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January 7, 2024

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord



Our Parish is Served by:

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

Mass Schedule

Monday - Saturday: 8:30am Chapel

Saturday (Vigil): 4:00pm Church

Sunday: 7:30 (no music), 9:00 & 10:30am Church

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



Saturday, January 6, 2024

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

Vigil

4:00pm Diane Daniels r/b Antonette Daniels
4:00pm Ann & Nathaniel Olivieri
 r/b Carol & Anthony Olivieri

Sunday, January 7, 2024

7:30am For the People of the Parish
 John Brodzinski r/b Kathy Diffley

9:00am Danielle Ceceri r/b Connie Barraco
 Theresa Sammarco r/b Joann Marino

10:30am Thaddeus Jacoviak r/b Alex & Susan Barletta

Monday, January 8, 2024

8:30am Joe Merkle r/b Arlene & Charles Murray

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

8:30am Maureen Dowd r/b Tom & Mary Moore

After Mass **Miraculous Medal Novena**

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

8:30am Kathleen Minneci r/b Family

Thursday, January 11, 2024

8:30am Annat Bill Hayden r/b Hayden Family

After 8:30am Mass **Divine Mercy Chaplet**

Friday, January 12, 2024

8:30am Tom Traina r/b Connie Barraco

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

Saturday, January 13, 2024

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

Vigil

4:00pm Janet Bosland r/b John & Patty Wagner
4:00pm Dorothy Peeny r/b Jim

Sunday, January 14, 2024

7:30am For the People of the Parish

9:00am Evan Budalich r/b Chris Grandinetti

10:30am Bill Smith r/b Kathy Diffley

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, Peter Barkhausen,, Pam McClellan, Maegan Higham, Shannon Finnegan Cook, Karen Caulfield, Jeff McBride, Fr. Joe Hlubik, 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*

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 Balwierzak, U.S. Marine Corps.

Private 1st Class Jason Rodriguez,
 U. S. Army

Capt. Calvin Smith, U. S. Army,
 (deployed)



The Chalking of the Doors: An Epiphany Tradition Explained

Sunday, January 7, 2024, is the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, one of the oldest of all Christian feasts. It is also known as Three Kings' Day. It commemorates the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child.

Marking our doorways or front porch steps with blessed chalk is a centuries-old Epiphany custom and a fun, visible way to dedicate our homes and the New Year to God. The inscription this year is:

20 + C + M + B + 24

“20” and “24” stand for the new year (2024), of course. The plus signs represent the Cross. CMB are the first initials of the traditional names given to the Magi — Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. They also abbreviate the Latin *Christus mansionem benedicat*, or “May Christ bless the house.”

To mark your home, you will need two things: Chalk that has been blessed by a priest and a prayer.

As you prepare to mark the front door or porch, say the following:

The Three Wise Men, Casper, Melchior and Balthasar, followed the star of God's Son who became human 2,024 years ago. May Christ bless our home and be with us throughout the New Year. Amen.

Then, as you make the marks, offer the following prayer:

Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of Your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of Your love. Grant that we may manifest Your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of You. Guide, comfort and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

Or

May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is your incarnate Word, now and forever. Amen.

God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten One to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.

Loving God, bless this household. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and abiding in your will. We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.



Thank You for your Support!!

Contributions Weekend 12/31/23	This Past Week	Same week Last Year
At Church	Not	Available
Online	At	Printing
Total		



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.

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. **Thank you.**

Contributions Weekend 12/23 - 12/24/23 Christmas	<u>This</u> Past Week TO BE PUBLISHED	Same Week <u>2022</u>
At Church	\$ 4,464	\$ N/A
Online	\$ 1,480	\$ N/A
Total	\$ 5,944	\$ N/A

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- February 14, 2024 – ASH WEDNESDAY RETREAT
- March 19, 2024 – HONORING ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER
- April 19-21, 2024 - RESTORE AND RENEW
- April 26-28, 2024 - SPENDING TIME WITH MARY
- May 3-5, 2024 - THE SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES OF THE TWELVE STEPS

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

**GOD OF LOVE AND LIFE
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“Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me back word, that I too may go and give him homage.” Matthew 2:8

Imagine Herod, a person of power and wealth, lying in order to secure more power and add to his wealth via the killing of babies and children.

Advance 2,400 years and behold nothing has changed. Today the Democrat National Committee, Soros, Gates, Bloomberg, Turner, M. Rockefeller, Buffett, and others of power and wealth are pooling resources to convince us the world is overpopulated and abortion is the salvation of mankind while they add to their power and wealth.

*Do you know that Jonathan Swift’s **A Modest Proposal** (1729) proposed that the Irish sell their infants to the English rich as food thus controlling overpopulation and preventing starvation.*

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!

STANDING TOGETHER FOR Life

SAVE THE DATE

**FRIDAY
JANUARY 19, 2024**

Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine, Freehold

Mass for Life | *Lunch & Seminar*

11:00 a.m. CELEBRATED BY **Bishop David M. O’Connell, C.M.**
All are invited to the Mass for Life

12:30-3:30 p.m. FEATURING **4 Expert Panelists**
Advanced registration required for lunch & seminar

REGISTRATION TO OPEN MID-OCTOBER



Thank you to all of our Christmas angels who donated to St. Pio's Annual Giving Tree campaign. You have provided children with all new coats, warm pajamas and clothes, diapers and life's necessities. Because of your generous gifts, there were many children who experienced the love and magic of Christmas.

A special thank you to our participants: Maureen Zebrowski and Our Faith Sharing Group, year after year you come through for our parish. Thank you for your hard work with our Christmas tree tags. *See you all again, next year!* 😊

To all of you who we never need to ask more than once: Connie Barraco, Pat Kevish, Greg Bierster, Tim Drake, Nick Zaccaria, Jack McCormack, Chris Grandinetti, Mike & Lorraine Diamond and all of our dedicated Ushers.

2024 has a lot of promises for us. Trust God and everything will be fine.
Happy New Year to Our Parishioners and Friends!



Sacred Heart's Holy Name Monthly 50/50 Club is open to all parishioners and visitors. The monthly drawing is held the 3rd Tuesday of each month. \$60.00 gives you (12) chances to win. Make your check payable to Sacred Heart 200 Club and return to the parish office.

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 #55: Focus Point: January is a reality check month. The excitement of the holiday season has ended and the days are quiet. How do we occupy our time? Hobbies, reading, things that are fun? Do we let the winter doldrums get the best of us? Finding time for extra prayer can be rewarding and energizing! Perhaps we can dedicate the month to praying for humanity and addressing the needs of others! Pray for women considering abortion. Pray for peace in the world so that innocent lives may be spared from the atrocities of war. Pray that our family and friends who have fallen away from the church will be enlightened and seek an intimate relationship with God. Consider becoming active in charitable works through our parish or through the community. It might help work off all those extra pounds that we put on over the holidays! Financial contributions in this economy are always greatly appreciated as well! There is always some way for each one of us to make a positive difference! As Fr. Joe has said, "Sacrificial living and sacrificial giving will bring us the reward of eternal life!"

Prayer for Dedication to Self Sacrifice:

Dear Lord, help me to be thankful for my many gifts, and help me to use those gifts to benefit others. Help me to be a good person. Help me to know Your will and do Your will. Help me to know You better through prayer, and to offer prayers for others. May my love for You blossom into a highly active prayer life, and a commitment to serve You through good works. Bless me with the strength, energy and enthusiasm to achieve an outstanding level of sacrificial living and sacrificial giving. Reward me with the satisfaction of knowing that You are pleased with my choices, and most especially help me to feel Your love and support for my sincere efforts not just during the days of January, but during all the days of my life. Amen

Parish Counseling Services (PCS) is 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.

**PROMISE TO PROTECT
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PROTECTION**



The United States 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.

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**IRA Charitable Rollover
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For more information, please contact:
Marta Barkhausen, Business Manager
732-793-7291 x322 or marta@stpioparish.com

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 each 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!



The **Knights of Columbus, Council 8415**, provides a container in the vestibule of the Church for the collection of used eyeglasses.

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. Pickups in Monmouth County are made on Wednesdays. To schedule a pickup, please call 609-906-0004 or email racworld2015@gmail.com. Please call or email three days prior to pick up day. Thank you. 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

An employee of Sacred Heart Church is looking for a year round rental in the Lavallette area. Please call the office with any information. Thank you.



Our Parish Ministries & Organizations - we invite you to call and join in!

Committee/Organization	Contact	Phone Number	Email
Adult Altar Servers	Joyce Kobylarz	973-714-6797	jkoby2@aol.com
Altar Linen Laundry	Adele Merkle	732-830-5242	merkles@verizon.net
Collection Counters	Joe Kobylarz/Rich Traverso	973-747-4599	objoekoby@aol.com
Communion for Homebound	Dianne Hayden Theresa Coleman	732-575-0222 732-830-3168	dkhay5@aol.com theresahgts@aol.com
Faith Sharing	Maureen Zebrowski	732-259-1578	mzeb@aol.com
Holy Name Society	Tom Leonard	732-995-0044	thomasleonard62@gmail.com
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Lectors & Extraordinary Ministers	Joyce Kobylarz	973-714-6797	jkoby2@aol.com
Parish Nurses	Joan Blanchfield	201-362-4148	blanchrn139@gmail.com
Pro-Life	Georgina Vastola	732-742-3986	gmvastola@optimum.net
Raffle Committee	Jack McCormack	732-830-4787	jack17mac@verizon.net
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Rosary Altar Society	Joan Blanchfield	732-854-1276	blanchrn139@gmail.com
Ushers	Chris Grandinetti	908-910-6214	chris.grandinetti@gmail.com
Wedding Ministry	Joyce Kobylarz	973-714-6797	jkoby2@aol.com
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	January 16	6:30pm
K of C Ladies Auxiliary	Meeting	Monday	March 25	1:00pm
LAVALLETTE SENIORS				
RIGHT TO LIFE GROUP		2nd Thursday of the month at Sacred Heart, Msgr. Casey Hall		3:30pm
FLAME OF LOVE ROSARY		Recited on Tuesdays at 8am in the Chapel		

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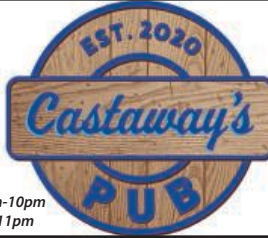
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