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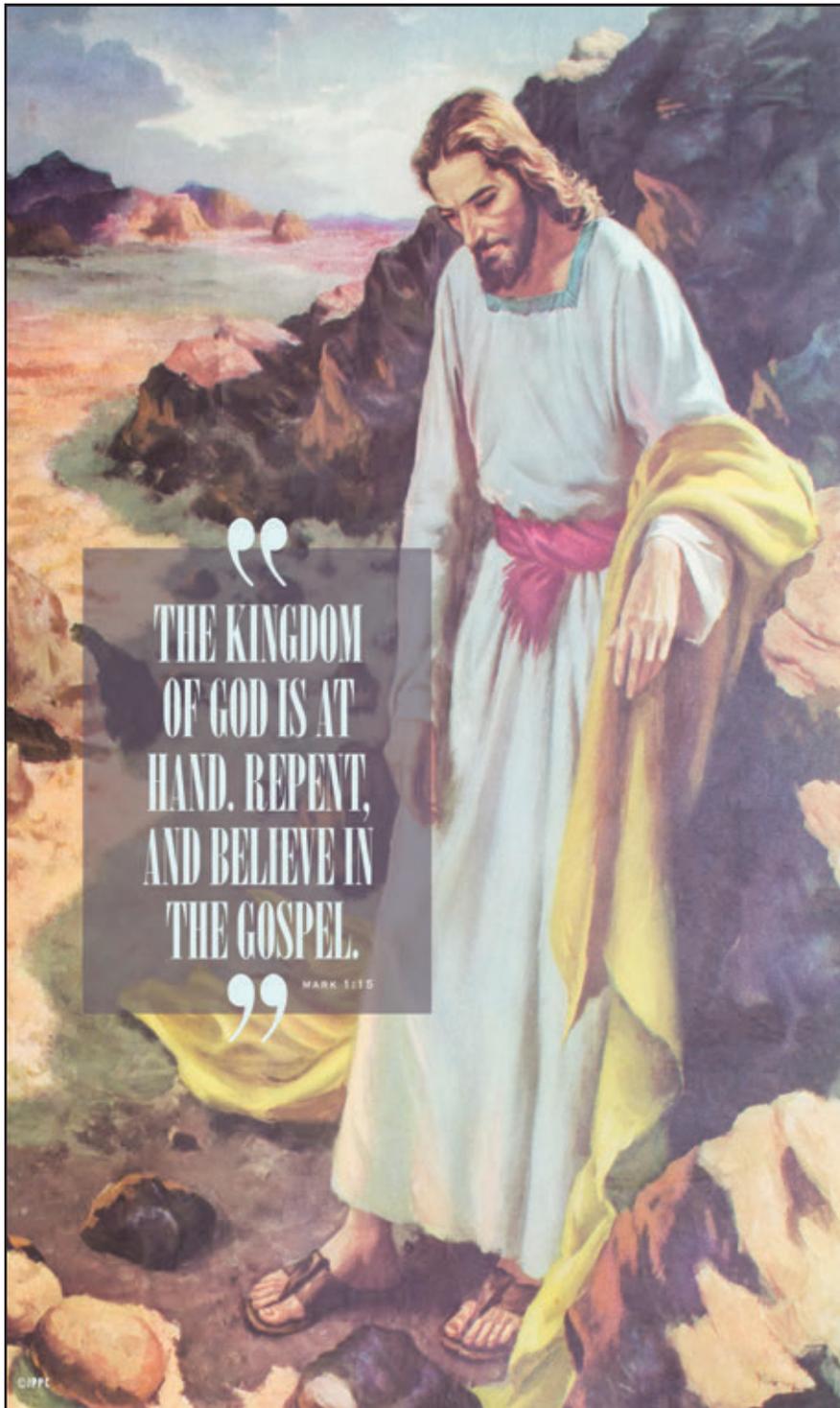
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February 21, 2021

First Sunday in LENT



“
THE KINGDOM
OF GOD IS AT
HAND. REPENT,
AND BELIEVE IN
THE GOSPEL.
”

MARK 1:15

Our Parish is Served by:

Rev. Fr. Joseph Hlubik, Pastor, x302

Rev. Fr. Joy Chacko, Parochial Vicar

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**MASS SCHEDULE AND
MASS INTENTIONS**



Saturday

February 20

4:00pm **William K. Naurez** r/b Dianne Hayden
Diane Peterson
r/b Gary & Gerry Adams

Sunday

February 21

8:30am **Anna & Bill Hayden** r/b Dianna
For the People of the Parish

Tuesday

February 23

8:30am **Bernard Ferrary** r/b Dianne Hayden
Vincent Tavormini r/b Dianne Hayden

Wednesday

February 24

8:30am **Vincent Tavormini**
r/b John & Cathy Coghlan

Thursday

February 25

8:30am **Miller Family** r/b Sister
Adele McCloud r/b Diane Hayden

Friday

February 26

8:30am **Brian Martin** r/b Doris & Tony Gallo

Saturday

February 27

4:00pm **Joe Woods** r/b Sheila & Fred Whiting
Joseph Chiarello r/b Friends

Sunday

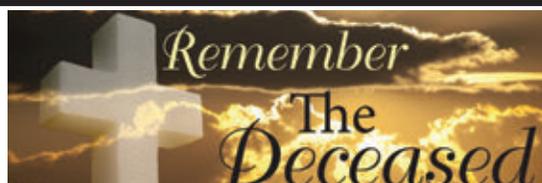
February 28

8:30am **Brian McDonnell**
r/b Al & Mickie DeBenedictis
For the People of the Parish



A time to be healed...Fr. Douglas Freer, Dawn Carmosino, Jill Rager, Marci Haxall, Pat Moran, Maggie Smith, The Filippini Religious Teachers in Rome & Ethiopia, Jim Carlson, Joan Ginty, Louis Amendola, Sr., Rosemarie Amendola, Ernesto DeLuccia, Marie Woodrow, Sharon Kline, Fr. PJ Alindogan, Connie Barraco, For Those who have received Prayer Blankets, and 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).



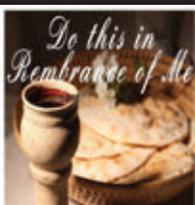
A time to die ...Anthony Crisafulli, Ann MacMaster, Allen Kowtko, Kathleen Helmstetter Ferrara, Charles Cerami, Annette Kurinovich, Dr. Rita Coleman, Vincent Tavormina, Raymond Maragni



Our Heroes...Please pray for 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.

Miraculous Medal Novena

The Miraculous Medal Novena, honoring our Blessed Mother, will be said after the 8:30am daily Mass, on Tuesdays, during Lent.



The Altar Bread and Wine offered at the Masses in the month of February have been given in loving memory of **Rose Marie Frailey**, requested by Mary Ann, Edward and Matthew.

Message from Father Joe:

The 6th Wound

“Look. Look at the wounds. Enter into the wounds. By those wounds we were healed. Do you feel bitter and sad, or feel life just isn’t going the right way or you’re ill? Look there. In silence.”

With these words Pope Francis tells us how we can be restored through Jesus’ five Holy wounds—His pierced hands, feet and side. Many Catholics are familiar with the devotion to these five wounds. But have you heard of the sixth wound of Jesus?

In the 12th century a French Abbott and mystic, Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, asked Jesus what was His greatest unrecorded suffering and the Lord answered: *“I had, a grievous wound on My shoulder while I bore My Cross on the Way of Sorrows, that was more painful than the others, and is not recorded by men.”*

In the 20th century, another saint confirmed this sixth wound: *Saint Pio of Pietrelcina*. Popularly known as a living saint, for more than 50 years he bore the wounds of Christ on his body. Padre Pio once had an interesting conversation with Karol Wojtyla, the future Saint Pope John Paul II, wherein Father Wojtyla asked which wound of his stigmata caused him the most pain, expecting Padre Pio to say it was the wound in his chest. Instead Padre Pio replied, *“It is my shoulder wound, which no one knows about and has never been cured or treated.”*

After the death of Padre Pio, Brother Modestino who was assigned the task of taking an inventory of all the saint’s belongings, discovered that one of Padre Pio’s undershirts bore a circle of bloodstains in the area of the right shoulder. On that very evening, Brother Modestino asked Padre Pio in prayer to enlighten him about the meaning of the bloodstained undershirt. He asked for a sign that Pio truly bore Christ’s shoulder wound. Brother Modestino woke up in the middle of that night with an excruciating pain in his shoulder, as if he had been sliced with a knife up to the shoulder bone. He felt that he would die from the pain if it continued, but it lasted only a short time. Then the room was filled with the aroma of a heavenly perfume — the sign of Padre Pio’s spiritual presence — and he heard a voice saying, *“This is what I had to suffer!”*

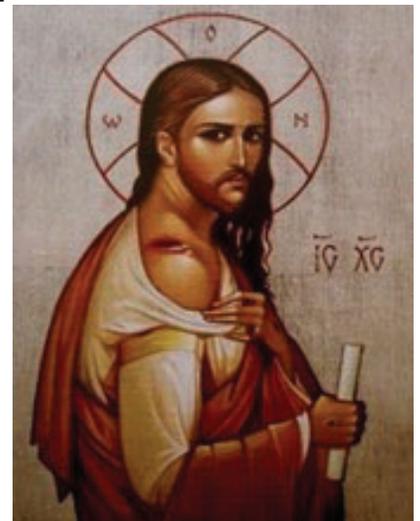
Consider this: Jesus allowed his feet to be pinned to the cross. He willingly surrendered his hands. And he allowed his side to be ripped open. But his shoulder that carried the crushing weight of the cross, that bruised and bloody shoulder which, according to John’s gospel, bore the weight of our sins without any help or relief, that shoulder remained available throughout his agony.

And today it is still available, to us and to all who need His consolation.

So, *“Look there. In silence,”* as Pope Francis suggests. Look and listen to the voice of Jesus inviting you to lean upon His shoulder and rest your head there and feel the love that enabled him to endure the excruciating pain from all the terrible wounds for the sake of us all.

To foster devotion to the Shoulder Wound of Christ, Saint Bernard of Clairvaux penned this prayer to the Shoulder Wound of Christ:

*Most loving Jesus, meek Lamb of God,
I, a miserable sinner, salute and worship
the most Sacred Wound of Your shoulder, on which You bore
Your heavy Cross which so tore Your Flesh and laid bare
Your Bones so as to inflict on You an anguish greater than
any other wound. I adore You, O Jesus most sorrowful;
I praise and glorify You, and give You thanks for this most sacred
and painful Wound, beseeching You by that exceeding pain,
and by the crushing burden of Your heavy Cross,
to be merciful to me, a sinner, to forgive me
all my mortal and venial sins, and to lead me on
towards heaven along the Way of Your cross. Amen.*



Welcome Fr. Joy!!

With prayers and happiness we warmly welcome Fr. Joy Chacko to our linked parishes of Sacred Heart and St. Pio of Pietrelcina.



Fr. Joy was born in Kallara, Kerala, India, the second of five boys. Fr. Joy speaks fondly of his childhood. "I cherish it," he said. "Whenever I go back, it brings back happy memories. It was a great time. It was a beautiful time." As a family they would pray the Rosary every evening and attend Mass every morning.

It was after 10th grade that Fr. Joy received the call from God to become a priest. He completed his priestly studies from 1988-1991 at the Krist Premalaya, Bhopal Regional Theolgate Ecclesiastical Institute in Hyderabad, India in 1994. Fr. Joy was ordained on May 7, 1992, in St. Thomas Church in Kallara, India. He was quickly assigned as a parish priest at Infant Jesus Parish in Hoshangabad, India, where he led a Fathepur Mission and was a staff member and procurator of St. Therese's Minor Seminary.

Fr. Joy came to the United States in August 1994 at the recommendation of his Bishop who, he said, wanted him to "get out and learn from other parts of the world."

He was assigned as a temporary chaplain at Holly Paterson Nursing Home in the Diocese of Rockville Center, N.Y. as he awaited assignment in the Diocese of Trenton. Fr. Joy has served in St. Catherine, Middletown, Blessed Sacrament in Trenton, Incarnation in Ewing, Holy Name, Delran, St. Ann's, Keansburg, St. Veronica, Howell and most recently, St. Gabriel, in Marlboro.

Of his time in the Diocese, he said, "I am trying to be a man, a human being, a child of God and then trying to be a priest. That is the most beautiful thing I try to do."

"Every day I wake up, I celebrate my life." "God is good."

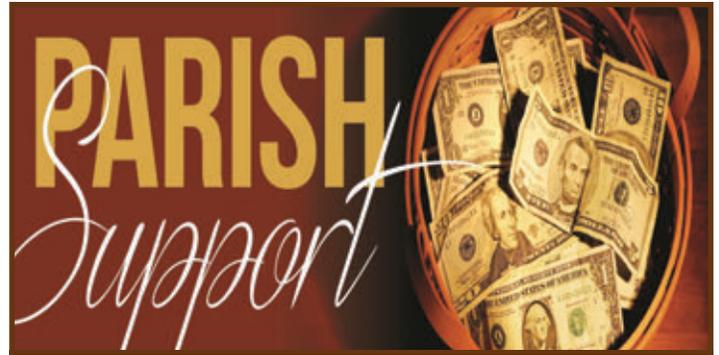
We believe Fr. Joy will be an exciting addition to our parish family! Please introduce yourself to him when you see him and keep him in your prayers!!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

"We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You, because by Your holy Cross, You have redeemed the world."

Thursdays at St. Pio of Pietrelcina after 8:30 am Mass

Fridays at Sacred Heart at 7:00 pm



"Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which He blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are His body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours." Teresa of Avila

Contributions Week-end of Feb. 14, 2021	This Past Week	Same week Last Year
At Church	\$2,512	\$4,488
Online	\$865	\$550
Total	\$3,377	\$4,998

Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2COR 9:7

2020 TAX STATEMENTS

2020 tax statements are available from the parish office. You can call or e-mail the office 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.



St. Francis Food Pantry has expanded its hours. We will now be open on Wednesday evenings from 6-8pm in addition to our regular hours on Wednesdays from 10am-1pm. With the increase of hours, the demand for

donations will be greater. 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.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

The Chosen – Lenten Bible Study

Join Father Joe on a journey into the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Each week you will watch one episode of the first season of the hit Christian Video series called "THE CHOSEN" (approx. 45 minutes) and then have a group discussion and Lenten Bible reflection about the highlights of the film.

- Meetings will be safe and socially distanced (please wear your mask) at Sacred Heart's Casey Hall
- Starting at 9:30am every Wednesday in Lent (Feb. 24, Mar 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31)
- All are Welcome!
- Bring your own favorite beverage or breakfast, unfortunately we cannot serve any food or drinks.



The Chosen is the first multi-season television series about the life of Christ, as witnessed through the eyes of those He impacted. Directed by Dallas Jenkins and distributed by VidAngel Studios, *The Chosen* has grown to become the largest crowdfunded TV series of all time. The shows attempt to provide an accurate historical background of the Gospel setting, and of life in Israel during the lifetime of Jesus. The stories follow a plausible timeline and feature some of the main events, that are a mixture of those from the 4 Gospels. The lives of familiar figures such as Mary Magdalene, Simon Peter, Nicodemus, Thomas, as well as other disciples and characters are handled with creative license. We witness how their encounters with Jesus change them. I believe you will thoroughly enjoy watching and discussing the shows.

Fr. Joe

ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2021

THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL – IN ACTION!

Evangelization

Each parish is unique and offers religious education in ways that meet the needs of over 40,000 students in the local community. Some program structures are very traditional; others are innovative. Over 600 adults in various stages of formation were brought to full initiation with the Church in our diocese last year. Many opportunities for the enrichment of faith are found in events and activities in parishes throughout the diocese, such as Bible Study, parish missions, lecture series, and online learning. These ministries help with adult faith enrichment by providing support for parish leaders and access to resources. Your gift, in essence, builds up our Catholic faith.

Together in Mission is a tool within our Diocese that has been created to help pastors, parish clergy and staff, parish ministry leaders and families become more intentional about evangelizing at every phase of life. Your gift supports this innovative tool which impacts the real lives of Catholics growing in faith.

New Eyes for the Needy

The **Knights of Columbus, Council 8415**, provides a container in the vestibule of the Church for the collection of used eyeglasses. They are sent to "New Eyes for the Needy." The eyeglasses are tested and sorted by volunteers for use by medical missions and hospitals in the Caribbean, Central and South America, Africa, Asia and Central Europe as well as by American veterans. Please remember to drop your old eyeglasses in the container. Thank you.



THE SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

Since we can't hand out the prayer cards this year, please say the following prayer every day for nine (9) months:

*"Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,
I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of
the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted
who is in danger of abortion."*

Baby's Due Date: July, 2021

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."**

Does abortion give glory to God? Why then would we support abortion or vote for those that do?

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 8415
and
LADIES AUXILIARY
2020 and 2021 SCHOLARSHIP**

Young men and women that are Catholic parishioners, graduating high school in 2021 (or graduated in 2020), and attend (or plan to attend) an accredited 2 or 4 year college or university, vocational or trade school are eligible to apply. The award will be between \$250-\$1,000. Candidates may pick up an application at the parish center foyer or request an application by email: jkoby2@aol.com.

Applications are due by May 15th.

MASS TIME CHANGE NEWS:

Beginning on March 7th,
we will change our Sunday Mass Schedule to:

8:00am and 10:00am

Hope to see you there!

Parish Information

Anointing of the Sick

This sacrament is given 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 if you would like 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

Religious Education for Children or R.C.I.A. for Adults

Call John Paglione at 732-899-1398, x5



SPECIAL COVID GUIDELINES:

RECEIVING COMMUNION WITH A MASK ON

When receiving Holy Communion please remember not to remove your mask until after the priest or Eucharistic Minister puts the Sacred Host in your hand at which time you step aside, lift your mask, consume the Host and then immediately cover your face back with the mask. Also, Holy Communion will be distributed in the hand. Anyone receiving it on the tongue will have to wait until all have received and then go to the end of the line that the priest is distributing Communion in.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Collection baskets will be available at the main doors of the Church to drop your envelopes and contributions. You can also give them to an usher when you are exiting the Church. There is a secure drop box in the foyer of the parish office for contributions, and correspondence. We also recommend Online Giving, visit our website for easy signup information.

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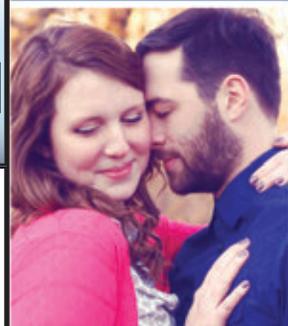
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