

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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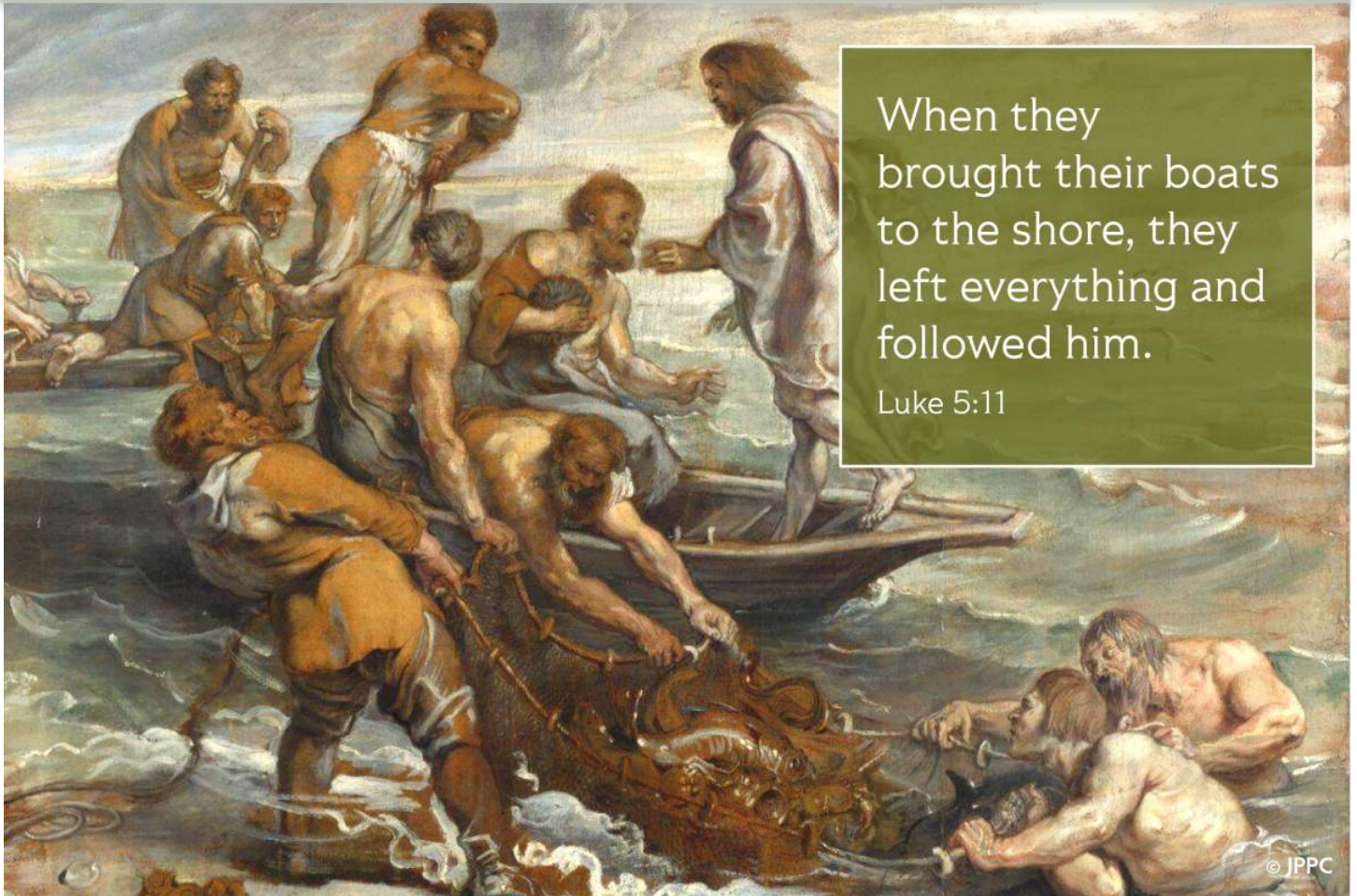
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Rev. Joseph G. Hlubik, Pastor
Deacon James Turro

Rev. Joy Chacko, Parochial Vicar



When they
brought their boats
to the shore, they
left everything and
followed him.

Luke 5:11

FEBRUARY 9 2025 - FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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 2, 2025 | Sacred Heart | Saint Pio of Pietrelcina |
|---|--------------|--------------------------|
| In Pew at Church | \$ 4,219 | \$ 4,745.00 |
| Online | \$ 1,118 | \$ 940 |
| Total | \$ 5,408 | \$ 5,685 |



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



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:

Antipas the would be King

This is the remembrance of part of a sermon preached by the Rev. Jeffrey A. Geary. The text in red are my additions and edits. Fr. Joe

<https://revgeary.wordpress.com/2018/07/16/herod-antipas-the-would-be-king/>

A Sermon preached by the Rev. Jeffrey A. Geary at the White Plains Presbyterian Church on the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, July 15, 2018

ANTIPAS: THE WOULD-BE KING – Herod Antipas dearly wanted to be king like his father, but Caesar Augustus refused to grant him the title. Upon Herod's death, the Emperor gave Judea (half the kingdom) to Herod's oldest son Archelaus with the title ethnarch (leader of people). He was fairly incompetent and (CRUEL) and was quickly (within several years) replaced by direct Roman rule in the form of Pontius Pilate. The Emperor gave half of what remained (parts of contemporary Syria and Lebanon) to his son Philip, and the remaining quarter, Galilee and Perea, to Antipas, giving each of them the title tetrarch (leader of quarters). Though the reign of Antipas (4 BCE – 29 CE) would be the first time a ruler of Galilee lived in Galilee, this was a great disappointment to the would-be monarch, so Antipas began what would be a life-long campaign to become king.

THE EXPLOITATION OF GALILEE – Drawing on the scholarship of Richard Horsley and the quotable summaries of Dom Crossan, I outlined Antipas' building program, first of his capitol city of Sepphoris as a military fortress, market and tax center in the heart of Galilee, and then of Tiberius as a new capitol on the shore of the Sea of Galilee to draw pilgrims, tourists and traders traveling the Spice Road across the water to Galilee. He renamed his first capitol after Emperor Augustus, and the second capitol after the new Emperor (Tiberius). To build these cities, however, he had to heavily tax the people and conscript labor, deeply disrupting community and village life, and he violated all forms of religious sensibilities by depopulating villages and (in the case of (the city of Tiberius) digging up a cemetery. ... Much of the poverty and illness, that John and Jesus encountered in their role as prophets came from this process of internal colonization carried out by the Herods, and it is interesting that John drew people away from these cities, and Jesus refused to visit them. And still, Emperor Tiberius refused Antipas the title of King.

A MARRIAGE OF CONVENIENCE

- Antipas was married to a Nabatean princess, the daughter of King Aretas IV. Aretas was at that time growing fabulously wealthy from the Spice Trade passing through his kingdom and his capitol/capital in Petra (now Jordan). This is the same trade Antipas wanted to draw across what he now called Lake Tiberius into Galilee). This was a smart political marriage (that helped) keep peace on Rome's borders, but Antipas secretly divorced his Nabatean wife and married Herodias (Herodias and Antipas had had an affair while Philip was visiting Rome. It is important to distinguish Herod Philip I from Philip the Tetrarch, another son of Herod the Great, who ruled over the regions of Iturea and Trachonitis.)
- Herodias was as close as you get to Jewish Royalty, being of the Hasmonean family and a descendant of the High Priest John Hyrcanus. The divorce and remarriage (and incest – Herodias was also Antipas's niece, the daughter of another brother) were political moves to bolster his religious cred. (She was as lustful for power as he was, and pushed him to keep seeking kingship from Rome. She refused to marry Antipas unless he divorced his first wife.)

The first problem is that King Aretas was highly offended when his daughter was sent packing. This led to a brief war between Galilee and Nabataea, during which Antipas suffered a humiliating defeat. The second problem was that John the Baptist, a strong opponent of Antipas's aspirations, called out his hypocrisy. Manipulating the people's hopes and religious sensibilities (regarding the Hasmonean family) did not work for Antipas because prophets like John and Jesus called him out. For this John was arrested, and then killed, and Jesus was placed under surveillance.

THE END OF ANTIPAS – ...Antipas' life campaign to be king ended in disappointment and exile. After the death of Tiberius, the new emperor, Caligula, gave Galilee to another of Antipas's brothers (Herod Agrippa) and sent Antipas and Herodias into exile in France where they ultimately died.

Rev. Joseph G. Hlubik

RANDOM SELECTION? A reflection for February 9

If we had to choose a person to help us with a particular task, we could make that choice in one of two possible ways. We could simply pick a person at random, or we could carefully select a person to assist us.

In this Sunday's Gospel (Luke 5:1-11), we see Jesus picking a boat to use as a floating platform to teach a large crowd gathered on the shore of Lake Gennesaret. Jesus chooses a particular boat, one belonging to Simon Peter.

Did Jesus simply make a random choice, or did he have a reason for deciding to use Peter's boat?

If we only consider Sunday's Gospel passage, we might assume Jesus' choice was simply arbitrary. However, if we look at chapter four, the previous chapter of Luke's Gospel, we might conclude that Jesus deliberately reached out to Peter and chose his boat.

In that chapter, we learn that Jesus had previously met Peter. We are told that after teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum and freeing a man from a demon, Jesus "entered the house of Simon" (Luke 4:38). There Jesus was told that Simon Peter's mother-in-law was suffering from a severe fever. Jesus cured her and the woman then immediately waited on them.

Then "at sunset, all who had people sick with various diseases brought them to him. He laid his hands on each of them and cured them...At daybreak, Jesus left and went to a deserted place" (Luke 4:40, 42).

While Jesus was staying at his home, Peter witnessed the healing power of Jesus. At the same time, Jesus obviously observed Peter's interactions with his wife, mother-in-law, relatives, and neighbors. During that time, Jesus came to know something about Peter and the two must have engaged in conversation.

So, when Jesus got into Peter's boat and later told him to "put out into the deep water and lower your nets for catch," Jesus was not speaking to someone he had picked at random and spoke to for the very first time. Jesus knew who Peter was and that knowledge led Jesus to invite Peter to leave his fishing boat and become a disciple.

That may have been the case with every disciple. While Jesus might have been divinely inspired by the Holy Spirit in selecting his disciples, his choices may also have been guided by watching, listening, and observing possible candidates. If the choices of Jesus were strictly divinely inspired, we would have to conclude that perhaps the Holy Spirit made a mistake in guiding Jesus to choose Judas, the one who would betray him.

Jesus had an eye on Peter, James, John, Thomas, and the others, and what he saw, heard, and observed led him to invite them to come follow him.

We might conclude the same is true for us. We too have been chosen and called to be disciples who draw people into the net of God's Church.

God's choice of us was not random. God selected us for a reason. God must see something in us, just as Jesus saw something in Peter!

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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
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- 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

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.



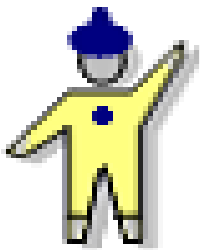
2024 Tax Statements are available from the parish office

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.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2025

The 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal is Now Underway. Bishop O'Connell's letter will soon arrive in your homes, and next weekend at all Masses, you'll have the opportunity to make your pledge to support essential diocesan ministries. During this Jubilee Year, our Appeal theme 'Fan the Flame of Hope' calls us to be Pilgrims of Hope. As the papal motto reminds us, 'Hope Does Not Disappoint' (Romans 5:5). Your gift supports ministries that offer hope to our most vulnerable neighbors, strengthen families, form clergy, educate youth, and spread Christ's love throughout our diocese. Join us next weekend to Fan the Flame of Hope through your pledge or make your gift today at giveaca.org.



We Need Your Help

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

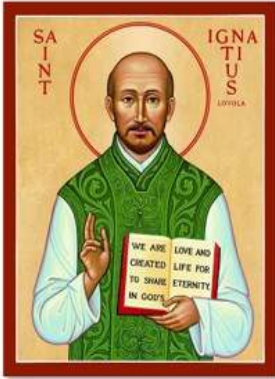
Thursday 2/13, 10am, we need able-bodied volunteers to help move the office furniture and supplies out of the offices into adjacent rooms.

Monday 2/24, 10am, we need able-bodied volunteers to help move everything back in to the offices.

To volunteer, please call the Parish Office 732-793-7291 and add your name to the sign-up sheet.

Coffee and donuts provided.

Please consider participating - many hands make light work!



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.

Attention Men! Join other Catholic men from across the Diocese of Trenton at the **28th Annual Men’s Conference** on Saturday, February 22, at **St. Mary Mother of God Church in Middletown**

The theme of this year’s conference is “Solidarity: A Time to Unite.” The day runs from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm and will feature Holy Mass celebrated by **Bishop David O’Connell**; Speakers include **Elvis Grbac**, a 2001 Pro Bowl quarterback with the Chiefs and Super Bowl XXIX champion with the 49ers, Elvis played 9 seasons in the NFL with San Francisco (1994-96), Kansas City (1997-2000) and Baltimore (2001); author of nine books, apologist and speaker for Catholic Answers, and adjunct professor at Holy Apostles College, **Trent Horn** specializes in teaching Catholics to graciously and persuasively engage those who disagree with them; and **Matthew Arnold**, an international speaker, author, and former New Age participant who converted to Catholicism in 1996, Arnold speaks internationally on a variety of topics, including devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and has hosted radio programs for EWTN and the Radio Maria Network, including Reasons for Faith LIVE and Scripture Matters LIVE with Dr. Scott Hahn.

Cost is \$60 per person; \$20 for students. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. For more information or to register online go to www.catholicmenforjesuschrist.org.

To register by mail, send the name(s) of each person registering, your check, and a **self-addressed stamped envelope** to:

Catholic Men for Jesus Christ
P.O. Box 266
Clarksburg, NJ 08510



St. Francis Food Pantry

in Seaside Heights is opened on 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!

Sacred Heart’s HNS MONTHLY 50/50 CLUB



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

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

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Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary
2025 Charity Fundraiser 🍷 Baking Kits



**Famous
Irish
Soda Bread**



and try our new
**Orange-Craisin
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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 Almsy at
732-646-1242

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



All proceeds donated
to LOCAL charities.

Lauryn Boyle presents:

Love: Lost and Found A Valentine's Cabaret

with guests:

Asia Johnson Kyle Kimmel Julie Ettore
Dr. Karen Gray Michael Kirkland

&

Leo Leuci, piano

a special appearance by Susie Peltz

Join us for an evening of your favorite musical theatre love
solos, duets, and more! A brief reception will follow.

Saturday, February 15th 6:30pm, doors open at 6pm
Manasquan United Methodist Church
17 Church St. Manasquan, NJ 08736
Tickets: \$15 at the door

A portion of proceeds will be donated to Iolanthe Opera Company.

Contact laurynboylemusic@gmail.com with any questions



Lenten Movie and Soup & Salad Luncheon

Saint Pio
Parish Hall
Wednesday
March 12
11 a.m.



MOTHER CABRINI
(2019 • 1 hr. 39 min.)

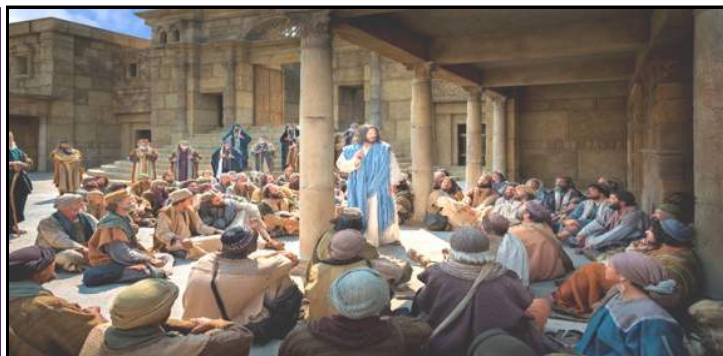
Saint Frances Cabrini was born prematurely, and was so frail she was baptized the day she was born. But overcoming tremendous odds and hardships would become her life-long trademark. She would go on to form the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart, become the friend of three popes, a foster-mother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

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



\$5
per
person
to cover
lunch*

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



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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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

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



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



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.

ABANDONMENT TO DIVINE PROVIDENCE

Tuesday, February 18, 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

I am going to summarize the essence of this classic by Jean Pierre de Caussade so that you can enjoy and internalize his message of complete abandonment to the care of Divine Providence. We seem to need that more than ever and I so desire to acquaint you with his wisdom in pointing to the Providence of God in all things. Donation: \$25, includes materials and lunch. Zoom: \$20.

DOROTHY DAY - "ENTERTAINING ANGELS"

Friday, February 21, 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Together, we will view the movie, "Entertaining Angels" to learn about Dorothy Day's message of peace and justice. Her heart was guided to live centered in Christ and out of this center came her courage, strength and love for all people. Let's discover together what she called the "revolution of the heart" as we reflect on and discuss her desire to bring God's mercy into the world. Led by Jill Snyder. Donation: \$30, includes lunch. Zoom: \$25

ASH WEDNESDAY RETREAT

Wednesday, March 5, 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 think you will enjoy *A Way Other Than Our Own* by Walter Brueggemann to guide your Lenten journey. Liturgy is included with the reception of ashes within it. Led by S. Marcy. Donation: \$40, includes lunch and book for your Lenten journey. Zoom \$25

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

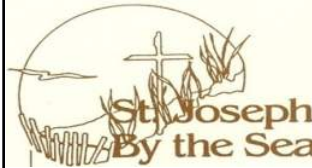
The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and The Diocese of Trenton are committed to the initiatives outlined in the U. S. Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the report and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors.



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.



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

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.sjbythesea.org

Please respond
by March 7th

St. Patrick's Day Social

March 15th 6PM
Sacred Heart Church

\$35.00 per person

*Purchase Table of
10 \$30.00 PP*

*Make checks
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and mail to

Sacred Heart

Att: Pags

751 Main Avenue

Bay Head NJ 08742

*Please fill the
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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: _____



ST. PIO ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

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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: \$68.00

Includes: Round trip Coach Bus, donation for the Monastery, guided reflection

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

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

Last day to Reserve March 1, 2025

Checks payable to: St. Pio Rosary Alter Society

Mail to: St. Pio Rosary Alter Society, 103 Washington Ave, Lavallette NJ 08735

Parish Office: 732-793-7291

----- Detach here and mail completed form with payment to the St. Pio Rosary Altar Society -----



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

Name _____ Cell# _____

Attending _____ Total \$ _____ Check # _____ Email _____



Thomas Rodes, Lucille Coppola, Christopher Barnes, Bob DeAngelo, Carol Olsen, Mary Lou Ocone, Pat and Gerald Marriner, Jennifer Mineo, Joan Blanchfield, Jean Taboada, Anthony Calabro, Louise Scarlato, Jesse O'Brien, Molly Mack, Judy Cantillo, Henry Drew, Nancy Makoski, Victor Liggeri, Ester S. Acosts, Luciano Perez, Kevin Lion, Joan Romano, Tess Fox, Richard Utter, Joan Gabriello, Kelly Palmieri, Richard Traverso, Jr., Ronald Bartz, Fr. Douglas Freer, Mary Anne Grandinetti, Nicholas Meola, Alan Kurinovich, Joseph Winchock, Janet Daniels, Vince Covello, Gina Kwornik, Helen Calavanico

Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks; Please call the parish office if you wish to extend.

Blessed, hand-made, **Prayer Blankets** are available for your loved ones at the St. Pio office, we ask for a free will donation to cover the cost of the material.



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

St Pio's Sanctuary Lamp in Church & Chapel

To burn the week of February 8-14, 2024 in loving memory of **Baby Landon Wierks** requested by Grammy



Congratulations To The Newly Baptized

Baptisms at Sacred Heart

Monroe Alexandria Daley 1/19/25



We Offer a Warm Welcome to our Recently Registered Parishioners!

St. Pio

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Schweitzer
William & Bridget Donahue
Patrick Farrell
David & Meg Geer
Anthony & Kristen Rocco & Family

Sacred Heart

Dean, Alexandria, & Monroe Daley
Ronald & Joann Russomanno
Brandon & Allison Kieslor
Donna Monica
Michael & Silvia Hanf
Michael & Lisa Hackett
Joseph & Vita DeGennaro
Raymond & Mellisa Travinski
Dr. John and Jessica Cronin
Robert & Kathleen Salera
Paul & Victoria Anello



Mary Ann Baginski, Roger Shulas, Ana Librada Ramos, Leonard Baccaro, Robert Weeden, Mary McGowen, Margaret McEnroe, Pamela Kane, Jaclyn M. Barry, Judith J. Easter, Christopher Broncati, Donna Fahey



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, especially:

- Col. Scott Wyatt, US Army
- Col. John F. Borowski, USAF
- Capt. Tyler Urban, USMC
- Lance Cpl. Jack Balwierczak, USMC
- E-4 Specialist Army, Jason Rodriguez, US Army
- Capt. Calvin Smith, US Army (deployed)
- Lt. Col. Wesley Dixon, USAF
- EM3 Jacob Keller, US Coast Guard (deployed)
- 1st Lt. Ryan Waters, USMC
- Major Megan Jimenez, US Army
- Kurtis J. Perez, SFC, US Army
- Ensign Bella Santamaria, US Navy

GOD OF LOVE AND LIFE FATHER, SON and HOLY SPIRIT

"When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said 'Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.'" Luke 5:8

Astonishment at the size of their catch had seized Peter and his partners, so much so that they changed their lives.

Perhaps we too should be astonished and perhaps we too should change our lives or at least our perspectives when we are told 73,000,000 human babies were aborted worldwide in 2024. An astonishing number even if we think of it heartlessly as a statistically and not as 73,000,000 single tragic incidents.

Do you know "a single death is a tragedy, a million deaths is a statistic". Joseph Stalin

Love Life, Protect Life, Love God



St. Pio Parish

Sacred Heart Church

Saturday, February 8

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

Vigil

4:00pm † Fr. Emmette Carroll r/b Antonette Daniels
† Jean Lodato r/b Dianne Hayden

Sunday, February 9

7:30am † For Our Parish Families & Their Loved Ones,
Both Living & Deceased
9:00am † Donna Fahey r/b The St. Pio Parish Staff
10:30am † Anthony Martino r/b Finn Family
Complete Healing Intentions for Camille Erica
Bustamante r/b Mom and Dad

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

Monday, February 10

8:30am † Leonard Baccaro r/b KofC Ladies Auxillary
† Larry Vastola r/b Dianne Hayden

Tuesday, February 11

8:30am † Bernadette Kreydatus r/b Dianne Hayden
After Mass Miraculous Medal Novena

Wednesday, February 12

8:30am † Thomas Sobka r/b Scott & Karen Sobka

Thursday, February 13

8:30am † Ana Librada Ramos r/b Dianne Hayden
After Mass Divine Mercy Chaplet

Friday, February 14

8:30am † Baby Landon Wierks r/b Trisha Pessannante
Intentions for the Wierks Family
r/b Trisha Pessannante

After Mass Adoration & Benediction (20 minutes)

Saturday, February 15

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

Vigil

4:00pm † Jean Lodato r/b St. Pio Eucharistic Ministries
† Tina Raia r/b Kim & Chris Nardone

Sunday, February 16

7:30am † Louis Cosenza r/b Daughter
For the Intentions of the Janusz & Munuz
Families r/b Stan & Maria
9:00am † For Our Parish Families & Their Loved Ones,
Both Living & Deceased
10:30am † Concetta Zacaria r/b Nick
† Andy, Peggy, and Jimmy Lavin r/b Family

Saturday, February 8

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

Vigil

4:00pm † Kevin Cassedy r/b Elizabeth & John Cassedy
† Julie Wolfe r/b A Friend

Sunday, February 9

7:15am † Kenneth Faistl r/b Family
8:30am † For Our Parish Families & Their Loved Ones,
Both Living & Deceased
10:30am † Pamela Kane r/b Rob & Debbie Giannetti

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

Monday, February 10

8:30am Intentions for Bill Richardson
r/b Friend & Family

After Mass Miraculous Medal Novena

Tuesday, February 11

8:30am † Maria Megaro r/b Family

Wednesday, February 12

8:00am The Divine Flame of Love Rosary recited before Mass
8:30am † Christian Lindsay r/b The Arrigo Family

Thursday, February 13

8:30am † Tom Gage r/b Family

Friday, February 14

8:30am Intentions for Stan & Eleanor Thomas
r/b The Daley Family
† Landon Wierks r/b Sacred Heart & St. Pio
Right To Life Ministry

After Mass Adoration & Benediction (20 minutes)

Saturday, February 15

8:30am † King Forsyth r/b Friends & Family

Vigil

4:00pm † Peter Sincore r/b Friends & Family
† Carol Reilly r/b The Reilly Family

Sunday, February 16

7:15am † For Our Parish Families & Their Loved Ones,
Both Living & Deceased
8:30am † Cynthia Worell r/b Debbie Finden
† Megan Dooley r/b Rob & Maria Scarrone
10:30am † Kathleen & Richard Keefe
r/b The Keefe Family

The second collection on February 8-9th is for Deficit Reduction.

February 2025

| St. Pio | | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 9 | 7:30am Quiet Mass/No Music 9:00am Mass 10:30am Mass | 10 8:30am Daily Mass | 11 8:30am Daily Mass | 12 8:30am Daily Mass 9:00am - 10:30am Faith Sharing 6:30pm - 10:30pm HNS Card Players | 13 8:30am Daily Mass | 14 Office Closed Valentine's Day 8:30am Daily Mass | 15 8:30am Daily Mass 3:20pm - 3:40pm Con- fession 4:00pm Vigil Mass | |
| 16 | 7:30am Quiet Mass/No Music 9:00am Mass 10:30am Mass | 17 OFFICE CLOSED Presidents' Day 8:30am Daily Mass | 18 8:30am Daily Mass 6:30pm - 10:00pm KofC - Social Meet- ing | 19 8:30am Daily Mass 9:00am - 10:30am Faith Sharing 6:30pm - 10:30pm HNS Card Players | 20 8:30am Daily Mass 12:15pm - 4:00pm Lavallette Seniors Club Meeting | 21 Office Closed 8:30am Daily Mass | 22 8:30am Daily Mass 3:20pm - 3:40pm Con- fession 4:00pm Vigil Mass | |
| Sacred Heart | | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| 9 | 7:15am Quiet Mass/No Music 8:30am Mass 9:30am - 10:45am Religious Edu- cation Class 10:30am Mass 12:00pm - 1:00pm Baptism 3:00pm - 5:00pm Bible Study - Mat- thew | 10 8:30am Daily Mass | 11 8:30am Daily Mass 9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group 11:00am - 1:00pm Catholic Charities Ocean County board meeting | 12 8:30am Daily Mass 9:15am - 11:15am Bible Study - Mat- thew 7:00pm - 9:00pm AA Meeting | 13 8:30am Daily Mass | 14 Office Closed 8:30am Daily Mass | 15 8:30am Daily Mass 3:20pm - 3:40pm Con- fession 4:00pm Vigil Mass | |
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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.

Funerals and Memorial Masses: Contact John Paglione to begin the process: 732-598-1590.

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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