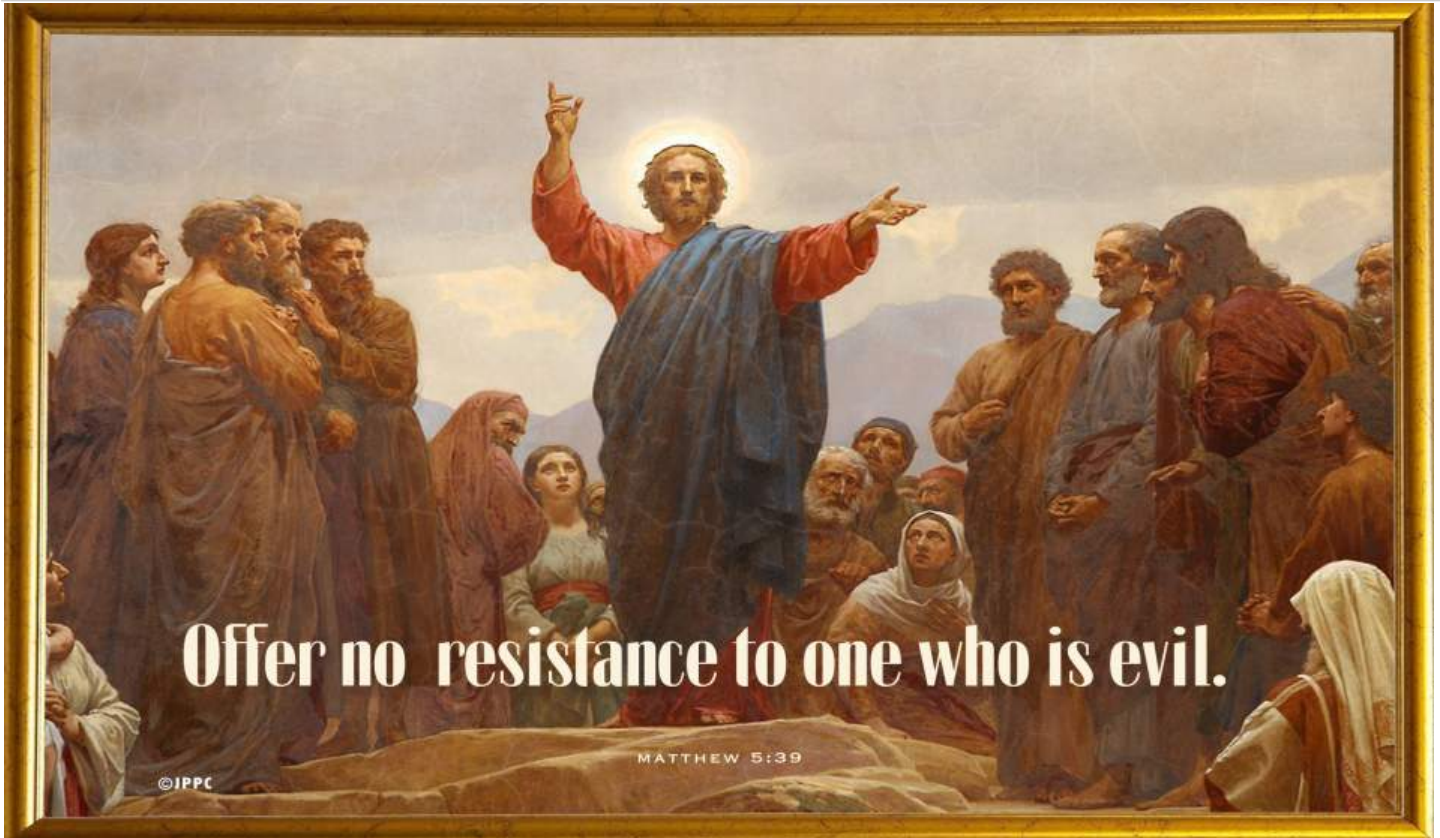


The Parish of St. Pio of Pietrelcina

103 Washington Avenue, Lavallette, NJ 08735
Phone: 732-793-7291 Fax: 732-793-8204

February 19, 2023

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



Our Parish is Served by:

Rev. Fr. Joseph Hlubik, Pastor, x302

Rev. Fr. Joy Chacko, Parochial Vicar, x361

Assisting Priests:

Rev. Monsignor Phil Franceschini

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Finance, Facilities & Wedding Coordinator,
x322

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973-714-6797

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Parish Secretaries:

Connie Barraco, x316

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Pat Kevish, x301

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

Mass Schedule

Monday - Saturday:	8:30am Chapel
Saturday (Vigil):	4:00pm Church
Sunday:	9:30am Church

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

*Masses For
The Week*



Saturday

February 18

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

**4:00pm
Vigil**

Diane Daniels r/b Antonette Daniels
Victor Rizzuto r/b Tony & Doris Gallo

Sunday

February 19

9:30am

Rev Fr. Frederick Kochan
r/b Kochan Family
Andy, Peggy & Jimmy Lavin
r/b Lavin Family
Josephine Villano
r/b Jack & Debbie McCormack
For the People of the Parish

Monday

February 20

8:30am

Thomas Hynes r/b Bert & Mary Brady
Bernadette Flaherty
r/b Joe & Joyce Kobylarz

Tuesday

February 21

8:30am

In Thanksgiving r/b Mary Shaffer

After Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena

**Ash
Wednesday**

February 22

8:30am

Mary Murphy
Mass & Distribution of Ashes in the
Church

5:30pm

Mass & Distribution of Ashes in the
Church

Thursday

February 23

8:30am

Rita Brennick r/b Tom Hamilton

After Mass

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Friday

February 24

8:30am

Carol Forke r/b Dianne Hayden
Bernadette Flaherty
r/b Cathy & John Coghlan

After Mass

Adoration & Benediction—20 min.

Saturday

February 25

8:30am

For our Parish Families & Their
Loved Ones, Living & Deceased

The power of prayer!
PRAY FOR HEALING

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, Gin-
ny & Emil Stefanacci, Jim Tavormina, Gina Palmieri,
Mike Rodriguez, Nicholas Meola, David Vetere, Bob
Egle, Kenneth Shodosky, 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 ex-
tend).*



Deceased: Helen Byrne, Kathleen Pardalos, Jack How-
ell, Margaret Delaney, Michael Sherlock, Jean Orlando,
Bernadette Flaherty, Angelina Santora



A great big thank you to
Georgina and Mike Vastola.
They represented our parish in
the March For Life in Wash-
ington D.C., on January 20th.

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

February 25

**4pm
Vigil**

Dorothy S. Peeney r/b Jim
Pasquale & Josephine DiNicola
r/b Grace DiNicola

**Sunday
9:30am**

February 26

Fr. Fred Kochan
r/b Felicia & Chuck Karstens
Victor Rizzuto
r/b Al & Mickie DeBenedictis
Josephine Villano
r/b Joe & Joyce Kobylarz
For the People of the Parish

Here is a letter of testament of the love of Christ in action.

MISSIONARIES OF THE POOR USA INC

Dear Fr. Joseph:

Who is my neighbor? The greatest satisfaction for the brothers of the Missionaries of the Poor is the love of God experienced when we take the hurting man or woman off the street, or feed the hungry child who is starving.

To see the smiles of happiness of the rejected ones, is the fulfillment of the purpose of our lives that gives us great joy. In that we have pleased Christ!

This is what matters most of all. Without Him, we are nothing. We are men of God who simply live out the Beatitudes and call people to Christ—the source of every joy, happiness and satisfaction.

In His Service,
Fr. Stephen DeBaun
Executive Director of Missionaries of the Poor USA, Inc.



History of the Missionaries of the Poor: Father Richard Ho Lung was associate pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Papine, Jamaica, when he ventured into the depressed community of Mona Commons and listened and shared the struggles of the people. Father Ho Lung encountered a fundamental problem: the absence or lack of family life and a sense of community. Thus, when the “Brothers of the Poor” was founded in 1981, one of the main objectives was to build family and community among the poor and disadvantaged. These objectives were to be pursued in two ways: first, by building a community of men—religious brothers and priests—who would live in community, share all things in common, follow a common spirituality and charism with a common ministry of service to the least in society; second, by bringing together the poor (especially the destitute homeless) as a family and forging community relationships with the wider society.

Initially consisting of only four members, the Brothers of the Poor were approved by the bishop of Kingston, Jamaica and the name changed to the “Missionaries of the Poor”. The brothers began their work in a government-run house for the homeless destitute and aged, where they succeeded in opening the consciousness of the public to the needs and struggles of the poor. They continued their work with prisoners, where they helped to bring to light the need for rehabilitation among prisoners, not mere isolation. The community thus began with two successful projects in its early years. Since its founding, the Missionaries of the Poor have received both papal and episcopal approval for their work and constitutions. Today, the order has over 550 brothers serving in nine missions around the world.

GOD OF LOVE AND LIFE FATHER, SON and HOLY SPIRIT





"If anyone among you considers himself wise in this age, let him become a fool so as to become wise. For the wisdom of the world is foolishness in the eyes of God" 1 Corinthians 3:18-19

"But I say to you love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, that you may become children of God... ." Matthew 5:44

Our human nature would like nothing better than to condemn and retaliate against today's fools and foolishness but our God tells us to love our enemies as He does. He wants all to reach heaven and we should as well.

Become a child of God, pray for all; the abortionist, child mutilator, wagger of war and persecutor of Christians that they repent and seek salvation. **Be Pro-life – Pray.**

 2022 tax statements are available from the parish office. You can call or e-mail the office (office@stpioparish.com) if you would like to receive one. We can mail the statement to your home or your e-mail address! As a reminder, if you gave online, your statement is available now directly from Parish Giving, just log in to your account.

Distribution of Ashes will be after the 8:30am Mass and the 5:30pm Mass Wednesday, February 22nd. Both Masses will be celebrated in the main Church. 

ANNUAL **CATHOLIC** *Appeal* 2023
DIOCESE of TRENTON

This weekend is Collection Weekend at our parish. A short presentation will be made. Thank you to those parishioners who have already made their gift to the 2023 Annual Appeal. Will you join your fellow parishioners in supporting this effort that strengthens many important programs and ministries across the Diocese of Trenton? Our goal, \$ 46,000, can only be achieved through YOUR generosity! If you have not yet made a gift, there will be pledge forms available in the pew and in the back of church, or you can visit www.dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal. Your gift will truly make a difference. Thank you for your prayers and support.



The **Altar Bread and Wine** were donated for the month of February in loving memory of **Michael Buontempo** requested by Greg and Mary.

WELCOME
We are glad you are here

St. Pio Parish welcomes the following family to its parish community:
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Capano

The Kids' Bulletin


7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 19th, 2023



What did Jesus tell the people in today's Gospel reading?
Use the code to find out!

**EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL
MUSICAL COMPETITION**

PURPOSE - The Solemnity of Corpus Christi (6/19/22) marked the beginning of a Eucharistic Revival in the U.S. - a 3 year invitation to a renewed love of Our Lord in the Eucharist. The celebration of the Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith, and we desire to foster a increased devotion to the Lord in all we do. The mystery of the Eucharist is expressed particularly poignantly through the beauty of poetry and music. Congregational song unites us as a community and reminds us that we are one Body of Christ. The musical tradition of the universal Church, which continues to grow and expand with the contributions of each generation of composers, is "a treasure of inestimable value," forming an integral part of the solemn Liturgy" (Constitution of the Sacred Liturgy, 112). In this time , we call on the creativity of the Catholic artist to give fresh voice to the truths of our faith. The US Conference of Catholic Bishops invites Catholic composers, hymn-writers, and poets to submit entries for the Eucharistic Revival Musical Competition. The purpose of this competition is to renew our zeal for the great gift of the Eucharist through music, which is so apt for expressing the ineffable. There will be 2 categories: Hymn-writing and Theme song. One winning submission will be selected in each category and will be featured at the National Eucharistic Congress, taking place in Indianapolis in 2024. Call the parish office for complete details.



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.****

Thank You for your Support!!

Contributions Weekend of Feb. 12, 2023	This Past Week	Same week Last Year
At Church	\$3,399	\$4,184
Online	\$1,047	\$1,941
Total	\$4,446	\$6,125



STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be said every Monday during Lent after the 8:30am Mass in the Chapel.

Join us this Lent for the
CHOSEN #3



All are welcome to join us on Fridays during Lent from 9:30am-11am starting February 24 - March 31. We will watch the scenes and faith share about them. Light refreshments will be served. Where: St. Pio of Pietrelcina Hall 103 Washington Ave. Lavallette To register please contact Dawn Rusinko at dawnrusinko@yahoo.com



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.



The parish office will be closed Monday, February 20th in celebration of President's Day.



Lenten Day of Prayer with the Desert Mystics

The fathers and mothers, abbots and nuns of the fourth and fifth century sought to follow Jesus and heard his invitation—
"come away to a deserted place and rest awhile." Mark 6: 31

St. Catharine of Siena Church Hall
50 E Street Seaside Park, New Jersey
Saturday, March 4, 2023
9 am - 2pm

9:00 Registration and Hospitality
9:20 Welcome by Friar Noel
9:30 Morning Prayer
9:45 Brainstorming
10:00 SESSION I

"Finding God in the Simple & the Ordinary"

11:00 Break
11:15 Tacharist
Noon Lunch

1:15 SESSION II, "Lectio Divina"
prayerful reflection on the WORD of God



Pre-Registration: required by March 1, 2023.

Please complete the registration form and accompany it with a check for \$10 for lunch and materials. Kindly make checks out to Franciscan Friars and mail to:
Friar Noel
50 E. Street
Seaside Park, NJ 08752

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Dietary Needs _____



February 22 to April 2 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

HELP SAVE LIVES IN MONMOUTH COUNTY!

Protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide witness of prayer, fasting, peaceful vigils, and community outreach.

Take part in 40 Days for Life in Monmouth County

Vigil Location: Planned Parenthood at 69 E. Newman Springs Road, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702.

Vigil Hours: Monday through Friday 8 am to 6 pm.
Saturday / Sunday - at will.

Local Contact: monmouth4life@hotmail.com

Learn More... 40daysforlife.com/shrewsbury

Check our Resources for Educational Information, Prayer and Pregnancy Resources.
Come and Bring a Friend... or 2... or 3!

40 Days For Life/Shrewsbury is a peaceful, prayerful witness. There is no shouting, foul language or graphic signs. As always, stay on the sidewalk or public right-of-way. Do not go on private property, block driveway or park in Planned Parenthood lot. Please follow current COVID-19 Protocols.

Praise
God
Roe vs.
was
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Supreme Court. Abortion will no longer be promoted as a constitutional right! Now it is up to each state to set limits. Sadly, New Jersey permits abortion through the entire 9 months of pregnancy. The Cherry Hill Women's Center has increased its number of abortions due to out of state clients. The next 40 Days for Life campaign begins Ash Wednesday. However, ours has now become one of several "365" campaigns throughout the country and we are seeking new volunteers. No experience is needed- just a heart for babies and their mothers. Beginning immediately join us for one hour Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday from 7am - noon. During Lent we aim to have at least 2 people praying each hour from 7am -7pm on these days as well as Saturday. Go to www.40daysforlife.com/cherryhill to find out more and register. By the abortion industry's own admission our presence outside can result in up to a 75% no show rate for abortion appointments! You can save lives! Email claire@helpersnj.org or call/text Claire at 856-313-9861 for more information or for help signing up.

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Offerings at Francis House of Prayer

Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center and Retreat House

84 Walnford Road • Allentown, NJ 08501

609-877-0509 or FHOP@verizon.net

Please check www.FHOP.org for dates, registration, directions and for our other offerings!
All programs will be offered online and in-person unless otherwise indicated.

EVENING ZOOM ONLY - USHERING IN THE LENTEN SEASON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Sometimes we hear ourselves say, "I really want/need a 'good Lent' this year." This evening retreat will help you receive that grace in very practical ways as we explore and freely and creatively choose the ancient Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Led by S. Marcy. Donation: \$15

ZOOM ONLY - NO GREATER LOVE A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH CHRIST'S PASSION

5 MONDAYS: FEBRUARY 27, MARCH 6, 13, 20, 27 9:30 – 11:00 AM

Want to make Lent and Holy Week 2023 more meaningful for yourself? Why not join us for a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for you? Filmed on location in the Holy Land, Dr. Edward Sri will lead us through the last hours of Christ's life, from Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Through reading the book, watching the 30-minute DVD sessions, and taking part in the group discussions, we will come to see how Old Testament prophecies, biblical symbolism and historical context shed new light on Christ's suffering and death. Please buy the book by the same name from Ascension Press. Donation: \$75

IN-PERSON OR ZOOM - ASH WEDNESDAY RETREAT Wednesday, February 22 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM LITURGY AT NOON

We love beginning Lent together with this retreat at Francis House because it provides a gentle structure for the six-week journey ahead. This year I thought you would enjoy *A Simple Life-Changing Prayer* by Jim Manney to guide your Lenten journey. Liturgy is included with the reception of ashes within it. Donation: \$35, includes lunch and book for your 6-week Lenten journey; Zoom \$20.



St. Patrick's Day Social

March 11th
6pm
\$25 pp
BYOB

Please respond by March 4th

Make checks payable to Sacred Heart and mail to Sacred Heart, Att: Pags, 751 Main Avenue, Bay Head, NJ 08742; along with you name, email, cell, number attending and \$ amount.

Enjoy traditional Irish fare:
Corned Beef, Cabbage, Ham, Carrots, Boiled Potatoes, Soda Bread, Desserts. Irish Dancers, Music, and Sing Along,

OASIS 2023 Day of Prayer for Women

Women of Faith

Hosted by:
The Religious Teachers Filippini
Villa Walsh
455 Western Avenue
Morristown, NJ 07960

For More Information, contact:
Sr. Alice Ivanyo MPF
sralice@gmail.com
732-238-9222

April 22, 2023
9:30 AM-3:00 PM

Rev. Richard Carton
Pastor, St. Vincent de Paul Parish
Stirling, New Jersey

Spend a day of spiritual reflection and renewal with women from all over New Jersey. The day includes:

- Mass
- Reconciliation
- Rosary and /or Stations
- Eucharistic Adoration

At Villa Walsh there are 125 acres of broad space and parking, 2 chapels, and Outdoor Stations of the Cross.

Bring your own lunch. Beverages will be available throughout the day. Villa Walsh is handicapped accessible. There is also a Religious Gift Shop.

Registration Fee: \$15.00



Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary 2023 Charity Fundraiser & Baking Kits



Famous Irish Soda Bread



Or try our new Lucious Blueberry Bread

Kits include dry ingredients & instructions.
Add your own wet ingredients to bake
a large and IRRESISTIBLE loaf!

To order or simply make a donation,
call or text Joyce Burns at
732-600-0359



All proceeds donated
to LOCAL charities.

Orders must be received
by **February 28**

OASIS 2023 Registration Form

Please complete the following information and mail with your payment to:

Sr. Patricia Martin, MPF
Villa Walsh, 455 Western Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07960
Please make checks payable to Villa Walsh.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____



Retreat

March 16, 2023 - HONORING ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER - In honor of our patron St. Joseph, the staff cordially invites you to join us at Liturgy as we celebrate this special day. We will pray for peace and healing for ourselves and for our world. Please call to register by March 13. **SPACE WILL BE LIMITED TO 40 PEOPLE.** Refreshments and Blessed Bread after the program. Arrival: 10:30 a.m. - (Mass: 11:00 a.m.) /Departure: 1:00 p.m. (Presenters: Staff) Donation

March 24-26, 2023 – FOOTSTEPS IN THE GARDEN – Do you ever wonder what God is doing and has done in your life even without your help? In scripture, God says, "You will be like a watered garden." (Is 58:11-12) The blooms in the garden of life take root in the silence. Although the garden needs tending and harvesting, often in our busyness, we miss the beauty that comes on its own and the footsteps of the One who scatters seeds of hope. This weekend offers you time to explore the gardens of your life. Eucharistic Liturgy included. No Supper on Friday. Arrival: 5:00-6:00 p.m./Departure: 1:00 p.m. (Presenter: Ellen Murphy, AS, CSD) Cost: \$375.

Please call St. Joseph By the Sea at 732-892-8494 to register or for additional information



My Suffering...Your Salvation

WOMEN of FAITH:

Join us for an **HOUR OF LENTEN PRAYER**

Connect with Jesus through gentle hymns, prayers, petitions and Stations of the Cross.

March 2nd at 10:30am in St. Pio's Chapel followed by a soup luncheon

**Call/Text Joyce Kobylarz at 973-714-6797
For more information/registration by February 25th**

Presented by the K of C Ladies Auxiliary



A Plenary Indulgence Granted by Papal Decree

Lourdes

Virtual Pilgrimage Experience™



**St. Pio of Pietrelcina
Catholic Church**

103 Washington Ave
LaVallette, NJ 08735

**Saturday, March 11th
8:30 AM Mass**

followed by light breakfast
9:30 AM Pilgrimage

- ★ *Lourdes Water*
- ★ *The Grotto Rock*
- ★ *Eucharistic Blessing*
- ★ *Candlelight Rosary*

For information contact:
Dawn Rusinko
dawnrusinko@yahoo.com

Admission is free. Donations are welcome.



**Our Lady of Lourdes Hospitality
North American Volunteers
www.LourdesVolunteers.org**

The Parish of Our Lady of Guadalupe



invites you for a lenten talk on
the

HOLY EUCCHARIST

*'Coming to Mass Backwards:
Celebrating Eucharist in a
Missionary Parish'*

Guest Speaker: Fr. Stephen Bevans, SVD
Professor Emeritus of Mission and
Culture at Catholic Theological Union, Chicago.
Among his many works he was President of the
American Society of Missiology.
He is author of many books

Friday, MARCH 3, 2023 | 6PM

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
1139 E County Line Rd. Lakewood, NJ 08701

For more information: 732-963-0139



February 1, 2023



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

During the days and weeks of penance that lie ahead --- from Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023, until Holy Thursday morning, April 6, 2023 --- the Catholic Church throughout the world commemorates the penitential season of Lent ending with the Sacred Triduum of Holy Week. The model Jesus gave us for “these forty days” was his own experience in the desert and the temptations that followed him there where he encountered Satan face to face. And yet, Jesus, there in the desert --- alone, fasting and in intense prayer --- beat back the devil and triumphed over temptation, as strong and as unrelenting as it was throughout those forty days.

We enter the desert of Lent like Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit, to face our devils, our temptations head on. But we are not alone. The Lord Jesus Christ is with us. And so, too, is the Church, the entire community of faith observing Lent. Here is what the Catholic Church in the United States requires of us as baptized Catholics:

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 25 -26, 2023, to Trinity Sunday, June 3-4, 2023. However, the Church’s law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause. I want to encourage all Catholics, especially those who are conscious of serious sin, to go to confession and to make use of the sacrifices and traditions that have always been part of our Lenten practices in the Church. We do, indeed, fast and pray with the Lord Jesus and with our fellow Catholics. May this Lent be a time of penance leading to grace and joy for us all at Easter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David M. O’Connell, C.M.

Bishop of Trenton

From Bishop David M. O’Connell, C.M., J.C.D., D.D.-Diocese of Trenton

The Holy Season of Lent brings with it the serious annual penitential obligation to abstain meat on Fridays of Lent. This year, 2023, however, Friday of the second week of Lent corresponds with Saint Patrick’s Day (March 17th), which has traditionally been an occasion for special celebrations.

As Bishop of the Diocese of Trenton, I am granting a dispensation from the obligation to abstain from eating meat to Catholics of the Diocese of Trenton, as well as to any visitors or travelers who may be physically present with the territory of this Diocese on Friday, March 17th.

Those Catholics taking advantage of the dispensation, however, are asked to transfer the Friday abstinence obligation to another day of their choosing in Lent or to perform a work of charity (for example, a donation to the poor) or some exercise of piety (i.e. a visit to Church and prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, a rosary , or some other prayer, etc.) to fulfill the spirit of obligation.



MARCH
ST. PATRICK'S DAY

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	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
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	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	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

SCHEDULE OF ORGANIZATIONS

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY & HOLY NAME SOCIETY & K of C LADIES AUXILIARY (NO MEETINGS IN WINTER)

FAITH SHARING Meeting Every Wednesday February 9:00am

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS 8415 Officers & Business Mtg.

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS 8415 Social Meeting February 21 6:30pm

LAVALLETTE SENIORS Meeting

RIGHT TO LIFE GROUP 2nd Thursday of the month at Sacred Heart, Msgr. Casey Hall 3:30pm
No meetings in Summer. Next meetings: , 3/9, 4/13, 5/11

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