



The Parish of St. Pio of Pietrelcina

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January 2, 2022

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord



Our Parish is Served by:

Rev. Fr. Joseph Hlubik, Pastor, x302

Pastor's office hours: Tuesdays &
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Rev. Fr. Joy Chacko, Parochial Vicar, x361

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Tim Drake, Facilities Manager

Alex Barletta & Jack McCormack,
Trustees

Mass Schedule

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| 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 |
| <u>Confession:</u> | Saturday, 3 - 3:30pm or by appointment | |

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Mass Intentions

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| <u>Saturday</u> | <u>January 1</u> |
| | <u>First Saturday</u> |
| 8:30am | <i>For the Victims of the Tornadoes in Kentucky and the Surrounding Areas</i> |
| 4:00pm Vigil | <i>Kevin Zebrowski r/b Maureen Zebrowski Dr. Michael J. Phillips r/b Marguerite & John VanDorpe</i> |
| <u>Sunday</u> | <u>January 2</u> |
| 8:30am | <i>For the People of the Parish James Higgins r/b Pat Marrone</i> |
| 10:30am | <i>Marty Unfried r/b Gerry Dolinski Vic Ronchetti r/b Joyce & Joe Kobylarz</i> |
| <u>Monday</u> | <u>January 3</u> |
| 8:30am | <i>Frank Macnab r/b Connie Barraco</i> |
| <u>Tuesday</u> | <u>January 4</u> |
| 8:30am | <i>Marge Tremain r/b Bart & Theresa Coleman Robert Crossken r/b Family</i> |
| <u>Wednesday</u> | <u>January 5</u> |
| 8:30am | <i>Clelia Scordamaglia r/b Maria & Francis Chiarella</i> |
| <u>Thursday</u> | <u>January 6</u> |
| 8:30am | <i>Veronica Potter r/b The Cremins Family</i> |
| <u>Friday</u> | <u>January 7</u> |
| 8:30am | <i>Danielle Ceceri r/b Connie Barraco</i> |
| <u>Saturday</u> | <u>January 8</u> |
| 4:00pm Vigil | <i>Deana L. Petrullo r/b Chris Grandinetti & the Ushers of St. Pio's The Barbeito Family r/b Margo Camacho</i> |
| <u>Sunday</u> | <u>January 9</u> |
| 8:30am | <i>Patricia Flaherty r/b John & Cathy Coghlan For the People of the Parish</i> |
| 10:30am | <i>Marge Tremain r/b Debbie & Jack McCormack Lorraine Hawkins r/b Deb & Tom Phair</i> |



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, Louise Scarlato, 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, 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).



The Deceased: Marilyn Giordano, Marge Tremain, Florence Tynski, Lucille Chiesa, Arleen Grudus, Vic Ronchetti, Marie Woodrow

Our Heroes: 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.



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 of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.

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From the Pastor's Desk

Epiphany House Blessing for 2022

Whether you've just moved into a new home or you've lived in the same house for 20+ years, here is a simple house blessing you and your family can do together. You are welcome to take home Holy Water from the baptismal font in the Church on January 2nd when the Epiphany water is blessed - any container is fine!

Begin with making the sign of the cross together.

Opening Prayer: "When Christ took on flesh, He made his home with us. Let us now pray that He will enter this home and bless it with his presence. May He always be here among us; may He nurture our love for each other, share in our joys, and comfort us in our sorrows. We pray this in the name of Jesus our Lord."

Scripture Reading from the Letter to the Colossians:

"You are God's chosen ones. He loves you. You should be clothed in sincere compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other. The lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same.

Over all these, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts. Be thankful. Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." (Col 3: 12-17)

Blessing the rooms of your home:

Sprinkle each room with holy water (available from baptismal font of the Church on Jan. 6). At the home's entrance: O God, protect our going and coming. Let us share the hospitality of this home with all who visit us.

In the living room: O God, give your blessings to all who share this room that we may be knit together in companionship.

In the kitchen: O God, You fill the hungry with good things. Send your blessing on us as we work in this kitchen, and make us ever thankful for our daily bread.

In the dining room: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, for You give us food and drink to sustain our lives and make our hearts glad. Help us to be grateful for all your mercies and mindful of the needs of others.

In each bedroom: Protect us Lord as we stay awake; watch over us as we sleep, that awake we may keep watch with Christ and asleep, we may rest in his peace.

Together, pray the Our Father.

Final prayer: "Be our shelter, Lord, when we are home, our companion when we are away, and our welcome guest when we return. And at last receive us into the dwelling place You have prepared for us in your Father's house, where You live forever and ever. Amen.

Conclude with the sign of the cross.

Adapted from Catholic Household

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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!

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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.

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 #31

Focus idea: All of us have probably used the expression, 'heaven help us' when we are shocked or amazed at something that has recently happened, either in the world or in our personal lives. Most likely we are feeling sad, scared or discouraged. And then what? Do we do anything about it, or do we just let the feeling fade away? Most likely we really don't know what to do. So maybe we should pray. When we pray, we shouldn't expect that God will solve our problems for us, but rather that God will inspire us with an idea for what we can do to solve our own problems or at least to lessen the pain of our concerns or circumstances. And then we need to listen! And then we need to trust in the response that the Holy Spirit brings into our hearts! And then most importantly, we need to act upon God's response to our prayers! As Fr. Joe has said, "So many times we are confused by what is happening to us in life. But God will take the worst circumstances and make them a vehicle of strengthening us and inspiring us, IF we are people of prayer." So 'heaven' will always help us, IF we ask, and IF we listen!

Prayer for Trust in the Inspiration of the Holy Spirit: Dear Jesus, please help me to feel that I am never alone. My life's journey here on earth will have some serious 'bumps in the road'. You know when I am in need. Call out to me. Remind me to pray, to spend intimate time with You, and to truly feel that I can always turn to You when I feel alone or distraught. Please send the Holy Spirit into my heart with Your message. And help me to listen, and to trust in that message. Bless me with Your grace, so that I may have the strength and courage to act upon Your message. I love You with all my heart. Thank You for loving me back, and for the glorious feeling that Your love brings to me! 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 most Sacred Heart!

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RETREAT INFORMATION

CURRENT BROCHURE FOR ST. JOSEPH BY THE SEA CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE – www.sjbsea.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 gmvastola@optimum.net. 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**



“And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.” Matthew 2:12

The Magi did not return to Herod. When Herod realized he was deceived, he ordered all boys two years old and younger in Bethlehem and its vicinity to be massacred. Thus was heard the sobbing and lamentations of Rachel weeping for her children and she could not be consoled since they were no more. Today's baby about to be aborted laments as did Rachel, **“please let me have my chance to live; I can't escape. I can't cry out. My life depends on you.” BE, ACT and VOTE PRO-LIFE in 2022**

Thank You!

“ Dear Parishioners and Friends:

St. Pio of Pietrclcina's 2021 Annual Giving Tree project was a huge success. I'd like to thank each and every one of you for your very generous donations and constant support. It's because of you that we were such a success. Our Parish is grateful for all of you and so is the Madonna House and Downey Side Adoption Agency.

Thank you to the ushers who, without me asking, waited around after Mass to assist with taking the gifts out of the church. Thank you to Tim Drake, who moved the tree to the front of the Church, to the back, to the side and assisted in any way that he could. We are all still praying for your full recovery.

Thank you to Kathy Diffley for being there every time I called. Pat McCourt and the entire Faith Sharing group for writing tags and tying knots (I'll buy new ribbon next year, promise!). Thank you to my husband, Greg, who started this with me and encouraged me along the way. Chris Grandinetti, I was forever grateful when you said yes before I even had a chance to finish what I was saying. Thank you to Karen and Paul Sandy for your advice and for your prior years of running The Giving Tree and stepping in on the last day to assist in getting this done. A very special thank you to my two partners in crime ... Connie Barraco, I don't know what I would do without your insight, advice and constant helping hand when I need it. Pat Kevish who took a project started by me and finished it without me asking. You took “getting things done,” to a new level.

I wish you all a very happy and healthy 2022. God Bless you all and stay safe.

Laura Bierster, Giving Tree Chairperson”



May you have a holy, healthy, and happy New Year in 2022. Let us pray that God will grant us the blessings that we need and also thank Him for blessings received.

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



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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. 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 **low gluten host**, 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 **homebound family members**, go to the sacristy **after Mass** 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 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!!

| Contributions Weekend of Dec. 26, 2021 | This Past Week | Same week Last Year |
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| At Church | N/A | \$4,675 |
| Online | At | \$1,225 |
| Total | Printing | \$5,900 |

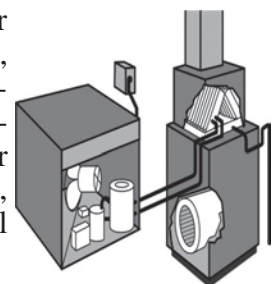
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The installation of the new sound system in the Church has been completed and is up and running. Enjoy the clarity of the readings, the homilies, and the hymns.

Since we are trying to keep our facilities free of health issues, we want to remind our parishioners that air filters were installed in all the buildings in our complex, including the Church, the Chapel, the parish hall, all meeting rooms and offices.



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 |
| Ladies Auxiliary to the KofC | Joyce Kobylarz | 973-714-6797 | jkoby2@aol.com |
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| 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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