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June 13, 2021 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



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THE PARABLE OF THE
MUSTARD SEED

June 13, 2021



Saturday

June 12

5:00pm **John Pepe** r/b Mary Marra
Rose Marie Frailey
r/b Mary Ann, Edward & Matthew

Sunday

June 13

7:30am **Souls In Purgatory**
8:30am **Dorothy Okonkwo** r/b Mary Shaffer
For the People of the Parish

10:30am **Vincent Tavormina**
r/b Charles & Carmela Tavormina
& Family
Ruth Delayo r/b Gary & Gerry Adams

Monday

June 14

8:30am **Joseph Fernandez** r/b Ted & Janet Dore
For the Intentions of Dick Bergeron
r/b Barbara & Vinnie Guarino

Tuesday

June 15

8:30am **Maria Spoto** r/b Rosary Altar Society
Lieda Marsico
r/b Francis & Maria Chiarella

Wednesday

June 16

8:30am **Albert Berdel** r/b Bart & Theresa Coleman
A Special Intention

Thursday

June 17

8:30am **Clare & Michael LaPlace**
r/b John & Cathy Coghlan
For the Intentions of Marianne Murray
r/b The Hanrahan Family

Friday

June 18

8:30am **William Higgins** r/b Wife & Family

Saturday

June 19

5:00pm **Marlene Kevish** r/b The Kevish Family
For the Living & Deceased Fathers of the Parish

Sunday

June 20

7:30am **Allen Kowtko** r/b The Kowtko Family
For the People of the Parish
For the Living & Deceased Fathers of the Parish

8:30am **Brian C. Martin** r/b Mom & Dad
For the Living & Deceased Fathers of the Parish

10:30am **Dennis Clemens** r/b The Clemens Family
Donald Crane r/b Family
For the Living & Deceased Fathers of the Parish

A time to be healed...Fr. Douglas Freer, Dawn Carmosino, Jill Rager, Marci Haxall, Maggie Smith, The Filippini Religious Teachers in Rome & Ethiopia, Jim Carlson, Louis Amendola, Sr., Rosemarie Amendola, Ernesto DeLuccia, Marie Woodrow, Sharon Kline, Mary Anne Grandinetti, Emil Stefanacci, Jr., Chris Durso, Fred Barbeito, Katherine Barnett, Nicholas Meola, Joe Merkle, For those who have received Prayer Blankets, and 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).**



A time to die ...Anthony Crisafulli, Ann MacMaster, Allen Kowtko, Kathleen Helmstetter Ferrara, Charles Cerami, Annette Kurinovich, Dr. Rita Coleman, Vincent Tavormina, Raymond Maragni, Joan Mandella, Patricia Golembeski, Clare & Michael LaPlace, Ruth Delayo, Albert Berdel, Joan Ferrary, Catherine Bogdan, Anna DeSousa, Judith Mrozek, Pat Moran



Our Heroes...Please pray for 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.

SUMMER WORDS OF WISDOM

from our Clergy

Jesus gave us the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper. The priest, in the person of Christ, does the same thing at every Mass! Jesus is **fully** present in the Holy Eucharist – Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. The Church teaches us that the Eucharist is the center and summit of our Catholic faith. **Nothing** is greater than being **united** with Jesus in the **Holy Eucharist** the Sacrament of Sacraments! As we receive the Eucharist, let us renew our covenant with God to love one another as He loved us! May God bless you!
Fr. Joy Chacko

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TO OUR HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

If anyone is homebound and wishes to have a Eucharistic Minister bring Holy Communion to them, please call the office and arrangements will be made.

SAVE THE DATE

All are Invited!



Farewell Mass & Brunch to Honor Deacon John's Retirement

Our deacon, John H. Hanna, has announced his retirement. He has served our parish since 2002. Please join us for his farewell Mass on Sunday, June 27th at 10:30am followed by a brunch in our Parish Hall.

JUNE 20, 2021



Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus,
the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.
Bless all fathers as they care for their families.
Give them strength and wisdom,
tenderness and patience;
support them in the work they have to do,
protecting those who look to them,
as we look to You for love and salvation,
through Jesus Christ our rock and defender,
in union with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.
St Joseph, Pray for all our Fathers, Amen

Faith During a Dark Time

As I was preparing for this weekend's homily I came upon this very timely reflection by Dr. John Bergsma in his book: *The Word of the Lord, Reflections on the Sunday Mass Readings*, and I thought I would share it with you—Fr. Joe

In a dark time of the world history, in which Christians are suppressed, tortured, and killed in Muslim and communist countries, and in the “free world: secularists enjoy almost total control over the institutions of education and media in order to indoctrinate society with the



idea that “science” has disproven God and all human ills are traceable to religion, especially Christianity and its despised morality of marriage and family—in this dark time, it’s helpful to remember that times were frequently dark in the past as well: when Ezekiel prophesied under the oppression of the Babylonian empire, when Jesus prophesied under the oppression of the Roman empire. The Messiah and all connected with Him perpetually look small and even pathetic: a mere mustard seed. Yet in way unseen it grows. It does not die; it grows; it fills the whole earth; it brings eternal life to those who seek its shade. It is the great spiritual empire, the Tree of Life which all birds and beasts (Gentiles) of the world can eat and gain eternal life.

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We will have a **Vacation Bible School** the week of July 12th, Monday through Friday, 9:30–11:30am for grades K, 1st and 2nd, at Sacred Heart Church Hall. The theme is Treasure Hunt “Finding Jesus.” All children K through 2nd grade are welcome. E-mail John Paglione for a registration form at pags711@gmail.com or call St. Pio parish office. You can also text 732-598-1590 for more information.

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Respect Life Prayer:

**"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."**

Baby's Due Date: July, 2021

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

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil" 2Corinthians 5:10

Thus we are scheduled to appear for judgment, at which we will be revealed as we are. Do you wish to be revealed as being totally in love with God and He with you or be revealed as rejecting God's love and embracing evil? Support life and reject evil, especially the evil of abortion and those that support it.



BABY SHOWER

We will have a Spiritual Adoption Baby Shower to benefit Birthright in Toms River on the weekend of July 10th and 11th. Items you can **donate** are **bibs, bottles, baby wash, baby lotion, wipes, gowns, crib sheets, girl's onesies: 9 months and 12 months, boy's onesies: 9 months to 24 months.**

St. Pio's welcomes its newest parishioner, **Tim Sullivan**, to the parish family.



St. Pio Parish welcomes **Alexander Valerie** into its faith community. Alexander was baptized on Saturday, June 5th. Congratulations and God's blessings to the Valerie family.



The Altar Bread and Wine, offered at the Masses in the month of June have been given in loving memory of Fr. Vincent Coppola requested by Madeline Coppola-Mooney.



Contributions Week-end of June 6, 2021	This Past Week	Same week Last Year
At Church	\$8,153	\$3,717
Online	\$1,295	\$770
Total	\$9,448	\$4,487



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.



Tell Governor Murphy the Reproductive Freedom Act is

Barbaric!

May 28

If you've been following our alerts, you know we've been having protests of this proposed bill since last fall. Since the US Supreme Court has agreed to hear a Mississippi case that bans abortions past 15 weeks, Governor Murphy and Planned Parenthood have increased the pressure on the Legislature to pass A4848/S3030. **PLEASE forward this information to as many friends as possible. Tell your pastors about it, and encourage them to announce it, or allow you to leave information for parishioners to pick up. Many churches CHOOSE not to speak to social issues such as abortion, and when nature creates a vacuum, something else fills it. We know what it is, in the case of this bill, if citizens fail to show up to show legislators and the Governor that this bill is not good for the people of NJ. Come and bring your friends.**

As John Adams said, "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

Please join in this witness to stop NJ from taking tax dollars to pay for ANY ABORTION OF ANY WOMAN WHO WANTS ONE regardless of where she lives! This means every girl in the USA can come to NJ for a tax-payer funded abortion. This also means more baby body parts for sale!

Please share this message with others.

Please pray, pray, pray.

From Fr. Joe:

8 Reasons to Go to Mass by Thomas Lickona—continued

“Do this in memory of me.”- Jesus (Luke 22:19)

“If you really thought about who you are, who God is, and how much thanks you owe Him, you would want to go to Mass. The Mass would become the source and center of your spiritual life.” - James Stenson



5. What we do at Mass.

The Mass is first of all a **sacrifice** — the perfect sacrifice, created by Jesus. Through the priest we offer Jesus, Body and Blood, to the Father, just as Jesus offered Himself to the Father on the Cross. In an unbloody way, we repeat — make present — Christ's death and Resurrection. Through this memorial of Jesus, we offer God our praise, sorrow for our sins, and deepest thanks.

The Mass is also a **meal**. At the Consecration, the bread and wine, through the power of the Holy Spirit, become the Body and Blood of Christ. Not a mere symbol, but Jesus's real flesh and real blood, under the appearance of bread and wine. When we receive Holy Communion, we receive Jesus Himself. He is real food for our soul. He said this very plainly: *I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. (John 6:55-56).*

What are the benefits of Holy Communion? It strengthens our union with Jesus; He lives within us in a special way. It cleanses us from venial sins. (Mortal sins require forgiveness in Confession.) It gives us grace to avoid sin in the future. It increases our love of God and neighbor.

6. Why do we have to worship with other people?

God made us social beings. He wants us to come together in community to worship Him. Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I" (Matthew 18:20).

7. What are the consequences for others if we stop going to Mass?

James Stenson points out:

"Our ancestors risked persecution, even death, to be able to take part in Mass. When you have children someday, they will need the graces and strength that come from the Mass. If you fail to pass it on because of your own indifference, you will do the gravest injustice to them and to God. You have the power to snuff out, in one generation, the faith that has sustained your family for generations. This is an enormous responsibility. You will have to answer to God for it."

8. The benefits of Mass.

If we give God a chance, He will help us experience the tremendous benefits of the Mass and the Eucharist. James Stenson writes:

"Be patient. Bring an attitude of prayer and thanksgiving to Mass, and you will reap great spiritual riches: consolation, confidence, peace, deep happiness, and spiritual strength for the challenges of life."

Mother Teresa once wrote: "Jesus is my God/ Jesus is my Spouse/ Jesus is my Life/ Jesus is my Everything. Because of this, I am never afraid." Mother Teresa went to Mass every day. If we love the Mass as she did, we, too, will live in Jesus and he in us, and will we never be afraid.

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PARISH INFORMATION

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 if you would like 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



Religious Education for Children or R.C.I.A. for Adults

Call John Paglione at 732-899-1398, x5

RECEIVING COMMUNION Holy Communion will be distributed in the hand. Anyone receiving on the tongue please wait until all have received and then go to the end of the line of the priest distributing Communion. Anyone requesting a **low gluten host**, please see the celebrant priest before Mass begins. When ready to receive, go to the end of the line of the celebrant priest.

Collection Baskets are at the main doors of the Church to drop your envelopes and contributions. You can also give them to an usher as you exit the Church. There is a secure drop box in the foyer of the parish office for contributions, and correspondence. We also recommend Online Giving, visit our website for easy signup information. Until further notice, ushers will pass the baskets during Mass only once, at which time you can put both the main weekly contribution and any other second collection envelopes. Thank you.

Lost and Found

Please call the Parish Office.

Sponsorship Certificate/ 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.****

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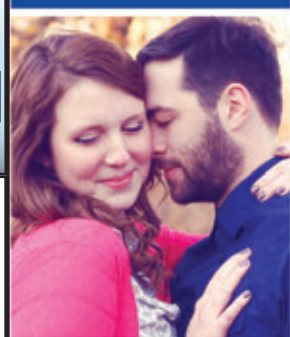
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