

The Parish of St. Pio of Pietrelcina

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January 1, 2023

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God



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Mass Schedule

Monday - Saturday:	8:30am Chapel
Saturday (Vigil):	4:00pm Church
Sunday:	9:30am Church

Holy Day of Obligation (Vigil):
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Confession: Saturday 3 - 3:30pm or by appointment

New Year 2023

The Flame of Love Of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Join Jesus and Mary in conquering Satan who blinds us by his deceptions. Help us build a culture of holiness in harmony with God and saving all who are under the influence of Satan.

**Saturday, January 7th
9:30 am at the Parish Hall at Sacred Heart Church
Bay Head**

John Sullivan III, the Assistant International Coordinator of the Flame of Love Movement, will be with us to give a short presentation and answer questions about the movement to our 2 parishes. I am ardently encouraging as many people of our parishes to attend.

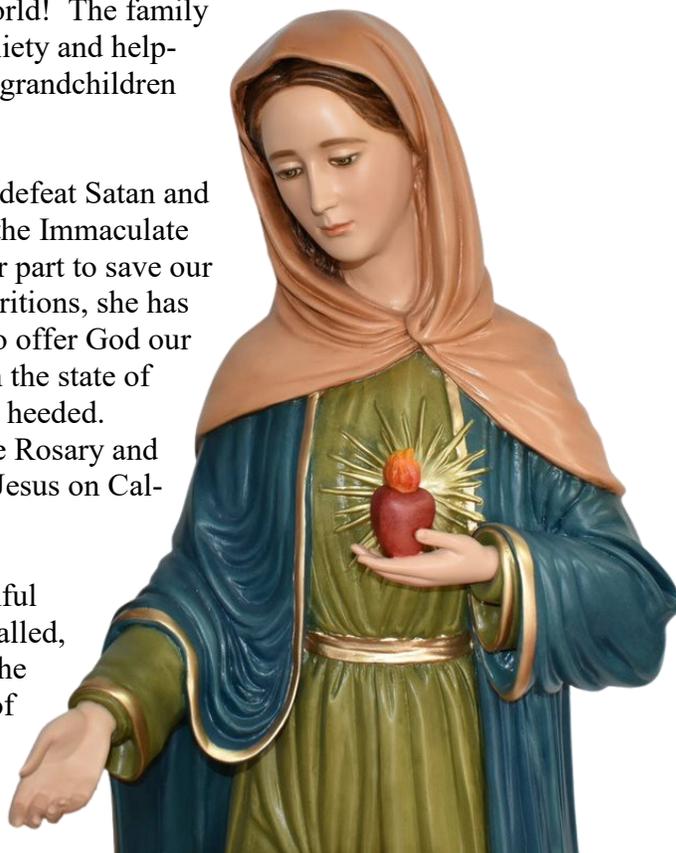
Dear Parishioners,

We begin 2023 in the midst of many horrible events that have happened and are unfolding in our world. Even the rate of attacks on the family increases day by day.

In our own nation and throughout the world, Christianity is being undercut and replaced by pagan, atheistic and Satanic influences in our governments and among our population. There are even enemies of God within the Church itself! The liberal agenda is destroying our world! The family as we know it being destroyed. I am sure you feel the anxiety and helplessness of what to do about it, how to save our children, grandchildren and future generations.

But do not despair. There is an effective counter that can defeat Satan and all his allies, if you are willing to cooperate. It is joining the Immaculate Heart of Mary in a vast army of prayer warriors, to do our part to save our world. In her appearances at Fatima and many other apparitions, she has time and again pleaded with us to pray the rosary daily, to offer God our daily sacrifices, to go to confession regularly to remain in the state of Sanctifying grace. Yet for the most part, she has not been heeded. Please respond to this critical message. Our weapon is the Rosary and Mary- who is spreading the effects of the graces won by Jesus on Calvary for the salvation of everyone in our world.

In this regard, there is a relatively new movement of faithful Catholics, who are responding to our Lady's pleas. It is called, "the Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary." The Flame of love of her heart is Jesus Christ, and the effect of his salvific graces. Mary prays for the salvation of all, even enemies.



The movement is a consequence of locutions (voices) of Jesus and Mary who conversed with a Hungarian woman from 1962 to 1982, named Elizabeth Kindelmann. Her life was spent under the communist regime of the Soviet Empire. She died in 1982. She was a lowly wife and mother of 6, chosen by Mary. Her spiritual advisor directed her to write down the messages she received. The main thrust of the conversations is that we are living in a very dangerous time, because the boiling caldron of Satan's hatred for humanity is now being poured out upon our world as never before.



The Flame of Love Movement, has only recently, since 2009, been approved as a private devotion by the Church. It has an imprimatur of Archbishop Chaput (former Archbishop of Philadelphia), and the blessing of Pope Francis. The movement has spread rapidly throughout the world, since Church approval.

The objective is to join Mary in winning the hearts of all of us, transforming us through communion with Jesus and the transforming grace of the Holy Spirit. We pray and periodically fast for the suffering souls in Purgatory and all of us living and being deluded by our materialistic culture and by Satan's many delusions, including priests, and especially for the members of our families.

There are two powerful prayers that have been revealed for us to pray along with the Rosary.:

- One is a petition inside the Hail Mary: at the second part of the Hail Mary, we pray: "Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners, **and spread the effects of thy flame of love over all of humanity**, now and at the hour of our death."
- The second prayer is called the **Unity Prayer**. This was revealed to Elizabeth by Jesus Himself! "**My adorable Jesus, May our feet journey together, May our hands gather in unity (gather souls to save), May our souls be in harmony, May our hearts beat in unison, May our thoughts be as one, May our ears listen to the silence together, May our glances profoundly penetrate each other, May our lips pray together to gain mercy from the eternal Father.**"

I love this prayer. It is to realize this Holy Communion in Jesus every day and every time we say it. I love to pray it especially after receiving Holy Communion. It is not as it first reads, which is that we want Jesus to join us, but that we join Jesus! We know what that means: following Him on the way of the cross! But it also follows with the joy of the Resurrection! We are transformed by the grace of the Holy Spirit!

Come Pray with Us! We have already started a very small Flame of Love Prayer Group at Sacred Heart in Bay Head. We join to pray together on Saturday mornings at 7:45, followed by the Miraculous Medal Novena, Mass at 8:30 a.m., and the Divine Mercy Chaplet immediately after Mass.

For more information visit:
<https://flameoflove.us>

They have many pamphlets and the diary of Elizabeth (a longer and shorter edition) as well as many other resources and educational materials.

Grace has five effects in us: first, our soul is healed; second, we will good; third, we work effectively for it; fourth, we persevere; fifth, we break through to glory. - St. Thomas Aquinas

Rev. Joseph G. Hlubik

Pastor of the Linked Parishes of
Sacred Heart and St. Pio of Pietrelcina Churches

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Padre Pio Prayer Anthology

Our first parish prayer anthology will include many types of prayers. We will begin our collection with prayers that you can use to develop a relationship with God that is more personal and intimate.

Prayer #43: Focus Point:

The holiday season is always an exhilarating time of year! It can also exhaust us in mind, body and spirit. It can leave us with the “winter blues”. Many times when we are in some way depleted, we become vulnerable - vulnerable to illnesses, lethargy and even just the “winter doldrums”. This is also a time when we might become the most open to either finding God, or to realizing the need to make God more prominent in your thoughts, and also in the choices you make in your daily lives! Fr Joe expressed this nicely, as he said, “When we become lazy in our attitude and lax in our faith, we open ourselves up to the possibility of losing our spiritual life.”

Prayer for Our Personal Renewal of Mind, Body and Spirit

Dear Lord, help me to recognize when my time spent with You in prayer lessens, and I start to become less enthused about practicing my faith. Perhaps this occurs during the times when I am sad, tired, bored or simply preoccupied. Bring the fire of Your infinite love into my heart at these uncertain moments. Renew my spirit, and my strength to deal with life. Most importantly, renew my awareness of Your constant presence in my life, of Your steadfast love for me, and of Your great desire to form a caring and unbreakable bond with me! Help me to pray openly, honestly and frequently, so that our relationship will grow, and create a deep and satisfying love between us. May this love sustain me and empower me to live my faith all the days of my life. Amen.

Closing thoughts:

Tell Jesus what is in your heart. Thank Him for your gifts and most of all, thank Him for loving you with His

*The parish office will be closed on
Monday,
January 2nd in celebration of
New Year's Day.
Wishes for a Blessed & Healthy
2023*



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Free Support Groups

Alzheimer's and Dementia Caregivers

11:00 am Every 1st Friday of the Month

10:00 am Every 2nd Tuesday of the Month

1:00 pm Every 3rd Thursday of the Month

6:00 pm Every 4th Monday of the Month

A support group can help you.....

- Be a part of a community of people who have the same experiences
- Reduce anxiety, guilt, and uncertainty
- Better understand the dementia disease process
- Get advice or information about practical solutions or care options
- Improve or learn healthy coping skills
- Discover new and positive care skills which can provide a better quality of life for you and your care partner
- Uncover ways to keep your care partner at home longer

All support groups are facilitated by Linda Panarella, Director of Development at Town Square at the Jersey Shore and Town Square Princeton—two new and innovative Adult Day Enrichment Centers. Linda is a Certified Dementia Practitioner and PAC Certified Trainer with over 15 years' experience as a care specialist in a variety of senior care settings.

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The **Altar Bread and Wine** were donated for the month of January in loving memory of **Don Gillmore** requested by the Gillmore Family.

The **Altar Flowers** were donated for the weeks of December 24th through January 6th in loving memory of **Joseph Baginski** requested by the Baginski Family.



GOD OF LOVE AND LIFE FATHER, SON and HOLY SPIRIT



Happy New Year

In 2023 may you receive and accept the gifts of the Holy Spirit: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety and Fear of the Lord.

And from today's first reading may **Our Lord** "look upon you kindly and give you peace" **Numbers 6:26**. As originally written the English word peace would have been the Hebrew word shalom meaning peace, prosperity and happiness.

And may all Catholics continue to respect life from conception to natural death. **Shalom!**

Respect Life Committee at SHRCBH@comcast.net

January 1, 2023



New Year's Eve
Saturday, December 31st
4:00pm

New Year's Day
Sunday, January 1st
8:30am and 10:30am

Please note that starting
January 8, 2023, there will be only
one Mass on Sundays
in the main Church
at 9:30am.

This will remain in effect
for the winter season. Vigil Mass
remains the same on Saturday
evening at 4pm.

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For more information, please contact:

Marta Barkhausen, Business Manager
732-793-7291 x322 or marta@stpioparish.com

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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. Those wishing to receive Communion on the tongue should wait until the end of the Communion distribution and receive from the Priest.
- Only Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion with a valid Sacred Heart/St. Pio ID card can receive Communion in a Pyx to take to the sick and homebound. For anyone that is not a Eucharistic Minister and is requesting a Host needs to see the Priest before or after Mass. Hosts will not be distributed during Mass.
- If you need a low gluten Host, please go to the Communion line in the front on the pulpit side, and ask

Sponsorship Certificates Letters of Eligibility

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.****

Thank You for your Support!!

Feast Days for the Week

January 1	Solemnity of Mary
January 2	Memorial of Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen,
January 4	Memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
January 5	Memorial of St. John Neumann

Contributions Weekend of Dec. 25, 2022	This Past Week	Same week Last Year
At Church	N/A	\$3,328
Online	At	\$1,456
Total	Printing	\$4,784



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.



Contributions Weekend of Dec. 18, 2022	This Past Week	Same week Last Year
At Church	\$5,387	\$6,597
Online	\$1,005	\$1,666
Total	\$6,392	\$8,263

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PROMISE TO PROTECT- PLEDGE TO HEAL

The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and to its own policies and guidelines in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. 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 e-mail at abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org. The diocese reports allegations of abuse to the law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation should provide information to law enforcement authorities.

Retreat

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

February 10 - 12, 2023
Marianist Family Retreat Center
Cape May Point, NJ 08212

Come join other young adults (ages 22 – 35) married or single, to take a step back from our busy lives. This will be a time to examine your personal faith and your relationship with God, your family members and yourself. Our time will be filled with prayer experiences, peer group discussions, Eucharist and lots of fun!

Cost: \$145 per person

**Register at: www.caemaymarianists.org
or call 609-884-3829**

Some financial aid is available.



If you would like to lift your spirits and learn a little more about your faith and 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 Maureen Zebrowski if you are interested or would like more information.

St. Francis Food Pantry

in Seaside Heights is opened on Wednesdays from 10am until 12 noon. The demand for donations is great. 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. He would be happy to stop by your home to do a pick up. The food pantry is grateful for the support that has been given over the years and hopefully you will continue to support your neighbors who are in need.
Thank you!



NEW EYES for the NEEDY

The **Knights of Columbus, Council 8415**, provides a container in the vestibule of the Church for the collection of used eyeglasses. They are sent to the Lyons Club. The eyeglasses are tested and sorted by volunteers for use by medical missions and hospitals in the Caribbean, Central and South America, Africa, Asia and Central Europe as well as by American veterans. Please remember to drop your old eyeglasses in the container.

Thank you.

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
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Holy Name Society	Bill Haight	201-334-6686	beachbum09@optonline.net
Knights of Columbus	Donald Almasy, GK	732-407-3226	throssell@verizon.net
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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	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	Joan Blanchfield	732-854-1276	blanchrn139@gmail.com
Wedding Ministry	Joyce Kobylarz	973-714-6797	jkoby2@aol.com
Ushers	Chris Grandinetti	908-910-6214	chris.grandinetti@gmail.com

SCHEDULE OF ORGANIZATIONS

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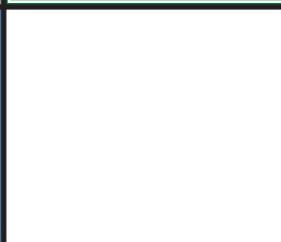
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