

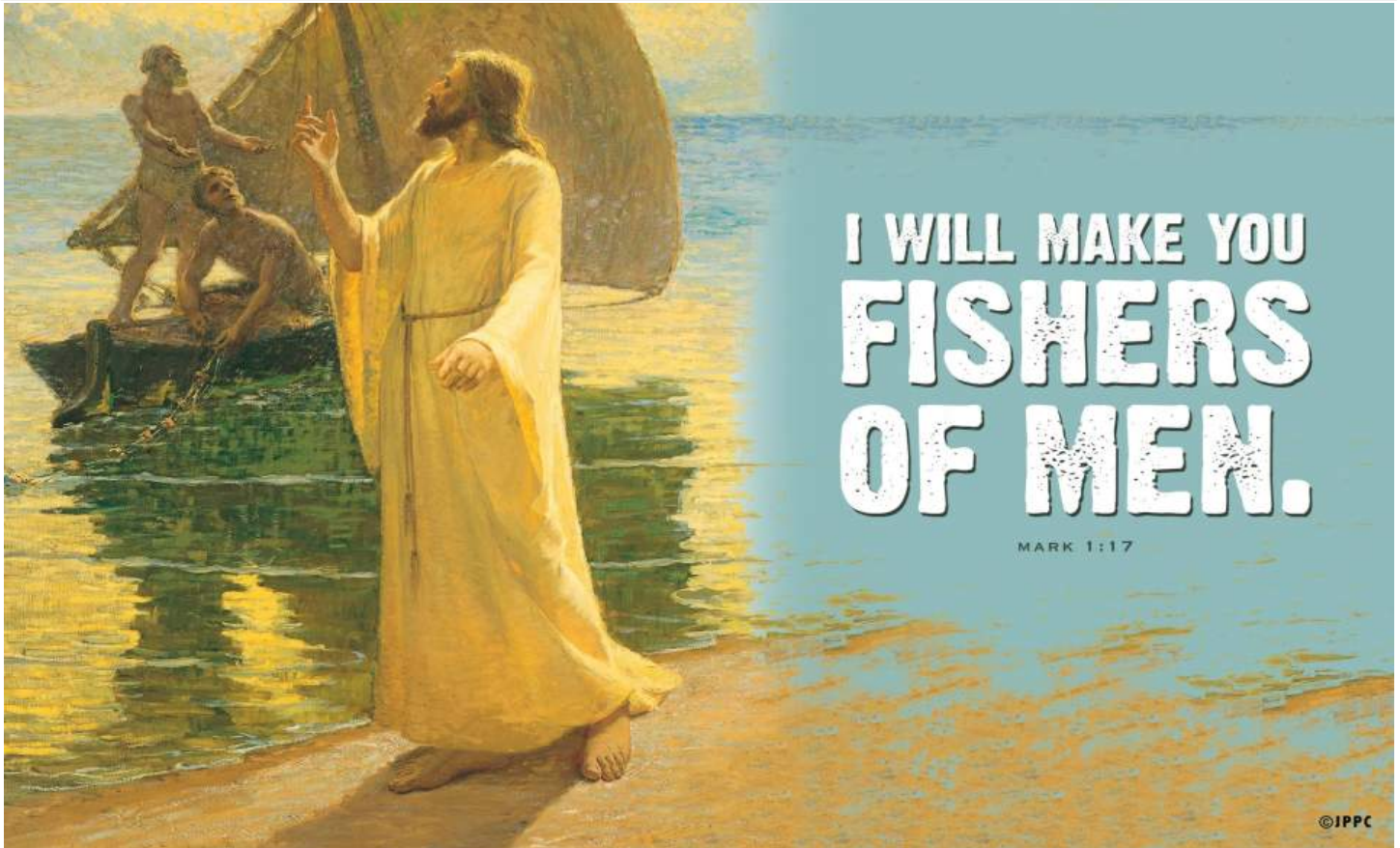
# The Parish of St. Pio of Pietrelcina

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**January 21, 2024**  
**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**



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

Rev. Fr. Joseph Hlubik, Pastor

Rev. Fr. Joy Chacko, Parochial Vicar

## **Assisting Priests:**

Rev. Monsignor Phil Franceschini

## **Pastoral and Support Staff:**

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x322

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Ministries & Catechesis 732-899-1398, x5  
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973-714-6797

Caroline Woodrow, Director of Music, x315

## **Parish Secretaries:**

Connie Barraco x316

Laura Bierster x321

Pat Kevish x301

Office Hours: Mon. Tues. Wed. 9am - 2pm

## **Mass Schedule**

Monday - Saturday: 8:30am Chapel  
Saturday (Vigil): 4:00pm Church  
Sunday: 7:30 (no music), 9:00 and 10:30am Church

**Confession:** Saturday 3 - 3:30pm or by appointment



**Saturday, January 20, 2024**

**8:30am** For Our Parish Families & Their Loved Ones, both Living & Deceased

**Vigil**

**4:00pm** Floridea Castellenti r/b Antonette Daniels  
William Zaidel r/b Vassallo Family

**Sunday, January 21, 2024**

**7:30am** Rose Dannofo r/b Laura & Greg Bierster  
Marjorie Lipari r/b Holy Name Society

**9:00am** For the People of the Parish  
Michael Donovan r/b Gail & Joe Marini

**10:30am** Vasco Freitas r/b Janczewski Family  
Louis R. Bianco r/b Chris Grandinetti

**Monday, January 22, 2024**

**8:30am** Peter Barkhausen r/b Joe & Joyce Kobylarz

**Tuesday, January 23, 2024**

**8:30am** Fr. Fred Kochan r/b Felicia & Chuck Karstens

**After Mass** **Miraculous Medal Novena**

**Wednesday, January 24, 2024**

**8:30am** A Personal Thanksgiving r/b Mary Shaffer

**Thursday, January 25, 2024**

**8:30am** Michael Donovan r/b Joe & Joyce Kobylarz

**After Mass** **Divine Mercy Chaplet**

**Friday, January 26, 2024**

**8:30am** Vincent Tavormina r/b Connie Barraco

**After Mass** **Adoration & Benediction - 20 min.**

**Saturday, January 27, 2024**

**8:30am** For Our Parish Families & Their Loved Ones, both Living & Deceased

**Vigil**

**4:00pm** Lynette Galisewski r/b Vassallo Family  
Fr. Fred Kochan r/b Diana Kochan

**Sunday, January 28, 2024**

**7:30am** For the People of the Parish

**9:00am** Josephine Petronella  
r/b Al & Mickie De Benedictis

**10:30am** Robert & Adelaide Joubert r/b Grandchildren  
Erin Ryan r/b Paul & Karen Sandy

**Healing:**

Fr. Douglas Freer, Nick Lettas, Mary Anne Grandinetti, Mary Buontempo, Pat McCourt, Maureen Burrell, Baby Landon Wierks, Ginny & Emil Stefanacci, Jim Tavormina, Nicholas Meola, Joe Romano, Alan Kurinovich, Tommy Traina, Eddie McCrabb, Joseph Winchock, Antonette Daniels, Janet Daniels, Vince Covello, Judi Pecoraro, Amina Gavan, Pam McClellan, Maegan Higham, Shannon Finnegan Cook, Karen Caufield, Jeff McBride, Fr. Joe Hlubik, Gina Kwornik, Eileen Carroll, Michael Garcia, Alex Barletta, Jr., 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).*



**Deceased:** Arline Daley, Peter Barkhausen

**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,



especially:

Capt. Tyler Urban, U.S. Marine Corps.  
(deployed)

Lance Cpl. Jack Balwierzczak, U.S. Marine Corps.

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## Understanding Jesus as the son of David and the Lamb of God

Last weekend we read at Mass during the first reading, the episode featuring the call of one of the greatest prophets and priests of Israel, Samuel. This story occurs when he was a youth, and had been dedicated to God for service at the Shrine at Shiloh, which is about 15-20 miles north of Jerusalem, along the Central Ridge Route. Shiloh was the major cultic site of Israel for almost 400 years. This is before David conquered (Salem) Jerusalem, occupied by a group referred to as the Jebusites.

At the time when Samuel arose, the tribes of Israel were mostly in the eastern region of the present-day Israel, up in the highlands, and in the drylands along and beyond the central ridge route of Biblical Israel. You could say that the people were primarily hillbillies.

The Phoenicians were a seafaring people who occupied the northern coastal regions of present-day Israel and much of present day Lebanon.

The Philistines occupied mostly the southern coastal region (present Gaza). The Philistines also originated as an immigrant group from the [Aegean](#) Sea that settled in [Canaan](#) about 1100 BC, probably from Crete. Over time, they gradually assimilated elements of the indigenous [Levantine Semitic societies](#). In the 6<sup>th</sup> century BC they lost their distinct cultural identity, after being assimilated by the neo-Babylonian empire. (Wikipedia).

Samuel's name in Hebrew comes from 2 words: the verb (שָׁמַע *shama'*), to hear, and (אֱלֹהִים *elohim*), God. Samuel is the one who heard God's Words and proclaimed them to the people. Samuel's was the powerful voice that enthroned and dethroned Kings, that is how much power he had, and the people (in general) respected his authority.

Samuel selected and anointed the first King of Israel: Saul. Saul did not last long because he disobeyed God, and Samuel, so that Samuel took away his authority and anointed David as the King. David, whose name means beloved, was certainly the beloved King of Israel and God. God makes a covenant with him, assuring that someone from his family line will govern Israel.

2 Samuel 7:8-29 is a record of the [Davidic Covenant](#) establishing David and his descendants as kings of Israel. David captures the city of Salem which is then called Jerusalem, and makes it the center and capital of the nation.

Jerusalem was conquered and the city and temple were destroyed by the Babylonians (587 B.C.) The rule (kingship) taken away from David's line. Many prominent people were exiled to Babylon. In their exile a new form of spiritual leadership evolved. That of the rabbi's and scribes, as well as places of worship. As the Temple had been destroyed, there was no longer the ability to offer blood sacrifices by the priests to God. The Hebrew Scriptures became the focus of worship, and the Rabbis (teachers) and scribes emerged and became the focus of interpreting and understanding the Scriptures and God's wisdom working in the world through them. Sacrifice also, in addition to animal sacrifices, could be understood as "spiritual sacrifices" as well. When the exiles returned (538 B.C.) great expectation arose among many for a return of a "messiah" an anointed King from the line of David, who would re-establish God's rule of Israel through him.

Since Jesus was of David's family line, His cousin, John the Baptist, identified Him as "lamb of God." This imagery was reminiscent of the ram that was used in the sacrifice by Abraham on Mt. Moriah (which is believed to be the location of the Temple mount even today.) If you remember God had asked Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac. At the last moment, an angel was sent by God to stay his hand, and instead offer a ram which was in a thicket of brush nearby. During the time of the Maccabees, and maybe even before then during the time of Isaiah the prophet, the idea and connection with the sacrifice of Isaac which was retold with the idea that Isaac, instead of being a young boy, was an adult and willingly allowed his father to sacrifice him, again but for the staying-hand of the angel. He was identified with those who were willing to sacrifice their lives (like lambs) for the freedom of Israel, like present-day heroes even today. It was also reminiscent of the prophecies of the "Suffering servant" Psalms of Isaiah of the 7<sup>th</sup> century B.C. (beginning with Psalm 53). The sacrifice also was identified in the celebration of Passover, when Hebrew families were asked to sacrifice a lamb, eat it together as a family, and use the blood of the lamb to mark their doorposts, so the angel of death, who was sent to kill the firstborn of the Egyptians as the Egyptians had done to them at the time when Moses was an infant. The blood of the sacrifice "saved" them.

In referring to Jesus as the "lamb of God," the apostle John recognizes him as the "messiah," in the line of King David who establishes the prophecy about the reestablishment of the Kingdom of God and His final eternal reign.



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Contributions Weekend	This Past Week 1/14/24	Same Week Last Year 1/15/23
At Church	\$4,484	\$5,359
Online	\$2,155	\$ 856
Total	\$6,639	\$6,215



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Collection figures that did not make the printing of the bulletin on time will be published at a later date. Please watch for future bulletins when all figures will be available for publication including Christmas. *Thank you.*

### Lenten Bible Study



**When:** Thursdays; Feb. 15, 22, 29, March 7,14, & 21  
**Time:** 9:30-11 am  
**Where:** St. Pio Parish Hall, 103 Washington Ave  
**Who:** All are welcome  
**What:** **Discovering who you are in Christ**-We are all called to holiness, but what does that mean? It's not what you think. This book offers you a weapon of truth so that you can stand in your identity as a child of God. It gives personal examples and practical suggestions that motivate and inspire, while convinces attainable transformation.  
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To Register: send a check made out to St. Pio's Church to Dawn Rusinko, 103 Washington Ave, Lavallette NJ 08735. For more info please contact [dawnrusinko@yahoo.com](mailto:dawnrusinko@yahoo.com)

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The gospel, the good news, is Jesus telling us that through His conception, birth, life, suffering under Pilate, death and resurrection that he came to defeat Satan, defeat death and to vanquish sin.

Do you believe this? Do you believe what Jesus is telling us? Do you witness Our Lord? Do you tell others this good news? The others that turn their backs and embrace today's world of sin, death and abortion with total disregard for where they will spend eternal life. Help them!

*Do you know that medication abortion is the only abortion procedure that is reversible?*

**Embrace Jesus, Profess His Good News, Help Others Live**

### Healing the Wounds of Abortion

The psychological and spiritual wounds of abortion can be sharp, deep and crippling. You may feel a deep numbness and may not be able to name the pain or recognize any of the symptoms. It can also have a devastating impact on the father or grandparents of the aborted child and friends of the mother. You do not have to continue to hide in shame and fear. Rachel's Vineyard's Retreat is a chance to focus on this painful time in your life through a supportive non-judgmental process, in an atmosphere of confidentiality, understanding, and compassion. It is designed to help both women and men experience the mercy and compassion of God. If you have suffered through an abortion and have isolated yourself from healing and forgiveness, you might consider attending one our retreat weekends.

For more information, contact Judy Warenkiewicz at 732-536-6871. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

2024 Weekend Retreats  
February 16-18, 2024  
November 15-17, 2024

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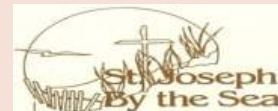
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May 3-5, 2024 - THE SPIRITUAL  
PRINCIPLES OF THE  
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## PARISH INFORMATION

**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](http://www.stpioparish.com)

### **Receiving Communion:**

- 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 the Eucharistic Minister.

## 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.\*\***

## 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 parish office 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. 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 parish office 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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Committee/Organization	Contact	Phone Number	Email
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Altar Linen Laundry	Adele Merkle	732-830-5242	merkles@verizon.net
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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	Tom Leonard	732-995-0044	thomasleonard62@gmail.com
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Ladies Auxiliary to the KofC	Joyce Kobylarz	973-714-6797	jkoby2@aol.com
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Pro-Life	Georgina Vastola	732-742-3986	gmvastola@optimum.net
Raffle Committee	Jack McCormack	732-830-4787	jack17mac@verizon.net
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Hall Rental	Marta Barkhausen	732-793-7291	marta@stpioparish.com

HOLY NAME SOCIETY	Meeting	Monday	March 4	5:30pm
ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY	Meeting	Monday	March 4	1:00pm
FAITH SHARING	Meeting	Wednesdays	in January	9:00am
K of C 8415	Meeting	1st Tuesday of Month	February 6	7:00pm
	Meeting	3rd Tuesday of Month	February 16	6:30pm
K of C Ladies Auxiliary	Meeting	Monday	March 25	1:00pm
LAVALLETTE SENIORS	Meeting	Thursday	February 15	12:30pm
RIGHT TO LIFE GROUP		2nd Thursday of the month at Sacred Heart, Msgr. Casey Hall		3:30pm
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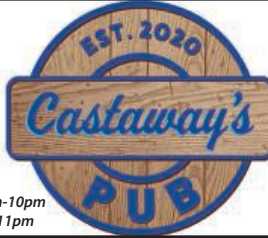
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