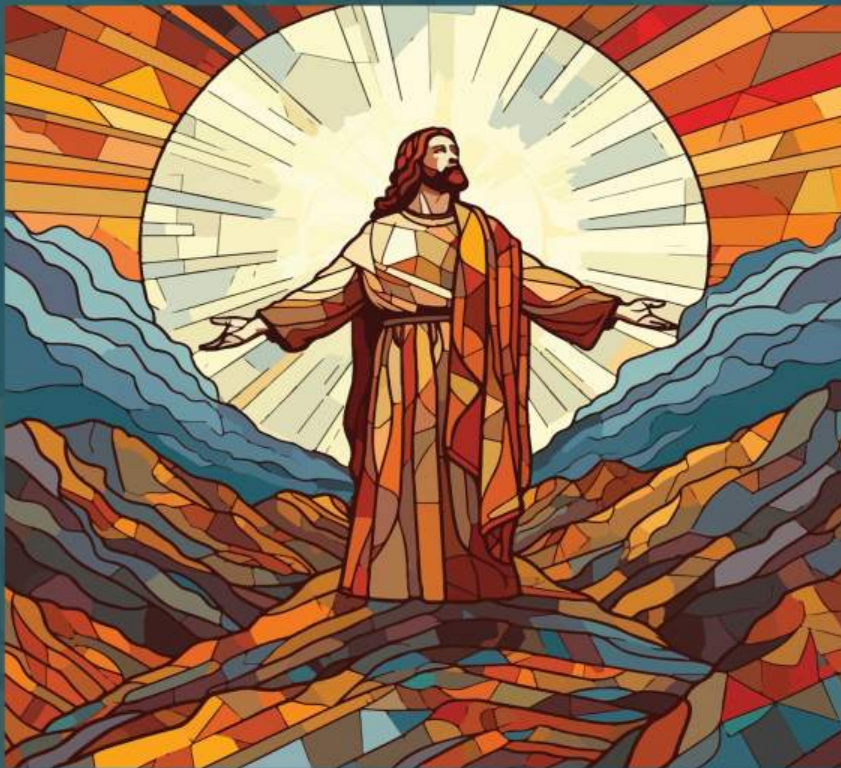


# The Parish of St. Pio of Pietrelcina

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**July 2, 2023**

**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



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

## **Summer Mass Schedule** **Beginning May 27th**

Monday - Saturday:	8:30am Chapel
Saturday (Vigil):	5:00pm Church
Sunday: 7:30 (no music), 9:00 & 10:30am	Church
Holy Days of Obligation (Vigil):	6:30pm Church
(Day):	9:30am Church

**Confession:** Saturday 4 - 4:30pm or by appointment



**Saturday, July 1, 2023**

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

5:00pm Anthony Siragusa r/b Bio Family Vigil

5:00pm Mary & Lou Fehrle and Leo Barry r/b Family Vigil

**Sunday, July 2, 2023**

7:30am For the People of the Parish

7:30am Pat & Jim Flaherty r/b Family

9:00am Anthony Siragusa r/b Bio Family

9:00am John & Filomena Keefe r/b Ralph & Michelle Keefe

10:30am Robert & Adelaide Joubert r/b Grandchildren

10:30am Anthony Siragusa r/b Bio Family

**Monday, July 3, 2023**

8:30am Ken Hayden r/b wife Dianne

8:30am Rita Brennick r/b Amanda & Vic Sciuèche

**Tuesday, July 4, 2023**

8:30am Anthony Siragusa r/b Bio Family

8:30am Rossana Fedorcsak r/b Bellina Family

**Wednesday, July 5, 2023**

8:30am Irene Luniewski r/b Borowski Family

8:30am Deceased Member of the Dundas Family r/b Truchan Family

**Thursday, July 6, 2023**

8:30am Irene Luniewski r/b Borowski Family

8:30am Birthday Intentions for George Truchan r/b Truchan Family

**Friday, July 7, 2023**

8:30am Deacon John Hanna r/b St. Pio Faith Sharing Group

8:30am Margaret Bruphy r/b JP Kennedy

**Saturday, July 8, 2023**

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

5:00pm Joan Palmieri r/b Kevish Family Vigil

5:00pm Tony & Sue Freda r/b Antonette Daniels Vigil

**Sunday, July 9, 2023**

7:30am For the People of the Parish

7:30am Fr. Fred Kochan r/b Veronica & Bill Matthaëi

9:00am Joe Merkle r/b Gary & Gerry Adams

9:00am Filomena & Michael Ciano r/b Ciano Family

10:30am Salvatore Scarlato r/b Karen & Paul Sandy

10:30am Fr. Fred Kochan r/b Felicia & Chuck Karstens

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*(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, Bernadette Flaherty, Angelina Santora, Daniel Kasha, Ronald Zappulla, Kenneth Shedosky, Vincent Porcelli, Sr., Sue Orłowski, Anna May Wolfe, Joe Merkle, Rosemarie Calice, Eveline Sadakas, Josephine Kowal, Bob Egle, Michael Galloway, Vincent & Christine Manente, Edith Cullen, Bernadette Shedosky

**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.



The following will be said after the 8:30am Mass:

**Miraculous Medal Novena on Tuesdays  
Divine Mercy Chaplet on Thursdays  
Adoration & Benediction on Fridays**

## ***Sabbath Switch-Off: Why to Reclaim Sunday from the Digital Domain***

***excerpts from K.V. Turley for the National Catholic Register - Part 2***



*On the feast of Pentecost 1998, Pope St. John Paul II published the apostolic letter *Dies Domini*, on keeping the Lord's Day holy. Twenty years on, it is more pertinent than ever-and never has its message been more urgent.*

*Dies Domini views Sunday rest as the means to see life in proper perspective. This means taking the time to "see the true face of the people with whom we live"-not "face time" on a screen but the human faces of those around us.*

*Conscious, even in 1998, that the notion of "free time" in the Western world could degenerate "into emptiness or boredom," Pope John Paul II reminds us that it is essential that free time, especially on Sundays, should "offer spiritual enrichment, greater freedom, opportunities for contemplation and fraternal communion." Interestingly, the means he suggests to achieve this is shared forms of culture and entertainment. It is imperative, the apostolic letter claims, that these cultural entertainments "must (be) in keeping with a life lived in obedience to the precepts of the Gospel. Sunday rest then becomes prophetic, affirming not only the absolute primacy of God, but also the primacy and dignity of the person." it is in and through this recreation that Christians anticipate "the new heavens" and the "new earth," in which liberation from slavery will be final and complete." By so living, Sunday becomes not just the Christian :day of the Lord" but, in the truest sense, "the day of man as well."*

*Sunday is more than just a Sabbath day of rest, though. For Christians it is "the weekly Easter" (*Dies Domini*). Pope John Paul maintains that Sunday "reveals the meaning of time" and, with it, the hope to which we look forward at the end of time itself. In keep Sunday holy, therefore, the Christian witnesses to this reality "so that every stage of human history will be upheld by hope." contrast this vision with the endlessly reported surveys suggesting that for many online there is a correlation between virtual time an a depressed hopelessness. Perhaps this is not so surprising, especially if we no longer keep the day of the Lord of Virtue, but, instead, opt for yet more digital enslavement offered to a virtual idol.*

*When I first "digitally disconnected" on Sunday, initially at least, such a rupture left me felling lost, but I persisted.*

*And, week after week, I began to notice that Saturday night started to take on an unexpected excitement, while finding myself looking forward to this digital-free day.*

*On the natural level, Sunday were transformed, becoming by far the most relaxing and enjoyable day of the week. On a supernatural level, this quiet stillness brought me back to pondering the Sabbath.*

*Seemingly effortlessly, my rest was becoming prayer-a day resting in the Risen Lord.*

*K.V. Turley is the Register's U.K. correspondent.*

*He writes from London.*

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Contributions Weekend of June 25, 2023	This Past Week	Same week Last Year
At Church	\$7,157	\$8,198
Online	\$1,431	\$1,056
Total	\$8,588	\$9,254

Sacred Heart's Holy Name Society is planning a trip to the Resorts Casino in Atlantic City, Wednesday, July 19th.



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The parish office will be closed Monday, July 3 and Tuesday, July 4, in celebration of Independence Day.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!!!



**Gift Summary Information as of 6/12/23**

Goal: \$46,000.00  
 Pledged: \$29,828.00 (65% of Goal)  
 Paid: \$27,378.44 (60% of Goal)  
 Total Donors: 102  
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June, 2023

Dear Brothers in Christ,

I am pleased to extend my prayerful greetings and congratulations to all as you mark the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Gebhard Braungart Council 8415 in Seaside Park, New Jersey.

Pope John Paul II once called the Knights of Columbus, "The right arm of the Church". The Knights have engaged in various important programs throughout New Jersey to support the Holy Father in his efforts to promote our faith.

Whether volunteering in parishes to help families in need or fostering community service projects and charitable appeals, the Knights of Columbus are instruments of the Lord's love and mercy and shining examples of devotion to the Gospel of Jesus, the Church, and Her people. I encourage Catholic men to consider joining the honorable Knights of Columbus in aiding all members of the human family.

May we all grow in unity and humility and in the process, discover joy and peace in our life together.

Sincerely yours in Christ the Redeemer,

+ Joseph W. Tobin  
 Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.S.C.R.  
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**HEALING MASS**

Thursday, July 13th, 7pmSt.  
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America was born under the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. Her foundation principles are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness endowed to her citizens by the Creator.

It seems today's America is turning away from the Creator, rejecting the Natural Law, God's law and God's blessings. By embracing secular values, perversion and godless pleasures, America seems to be heading towards evil and an unsustainable existence.

Let us pray today that we once again turn to God, become a country of God's people and faithfully seek His guidance. May God bless America again so that our children and grandchildren can enjoy **Life, Liberty** and the pursuit of **Happiness**. May, God willing, America have many more happy birthdays.

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

The Bread and Wine has been donated for the month of July, in loving memory of **Tom Higham**, by wife, Sophie.



The Church Sanctuary Lamp will Burn from July 1st through July 7th in loving memory of **John H. & Margaret McCormack**, donated by Jack and Debbie McCormack.



**St. Pio's annual summer ALL Cash 50/50 Raffle** is under way. Additional raffle tickets are available at all Masses now through September. Please stop by and support this important parish fundraiser. We thank you for your past support and look forward to a great summer. Drawing date is Friday, September 22nd. First prize last fall was over \$18,000.

Thank you, Raffle Committee.

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## 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 #49:**

Focus Point: July is a month when we celebrate our national pride. We become enthusiastic about being Americans. We become emotionally connected to our forefathers and also our armed forces when we recall the sacrifices they made for future USA. Their wisdom and dedication inspire us and energize us. The spirit is contagious! Perhaps we need this type of holiday for our church, our Catholic faith and our parish! We need to become enthusiastic about being Catholics! How can we possibly spread our faith to others without this contagious enthusiasm? What will be the future of our Church, and most critically, the future of our parish, if we don't do everything that we can to bring people into the fold? Fr. Joy states, "Let us open ourselves to the Spirit, so that He may empower us! Let us ask for the special grace to inspire in others the holy spirit of Jesus!"

### **Prayer for Pride and Enthusiasm in our Church**

Dear Lord, Help me to have a positive attitude about the Catholic Church and recognize its good qualities and practices. Help me to pray daily for more positive changes to take place that will encourage more people to adopt and internalize our faith, especially young people and those who have fallen away. Help me to pray that all negative occurrences can be resolved, repaired and ended. Help me to pray for the healing of all those involved. Inspire me to bring to mind all the ways that my faith and my church have helped me, especially in times of need or despair. May these recollections bring warmth and gratitude into my heart. May I feel God's love for me deeply and sincerely. May I recognize the responsibility that I have to bring my personal morality to its highest level, to have pride and enthusiasm for my faith, to be a positive Christian role model for my community and to actively engage in spreading our faith to those around us. How else could we thank God more effectively for all that He has blessed us with. Our forefathers called the troops to arms. God is calling us! Help me to find the courage, strength and determination to use my God given talents to do my part to the very best of my ability for the future of the faith and our parish! Amen

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### St. Francis Food Pantry

in Seaside Heights is opened on Wednesdays from 10am until 12 noon. The demand for donations is great. 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. If you would like to donate items, and you are unable to carry the packages to Mass, please call Paul Sandy at 732-606-3656. He would be happy to stop by your home to do a pick up. The food pantry is grateful for the support that has been given over the years and hopefully you will continue to support your neighbors who are in need. **Thank you!**



If you would like to lift your spirits and learn a little more about your faith and well-being think about attending the **St Pio Parish Faith Sharing Group.**

They meet once a week on Wednesdays after morning Mass and spend about one hour discussing the readings for the next Sunday and what they mean to us personally. Men and women both are welcome. Please contact Maureen Zebrowski if you are interested or would like more information.



We will have a **Spiritual Adoption Baby Shower** to benefit Birthright Pregnancy Center in Toms River next weekend, July 8th and 9th. Items that can be donated are:

**baby wipes, diapers (sizes 3, 4, and 5), baby toiletries (lotion, diaper cream, baby wash for the whole body), and gift cards from J.C. Penney, Walmart, or Kohls.**

Items can be dropped off before and after any Mass. Thank you in advance.

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

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HOLY NAME SOCIETY	Meeting	Monday	September	5:30pm
ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY	Meeting	Monday	September	1:00pm
FAITH SHARING	Meeting	Every Wednesday in July <u>except</u> July 5th		9:00am
KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS 8415				
K of C Ladies Auxiliary				
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RIGHT TO LIFE GROUP	2nd Thursday of the month at Sacred Heart, Msgr. Casey Hall No meetings in summer			3:30pm
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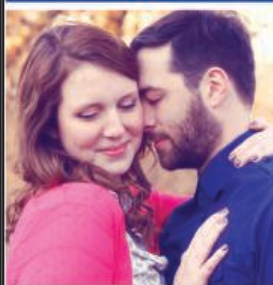
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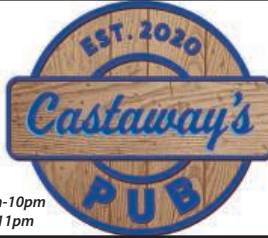
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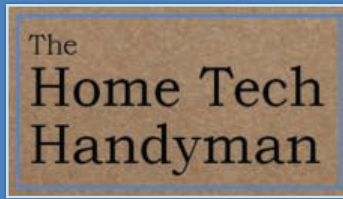
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