

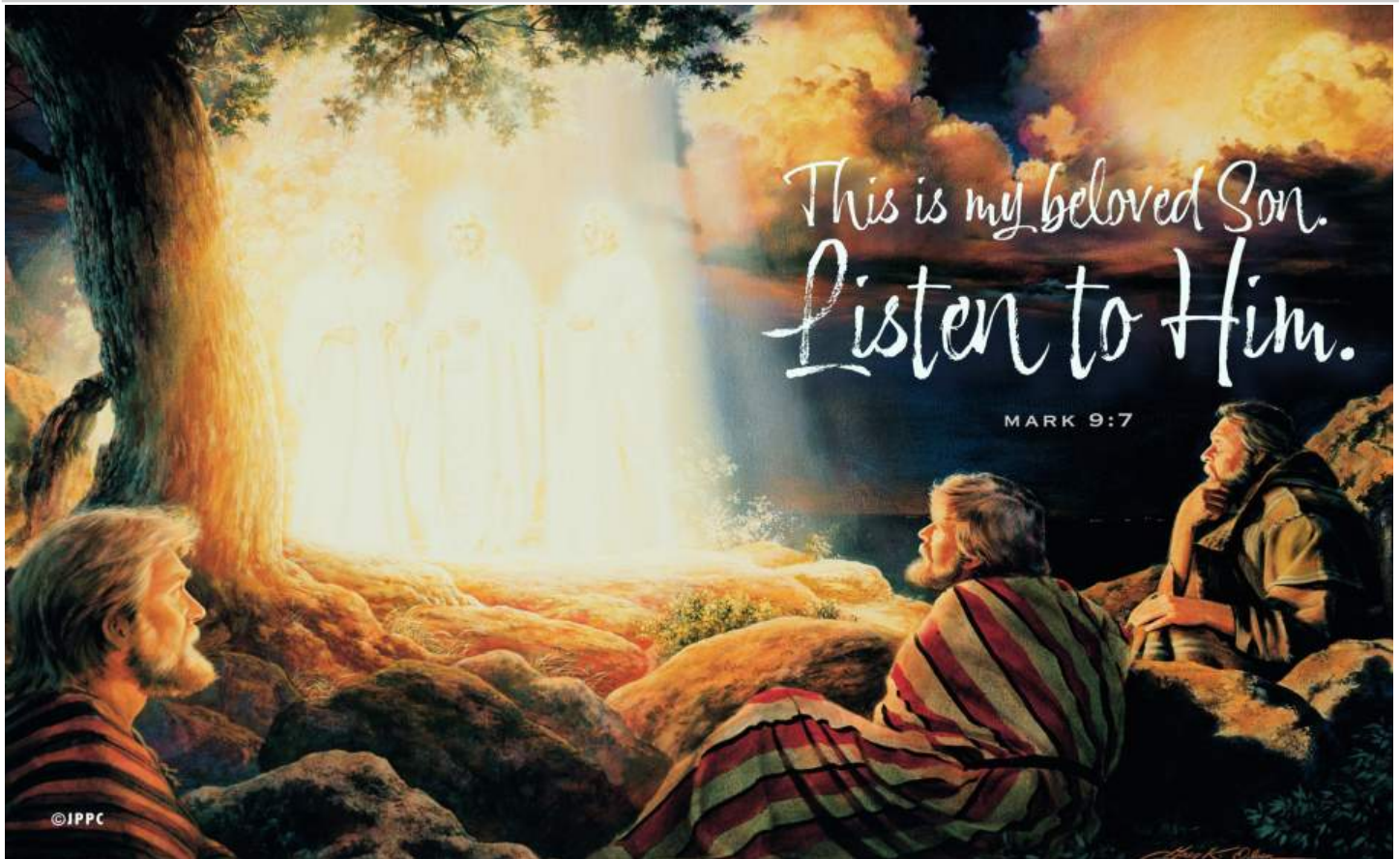
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February 25, 2024
Second Sunday of Lent



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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 24, 2024

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

Vigil

4:00pm Diane Daniels r/b Antonette Daniels

Sunday, February 25, 2024

7:30am For the People of the Parish
Peter Barkhausen r/b Family

9:00am The Missions and Missionaries

10:30am Mary Beth Langan r/b Whorter Family

Monday, February 26, 2024

8:30am In Thanksgiving r/b Mary Shaffer
Carol Cullen r/b Dianne Hayden

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

8:30am Paul John Mueller, Jr. r/b Theresa Appollina

After Mass **Miraculous Medal Novena**

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

8:30am Deacon John Hanna r/b John & Jane Borowski

Thursday, February 29, 2024

8:30am In Thanksgiving r/b Mary Shaffer

After Mass **Divine Mercy Chaplet**

Friday, March 1, 2024

8:30am Sarah Davie r/b Son

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

Saturday, March 2, 2024

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

Vigil

4:00pm Wanda & Stanley Tynski r/b Grandchildren

Sunday, March 3, 2024

7:30am Judith A. Otlowski r/b Don & Chris

9:00am For the People of the Parish

10:30am Marge Keller r/b Geer Family
Mary Beth Langan r/b Hanley Family

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., Betty Saloom, Pam McCoean, Judi Pecoraro, Lil Cremins, 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, Maureen Gillmore

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Laziness is a symptom of 'acedia,' a dangerous vice, pope says

By: Cindy Wooden February 14, 2024

Laziness is a symptom of 'acedia,' a dangerous vice, pope says. The vice of "acedia," often translated as "sloth," can cause laziness, but it is much more than that; it is a lack of caring for anything and being bored with everything, even one's relationship with God, Pope Francis said.

"The demon of acedia wants precisely to destroy the simple joy of the here and now, the grateful wonder of reality; it wants to make you believe that it is all in vain, that nothing has meaning, that it is not worth taking care of anything or anyone." People spend too little time talking about "the capital sin" of acedia, he said, and even when they do, they refer to it as sloth or laziness. But "in reality, laziness is an effect more than a cause," the pope said. "When a person is idle, indolent, apathetic, we say he is lazy. But as the wisdom of the ancient desert fathers teaches us, often the root is acedia, which from its Greek origin literally means a 'lack of care.'" Pope Francis described acedia as "a very dangerous temptation that one should not mess around with," because it makes a person "feel disgust at everything; their relationship with God becomes boring to them; and even the holiest acts, those that in the past warmed their hearts, now appear entirely useless to them." Acedia can sometimes feel like depression, but it is a vice that tempts people to let go of caring for themselves and for others, he said. "For those caught up in acedia, life loses meaning, praying is boring (and) every battle seems meaningless." "It is a bit like dying in advance and it's awful," the pope said.

When a person feels acedia creeping in, he said, they need to try to cultivate "the patience of faith" with a few small steps. "In the clutches of acedia, one's desire is to be elsewhere, to escape from reality. To fight it "one must instead have the courage to remain and to welcome God's presence in the 'here and now,' in the situation as it is." Take a breath, he said, set smaller goals and "persevere by leaning on Jesus, who never abandons us in temptation."

The pope ended the audience encouraging Catholics to live Lent "as an opportunity for conversion and inner renewal in listening to the Word of God and in caring for our brothers and sisters most in need," including by praying for those suffering because of war and violence in Ukraine, Palestine and Israel.

A reflection for February 25, The Second Sunday of Lent

WHAT'S THE WORD?

What is your favorite color? What is your favorite song? Questions like these are often used as conversation starters or "icebreakers" when a group of strangers gathers for a meeting. Such non-threatening questions get people talking and help them to become comfortable with one another. Imagine if the question was, "What is your favorite word?" That question would prompt a variety of answers. Some people might respond with a word that sparks a warm, emotional feeling, such as mom, dad, son, or daughter. Others might respond by saying their first name or perhaps their nickname. Most people like hearing their name, it means that they are known and recognized. Other individuals might pick a word that sounds funny to them or that they enjoy saying such as persnickety, mellifluous, or discombobulated.

Imagine if God were asked, "What is your favorite word?" There is no way of being certain how God would reply, but God's favorite word might be yes. That was the response that God wanted from Adam and Eve when he instructed them to avoid eating from a certain tree in the Garden. Rather than obeying and saying yes, those first humans ate from the tree. With their no, sin entered the world and succeeding generations followed their example.

In today's First Reading, we learned about a person who uttered a dramatic yes to God. Abraham was instructed by God to sacrifice Isaac, his only son, the one through whom God's promises were to be fulfilled. Unsure, uncertain, but trusting God, Abraham was ready to say yes to what God asked of him. With that yes, Abraham passed God's test and was told "because you acted as you did...I will bless you abundantly." Unfortunately, the descendants of Abraham did not imitate his yes to God. They repeatedly answered no to God and sin flourished. In response, God sent his Son, who spoke the perfect yes that God had hoped to hear from those he had created in his image and likeness. As Jesus explained, "I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me" (John 6:38). Jesus said yes to all that God the Father asked of him. In today's Gospel, we are told to imitate that yes of Jesus. In the reading, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John. Jesus shone with divine glory and the voice of God proclaimed his identity: "This is my beloved Son." The voice from the heavens then told the apostles, "Listen to him." They were to listen to the yes that Jesus communicated by fulfilling the Father's will. They were to listen and learn from the words and actions of Jesus. This season of Lent is the time for us to ask ourselves if we are listening to Jesus and imitating his yes to God. Yes is the word that God wants to hear from us. It may be God's favorite word!

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Contributions Weekend	This Past Week 2/18/24	Same Week Last Year 2/19/23
At Church	\$4,655	\$3,979
Online	\$2,195	\$1,340
Total	\$6,850	\$5,319



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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.



GOD OF LOVE AND LIFE FATHER, SON and HOLY SPIRIT

“This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him.” Mark 9:7

Listen to Jesus and listen to our Blessed Mother at Fatima and at Akita Japan where she urgently repeated her Fatima message on October 13, 1973.

At Fatima our Blessed Mother warned us to repent or there would be terrible consequences. We did not and World War II resulted. The Akita message to repent is likewise not being heeded. We see a world willfully embracing the evil one and in utter turmoil. The Akita message goes on to predict the evil one even infiltrating the Church with cardinals opposing cardinals and bishops against bishops, churches and altars being sacked and the church being full of those that accept compromise. She warns we must repent or God the Father will inflict terrible punishment on all humanity.

Do you know that the secular world will scoff and ridicule our Blessed Mother’s message but those in the Spirit will take heed!

Listen to Jesus, Listen to His Mother, Repent and Live

Respect Life Committee at SHRCBH@comcast.net

Lent Healing Mass

WHEN: Thursday, March 14th at (noon)

WHERE: St. Pio of Pietrelcina Church
1100 Grand Central Ave (Rt 35N) Lavallette

WHO: 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

PHOTOGRAPHER NEEDED

We are hoping someone can volunteer to take hi-resolution pictures of 2 stained glass windows - the Nativity Window at Sacred Heart and the Rose Window at St. Pio. It is our intention to have Christmas ornaments made from our beautiful images, but it will depend on getting a great picture first. If you're someone with the equipment, and who isn't afraid of heights (or perhaps you have a drone), then you're the person we're looking for. Please call the parish office if you can help, 732-793-7291.



New parish volunteers are always needed and welcome on a weekly and/or monthly schedule. If you can help in any way big or small, please call Joyce at 973-714-6797.

CURRENT BROCHURE CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE – www.sjbsea.org



RETREATS

March 19, 2024 – HONORING ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER
April 19-21, 2024 - RESTORE AND RENEW
April 26-28, 2024 - SPENDING TIME WITH MARY
May 3-5, 2024 - THE SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES OF THE TWELVE STEPS

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Through a joint service of Catholic Charities and the Diocese of Trenton, short term professional counseling (up to 6 sessions) is available. The fee is \$90 per session but there is financial assistance available for those who need it. Use of an individual's health insurance may also be an option.

Contact your pastor or parish priest for more information and to get assistance with the referral.



ASH WEDNESDAY, BEGINNING OF LENT, 2024



2024 Annual Catholic Appeal



This weekend we are conducting the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal—One Love, One Faith, One Family. The Appeal not only provides an opportunity for you to support important ministries that impact many programs outside of our parish boundaries, it also supports the services the Diocese provides directly to our parish. Please take the literature home with you for further information. Thank you.

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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

We Have a New Tenant!

St Pio welcomed a new tenant in January to our second floor Parish Hall offices. **Americans Gleaned Seafood** is now renting one of our meeting rooms for their office, along with our other tenant, Downeside Adoption.

In 2018, Americas Gleaned Seafood, (AGS) a New Jersey 501 (c)(3) nonprofit was formed to make fresh, NJ caught, protein-rich seafood available to New Jersey's food banks on a regular, sustainable basis.

New Jersey is home to a robust commercial fishing industry. The state's 6 major ports harvest more than 120 million pounds of seafood annually. But a large percentage - up to 25 million pounds - is “bycatch”, meaning it is not the fishermen's targeted species or for a variety of reasons, it is not marketable (National Marine Fisheries Service & NOAA, 2013). Per current regulations, this bycatch is discarded overboard, but it is perfectly good and could be donated to help feed people in need. Most fishers would prefer to do so, but there's never been a workable process in place. That is the reason AGS was created.

AGS recruits fishing co-ops, docks, and commercial fishermen and each port maintains seafood gleaning boxes where fishermen can deposit their bycatch donations. Seafood processing partners pick up and process the gleaned seafood (clean, filet, freeze, and package at a reduced cost), which are labeled and delivered to partnering food banks. From there, the seafood (along with simple, corresponding recipes) is distributed to families in need through the foodbanks pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and other programs.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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 Veneration of the
Cross & Holy Communion
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
Altar Linen Laundry	Adele Merkle	732-830-5242	merkles@verizon.net
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Holy Name Society	Tom Leonard	732-995-0044	thomasleonard62@gmail.com
Knights of Columbus	Alex Barletta, GK	908-578-5095	barlettaa@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	Volunteer Needed	Please Call the Office	
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Ushers	Chris Grandinetti	908-910-6214	chris.grandinetti@gmail.com
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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	March 19	6:30pm
K of C Ladies Auxiliary	Meeting	Monday	March 25	1:00pm
LAVALLETTE SENIORS	Meeting	Thursday		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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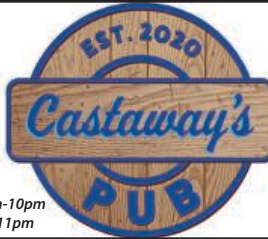
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