

# The Parish of St. Pio of Pietrelcina

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**January 29, 2023**  
**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**Our Parish is Served by:**

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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):  
Holy Day of Obligation:

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

# Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

*Masses For  
The Week*



**Saturday** January 28  
**8:30am** For our Parish Families & Their  
Loved Ones, Living & Deceased

**4:00pm**  
**Vigil** Genevieve Klepacy  
r/b Borowski Family  
William Kilgus  
r/b Gary & Gerry Adams

**Sunday** January 29  
**9:30am** Rev. Fr. Frederick Kochan  
r/b Sr. Helen Skok  
Roy Claps  
r/b Colleen & Frank Gormeley  
Bernard D'Andrea r/b Regina Birchler  
For the People of the Parish

**Monday** January 30  
**8:30am** Intentions for Fr. Joy r/b Sister  
Rose DeJager r/b Mary & Bill Haight

**Tuesday** January 31  
**8:30am** John Zaccaria r/b Nick

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

**Wednesday** February 1  
**8:30am** In Thanksgiving r/b Mary Shaffer

**Thursday** February 2  
**8:30am** Mary Fehrle r/b Daughters

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

**Friday** February 3  
**8:30am** Intentions for Fr. Joy r/b Sister  
Vlase Vasileski r/b Bart & Theresa

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

**Saturday** February 4  
**8:30am** For our Parish Families & Their  
Loved Ones, Living & Deceased

*The power of prayer!*  
PRAY FOR HEALING

**Healing:** Fr. Douglas Freer, The Filippini Religious Teachers in Rome, Albania & Ethiopia, Nick Lettas, Mary Anne Grandinetti, Mary Buontempo, Pat McCourt, Maureen Burrell, Baby Landon Wierks, Ginny & Emil Stefanacci, Jim Tavormina, Gina Palmieri, Maureen Zebrowski, Mike Rodriguez, Nicholas Meola, David Vetere, Bob Egle, 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:** Helen Byrne, Kathleen Pardalos, Jack Howell, Margaret Delaney, Michael Sherlock, Jean Orlando

**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.



**Mass Intentions Continued.....**

**Saturday** February 4  
**4pm Vigil** Fr. Emmett Carroll  
r/b Antonette Daniels  
Dorothy S. Peeney r/b Jim

**Sunday** February 5  
**9:30am** Rev. Fr. Frederick Kochan  
r/b K of C Ladies Auxiliary  
Michael Buontempo  
r/b Greg & Mary  
Sarah DeGruccio  
r/b Regina Birchler  
For the People of the Parish

# January 29, 2023

## Bishop David O'Connell's Homily for Pro-Life Mass-January 20, 2023

In his annual meeting with the world's Vatican diplomatic ambassadors on January 9, 2023, His Holiness Pope Francis spoke powerfully to the gathering representative about "the defense of life," threatened as he stated, "by the 'alleged' right to abortion."

The defense of life is "jeopardized not only by conflicts, hunger and disease, but all too often even in the mother's womb" No one, he said, "can claim rights over the life of another human being especially one who is powerless and thus completely defenseless." Pope Francis called on political leaders to "safeguard the rights of those weakest and to combat the throwaway culture that also, tragically, affects the sick the disabled and the elderly," and insisted governments have a "primary responsibility to ensure that citizens are assisted in every phase of human life until natural death.

We have heard this idea before.

During his September 10, 2007 visit to Austria in 2007, the late Pope Benedict XVI rejected the concept that abortion is a human right, stating that "The fundamental human right, the presupposition of very other right, is the right to life itself. This is true of life from the moment of conception until its natural end, Abortion, consequently, cannot be a human right-it is the very opposite, It is a deep wound in society."

At the conclusion of his September 1987 apostolic visit to the United States Pope John Paul II urged our nation, "America, your deepest identity and truest character as a nation is revealed in the position you take towards the human person. The ultimate test of your greatness in the way you treat every human being, but especially the weakest and most defenseless ones. The best traditions of your land presume respect for those who cannot defend themselves. If you want equal justice for all, and true freedom and lasting peace, then, America, defend life! All the great causes that are yours today will have meaning only to the extent that you guarantee the right to life and protect the human person...Every human person-no matter how vulnerable or helpless, no matter how young or old, no matter how healthy, handicapped or sick, no matter how useful or productive for society-is a being of inestimable worth created in the image and likeness of God. This is the dignity of America, the reason she exists, the condition for her survival-yes, the ultimate test of her greatness; to respect every human person, especially the weakest and most defenseless ones, those of the unborn.

Today, in Washington DC, here as a Diocese and throughout our many parishes, we affirm those same ideas. One need not be a Catholic to express and believe them. One needs only to be a rational, honest human being. But one cannot, however, BE a Catholic without those sentiments rooted deep in our souls.

We are— all of us-created by God, created by God as we are. That is truth. "Before I formed you in your mother's womb, I knew you," the Prophet Jeremiah proclaimed this truth. "Before you were born, I set you apart from holy purpose (Jeremiah 1:5)." Our creation, our very lives, therefore, are no mistake, no accident and admit of no exception.

That is truth. That is why we are here together, "standing for life!

As Catholics we are "pro-life." How can a Catholic be otherwise? And, yet, we see in our day, people-even some who identify as Catholic, some who hold the highest offices in our nation and here in our state-who not only are NOT pro-life but who work against that conviction, who vigorously support a contrary position, who tragically seek to make even more restrictive legislation that enables the destruction of life at its most vulnerable states in the womb that law of the land, the law of our state.



*To be continued in next week's bulletin*

# Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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



**"Blessed be are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." Matthew 5:11-12**

Our world, country, state and local communities are becoming more and more hostile towards God and God's people, particularly Christian Catholics. Thus we should expect more insults, persecution and utterances of evil against us. This will probably be implicit at first and more open as time goes on.

Remain faithful, hopeful and loving. Keep our Lord's word and do His will.

**BE and ACT PRO-LIFE!**

Respect Life Committee at [SHRCBH@comcast.net](mailto:SHRCBH@comcast.net)



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 Bread and Wine** were donated for the month of February in loving memory of **Michael Buontempo**, requested by Greg and Mary.

## HELP WANTED

**Downey Side Adoption in Lavallette is looking for an organized file keeper and computer skilled office administrator. Our mission is to place kids in the foster care system with forever families. Work hours are Monday,**

**Tuesday, and Thursday from 10-2pm at \$20 an hour. If you are interested, please send your**

**resume to Dawn Rusinko at [drusinko@downeyside.org](mailto:drusinko@downeyside.org)**

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2022 tax statements are available from the parish office. You can call or e-mail the office ([office@stpioparish.com](mailto:office@stpioparish.com)) if you would like to receive one. 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.



Thank you to all who contributed to the gifts for the military serving overseas and to the Rosary Altar Society for organizing this wonderful tradition each year. All items will be delivered to our troops by Valentine's Day. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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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:

- 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 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.\*\***

Thank You for your Support!!

Contributions Weekend of Jan. 22, 2023	This Past Week	Same week Last Year
At Church	\$3,647	\$3,834
Online	\$1,286	\$1,331
Total	\$4,933	\$5,165



## *Christmas Offering*

Thank you everyone for your most generous contribution to the parish Christmas Collection. We received many donations right up until last week toward that collection.

**2022 Christmas: \$30,553**  
2021 Christmas: \$28,727



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.



## Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

### Begin Your Day in a *Meaningful* Way



Become a Part of our Faith Community



Enjoy the warmth  
of God's love at  
**DAILY MASS**  
in our beautiful Chapel  
8:30 a.m.  
Monday through Saturday

Join our "family of followers"  
as we become closer to  
God and to one another.  
Gain strength for  
the journey through  
Jesus, the Bread of Life!

## *Celebrating World Marriage Day 2023*

In observance of World Marriage Day (Sunday, February 12, 2023) and National Marriage Week (February 7-14, 2022), the Diocese of Trenton honors all Catholic married couples with a special web resource to enhance their marriage in three important ways: 1) *Reconnect with Your Spouse*, 2) *Make Your Marriage Even Better*, and 3) *Serve Others in Your Marriage*. Find all this and more at [www.dioceseoftrenton.org/world-marriage-day-for-couples](http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/world-marriage-day-for-couples), and for newly married couples, be sure to visit [www.dioceseoftrenton.org/newly-married-resource-page](http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/newly-married-resource-page) - what every couple needs to make their marriage extraordinary!

(Part of the *BuildingStrongMarriages.org* initiative of the Diocese of Trenton)

### **Week 1 (February 4, 5)**

*[Celebrating the Beauty of Catholic Marriage from the Catechism – read more at usccb.org under "Resources"](http://www.usccb.org)*

**1601** "The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring; this covenant between baptized persons has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament."

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## 2023 HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION:

Thursday,	May 18, 2023	-	The Ascension of Jesus
Tuesday,	August 15, 2023	-	The Assumption of Mary, Solemnity
Wednesday,	November 1, 2023	-	All Saints' Day
Friday,	December 8, 2023	-	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Monday,	December 25, 2023	-	The Birth of Our Lord, Christmas



### Good News on Attendance

The diocese released some interesting statistics this week on the average attendance over the past 5 years. This report includes 10 churches; our two and the surrounding churches - from Point Pleasant to Whiting to Brick to Seaside. The good news is that while overall attendance is down at all churches, our two parishes are down between 21-27% - but this is compared to all the other parishes that are down between 33-49%. So, while the trend is down, we're not down as much as the others. This is cause for at least small celebration; something good is happening in our two parishes! And let's pray for the other parishes that they too can recoup the attendance lost.

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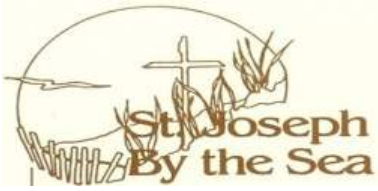
All proceeds donated to LOCAL charities.

Orders must be received by **February 28**



Friday, February 3rd is the feast of St. Blaise. **Blessing of the Throats** will take place that day after the 8:30am Mass in the Chapel.

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**CURRENT BROCHURE CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE – [www.sjbsea.org](http://www.sjbsea.org)**

**February 17-19, 2023 - COME TO THE QUIET – A SILENT RETREAT** - Come and experience the shore in all its winter beauty! This weekend has been set aside for those desiring time alone with God. This retreat offers time for reflection; Eucharistic Liturgy and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be included. Massage therapy will be available. No Supper on Friday. Arrival: 5:00-6:00 p.m./Departure: 1:00 p.m. (Presenters: Staff and Visiting Directors) Cost: \$325.

**March 16, 2023 - HONORING ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER** - In honor of our patron St. Joseph, the staff cordially invites you to join us at 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 13. 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 24-26, 2023 – FOOTSTEPS IN THE GARDEN** – Do you ever wonder what God is doing and has done in your life even without your help? In scripture, God says, “You will be like a watered garden.” (Is 58:11-12) The blooms in the garden of life take root in the silence. Although the garden needs tending and harvesting, often in our busyness, we miss the beauty that comes on its own and the footsteps of the One who scatters seeds of hope. This weekend offers you time to explore the gardens of your life. Eucharistic Liturgy included. No Supper on Friday. Arrival: 5:00-6:00 p.m./Departure: 1:00 p.m. (Presenter: Ellen Murphy, AS, CSD) Cost: \$375.

**April 21-23, 2023 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 Asana practice, mediation, 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: \$350

**May 5-7, 2023 – WELLNESS WEEKEND FOR WOMEN** – Come away to the quiet and serenity of the ocean and renew yourself in body, mind and spirit. Eucharistic Liturgy included. Massage and spiritual direction will be available. No Supper on Friday. Arrival: 5:00-6:00 pm/Departure: 1:00 pm (Presenter: Janice Santanello, M. Th., CLEM, CSG, CPC) Cost: \$375.

Please call St. Joseph By the Sea at 732-892-8494 to register or for additional information.

***Attention Men!*** Join other Catholic men from across the Diocese of Trenton at the 26th Annual Men’s Conference on Saturday, February 25, at Saint Gregory the Great Parish in Hamilton Square, NJ. The theme of this year’s conference is “Living Joy.” The day runs from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm and will feature Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop David O’Connell; Gerry Cooney, the former world-class heavyweight who became the #1 contender and fought Larry Holmes for the WBC Heavyweight Championship of the world; author, TV host, and evangelist Chris Stefanick, the founder of Real Life Catholic and recipient of the Papal Benemerenti Medal; and Mark Houck, founder of The King’s Men, an author and internationally known motivational speaker. There will also be music, Catholic vendors, and the opportunity to fellowship with other men who are looking to grow in their walk with Jesus and dynamically live out their Catholic faith Cost is \$45 per person in advance (\$50 at the door); \$25 for students. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. For more information or to register online go to [www.catholicmenforjesuschrist.org](http://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 PO Box 816 Morrisville, PA



**Downey Side Adoption would like to thank you for participating in the Christmas giving tree. As you can see by just some of the kids in this picture (not all were present), they are happy and grateful. When they come to our loving families from another State, they come with a small grocery bag filled with just a few days' supply of clothes, hardly ever toys. They might be permitted a stuffed animal if they can carry it, and the clothes usually aren't worth keeping. Every gift was loved and appreciated. Thank you so much for your generosity this past Christmas. You have made a HUGE impact on the kids and their new families.**

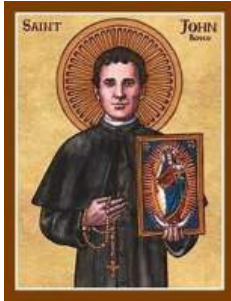


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## *Feast Days for the Week*

*January 31*

*St. John Bosco*



*February 2*

*Presentation of the Lord*



*February 3*

*St. Blaise*



*February 3*

*St. Ansgar*



Our 2023 Pastoral Council is now in place. Council members serve as liaisons between our parishioners and our pastor, Fr Joe. If you have a concern or suggestion, please contact the council by email at: [PastoralCouncil@stpioparish.com](mailto:PastoralCouncil@stpioparish.com). We look forward to hearing from you!

### **Our Pastoral Council**

Front Row: Chris Grandinetti, Council President - Fr Joe Hlubik, pastor - Joyce Kobylarz, Council Secretary.  
Back Row: Council Members: Bill Haight, Don Almasy, Pat McCourt, Mike Diamond, Lorraine Diamond.  
Missing from the photo: John Coghlan, Al DeBenedictis, Tom Leonard, and Suellen Crowley-Weaver.

*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	Maureen Zebrowski	732-259-1578	mzeb@aol.com
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
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**

**ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY & HOLY NAME SOCIETY & K of C LADIES AUXILIARY (NO MEETINGS IN WINTER)**

FAITH SHARING Meeting Every Wednesday February 9:00am

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS 8415 Officers & Business Mtg. February 7 6:30pm

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS 8415 Social Meeting February 21 6:30pm

LAVALLETTE SENIORS Meeting February 16 12:30pm

RIGHT TO LIFE GROUP 2nd Thursday of the month at Sacred Heart, Msgr. Casey Hall 3:30pm  
No meetings in Summer. Next meetings: 2/9, 3/9, 4/13, 5/11

ROSARY OF THE DIVINE FLAME OF LOVE OF MARY Saturdays at Sacred Heart Church 7:45am

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