

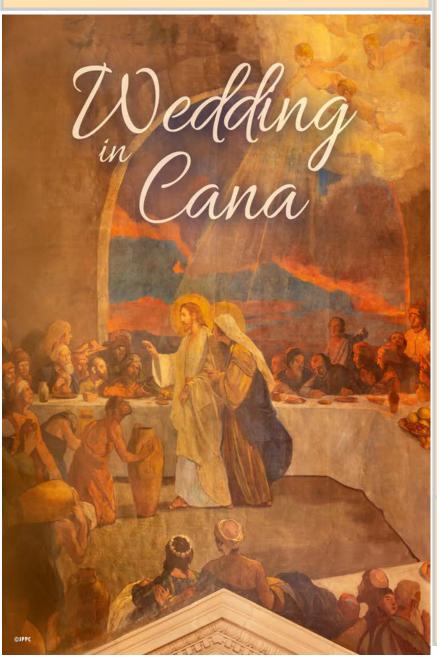
# The Parish of St. Pio of Pietrelcina

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January 16, 2022

#### SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



#### Our Parish is Served by:

Rev. Fr. Joseph Hlubik, Pastor, x302

Pastor's office hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays following 8:30am Mass

Rev. Fr. Joy Chacko, Parochial Vicar, x361

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#### Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday: 8:30am Chapel
1st Saturday of Month: 8:30am Chapel
Saturday (Vigil): 4:00pm Church
Sunday: 8:30 and 10:30am Church
Holy Days of Obligation 9:30am Church
Confession: Saturday, 3 - 3:30pm or by
appointment

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Saturday January 15

**4:00pm** *Diane Daniels* r/b Antonette Daniels

**Vigil** Alvin T. Peters r/b Wife

**Sunday** January 16

**8:30am** *Martin Unfried* r/b Pat Marrone

For the People of the Parish

**10:30am** Kay Williams r/b Linda & Tom Clark

Florence Tynski r/b Caroline Woodrow

Monday January 17

8:30am Jos Murphy r/b Joan Davi

<u>Tuesday</u> <u>January 18</u>

**8:30am** James Higgins r/b Joe & Adele Merkle

Wednesday January 19

8:30am Marge Tremain

r/b John & Donna Hanna

**Thursday** January 20

8:30am Susan Gruver r/b Bert & Mary Brady

Friday January 21

**8:30am** *Marge Tremain* r/b The Towle Family

Saturday January 22

**4:00pm** Fioribea Castillenti r/b Antonette Daniels

**Vigil** Joseph Basciano r/b Jean Peters

Sunday January 23

8:30am Ann McManus r/b Doris & Tonty Gallo

For the People of the Parish

**10:30am** *Marge Tremain* r/b Theresa Petrik

Daniel Casey r/b Janet & Ted Dore



Healing: Fr. Douglas Freer, Jill Rager, Marci Haxall, The Filippini Religious Teachers in Rome & Ethiopia, Mary Anne Grandinetti, Ginny Stefanacci, Fred Barbeito, Christopher Dorso, Nicholas Meola, Bernard D'Andrea, Sangita Rossano, Colleen Anderson, Marie Graham, RJ Graham, Michael Christa, Joann Christa, Sharon Witty, Nick Lettas, Mary Buontempo, Dennis Maloney, Michael Iansito, Ed & Ann Bonner, Tim Drake, Jimmy Deery, Jerry Betzner, Maryanne Kennedy, Annalise Magliaro, Angie Smith, Judy McDonald, 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).



<u>The Deceased:</u> Marilyn Giordano, Marge Tremain, Florence Tynski, Lucille Chiesa, Arleen Grudus, Vic Ronchetti, Marie Woodrow, Susan Dunrovich



<u>Our Heroes:</u> 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.

The Altar Bread and Wine for the month of January have been donated by a parishioner for a Special Intention.



The parish office will be closed Monday, January 17th in celebration of Martin Luther King's birth-have day.

## January 16, 2022

#### From Fr. Joe:

#### 10 SIMPLE SPIRITUAL RESOLUTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR

By Fr. Edward Looney

Losing weight, eating healthier, exercising, getting more sleep, or quitting a bad habit probably top your New Year's resolution list for 2020. Have you thought about making a spiritual resolution for 2020?

Its great to focus on physical health but what about your spiritual health.

What might a spiritual resolution look like?

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Allow me to share a few examples:

1. Begin your day with the Morning Offering-what is the first thing you do when you wake up in the morning? Hit the snooze button? Roll over? Complain that you need more sleep? St. Josemarie Excrivá wrote about the heroic minute, meaning once the alarm rings, get up and say a prayer. Learn the Morning Offering. It's a beautiful prayer which helps us to give to God everything we do during the day.

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day for all the salvation of souls, the reparation of sins, the reunion of all Christians, and in particular for the intention of the Holy Father this month. Amen.

- 2. Say the Rosary Daily or Weekly-Many Catholics learned the rosary as a child. Some pray it every day. Others occasionally. And the rest, rarely. The rosary is a great way for us to reflect on the life of Jesus and Mary, and to pray with the scriptures. Not only that, at Fatima, Mary asked us to pray the rosary daily for peace in the world. Maybe 2022 is the year to take the rosary more seriously. Begin with a decade each day, and move your way up. Pray it once a week and strive to pray it daily.
- 3. **Meatless Fridays**-Canon law 1250 says: "The penitential days and times in the universal Church are every Friday of the whole year and the season of Lent." We typically think meatless Fridays only pertains to Lent, but it is encouraged year-round. Some conferences of Catholic bishops have re-instituted the practice for every Friday. Consider being a bit more conscious about your Friday meals, and perhaps plan to abstain from meat for a particular cause, i.e. the end of abortion.
- 4. **Weekly Stations**-Not able to abstain from meat on Fridays? Canon law also suggests some other suitable form of penance in place of abstinence. Instead pray the Stations of the Cross as a "suitable form of penance." It allows you to recall Christ's passion and death, and most importantly the reason why we abstain from meat on Fridays. The Stations aren't just meant for Lent, you can pray them anytime of the year.
- 5. **Pray through a Devotional Book**-There are many devotional books, filled with mediations that will help us deepen our relationship with God. As a suggestion there are two to tackle in 2022: *Called: Becoming an Everyday Disciple in a Post-Christian Word-A Five-Week Guide* by Kevin Cooter and 52 Weeks with Saint Faustina: A year of Grace and Mercy by Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle. If you are looking for a Marian meditation book, I recommend my A Heart Like Mary's: 31 Daily Meditations to Help You Live and Love as She Does by Fr. Edward Looney.
- 6. Read a spiritual book-There are many books written by Catholic authors available for you to deepen your knowledge of Jesus, Mary, the Church, saints, and other topics relevant to Christian living. Check out the catalogues for the prominent Catholic publishers such as <a href="Twenty-Third Publications">Twenty-Third Publications</a>, Ave Maria Press, Our Sunday Visitor, Sophia Institute Press, Tan Books, and Ignatius Press. Decide to read one book this year that will benefit your spiritual life. I've decided to read books about saintly priests, so that I can be inspired by their example to strive for holiness as I serve God and His people as a priest.

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#### SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### **10 SIMPLE SPIRITUAL RESOLUTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR**

By Fr. Edward Looney (continued)

- 7. Read or pray with the Bible-There are different apps and books that could help you read the entire Bible. Or maybe choose to read a certain section of the Bible and expand your selection once you have completed your goal. Read the Gospels, or the letters of St. Paul, or the prophetic writings. Come to a greater knowledge of the word of God. And while you are at it, you can pray with the Bible, through a process called <u>lectio divina</u>, in which one reads a passage and spends a few moments meditating on a word or phrase, or engaging one's imagination with the Scripture passage. Through this prayer, God speaks in a deeper way to our souls about the Scripture contemplated.
- 8. Go on a pilgrimage-We are all on a pilgrimage in this life as we journey toward the kingdom of heaven. For Christians throughout time, one of the most coveted places to go on a pilgrimage was to the Holy Land, but there are always been a custom to make pilgrimages to shrines of the Blessed Mother (such as Marian apparition sites, or shrines erected out of the people's devotion) or the saints. There are many shrines in the United States, and even more in other countries throughout the world! If you are able, de cide to go and pray at a shrine, either locally or internationally.
- **9. Choose a saintly intercessor-**Catholic author <u>Jen Fulwiler</u> has a saint generator to help you to choose a patron saint for the new year. It's a custom that even St. Faustina did. Choose a saint, whose intercession you wish to implore throughout the year. Maybe even read a book about them..If you need help choosing one, let the saint generator help you: <u>SaintsNameGenerator.com</u>.
- 10. End your day with an Examen-We often do an examination of conscience before we celebrate the sacrament of Penance and Reconcillation. But what if every day you did an Examen? It's not just identifying our faults, but also calling to mind how God was with you throughout the day, where you received His grace, and how you could respond to grace better tomorrow. Just as we begin our day offering it to God, it's just as good to end our day asking, "How did I live for God today?"

Your resolution-I've provided 10 simple spiritual resolutions. I don't expect you to do all 10, nor would I recommend taking on all 10 on Jan. 1. Instead, choose one or two. Do it well, and decide what your next step if. It's possible you might end up doing all 10, but that will occur throughout the year of grace which 2022 can be, when we take the spiritual life seriously.



Fr. Edward Looney was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Green Bay June 6, 2015, and currently serves as Pastor of St. Francis and St. Mary Parish, Brussels and St. Peter/St. Hubert Parish, Lincoln/Rosiere. Fr. Looney's writings have been featured in the pages of Catholic Digest and Missio Immaculatae, in addition to the web on Catholic Exchange, Aleteia, Church Pop, and Homiletic and Pastoral Review. Fr. Looney formerly served as Godly Counsel for EWTN's Morning Glory, and now is a regular contributor to Relevant Radio's Morning Air. Further, he has traveled across the country delivering various Marian presentations at conferences and parishes.

### January 16, 2022

#### <u>RETREAT INFORMATION</u>

CURRENT BROCHURE FOR ST. JOSEPH BY THE SEA CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEB-SITE – www.sibsea.org. Please call Sr. Bruni at 732-892-8494 for further information on the following Retreats.

February 18-20, 2022 - COME TO THE QUIET

- A SILENT RETREAT

March 19, 2022 - HONORING ST. JOSEPH

THE WORKER

March 25-27, 2022 - FOOTSTEPS IN THE

GARDEN

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## SAVE THE DATE MARCH FOR LIFE 2022 WASHINGTON D.C.

The 49th Annual National March for Life is scheduled for Friday, January 21, 2022 in Washington, DC. Buses will be going from St. Peter's in Point Pleasant. To get a seat on the bus email Georgina at <a href="mailto:gmvastola@optimum.net">gmvastola@optimum.net</a>. Or, watch from home on EWTN all day.

In addition, the New Jersey Rally for Life is scheduled for Friday, January 14, 2022 in Trenton. Please save that date and see the flyer on the church bulletin board in the vestibule.

Please pray for an end to abortion and for conversion, reconciliation, and healing.

## GOD OF LOVE AND LIFE FATHER, SON and HOLY SPIRIT



"His mother said to the servers 'Do whatsoever he tells you'." John 2:5

Are you willing to follow **Our Holy Mother's** instructions and do whatsoever he tells you? Are you willing to "**Love your neighbor as yourself**" which includes babies in the womb?

Participate in the *Day of Prayer For the Legal Protection of Unborn Children* by being in a March for Life, Mass and/or prayer. BE, ACT and VOTE PRO-LIFE in 2022



Last Call.....

Please put your donations in the bins located in the narthex of the Church and also at the entrance to our parish hall. Some suggestions are: protein bars, packaged nuts, hard candies, gum, beef jerky, canned meats, toothpaste/brush, lip balm, eye drops, packets of Tylenol, white heavy socks, word game books, paperback books, playing cards, cards and notes of support.



"To each and everyone, I would like to thank you for all the prayers and well wishes you offered for me. I am home, feeling better and on the road to recovery. Thank you again. Looking forward to seeing you."

Tim Drake



If you would like to lift your spirits and learn a little more about your faith and your well-being think about attending the **St Pio Parish Faith Sharing Group**. They meet once a week on Wednesdays after morning Mass and spend about one hour discussing the readings for the next Sunday and what they mean to us personally. Men and women both are welcome. Please contact Dc. John if you are interested or would like more information. God Bless.



#### REMAIN VIGILANT

The rate of COVID is rising and we remind you to remain vigilant about safety procedures such as frequent hand washing, wearing your mask, and social distancing. We can all do our part to keep the spread down.

#### SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### **PARISH INFORMATION**

Anointing of the Sick - This sacrament is 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 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

#### **Receiving Communion:**

- Holy Communion will be distributed in the hand. To receive on the tongue please wait until all have received, go to the end of the line of the priest distributing Communion.
- Anyone needing a <u>low gluten host</u>, please get in the communion line in the front, on the pulpit side. Ask the minister for a low gluten Host.
- To take Communion from Mass to <u>homebound family</u> <u>members</u>, go to the sacristy <u>after Mass</u> with your pyx. Ask the priest/minister to get you a host from the tabernacle. Hosts for others will not be distributed during Mass.

#### **Lost & Found Items:**

Please call the parish office.

## Sponsorship Certificates <u>Letters of Eligibility</u>

Godparents and sponsors, together with the parents must be willing to help the baptized grow in love for Christ and neighbor. By word and example, the godparents will encourage the candidate to live the Christian life and fulfill faithfully the obligations connected with it. (cf. Code of Canon Law, c. 872-874).

#### A sponsor must:

- be at least 16 years of age.
- have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist & Confirmation.
- if married, must have been married in the Catholic Church.
- attend Mass faithfully participating in the life and support of the Church, receiving the Eucharist, and leading a life according to the teachings of the Church.
- be registered at the Parish of St. Pio of Pietrelcina for at least six (6) months prior to the request.

Please note, if you received all your sacraments at St. Pio of Pietrelcina years ago but now live elsewhere, you are a member of the parish in whose territory you reside. This is where the sponsor certificate must be obtained.

\*\*Children of parishioners over 21 years of age should register independently.\*\*







#### **IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR**

2020 Tax Statements are available from the parish office after January 10th. Please either call or email if you would like to receive one. We can mail the statement to your home or your <u>e-mail address!!!</u> As a reminder, if you gave online, your statement is available now directly from Parish Giving. Just log on to your account.

#### 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
Collection Counters	Joe Kobylarz/Rich Traverso	973-747-4599	objoekoby@aol.com
Communion for Homebound	Dianne Hayden Theresa Coleman	732-575-0222 732-830-3168	dkhay5@aol.com theresahgts@aol.com
Faith Sharing	Dc. John Hanna	732-793-7291 x320	jhanna@stpioparish.com
Holy Name Society	Bill Haight	201-334-6686	beachbum09@optonline.net
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Parish Nurses	Joan Blanchfield	201-362-4148	blanch139@gmail.com
Pro-Life	Georgina Vastola	732-742-3986	gmvastola@optimum.net
Raffle Committee	Jack McCormack	732-830-4787	jack17mac@verizon.net
Religious Education & R.C.I.A.	John Paglione	732-899-1398 x5	pags711@gmail.com
Rosary Altar Society	Pat McCourt	732-830-6519	fifthmyles@yahoo.com
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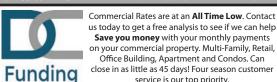


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