



# The Parish of St. Pio of Pietrelcina

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**February 28, 2021**

**Second Sunday in LENT**



*"This is  
my beloved  
Son. Listen  
to him."*

MARK 9:7

### **Our Parish is Served by:**

Rev. Fr. Joseph Hlubik, Pastor, x302

Rev. Fr. Joy Chacko, Parochial Vicar

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Rev. Monsignor Philip Franceschini

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### **MASS TIME CHANGE NEWS:**

Beginning on March 1st  
we will add Monday back into our  
Daily Mass Schedule at 8:30am

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

**8:00am and 10:00am**

*Mass Schedule & Mass Intentions*

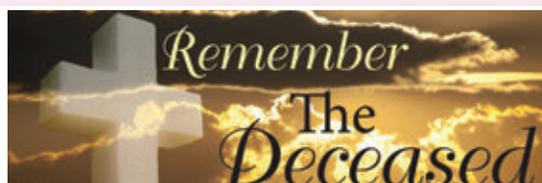


<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	<b><u>February 27</u></b>
4:00pm	<i>Joe Woods</i> r/b Sheila & Fred Whiting <i>Joseph Chiarello</i> r/b Friends
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>February 28</u></b>
8:30am	<i>Brian McDonnell</i> r/b Al & Mickie DeBenedictis <i>For the People of the Parish</i>
<b><u>Monday</u></b>	<b><u>March 1</u></b>
8:30am	<i>Jean Kalemba</i> r/b Joni & Ron Kalemba
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	<b><u>March 2</u></b>
8:30am	<i>Vincent Tavormina</i> r/b Doris & Tony Gallo <i>Karen Baker</i> r/b Jack Baker
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	<b><u>March 3</u></b>
8:30am	<i>Josephine Gadabta</i> r/b Diane Hayden
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	<b><u>March 4</u></b>
8:30am	<i>Msgr. Mark Giordani</i> r/b Diane Hayden
<b><u>Friday</u></b>	<b><u>March 5</u></b>
8:30am	<i>Vincent Tavormina</i> r/b Pat Marrone
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	<b><u>March 6</u></b>
4:00pm	<i>Maria Libby</i> r/b Laura Iansito <i>Louis Bianco</i> r/b Mary Baginski
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>March 7</u></b>
8:30am	<i>Marie Parada</i> r/b Linda Miksza <i>For the People of the Parish</i>
10:00am	<i>Vincent Tavormina</i> r/b Gary & Gerry Adams



**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, 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).**



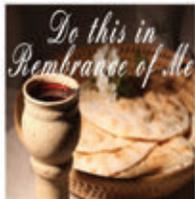
**A time to die** ...Anthony Crisafulli, Ann MacMaster, Allen Kowtko, Kathleen Helmstetter Ferrara, Charles Cerami, Annette Kurinovich, Dr. Rita Coleman, Vincent Tavormina, Raymond Maragni, Joan Mandela.



**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:*

## Abraham's near Sacrifice of Isaac, his beloved Son, from Genesis 22

The story of the near Sacrifice of Isaac by Abraham, as told in Genesis, arouses many different reactions when it is heard or read. At first glance, it can come across as the utmost cruelty. Even though Isaac is eventually spared, it leaves us to question why God would ask this kind of a sacrifice in the first place. Ancient and contemporary Jews and Christians have struggled with this story, trying to make sense of it in its own right.

Some think of it as an ancient etiology (reason) that really conveyed that God really did not demand child sacrifice, and this story is used to emphasize that point, as in the end, in the Biblical version of the story, Isaac is spared, and a ram is used instead for the sacrifice. (In ancient Israel there were instances of child sacrifice in the Bible that had taken place.)

It could also be interpreted as to reason why lambs were used in the most common animal sacrifices. The explanation why lambs were sacrificed is that the lamb substituted for Isaac, so instead of human beings, God wanted to use lambs as the way of showing our faithfulness to the covenant, which was sealed in blood. It is by the martyrs' blood that the people are saved.

Some maintain that it is still to be interpreted simply as the ultimate test of obedience, Abraham's faithfulness even when God seems to demand the impossible.

In Christianity the story resonates with the story of Jesus, who out of love for His father and for us, becomes himself the sacrifice, to take away our sins. We tie the story of Isaac and his offering to the sacrifice of Passover, where the lamb substitutes for the life of the first born (as in the story of Abraham), which is spared by using the ram's blood.

All 4 gospels tie the sacrifice of Jesus to the Passover sacrifice and the theme of the paschal lamb.

In early Rabbinic Judaism (1st thru 7th centuries) the interpretation of the story became one of celebrating martyr heroes of Judaism. Some interpretations said that Isaac was a young man (about 25 years of age) who knew what was happening, and willingly allowed himself to be bound and sacrificed. Instead of being spared, he died, as the prototype for martyrs, in service to God. (Think of the revolt against Rome 66- 70 A.D.)

As we celebrate the Eucharist, we remember Jesus, the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.



### SCAM ALERT

The Diocese of Trenton has issued an alert regarding reports of email and text scams that will use the name of a pastor to solicit funds in the form of gift cards or cash donations. The Diocese takes this opportunity to advise parishioners that pastors do not raise money in this manner and to exercise the utmost caution when receiving this type of communication.

Some law enforcement in the area urge parishioners to question any email or text that doesn't come from a person in their contacts. If the person is not known, parishioners should call the person asking for funds to verify the story. If a pastor's name is used, parishioners should contact the parish to verify the legitimacy of the appeal. Anyone who feels that they have been the victim of this type of scam is urged to contact their local police department.

## 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. 21, 2021

	This Past Week	Same week Last Year
At Church	\$3,815	\$4,217
Online	\$1,325	\$885
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,140</b>	<b>\$5,102</b>

*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.

## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

### *K of C Ladies Auxiliary*

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is BACK

Along with our Newest Creation

**EASTER DELIGHT  
CHOCOLATE LOAF**



**LAST CALL**  
Due by March 1st

The KofC Ladies Auxiliary will be selling Irish Soda Bread kits again this year, along with our newest creation, Easter Delight Chocolate Loaf! Add your own wet ingredients to our kits (dry ingredients only), and bake a large, delicious and IRRESISTIBLE loaf!

Orders and payment (\$5 per loaf) are due by March 1st. Call Joyce Burns at 732-600-0359 for more info and to place your order. ALL proceeds benefit our "charitable contributions" fund. THANK YOU for your SUPPORT!

### *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.



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

*All are Welcome!*

### *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. Pick up an application at the parish center foyer or request an application by email: jkoby2@aol.com. Applications are due by May 15th.

## *ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2021*

### **THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL – IN ACTION!**

#### **Evangelization**

Evangelization - Ministry to Families, Youth and Young Adults Every person belongs to a family. Families are the foundation of the Catholic parish. In the midst of the family and the parish community, people encounter Christ and learn to be his disciples. Family and Parish are the primary environments in which evangelization takes place. Together in Mission is a tool to support these evangelization efforts. Your gift promotes individuals and family life. Youth events and service opportunities, young adult gatherings, Marriage prep, Baptismal prep, Ministry to separated and divorced persons are just a few of the services offered.

### **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 rectory 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. We cannot enter the hospitals and visit like the old days. 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 rectory and we will assist you in getting the spiritual help you need, or we will respond ourselves as best we can!

2021  
**LENT, HOLY WEEK &  
EASTER TRIDUUM**

*at the linked parishes of:*



**ST. PIO OF PIETRELCINA CHURCH**  
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Bay Head, NJ

**Stations of the Cross**

Every Thursday during Lent after 8:30am Mass

**Palm Sunday, March 27th & 28th**

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm  
Sunday 8:00am & 10:00am

**Sacred Triduum**

*No morning Mass until Easter Monday*

**Holy Thursday**

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm  
*Church remains open for Adoration until 10:00pm*

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Liturgy of Good Friday 3:00pm

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**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](http://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**

Please remember not to remove your mask until after the priest or Eucharistic Minister puts the Sacred Host in your hand. Then 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 on the tongue please wait until all have received and then go to the end of the line of the priest distributing Communion.

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

Collection baskets are at the main doors of the Church to drop your envelopes and contributions. You can also give them to an usher as you exit 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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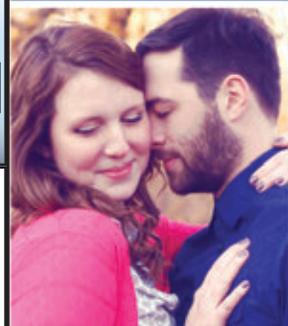
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