

St. Pio of Pietrelcina

103 Washington Avenue
Lavallette, NJ 08735



Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am (no music), 9:00am, 10:30am
Monday - Saturday Daily Mass: 8:30am (*in the Chapel*)
Confessions: Saturday 3:20 or after Daily Mass

Church of the Sacred Heart

751 Main Avenue
Bay Head, NJ 08742



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Deacon James Turro

Rev. Joy Chacko, Parochial Vicar

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES
do good to those who hate you

LUKE 6:27



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FEBRUARY 23 2025 - SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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St. Pio of Pietrelcina:
Alex Barletta & Jack McCormack, Trustees
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Sacred Heart Church
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Weekend Clergy Assisting with Masses

We very much appreciate the retired priests who help both our parishes with daily and weekend masses.

- Rev. Kevin Ashe (mercyj133435@gmail.com)
- Rev. Noel Danielewicz
- Rev. Msgr. Philip Franceschini
- Rev. Robert Grodnicki
- Rev. Msgr. James Pagnotta
- Rev. Msgr. Lewis Papera

Administrative Offices for Both Parishes are located at

St. Pio of Pietrelcina Parish Center

103 Washington Avenue, Lavallette, NJ 08735
Office is located 1-block south of the main church.
Entrance to office, use foyer in parking lot behind Chapel.
Office is on the second floor, there is an elevator.
Hours: Monday to Thursday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Phone: 732-793-7291 Fax: 732-793-8204
Email: office@stpioparish.com
Website: www.stpioparish.com

Sacred Heart Rectory / Office

751 Main Avenue, Bay Head, NJ 08742
Located diagonally across from the church.
Entrance to office, use foyer on Goetze Street.
Hours: Monday to Thursday 9:00 am - 12:00 noon
Phone: 732-899-1398 Fax: 732-899-2233
Email: shrcbh@comcast.net
Website: www.sacredheartbayhead.com

NOTE: There is a **secure parishioner dropbox** located inside each parish office foyer, Open 6:00am-6:00pm

Thank You for your Support!!

Contributions Weekend of February 16, 2025	Sacred Heart	Saint Pio of Pietrelcina
In Pew at Church	\$ 3,818	\$ 3,949
Online	\$ 1,200	\$ 975
Total	\$ 5,018	\$ 4,924

Monies received from monthly/annual contributions and general donations will be reported here each month:

January 2025	Sacred Heart	St Pio
Collection	\$ 14,550	\$ 4,850
Donation	\$ 3,635	\$ 315
Total	\$ 18,185	\$ 5,165

Please remember our parish in your final will and testament



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.



From the Desk of Fr. Joe:

How Judea and Jerusalem Changed Under Herod the Great

When Herod the Great was appointed as King of Judea by the Romans, he ruled as a client king, answerable to Rome. Many of his building projects reflected his attempt to foster Roman architecture and accommodation. One of his great building projects was building a man-made harbor at Caesarea Maritima on the Mediterranean coast. He needed a port on the Mediterranean because the existing one at Jaffa and north in Lebanon were outside his kingdom or hostile to him at times. This was an incredible feat in that his architects learned how to pour and set cement under water, which was a new technology. This was critical as it provided a seaport for cargo and people to easily be transported as well as military troops if needed. Before this harbor was built, there were no natural major ports along the Judean coastline, except at Jaffa, which was an independent City State. With the conquest of Judea, the Romans called the Mediterranean “Our Sea.” The Roman domination of the Mediterranean Sea made it much safer for travelers. The port also enabled the paths of Eastern caravans (i.e. from Persia and Arabia) to send their goods to Rome and the Mediterranean.

Herod also renovated the Temple of Jerusalem, on an expanse of over 35 acres. The Temple was an incredibly beautiful large tall building with a 17-story high façade, which glistened like shining gold, mixing Jewish and Roman architecture, and people from around the Mediterranean would travel to see it. There were parts of the Temple still under decorative finishes during the time of Jesus.

Because of the previous kingdoms which ruled over Judea and battled for it, many Judeans either emigrated to other cities of the Mediterranean, especially Rome, and others had been sold as slaves to pay for the wars they waged for their wars against Judea. There was still an especially large population in Babylon who never returned. At the time of Jesus, it is estimated that there were between 5 - 7 million Judeans living in the cities of the Dispersion and about 6 or 7 thousand or so living in Judea. Also, estimates suggest that several tens of thousands of Jews likely lived in Rome, although the exact number is difficult to pinpoint due to a lack of precise historical records; some scholars place the figure around 50,000. They had a well- established community there. Several of Herod’s children grew up in Rome, and went to school there. This was a common Roman practice they had with their client kingdoms. In some ways, having their children in Rome helped insure that the kings would not double-cross them, and to form their children in Roman ways.

Jerusalem itself was usually home to approximately 50-70 thousand people. During the times of the 3 great festivals it would be substantially higher. There are estimates that during Passover there were often over 250,000 people. The estimates are much greater by some scholarly estimates. Herod built at fortress called the Antonia (after Marc Antony). Its towers were higher than the Temple walls which enabled Herod and Roman soldiers to spy on the activities within the temple grounds, and act decisively when there was trouble. This happened when the Apostle Paul returned to Rome to present the Church’s of Asia minor and Greece, and he was almost killed by other Judeans who accused him of preaching against the ways of the Law.

When I saw the first season of “the Chosen,” I was surprised by the spies the Romans had. I found out that Herod certainly had them, as he was always paranoid about people taking over his kingdom. He had several of his children even murdered, his wife Mariamne, and her brother the High priest Aristobulus, who he earlier appointed to the position. His jealousy, suspicion, rage and preoccupation with his own image and position, put him to death because the young man was very handsome and tall, and the people loved also him because he was of Hasmonean heritage, some wanted Judea to return to Hasmonean leadership. Herod had some of his men drown him in Herod’s pool in Jericho. He had Mariamne put to death, even though he is said to have dearly loved her, and after he had her killed, tried to keep her corpse from decaying, and often lamented her.

The infancy narrative in Matthew’s Gospel of the Maji from the East, where he wants to put to death the “newborn” King of the Jews demonstrates the cruelty and jealousy of Herod in his later years.

Rev. Joseph G. Hlubik

IF WE REMEMBER *A reflection for February 23*

Les Misérables, an acclaimed epic novel by Victor Hugo, was the basis for a famous, long-running Broadway musical and the inspiration for two movies of the same name.

Les Misérables, also known as Les Miz, is set in early 19th century France. It tells the story of Jean Valjean, a French peasant, who is released from prison in 1815 after having served a 19-year sentence for stealing a loaf of bread to feed his sister's starving child.

On his way to report to his parole officer, the hungry and confused Jean Valjean is shown hospitality by a Catholic bishop who feeds him dinner and offers him a place to stay. During the night, Valjean begins to steal the silver in the bishop's home. When the bishop confronts him, Valjean knocks the bishop unconscious and escapes with the silver.

The police capture Jean Valjean and bring him and the silver back to the bishop. Amazingly, the bishop does not deny Valjean's lie that he was given the silver by the bishop. In fact, the bishop says that he is angry with Valjean since he forgot to take the silver candlesticks.

When they are alone, the bishop says, "Jean Valjean, my brother, you no longer belong to evil. With this silver I bought your soul. I've ransomed you from fear and hatred. Now I give you back to God."

That bishop truly responded to the challenge of Jesus in this Sunday's Gospel (Luke 6:27-38). "To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back."

Because that bishop acted as he did, Jean Valjean was changed and transformed. He never forgot what the bishop did for him. During the rest of his life, Jean Valjean tried to act with the same love and forgiveness that he had received. He even showed mercy to the police inspector who relentlessly sought to return him to prison.

What that bishop did for Jean Valjean, God has done for us. God has forgiven us not for stealing silver, but for our sins and selfishness. God has even forgiven us for throwing his beloved Son upon the cross. God has ransomed us from the power of evil.

Just as Jean Valjean never forgot the mercy and forgiveness the bishop showed him, we are to never forget the mercy and forgiveness that God has shown and continues to show us.

Perhaps if we remember that mercy and forgiveness, we will be able to meet, at least in some way, the challenge of Sunday's Gospel. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you...Be merciful just as your Father is merciful."

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IRA Charitable Rollover A TAX-SAVING CHARITABLE GIFT FOR NON-ITEMIZERS

Due to an increased standard deduction, many individuals and couples will no longer be able to claim itemized deductions. However, a tax-free IRA charitable rollover offers the following benefit to individuals age 73 or older:

- The ability to direct a current, outright IRA gift, up to \$100,000, to our church, or other qualified charities
- Satisfaction of the RMD (required minimum distribution) without increasing taxable income
- No loss of a charitable contribution itemized deduction
- Ability to direct your gift to any area of our parish operations

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

NOTICE
PLEASE
EXCUSE OUR
APPEARANCE
WE ARE
REMODELING

Attention all
Parishioners of St. Pio
and Sacred Heart

The upstairs offices at
St. Pio Parish Hall
are scheduled to be
re-painted and re-floored
February 13 - 24.

During this period we may experience intermittent interruptions in phone, email, and other functions.

If you plan to visit the office please call ahead.

Thank you!
FOR YOUR PATIENCE

Join us for a Holy Hour during this Lenten season. The

Knights of Columbus will hold a Holy Hour in the chapel at St Pio's every Friday at 3:00 p.m.

Spend an hour in adoration of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.



Please Pray for Victims of Hurricanes Helene and Milton, and the LA fires



Please join the ***Breakfast Group*** if you are feeling down because of a loss in your life. We are a group of your fellow parishioners at ***Sacred Heart*** who have suffered from a loss recently or several years ago. We are a good group sharing our loss and how we manage to move forward. We pray, talk and laugh and enjoy goodies and coffee and tea. We meet the second Saturday of the month in the Parish Hall at 9:00 am. You come in feeling down and leave feeling lifted up. Try joining and meet all of us to journey together lifting each other up. Please come. Everyone is welcome and wanted.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Sponsored by the RAS of St. Junipero Serra

Tuesday, March 4th, 2025

Doors open at 6:30—9:30 pm
Dinner served 6:45-7:15pm

Parish Hall on Our Lady of Perpetual Help Campus

Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Home Fries, Bacon, and Sausage
Coffee, Water and Desserts

Food from: Four Seasons Diner

Music by: DJ MR. AL

ADMISSION: \$25.00 PER PERSON
****BYOB****

TICKETS SOLD at the
RELIGIOUS ARTICLES SHOP AT OLPH or
Call Sandie 908-616-3213 or Michele 732-429-9972

TICKETS ARE LIMITED!
NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR

A poster for Ash Wednesday featuring a large, dark, hand-painted cross on a light background. A purple banner across the cross reads 'ASH WEDNESDAY'. Below the cross, the text 'Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return' is written in a cursive font.

Ash Wednesday March 5th
Mass Schedule
8:30am & 5:30pm
at Sacred Heart
and St. Pio Churches

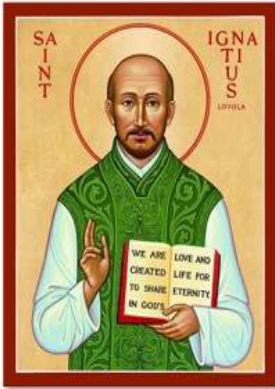
A poster for a Healing Mass showing a person's hands held out, with a bright, glowing light emanating from them. The words 'HEALING MASS' are written in a serif font above the hands.

WHEN: Thursday, March 13th at (noon)
WHERE: St. Pio of Pietrelcina Church
1100 Grand Central Ave (Rt 35N) Lavallette

CELEBRANT: Fr. Joy Chacko, prayer teams and music (Mark J.L. Mattheiss) from NJ Campus Graduates/Students of Encounter School of Ministry.

Come join us for a Mass with healing prayers. All are welcome!

CONTACT: DawnRusinko@yahoo.com for more information.



Freedom from Stress and Fear Through Prayer

Learn to feel the power of God’s constant presence in your life and experience the joy of forming a stronger spiritual relationship with Him!

Margaret Sherlock, a retired attorney, parishioner and cancer survivor, will present an introduction as to how to accomplish this through the prayers and spiritual exercises used by Saint Ignatius Loyola. Margaret will share some of her own personal experiences with this process and how it helped her through her recent struggle with cancer.

A morning session at 10 a.m. and an evening session at 7 p.m. will be held on Tuesday, February 25th in St Pio’s Chapel. This no-cost presentation is a great way to get ready for Lent and is appropriate for both women AND men!

To register or for more information, call or text Margaret Sherlock at 201-906-4682.

Cake and coffee will be provided by the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary.

If you would like to lift your spirits and learn a little more about your faith and well-being, think about attending our **Faith Sharing Group**. The group meets once a week on Wednesdays at St. Pio’s in Lavallette after morning Mass, and spends about one hour discussing the readings for the next Sunday and what they mean to us. All are welcome.

Contact Maureen Zebrowski at 732-259-1578 if you are interested or would like more information.



2024 Tax Statements are available from the parish office

If you would like to receive one, please contact the office at 732-793-7291 or e-mail office@stpioparish.com. 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.



Listen to **Relevant Radio** on stations WNSW 1430AM or WWJZ 640AM. Programming is 24 hrs/day, 7 days/wk. Their mission is to bring Christ to the world through the media.

Sacred Heart’s HNS MONTHLY 50/50 CLUB



Open to all parishioners and visitors. Monthly drawing is held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

\$60.00 gives you (12) chances to win

Check payable to **Sacred Heart HNS** and return to: **Sacred Heart Church HNS, Attn: Pags.**

**751 Main St.
Bay Head, NJ 08742**

(if you refer a person to join, each time they win you get \$25)

January winner is David & Renee Casadonte #8 \$487.50
Ticket selected by Father Joy

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

St. Francis Food Pantry

in Seaside Heights is open Wednesdays from 10am until 12 noon.

Please consider bringing some food items with you when you attend Mass at St. Pio’s each Saturday or Sunday.

Donations may be left in the bin in the narthex of the Church or you can call Paul Sandy at 732-606-3656. He would be happy to do a pick up. The food pantry is grateful for the support that has been given over the years. Thank you!



Please respond
by March 7th



St. Patrick's Day Social

March 15th 5:30 PM
Sacred Heart Church

\$35.00 per person

*Purchase Table of
10 \$30.00 PP*

*Make checks
payable to*

Sacred Heart HNS

and mail to

Sacred Heart

Att: Pags

751 Main Avenue

Bay Head NJ 08742

*Please fill the
information and
return along with
your Check*

If paying for others

Please list names

On back



Enjoy traditional Irish fare

Corned Beef, Cabbage, Ham, Carrots,

Boiled Potatoes, Soda Bread, Desserts,

Irish Coffee Bar, soft drinks, Guinness

You can also BYOB

Devrin Academy of Irish Dance, Photo Booth

Music, Sing Along, With Sean Hennessy

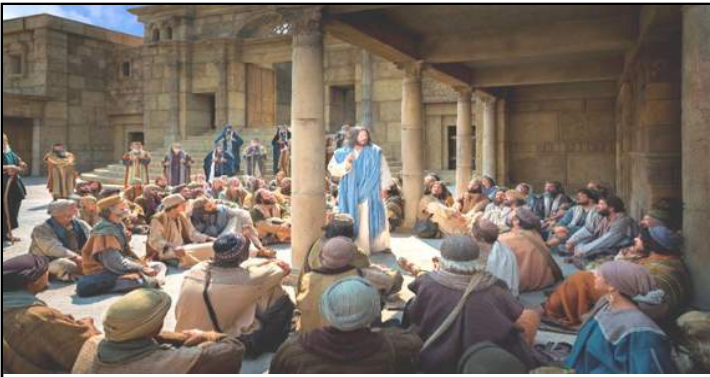
And An evening of fun with family and friends !

Name: _____

Email: _____

Cell: _____


Number Attending: _____ Amount: _____



Lent Bible Study As we read through the four Gospels, one of the most notable aspects of Jesus' ministry is His consistent use of questions when interacting with others. It is interesting to note that the word "question" includes the word "quest." Each question invites us to explore more deeply the significance of Jesus' life, not only in terms of who He was for His original disciples but also in terms of who He is for us today. Join us as we explore the profound questions posed by Christ.

When: Thursdays March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3 & 10
Where: St. Pio's Church Hall 103 Washington Ave in Lavallette
Time: 9-10:30am (mass is offered in the chapel at 8:30am)


Registration is \$20 and includes your book.
To register please contact dawnrusinko@yahoo.com


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Fan the Flame
of HOPE
 2025 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Your Gift Makes a Difference

Through the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal, we answer Christ's call to "love one another as I have loved you" (John 13:34). Your generosity supports ministries that serve thousands across the Diocese of Trenton - bringing hope, care, and Christ's love to those in need. Together, we reach the marginalized, strengthen families, and transform lives.

Give at giveaca.org



Lenten Movie


and Soup & Salad Luncheon

Saint Pio Parish Hall


Wednesday
March 12
11 a.m.

RSVP to
Mary Marra
908-591-1284
no later than
Wednesday,
March 5

*Lunch includes
soup, salad, bread, soft drinks, dessert and coffee or tea.



MOTHER CABRINI
(2019 • 1 hr. 39 min.)
Saint Frances Cabrini was born prematurely, and was so frail she was baptized the day she was born. But overcoming tremendous odds and hardships would become her life-long trademark. She would go on to form the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart, become the friend of three popes, a foster-mother to thousands of children, and establish 67 institutions and hospitals around the world serving immigrants, orphans and those in need.



\$5
per
person
to cover
lunch*

Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary
 2025 Charity Fundraiser & Baking Kits



Famous Irish Soda Bread



and try our new

Orange-Craisin Loaf



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

For more info, to order, or to simply make a donation, call or text Chris Almasy at
732-646-1242

Orders must be received by **February 28, 2025**



Still only
\$5
 Per Kit

All proceeds donated to LOCAL charities.



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Need more information, email: barlettaa@verizon.net

St. Pio Holy Name Society presents

Doo Wop Saturday Night

with Jukebox Legends

May 3, 2025

**St. Pio Parish Hall
Rt. 35 & Philadelphia Ave.**



Doors open at 6:15
Show 7:00 - 10:00



\$20.00 pp

Checks made out to: St. Pio Holy Name Society

Plus.... a 50/50

For Further Information and Tickets Call:

**John: 732-259-3577 • Tom: 732-995-0044
Gary: 908-672-6710 • Mike: 347-668-6046
The Parish Office: 732-793-7291**



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FRIDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2025
6:00pm to 10:00pm
Donovan Catholic Cafeteria @ 711 Hooper Ave., Toms River

BEATS by DJ's @ WORK!
GIVEAWAYS / RAFFLES / 50 - 50
B.Y.O. food & beverages. Coffee, tea & dessert will be served.

ADULTS ONLY.
\$40.00 per person / Reserve tables of 10 for \$375.00

RSVP by February 15, 2025
For information and tickets sales call
Zina Approvato at 732-600-3360



Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary

Save the Date

International Cuisine Buffet Dinner

Saturday, May 31, 2025
At the St. Pio Parish Center

More Details as we get closer to the Date

Going to the Hospital?

If you are scheduled to go to the hospital it is good to go to confession before you go. If you are having a scheduled surgery you might want to be anointed before you go. You can do this by calling the parish office and arranging a time with Fr. Joe or Fr. Joy.

When you arrive at the hospital or if an emergency arises make sure that you or a family member let them know that you are Catholic and that you would like an anointing, Holy Communion and a visit by the Catholic priest chaplain.

These steps are important because HIPPA and Covid Restrictions. The hospital often restrict chaplaincy to priests they have on call. In case you cannot get the hospital to respond to your needs, please call the parish office and we will assist you in getting the spiritual help you need, or we will respond ourselves as best we can!

PROMISE TO PROTECT, PLEDGE TO HEAL, SECRETARIAT OF CHILD AND YOUTH PROTECTION

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and The Diocese of Trenton are committed to the initiatives outlined in the U. S. Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the report and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors.



The Diocese has in place a Victim's Assistance Coordinator, who is available to obtain support for your needs and help you make a formal complaint of abuse. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan **Abuse Hotline: 1-888-296-2965**

or via email at abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org

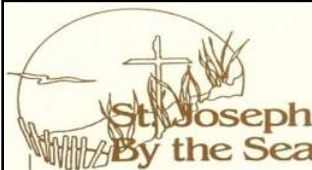
The Diocese encourages anyone with an allegation to also report that abuse to their local law enforcement agency. The Diocese reports all allegations received to the appropriate county prosecutor's office.

Catholic Charities News

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton and Recycle-America have joined forces to provide a new service. Now, someone will come to your door to collect your clothing and shoes. All items will be donated to those in need in our local community.

To schedule a pickup in Ocean County please call 609-906-0004 or email racworld2015@gmail.com. Please call or email three days prior to pick up day. Catholic Charities provides assistance with food, housing, drug addiction, domestic violence, and immigration services. If you know a parishioner needing help, please contact us at:

www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org or call 800-360-7711



400 Route 35 North
South Mantoloking, NJ 08738

March 5, 2025 – ASH WEDNESDAY RETREAT

Ever wish you could receive more out of Lent? Explore the three pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting and alms giving as we carve out our Lenten plans. Lunch and Eucharistic Liturgy with distribution of ashes included. Arrival: 9:00 a.m./Departure: 2:30 p.m. (Presenter: Janice Santanello, M.Th., CLEM, CSG, CPC) Cost: \$6 \$65

March 19, 2025 - HONORING ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

In honor of our patron St. Joseph, the staff cordially invites you to join us at Eucharistic 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 15. **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 21-23, 2025 – SELF CARE FOR AA WOMEN

Take time to be still and know God loves you. Rest, read and take walks on the beach and bayside. Yoga, meditation and massage will be available. Eucharistic Liturgy included. No Supper on Friday. Arrival: 5:00-6:00 p.m./Departure: 12:00 p.m. (Presenters: Sr. Brunilda Ramos, MPF, CSAC, NCAPS-II & Avita Kennedy, RYT) Cost: \$400

March 27, 2025 - LENTEN SAINTS TO CELEBRATE!

Saint Joseph and Saint Patrick are familiar but did you know their female counterparts: Mother Cabrini and Brigid of Ireland? Come celebrate these wonderful men and women of faith to continue our Lenten journey with joy! Lunch and Eucharistic Liturgy included. Arrival: 9:00 a.m./Departure: 2:30 p.m. (Presenter: Janice Santanello, M.Th., CLEM, CSG, CPC) Cost: \$65

May 2-4, 2025 - RESTORE AND RENEW

Relax and renew at the beautiful St. Joseph by the Sea retreat house at the Jersey shore. The weekend is the ideal getaway from a busy life. The program consists of daily gentle yoga, meditation, walks on the beach, fellowship and breath work. You will leave refreshed and better prepared to share your best self with your family and community. Massage therapy will be available. Eucharistic Liturgy included. No Supper on Friday. Arrival: 5:00-6:00 p.m./Departure: 10:30 a.m. (Presenter: Avita Kennedy, RYT) Cost: \$400

May 13, 2025 - PRAYING WITH IMAGES OF GOD IN SEA, SKY, EARTH AND WIND

Take full advantage of all our retreat house has to offer. Bask in the sensual experience of being at the shore with some guidance in reflecting upon the beauty of all God has bestowed upon us. Lunch and Eucharistic Liturgy included. Arrival: 9:00 a.m./Departure: 2:30p.m. (Presenter: Janice Santanello, M.Th., CLEM, CSG, CPC) Cost: \$65

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

Current Brochure can be found on www.sjbysea.org



ST. PIO ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

PRESENTS

A CONTEMPLATIVE RETREAT

SATURDAY APRIL 5, 2025

WITH THE POOR CLARES OF NEW JERSEY

AT THE POOR CLARES MONASTERY

IN CHESTERFIELD NJ

OFFICIANT: FATHER NOEL

<https://poorclaresnewjersey.com/>

Detox your brain: turn off TV, social media,
cell phones, games, shut down the chaff.

Come for quiet, find your meditative calm within.

Journey with us, abandon yourself to the tranquility of nothingness,
experience contemplation.

Here, speak not to God, instead FEEL how to listen.

What does God have to say to your heart?

- All are Welcome -

Per Person: \$68 \$25 limited seats available

Includes: Round trip Minibus, donation for the Monastery, guided reflection

Refreshments: Decaf Coffee, water, light desserts (Please pack your own lunch)

Minibus at St. Pio Parking Lot leaves 8:00AM / returns 2:30PM

Last day to Reserve March 15, 2025

Checks payable to: St. Pio Rosary Alter Society

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I WANT TO ATTEND Saturday April 5, 2025 — Pilgrimage - Poor Clares Monastery - Chesterfield, NJ

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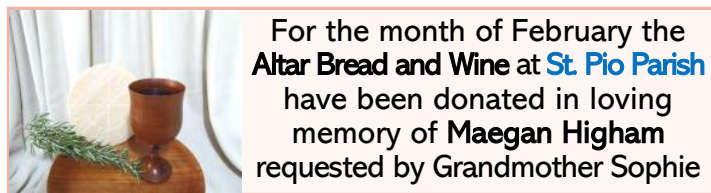


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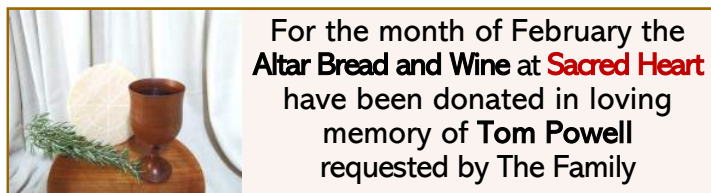


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For the month of February the **Altar Bread and Wine** at **St. Pio Parish** have been donated in loving memory of **Maegan Higham** requested by Grandmother Sophie



For the month of February the **Altar Bread and Wine** at **Sacred Heart** have been donated in loving memory of **Tom Powell** requested by The Family



We offer a warm welcome to our recently registered parishioners!

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Parish Counseling Services (PCS)

Counseling Services are available through the Diocese of Trenton. For more information or clarification, call Brenda Rascher at 609-403-7180. Areas of help can be marital, raising children, eldercare, bereavement or stress of job.



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... provides a container in the vestibule of St. Pio and Sacred Heart Churches for the collection of used eyeglasses

GOD OF LOVE AND LIFE

“But to you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.” Luke 6:27

Catholics are hated for respecting human life, defending the life of babies in the womb and believing that life and death are God's choice. We do not believe we are gods but believe in the one true God and are subject to His will and are members of His church.

While we are unwavering in our support of life, we firmly believe in Lord Jesus Christ's words to love our enemies. We pray that they “repent and believe in the Gospel” (Mark 1:14-15). In summation, we hate the sin but love the sinner.

Do you know that in NJ private health insurers are required to pay for abortions.

Be Catholic, Love God, Love the Sinner



St. Pio Parish

Sacred Heart Church

Saturday, February 22

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

Vigil

4:00pm † Anna & Bill Hayden r/b Hayden Family
† Diane Daniels r/b Antonette Daniels

Sunday, February 23

7:30am † For Our Parish Families & Their Loved Ones,
Both Living & Deceased

9:00am † Dolores M. Trawinski r/b Judi & Joe Campo
Complete Healing Intentions for Gina Carty
r/b The Leonard Family

10:30am † Donna Fahey
r/b J. Haderer, B. Furian, N. Farley
Complete Healing Intentions for Camille Erica
Bustamante r/b Mom & Dad

8:00am Rosary recited before Daily Mass, Monday - Saturday

Monday, February 24

8:30am † Ginny Mielnicki r/b Laura, Pat, Connie, Joyce

Tuesday, February 25

8:30am † Ana Librada Ramos r/b Fr. Joe and Staff at
St. Pio and Sacred Heart

After Mass Miraculous Medal Novena

Wednesday, February 26

8:30am † Leonard Baccaro r/b Vito & Marie Gagliardi

Thursday, February 27

8:30am Kathleen Shamy r/b Chris & Kim Nardone

After Mass Divine Mercy Chaplet

Friday, February 28

8:30am Intentions for Dominic Etzold
r/b The Etzold Family

After Mass Adoration & Benediction (20 minutes)

Saturday, March 1

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

Vigil

4:00pm † Sarah Davie r/b Son
† Dorothy Gili r/b Adele

Sunday, March 2

7:30am † Ann Pagano r/b Mary Spinelli

9:00am † For Our Parish Families & Their Loved Ones,
Both Living & Deceased

10:30am † Marion Testa r/b Jack & Debbie McCormack

Saturday, February 22

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

Vigil

4:00pm † Frances Biddlecome r/b Adele
† Timothy McDonogh r/b McDonogh Family

Sunday, February 23

7:15am † For Our Parish Families & Their Loved Ones,
Both Living & Deceased

8:30am † Tom Vanderspurt r/b Family

10:30am † Matthew Morris r/b The Family
† Carol Commette r/b Ginny & Rich Donnelly

**8:00am Rosary recited before Daily Mass, Monday-Saturday
After Daily Mass Divine Mercy Chaplet, Monday-Saturday**

Monday, February 24

8:30am † Frank G. Megaro r/b The Family

After Mass Miraculous Medal Novena

Tuesday, February 25

8:30am Cameron Ray r/b The Family

Wednesday, February 26

8:00am The Divine Flame of Love Rosary recited before Mass

8:30am † Vera Leishman r/b James Delaney

Thursday, February 27

8:30am † John Stencil III r/b Mom & Dad
† Jean Cassedy r/b John & Elizabeth Cassedy

Friday, February 28

8:30am † Mr. & Mrs. Bill Harris r/b Friends and Family
After Mass Adoration & Benediction (20 minutes)

Saturday, March 1

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

Vigil

4:00pm † Roseanne Kenney r/b Pamela O'Sullivan
† Julia Travisano r/b The Grella Family

Sunday, March 2

7:15am † Kenneth Faistl r/b Family
† Jimmy White r/b Henry Wrublewski

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

10:30am † Charles Pellison r/b Joe & Roberta Convery
† Barbara Corrison r/b Patti Crann

February / March 2025

St. Pio	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23	7:30am Quiet Mass/No Music 9:00am Mass 10:30am Mass	24 Office Under Construction 8:30am Daily Mass	25 8:30am Daily Mass 10:00am - 11:00am Freedom from Stress & Fear through Prayer 7:00pm - 8:00pm Freedom from Stress & Fear through Prayer	26 8:30am Daily Mass 9:00am - 10:30am Faith Sharing 6:30pm - 10:30pm HNS Card Players	27 8:30am Daily Mass	28 Office Closed 8:30am Daily Mass	March 1 8:30am Daily Mass 3:20pm - 3:40pm Confession 4:00pm Vigil Mass
March 2	7:30am Quiet Mass/No Music 8:30am - 9:00am Holy Name recite Rosary 9:00am Mass 10:30am Mass 12:00pm - 1:00pm Baptism	3 8:30am Daily Mass 1:00pm - 1:30pm RAS recite Rosary 1:30pm - 3:30pm Rosary Meeting 5:30pm - 6:00pm HNS recite Rosary 6:00pm - 8:00pm Holy Name Meeting 8:00pm - 9:00pm KofC 4th Degree	4 8:30am Daily Mass 10:00am - 1:00pm KOC Ladies Auxiliary Work Session 7:00pm - 9:00pm KofC Business Mtg	5 Ash Wednesday 8:30am Daily Mass 9:00am - 10:30am Faith Sharing 5:30pm Mass 6:30pm - 10:30pm HNS Card Players	6 8:30am Daily Mass 9:00am - 11:00am Lenten Bible Study	7 Office Closed 8:30am Daily Mass	8 NYC Bus Trip to Cabrini Shrine 8:30am Daily Mass 3:20pm - 3:40pm Confession 4:00pm Vigil Mass
Sacred Heart	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23	7:15am Quiet Mass/No Music 8:30am Mass 9:30am - 10:45am Religious Education Class 10:30am Mass 12:00pm - 1:00pm Baptism 12:00pm - 1:00pm Baptism 3:00pm - 5:00pm Bible Study - Matthew	24 8:30am Daily Mass	25 8:30am Daily Mass 9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group	26 8:30am Daily Mass 9:15am - 11:15am Bible Study - Matthew 7:00pm - 9:00pm AA Meeting	27 8:30am Daily Mass	28 Office Closed 8:30am Daily Mass	March 1 8:30am Daily Mass 3:20pm - 3:40pm Confession 4:00pm Vigil Mass
March 2	7:15am Quiet Mass/No Music 8:30am Mass 9:30am - 10:45am Religious Education Class 10:30am Mass	3 8:30am Daily Mass	4 8:30am Daily Mass 9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group	5 Ash Wednesday 8:30am Daily Mass 5:30pm Mass 7:00pm - 9:00pm AA Meeting	6 8:30am Daily Mass	7 Office Closed 8:30am Daily Mass 7:00pm - 8:00pm Stations of the Cross	8 NYC Bus Trip to Cabrini Shrine 8:30am Daily Mass 9:00am - 11:00am Breakfast Club Bereavement Group 3:20pm - 3:40pm Confession 4:00pm Vigil Mass

Marriages: We ask that you do not schedule your venue date until you call the parish and schedule a meeting with one of our priests. Contact Marta Barkhausen at marta@stpioparish.com or call 732-793-7291 x322.

Baptisms: Parents call at least 2 months prior. Contact the parish office 732-793-7291 or connie@stpioparish.com.

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 or call the rectory if you would like to receive this sacrament.

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Sponsorship Certificates: A sponsor must at least 16 years of age, have received the Sacrament of Baptism, Communion and Confirmation. If married, must be in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church. Must attend Mass faithfully. **Must be registered at the parish for at least 6 months.** Please contact the office at 732-793-7291.

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