

St. Pio of Pietrelcina

103 Washington Avenue
Lavallette, NJ 08735



Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am (no music), 9:00am, 10:30am
Monday - Saturday Daily Mass: 8:30am (*in the Chapel*)
Confessions: Saturday 3:20 or after Daily Mass

Church of the Sacred Heart

751 Main Avenue
Bay Head, NJ 08742

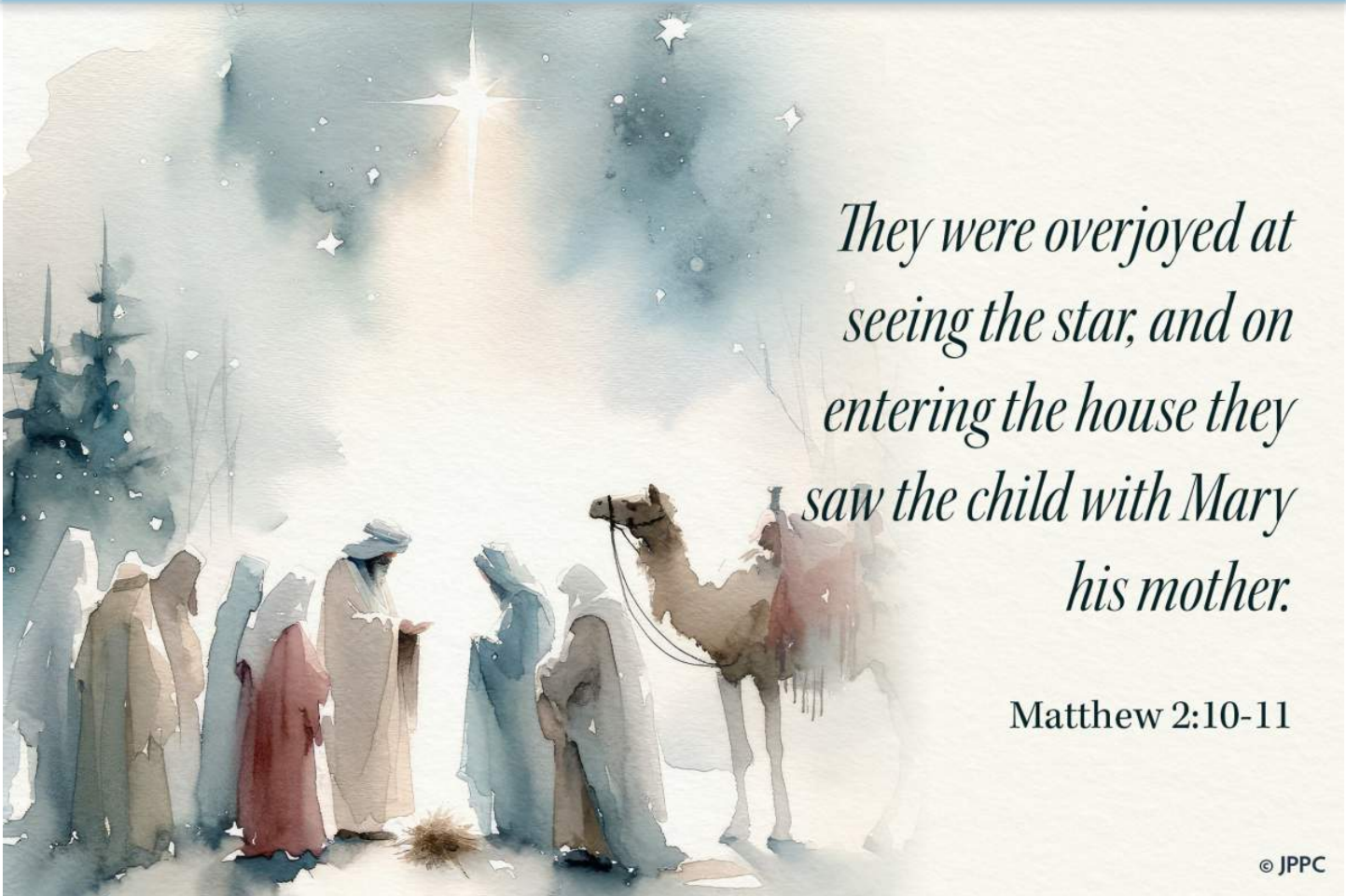


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Deacon James Turro

Rev. Joy Chacko, Parochial Vicar

A watercolor illustration of the Epiphany scene. The Magi, dressed in traditional robes, are gathered around a manger with a baby Jesus. A camel is visible on the right. The background is a soft, hazy landscape with a bright star shining in the sky.

*They were overjoyed at
seeing the star, and on
entering the house they
saw the child with Mary
his mother.*

Matthew 2:10-11

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JANUARY 5, 2025 - SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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Weekend Clergy Assisting with Masses

We very much appreciate the retired priests who help both our parishes with daily and weekend masses.

- Rev. Kevin Ashe (mercyj133435@gmail.com)
- Rev. Noel Danielewicz
- Rev. Msgr. Philip Franceschini
- Rev. Robert Grodnicki
- Rev. Msgr. James Pagnotta
- Rev. Msgr. Lou Papera

Administrative Offices for Both Parishes are located at

St. Pio of Pietrelcina Parish Center

103 Washington Avenue, Lavallette, NJ 08735
 Office is located 1-block south of the main church.
 Entrance to office, use foyer in parking lot behind Chapel.
 Office is on the second floor, there is an elevator.

Hours: Monday to Thursday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
 Phone: 732-793-7291 Fax: 732-793-8204
 Email: office@stpioparish.com
 Website: www.stpioparish.com

Sacred Heart Rectory / Office

751 Main Avenue, Bay Head, NJ 08742
 Located diagonally across from the church.
 Entrance to office, use foyer on Goetze Street.

Hours: Monday to Thursday 9:00 am - 12:00 noon
 Phone: 732-899-1398 Fax: 732-899-2233
 Email: shrcbh@comcast.net
 Website: www.sacredheartbayhead.com

NOTE: There is a **secure parishioner dropbox** located inside each parish office foyer, Open 6:00am-6:00pm

Thank You for your Support!!

Contributions Weekend of December 22-29, 2024	Sacred Heart	Saint Pio of Pietrelcina
In Pew at Church	\$ NA	\$ NA
Online	\$ NA	\$ NA
Total	\$ NA	\$ NA

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2024 Tax Statements are available from the parish office



If you would like to receive one, please contact the office at 732-793-7291 or e-mail office@stpioparish.com. 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.



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.



From the Desk of Fr. Joe:

The War between Two Brothers, Hyrcanus II and Aristobulus II, and the beginning of Roman Rule of Judea in 67 B.C.

Alexander Jannaeus ruled from 103 to 76 BCE. His Hebrew name was Yonathan (Jonathan), and coins from his reign have both Greek and Hebrew inscriptions that refer to him as "King Jonathan." He sided with the Sadducees. He was a military man, and was ruthless. When he died, his wife Alexandra Salome, became a reigning Queen of Judea. She was a very strong and determined leader and won favor with the people.

She named her son John (Hyrcanus II) as the high priest. During her reign, she favored the pharisees, and promoted education of the people. She ruled for about 9 Years, at which time she became seriously ill and soon died. Her reign lasted from 76-67 BCE. She named her one son, John Hyrcanus II as heir, who would also be king. He was supported by the pharisees.

The war was a civil war between the two brothers, Hyrcanus, the older brother, and Aristobulus, the more energetic brother. Aristobulus II, won the battle and captured Hyrcanus II, who agreed to give up the throne and the high priesthood in exchange for ransom.

Aristobulus II then became King of Judea from 66–63 BC. -backed by the Parthians

Antipater, an advisor to Hyrcanus, convinced Hyrcanus that he could become king again. Antipater organized an army with the help of Aretas an Arabian chief, to give his help to Hyrcanus in return for a large sum of money and possession of twelve cities, which had been conquered from the Arabians by the Hasmoneans after long and hard fighting.

Antipater then took Hyrcanus with him to Aretas, who forthwith proceeded with a large army against Aristobulus II.

Antipater succeeded. He defeated Aristobulus II and forced the remnants to retreat to the Temple area. It was then that both brothers appealed to Rome for help. Rome saw an opportunity to further extend its influence in the region and chose to back Hyrcanus II, considering him more amenable to Roman control.

That is when Pompey the Roman general Pompey besieged Jerusalem and made Judea into a client state of Rome. In 47 B.C. Pompey reinstated Hyrcanus II as the High Priest (he reigned from 76–40 B.C.) but stripped him of his royal title of king. Rome recognized him as the ethnarch, or ruler, of Judea. Julius Caesar then appointed Antipater the Idumaeen, as the first Roman Procurator in 47 B.C.

But the conflict of leadership was far from over. After being defeated by Pompey, Aristobulus II, was taken prisoner and sent to Rome as a hostage, where he remained until his death. He was executed a few years later likely being poisoned by supporters of Pompey who wanted to prevent him from regaining power in Judea.

After his father was taken prisoner to Rome by Pompey in 63 BCE, Antigonus I, one of his sons, became the heir to the throne. He saw an opportunity to challenge the Roman-backed rule of his uncle Hyrcanus II.

Rev. Joseph G. Hlubik

A DESTINATION EVENT - *A reflection for January 5, The Epiphany of the Lord*

Destination events have become increasingly popular. That is particularly the case when it comes to weddings. Rather than getting married in their local area, some couples decide to celebrate their marriage in a distant location known for its beauty, idyllic charm, cultural significance, or perhaps its connection to the ancestry of the bride or groom.

Attending a destination wedding requires a significant commitment of money, time, and effort on the part of the guests. They must arrange transportation, book accommodation for several days, take time off from work, procure necessary travel documents, budget money for meals and expenses, and provide an appropriate gift to the couple.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear about the magi who received an invitation to a destination event that did not involve a wedding but rather the birth of a child.

They received this invitation not in written or verbal form but rather through a shining star in the sky that announced the birth of a new Jewish king. As they told Herod, "We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

These magi "from the east" travelled a great distance to reach the destination indicated by the star. Though their starting point is unknown, it had to be hundreds of miles away since their journey took considerable time. Matthew tells us that the star led the magi to a house in Bethlehem where "on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother." Jesus was no longer an infant lying in a manger.

Furthermore, when Herod decided to eliminate this "newborn king," he ordered his soldiers to kill the boys in Bethlehem up to the age of two. Herod chose that age "in accordance with the time he had ascertained from the magi." This implies the magi may have been travelling for many months, even up to two years, for this "destination event" that we celebrate on the Feast of the Epiphany.

When the magi encountered Jesus, they offered him the gifts they had carried with them. These gifts hinted at the identity of the child. There was gold for one of kingly status, frankincense for one who was worthy of worship, and myrrh for one who would face death.

Like those magi, we too have been invited to a destination event, one that will take place at the end of our lives when we come before the Lord. As we journey to that final moment, we also need to keep moving forward in our faith, hope, and love so that we will be ready to offer the Lord the gift of holy lives.

Each Sunday when we come to Mass, we prepare for that final destination. Each week, we journey to our parish church where we meet the Lord and respond to his invitation to hear his Word and share his life in the Eucharist.

Destination events are increasingly popular but the one that is most important is the destination event where, like the magi of old, we come face to face with the Lord.

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Prayer after Communion

Dear Lord, I give You thanks for the gift of of the Sacrament of the Eucharist. And through my confession to You, I am strengthened in my desire to reject sin and obtain Your gift of obedience. Please let the Holy Spirit stay with me and remind me that You suffered on the Cross in order to nourish us with Your Body and Blood. Let me remember that I hope to receive eternal life and Your grace through communion. I need this to keep Your love, peace and true joy in my heart. I thank You for letting me grow in Your love through this blessed sacrament, so I can show that love to others. May Your body and blood continue to renew me, in God's name I pray. Amen

Spiritual Adoption

Please spiritually adopt an unborn baby. Every day over 4,000 babies are killed by abortion. They have so little protection only the hand of God can end this massacre. Prayer is the best weapon to help them - the most effective.

Say this prayer every day for nine months to save a baby's life!
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.

Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J Sheen

*"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you."
(Jeremiah 1:5)*



Jubilee Year 2025 opens in the Diocese

THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON INAUGURATED THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025 with two Solemn Opening Masses celebrated by Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.

The Bishop was principal celebrant and homilist of a Dec. 28 Mass in St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral, Trenton, and on Dec. 29, in St. Robert Bellarmine Co-Cathedral, Freehold.

The Masses began with the Bishop standing near the doors leading into the churches where he read a section of the Jubilee Decree, *Spes Non Confundit* (Hope does not disappoint). Once inside, he went to the baptismal font where he said a prayer and led the congregation in the renewal of their baptismal promises. The congregation was then sprinkled with holy water. To read more go to:

<https://trentonmonitor.com/news/2024/dec/30/jubilee-year-2025-officially-begins-in-diocese-of-trenton/>

Catholic Charities News

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton and Recycle-America have joined forces to provide a new service. Now, someone will come to your door to collect your clothing and shoes. All items will be donated to those in need in our local community.

To schedule a pickup in Ocean County please call 609-906-0004 or email racworld2015@gmail.com. Please call or email three days prior to pick up day. Catholic Charities provides assistance with food, housing, drug addiction, domestic violence, and immigration services. If you know a parishioner needing help, please contact us at www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org or call 800-360-7711.

Downey Side **Volunteers Needed**

Downey Side Adoption is a non-profit organization dedicated to placing children in the foster care system with forever families through adoption. Nearly 500,000 children across the United States are in need of a family. We rely on donations and fundraising efforts to keep adoption fees as low as possible.

We need your help! If you have time and a passion for helping children, please consider volunteering to help on one of our committees.

To get involved, please email our Director, Dawn Rusinko at DRusinko@downeyside.org or call 732-359-8434.

Your support can make a difference!



Mass for Life & Life Expo

CELEBRATED BY



**Bishop David M.
O'Connell, C.M.**

PRAY, CONNECT, ENGAGE

Embrace the transformative power of the Eucharist, foster solidarity, and take decisive action to nurture a culture of life that honors every stage from womb to tomb.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Join us for a special Mass celebrated by Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.
- Engage with local organizations dedicated to upholding and promoting human dignity throughout all stages of life.
- Enjoy delicious refreshments, fostering new friendships, and strengthening bonds within our community.

Friday

JANUARY 24

11:00AM

Co-Cathedral of
St. Robert Bellarmine,
Freehold

All are Welcome • No RSVP needed



For full information about the day's events, visit:
dioceseoftrenton.org/standing-together-for-life

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!

Parish Counseling Services (PCS)

Counseling Services are available through the Diocese of Trenton. For more information or clarification, call Brenda Rascher at 609-403-7180. Areas of help can be marital, raising children, eldercare, bereavement or stress of job.

IRA Charitable Rollover A TAX-SAVING CHARITABLE GIFT FOR NON-ITEMIZERS

Due to an increased standard deduction, many individuals and couples will no longer be able to claim itemized deductions. However, a tax-free IRA charitable rollover offers the following benefit to individuals age 70 1/2 or older:

- The ability to direct a current, outright IRA gift, up to \$100,000, to our church, or other qualified charities
- Satisfaction of the RMD (required minimum distribution) without increasing taxable income
- No loss of a charitable contribution itemized deduction
- Ability to direct your gift to any area of our parish operations

For more information, please contact:

Marta Barkhausen, Business Manager

732-793-7291 x322 or marta@stpioparish.com

St. Pio and Sacred Heart's Sponsorship Opportunities

Sponsoring the items in our church is a beautiful way to honor loved ones, or to mark a special life event: welcoming a new life, birthdays, the anniversary of a wedding, baptism, confirmation, in memory of a loved one, or simply in thanksgiving for life's many blessings. Call the parish office to arrange.

Flowers suggested donation: **\$50.**

Flowers that represent the beauty of God's creation grace every Weekend Mass at our parishes, engaging our sense of sight in worship. These beautiful flower arrangements reflect both the calendar & liturgical season every week (except during Lent).

Sanctuary Candle suggested donation: **\$20 for the week.**

The Sanctuary Candle lit by the Tabernacle is a sign of the continual real presence of Jesus Christ: Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, under the appearance of the host (bread) kept the tabernacle. The candle is a sign to those who wish to pray that Jesus is truly present.

Altar Bread & Wine suggested donation: **\$30 for the month.**

The Altar Bread & Wine is a gift of the people of God for the holy sacrifice of the Mass.

Call the office to reserve your date in advance.

Be sure to indicate the event you are celebrating (e.g. "In memory of..." / "In thanksgiving for...").

Honoraria, remembrances, and thanksgivings will be acknowledged in the Sunday bulletin.

Please join the **Breakfast Group** if you are feeling down because of a loss in your life. We are a group of your fellow parishioners at Sacred Heart who have suffered from a loss recently or several years ago. We are a good group sharing our loss and how we manage to move forward. We pray, talk and laugh and enjoy goodies and coffee and tea. We meet the second Saturday of the month in the Parish Hall at 9:00 am. You come in feeling down and leave feeling lifted up. Try joining and meet all of us to journey together lifting each other up. Please come. Everyone is welcome and wanted.

St Catharine's in Spring Lake...

Is planning a River Cruise on the Danube River for 12 days to Munich, Oktoberfest, Budapest, Prague, Vienna, with an extension to Krakow on September 19 to the 30, 2025 with Father Leo Patalinghug, IVDei. Come join us for a relaxing, fun time.

There will be a presentation of the trip on January 8, 2025 at the Duggan Hall (firehouse) at 309 Washington Ave., Spring Lake, N.J. at 2:00 p.m. For a brochure, e-mail Sister Margaret Tierney at Srbeachcomb@yahoo.com, any questions call (732)655-8568.

AED's and where to find them!

An AED, or Automated External Defibrillator, is used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. It's a sophisticated, yet **easy-to-use**, medical device that can analyze the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm. Sacred Heart has 2 AED units.



Automated External Defibrillator

One in the Church (in the Usher's Closet near the front entrance) and one in Casey Hall on the wall nearest the Ladies Room. St. Pio's also has 2 AED units. One in the Church parking lot side on the back wall just before St. Pio's Room and one in the Parish Hall on the back wall (street side). Please familiarize yourself with where these are so they can be retrieved in an emergency.

Month Three Developing Baby

Your baby is quite active in the womb now; although his mother won't feel him for another couple of months. If his mother's womb had a window, you could watch your spiritually adopted baby squint, swallow and move his tongue. He can make a tight fist if you touch his palm. He obtains oxygen his body needs through the umbilical cord. The baby you are praying for weighs about one ounce. What a miracle he is!



Offerings at Francis House of Prayer

Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center and Retreat House
84 Walnford Road, Allentown, NJ 08501
609-877-0509 or FHOP@verizon.net

Please check www.FHOP.org for dates, registration, directions and for our other offerings! All programs will be offered online and in-person unless otherwise indicated.

EVENING ZOOM ONLY

OFF TO A PRAYERFUL START FOCUSING THE NEW YEAR

Thursday, January 2, 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Start out 2025 with an evening zoom retreat to set the direction for the year. "Well begun is half done," they say, and establishing a direction is essential for the journey. Where am I going in 2025? What is the desire of my heart, and God's as we begin this year together? Donation: \$15, includes materials.

SETTING THE DIRECTION FOR 2025

Friday, January 3, 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

A new year is born! The first task at any new birth is to name the baby! We will give 2025 a name and choose a goal or practice for each month to assure it is true to its name! Does that sound appealing, grace-filled, and helpful to you? Donation: \$25, includes lunch. Zoom: \$20

ZOOM ONLY

FIRST BELONG TO GOD A RETREAT WITH POPE FRANCIS

9 Wednesdays 3:00 – 4:30 PM **or** 7:00 – 8:30 PM
January 22 & 29, February 12 & 26, March 12 & 26

If your soul needs light and peace and hope this program is for you. The time commitment is well worth it and to make it easier for you we are offering it both in the afternoon and the evening. Pope Francis' writings give witness to the depth of his understanding of world issues and Ignatian Spirituality for today. We will use *First Belong to God* by Austen Ivereigh. Donation: \$150



Knights of Columbus Council 8415

... provides a container in the vestibule of St. Pio and Sacred Heart Churches for the collection of used eyeglasses



Knights of Columbus® JOIN US



The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend Catholic values. Our local council, #8415, is looking for new members. If you want to join today, visit KofC.org/joinus or scan the QR code, and enter our council #8415.

Need more information, email: barlettaa@verizon.net

St. Francis Food Pantry

in Seaside Heights is opened on Wednesdays from 10am until 12 noon.

Please consider bringing some food items with you when you attend Mass at St. Pio's each Saturday or Sunday.



Donations may be left in the bin in the narthex of the Church or you can call Paul Sandy at 732-606-3656. He would be happy to do a pick up. The food pantry is grateful for the support that has been given over the years. Thank you!

Sacred Heart's HNS MONTHLY 50/50 CLUB



**HOLY NAME
SOCIETY**

Open to all parishioners and visitors. Monthly drawing is held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

\$60.00 gives you (12) chances to win.

Check payable to **Sacred Heart HNS** and return to:
Sacred Heart Church HNS, Attn: Pags.

751 Main St.

Bay Head, NJ 08742

(if you refer a person to join,
each time they win you get \$25)

November winner is Paul McGarry #9, \$487.50
Ticket selected by Fr. Joy

(Please note: Bruce Donald the Sept. winner donated
back \$200 to the HNS)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

**PROMISE TO PROTECT,
PLEDGE TO HEAL, SECRE-
TARIAT OF CHILD AND
YOUTH PROTECTION**



The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and The Diocese of Trenton are committed to the initiatives outlined in the U. S. Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the report and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors.

The Diocese has in place a Victim's Assistance Coordinator, who is available to obtain support for your needs and help you make a formal complaint of abuse. 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 via email at abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org

The Diocese encourages anyone with an allegation to also report that abuse to their local law enforcement agency. The Diocese reports all allegations received to the appropriate county prosecutor's office.

St. Pio Rosary Altar Society



The primary goal of the Rosary Altar Society is to praise and honor the Blessed Virgin Mary and to secure her patronage by the reciting of the Rosary.

The Rosarians also assist in the upkeep and beautification of the church, chapel and altars.

The Rosary Society meets on the first Monday of the month following the first Sunday. We meet in the chapel at 1:00PM to recite the Rosary, (offer petitions to the sick, infirmed, deceased and personal intentions), meeting follows in the parish hall. On the first Sunday of the month, we meet with the Holy Name Society at 8:30AM in the main church to recite the Rosary before 9AM mass.

The Rosarians do many works of mercy which include providing necessary articles for the needy, the military veterans, the homeless and adopting local families at Christmas.

Some of the annual events include:

- Sponsor bus tour to Mother Cabrini Shrine in NYC, March 8th, 2025;
- Sponsor bus tour to Poor Clares Monastery retreat in Chesterfield, NJ.
- May Crowning to honor Mary in the Chapel.

All the women of the parish are welcome to join. You can call the Parish Center for more information.

Officers for September 2024 thru August 2025 are:

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|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| CO-Presidents: | Lorraine Diamond
and Adele Merkle |
| Vice President: | Mary Marra |
| Recording Secretary: | Denise Zalis |
| Corresponding Secretary: | Lynn Martini |
| Treasurer: | Pat Kevish |

Listen to **Relevant Radio** on stations WNSW 1430AM or WWJZ 640AM.
Programming is 24 hrs/day, 7 days/wk.
Their mission is to bring Christ to the world through the media.

The Diocesan Youth Conference is a gathering for ALL teens in the 8 - 12th grades of the Diocese of Trenton. It is an exciting day filled with great music, powerful talks, fun service projects and more! Most importantly it is a chance to connect with other Catholics teens beyond your parish or school and grow in your faith!

For more information go to dioceseoftrenton.org/dyc

**The Sacred Heart / St Pio
Right to Life Ministry**

Meets on the 2nd Thursday of every month in Msgr. Casey Hall from 3:30pm until 4:30pm except in June, July and August.

All are invited to come help us to "WRONG THE RIGHT".



PILGRIMAGE TO CABRINI SHRINE

March 8th Saturday 2025

701 Fort Washington Avenue, NYC



Beautiful grounds



Mother Cabrini's remains in glass casket shaped reliquary



Mother's 1st & 2nd class relics on display



Religious Articles Shop

Per Person: \$68.00

Includes: Round trip Bus, Admission, Tour Guide, reflection for Rosarians in Chapel

Refreshments: Decaf Coffee, water, cake (Please pack your own lunch)

Bus at St. Pio Parking Lot leaves 8:30AM / returns 4:30PM

Last day to Reserve 2/5

Checks payable to: St. Pio Rosary Alter Society

Mail to: St. Pio Rosary Alter Society, 103 Washington Ave, Lavallette NJ 08735

Parish Office: 732-793-7291

----- Detach here and mail completed form with payment to the Rosary Altar Society -----

I WANT TO ATTEND Saturday March 8, 2025—Pilgrimage— **Cabrini Shrine—New York City**

Name _____ Cell# _____

Attending _____ Total \$ _____ Check # _____ Email _____

Poor Clares



..... Monastery Pilgrimage

Per Person \$68.00: includes round trip Bus, donation for the Monastery, guided reflection,

Mass; refreshments: Decaf Coffee, water, cake (Pack your own lunch)

Bus at St. Pio Parking Lot leaves 8:00AM/ returns 2:30PM Checks payable to : St Pio Holy Rosary Society

Mail to St Pio HRS 103 Washington Ave, Lavallette NJ 08735/ Contact Lorraine Isarace@verizon.net

St. Pio Holy Rosary Society

Presents

CONTEMPLATIVE RETREAT

Detox your brain: turn off TV, social media, cell phones, games, shut down the chaff. Come for quiet, find your meditative calm within. Journey with us, abandon yourself to tranquility of nothingness, experience contemplation, speak not to God, instead FEEL how to listen. What does God have to say to your heart?

All invited



Deadline fo reservations March 1, 2025

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Saturday April 5th, 2025 pilgrimage Poor Clares Monastery Chesterfield, NJ

Name _____ cell _____

attending _____ Total \$ _____ Check # _____ email _____





Sick: Carol Olsen, Mary Lou Ocone, Pat and Gerald Marriner, Jennifer Mineo, Joan Blanchfield, Jean Taboada, Anthony Calabro, Louise Scarlato, Jesse O'Brien, Molly Mack, Judy Cantillo, Henry Drew, Nancy Makoski, Victor Liggeri, Ester S. Acosts, Luciano Perez, Kevin Lion, Joan Romano, Tess Fox, Richard Utter, Joan Gabriello, Kelly Palmieri, Richard Traverso, Jr., Ronald Bartz, Fr. Douglas Freer, Mary Anne Grandinetti, Nicholas Meola, Alan Kurinovich, Joseph Winchock, Janet Daniels, Vince Covello, Gina Kwornik, Helen Calavanico

Names will remain on the healing prayer list for 4 weeks; please call the parish office if you wish to extend.

Blessed, hand-made, **Prayer Blankets** are available for your loved ones at the St. Pio office, we ask for a free will donation to cover the cost of the material.



Deceased: Mary Ann Baginski, Roger Shulas, Ana Librada Ramos, Leonard Baccaro, Robert Weeden, Mary McGowen, Margaret McEnroe

If you would like to lift your spirits and learn a little more about your faith and well-being, think about attending our **Faith Sharing Group**. The group meets once a week on Wednesdays at St. Pio's in Lavallette after morning Mass, and spends about one hour discussing the readings for the next Sunday and what they mean to us. All are welcome.

Contact Maureen Zebrowski at 732-259-1578 if you are interested or would like more information.



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:

- Col. Scott Wyatt, US Army
- Col. John F. Borowski, USAF
- Capt. Tyler Urban, USMC
- Lance Cpl. Jack Balwierzak, USMC
- E-4 Specialist Army, Jason Rodriguez, US Army
- Capt. Calvin Smith, US Army (deployed)
- Lt. Col. Wesley Dixon, USAF
- EM3 Jacob Keller, US Coast Guard (deployed)
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For the month of January the **Altar Bread and Wine** at St. Pio Parish have been donated in loving memory of **Anthony Nastus** requested by The Voight Family

Prayer Anthology #67

Focus Point: With the Holiday Season over, we begin to look forward to January and the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord. And we also have the Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus. We say His name so often during prayer, and maybe even just out of habit. But, we are called to remember that just invoking His adored name gives us so much more for which to be thankful. By praying in the name of Jesus we can bring healing, protection, conversion, grace, mercy and spiritual strength to ourselves and our loved ones for whom we pray. We need to call upon him through prayer each day to first, thank Him for our many blessings and to deepen our devotion to Him.

Prayer for Devotion to the Holy name of Jesus

Dear Lord, Please help me to remember the holy name of Jesus at the start of each day and to thank Jesus for the many blessings He has provided to me. I ask the Holy Spirit to fill me with the same love that Jesus gives to me without condition so that I may share that love with others. I pray He gives me the joy and humility to act out of His love with everyone I meet each day of my life. And during the trials and struggles of life, let me trust in Jesus and use His holy name to relieve my anxiety, bring me peace and avoid sin. Let His name be on my tongue to others as often as possible as I honor Him and encourage others to pray in Jesus' name. I pray to continue to revere His name and let my devotion lead me to faithful and continued prayer in His name. Amen

"At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend".

GOD OF LOVE AND LIFE FATHER, SON and HOLY SPIRIT

"When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him" Matthew 2:3

This Gospel passage speaks to the rejection of Our Lord by Herod but also foreshadows His rejection by the chief priests and scribes thirty three years into the future.

Many today also reject Our Lord. They buy into the false promises of the world, cling to the lustful desires of the flesh and are easily ensnared by Satan and his followers. Hold fast to your Lord Jesus Christ. Reject Satan, reject the false promises of the world and reject lust. Embrace Jesus, embrace life!

Do you know that love is an act of the will.

Love Jesus, Love Life, Love the Pre-born



St. Pio Parish

Sacred Heart Church

Saturday, January 4

8:30am † For Our Parish Families & Their Loved Ones,
Both Living & Deceased

Vigil

4:00pm † Sally Vega r/b Laura and Greg
† Diane Daniels r/b Antonette Daniels

Sunday, January 5

7:30am † Baby Landon Wierks and Family
r/b Rosary Altar Society
9:00am † For Our Parish Families & Their Loved Ones,
Both Living & Deceased
10:30am † Evelyn Masler r/b Pat and Jim Minogue
† Ana Ramos r/b Daughter, Sr. Bruni

8:00am Rosary recited before Daily Mass, Monday - Saturday

Monday, January 6

8:30am † Catherine Cosenza r/b Daughter
† Robert Crossken r/b Family

Tuesday, January 7

8:30am † Dorothy Gili r/b Adele

After Mass Miraculous Medal Novena

Wednesday, January 8

8:30am † Brother Eugene Sheehan O. F. M.
r/b Mike and Mary Reynolds

Thursday, January 9

8:30am † Baby Landon Wierks and Family
r/b Judy Pfennig

After Mass Divine Mercy Chaplet

Friday, January 10

8:30am † Kathleen Minneci r/b Family

After Mass Adoration & Benediction (20 minutes)

Saturday, January 11

8:30am † For Our Parish Families & Their Loved Ones,
Both Living & Deceased

Vigil

4:00pm † Anne and Nathanil Oliveri
r/b Carol and Anthony Oliveri
† Jean Lodato r/b John and Kathy Coghlan

Sunday, January 12

7:30am † For Our Parish Families & Their Loved Ones,
Both Living & Deceased
9:00am † Peggy Nunn r/b Raymond Higgins
† Dennis E. Gibson r/b Don and Chris
10:30am † For Our Parish Families & Their Loved Ones,
Both Living & Deceased

Saturday, January 4

8:30am † Michael Doncer r/b Peter and Kathy Raimondi

Vigil

4:00pm † For Our Parish Families & Their Loved Ones,
Both Living & Deceased

Sunday, January 5

7:15am † For Our Parish Families & Their Loved Ones,
Both Living & Deceased
8:30am † Roger Shulas r/b Stan and Sandy Witkowski
10:30am Bill and Kathy Leber Married 50 years
r/b Children and Grandchildren

**8:00am Rosary recited before Daily Mass, Monday-Saturday
After Daily Mass Divine Mercy Chaplet, Monday-Saturday**

Monday, January 6

8:30am † For Our Parish Families & Their Loved Ones,
Both Living & Deceased

After Mass Miraculous Medal Novena

Tuesday, January 7

8:30am † For Our Parish Families & Their Loved Ones,
Both Living & Deceased

Wednesday, January 8

8:00am The Divine Flame of Love Rosary recited before Mass
8:30am † Tom Dailey r/b His Wife

Thursday, January 9

8:30am † Robert Shaw r/b Elizabeth and John Cassidy

Friday, January 10

8:30am † For Our Parish Families & Their Loved Ones,
Both Living & Deceased

After Mass Adoration and Benediction (15-20 minutes)

Saturday, January 11

8:30am † John Briscoe r/b The Jones Family

Vigil

4:00pm † Jeanne Harrison r/b John and Barbara Stencil

Sunday, January 12

7:15am † For Our Parish Families & Their Loved Ones,
Both Living & Deceased
8:30am † John Stencil, III r/b The Stencil Family
10:30am † Frank Stanislaski r/b Mr. and Mrs. R. Stanislaski
† Mary Richter r/b Mr. and Mrs. R. Stanislaski

The Chapel at St. Pio has re-opened for Daily Mass.
Private Prayer resumes daily 6am - 6pm.

January 2025

St. Pio	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday							
5	7:30am Quiet Mass/No Music 9:00am Mass 10:30am Mass 12:00pm - 1:00pm Baptism	6	8:30am Daily Mass 8:00pm - 9:00pm KofC 4th Degree	7	8:30am Daily Mass 7:00pm - 9:00pm KofC Business Mtg	8	8:30am Daily Mass 9:00am - 10:30am Faith Sharing 6:30pm - 10:30pm HNS Card Players	9	Fr. Joe Hlubik's Birthday	8:30am Daily Mass	10	Office Closed 8:30am Daily Mass	11	8:30am Daily Mass 3:20pm - 3:40pm Con- fession 4:00pm Vigil Mass
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Sacred Heart	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday							
5	7:15am Quiet Mass/No Music 8:30am Mass 9:30am - 10:45am Religious Edu- cation Class 10:30am Mass	6	8:30am Daily Mass	7	8:30am Daily Mass 9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group	8	8:30am Daily Mass 7:00pm - 9:00pm AA Meeting	9	Fr. Joe Hlubik's Birthday	8:30am Daily Mass 9:00am - 11:00am Breakfast Club Bereave- ment Group 3:20pm - 3:40pm Con- fession 4:00pm Vigil Mass	10	Office Closed 8:30am Daily Mass	11	8:30am Daily Mass 9:00am - 11:00am Breakfast Club Bereave- ment Group 3:20pm - 3:40pm Con- fession 4:00pm Vigil Mass
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Marriages: We ask that you **do not schedule your venue date** until you call the parish and schedule a meeting with one of our priests. Contact Marta Barkhausen at marta@stpioparish.com or call 732-793-7291 x322.

Baptisms: Parents call at least 2 months prior. Contact the parish office 732-793-7291 or connie@stpioparish.com.

Anointing of the Sick: This sacrament is given 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 or call the rectory if you would like to receive this sacrament.

Funerals and Memorial Masses: Contact John Paglione to begin the process: 732-598-1590.

Sponsorship Certificates: A sponsor must be at least 16 years of age, have received the Sacrament of Baptism, Communion and Confirmation. If married, must be in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church. Must attend Mass faithfully. **Must be registered at the parish for at least 6 months.** Please contact the office at 732-793-7291.

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