

The Parish of St. Pio of Pietrelcina

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June 4, 2023

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity



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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

Vatican Releases Pastoral Reflection on Christian Engagement with Social Media

by Courtney Mares. Vatican City, May 29, 2023 / 04:30 am (First Part—To Be Continued)

The 20-page text, “Towards Full Presence: A Pastoral Reflection on Engagement with Social Media” published on May 29 addresses the challenges Christians face in using social media.

Topics covered in the pastoral reflection include information overload, constant scrolling, not giving others one’s full attention, being an “influencer,” witnessing to Christ, “digital detox,” the need for silence, intentional listening, and building community in a fragmented world.

“One significant cognitive challenge of digital culture is the loss of our ability to think deeply and purposefully,” it warns. “We scan the surface and remain in the shallows, instead of deeply pondering realities.”

The Vatican Dicastery for Communication published the document, which was signed by its lay prefect Paolo Ruffini and its Argentine secretary Monsignor Lucio A. Ruiz, who cite many of Pope Francis’ speeches from past World Communications Days.

The text is “not meant to be precise ‘guidelines’ for pastoral ministry,” the dicastery clarified, but seeks to promote a common reflection on how to foster meaningful and caring relationships on social media.

Robbing our attention

The Vatican’s pastoral reflection posits that social media’s constant demand for people’s attention “is similar to the process through which any temptation enters into the human heart and draws our attention away from the only word that is really meaningful and life-giving, the Word of God.”

“Different websites, applications, and platforms are programmed to prey on our human desire for acknowledgment, and they are constantly fighting for people’s attention. Attention itself has become the most valuable asset and commodity,” it says.

“Instead of focusing on one issue at a time, our continuous partial attention rapidly passes from one topic to the other. In our ‘always on’ condition, we face the temptation to post instantly since we are physiologically hooked on digital stimulation, always wanting more content in endless scrolling and frustrated by any lack of updates.”

The text highlights the need for silence and for schools, families, and communities to carve out times for people to detach from digital devices.

It warns that space for “deliberate listening, attentiveness, and discernment of the truth is becoming rare.”

“Without silence and the space to think slowly, deeply, and purposefully, we risk losing not only cognitive capacities but also the depth of our interactions, both human and divine.”

Social media pitfalls

The document raises red flags about “pitfalls to avoid” with social media, such as aggressive and negative speech shared under the “cloak of pseudonymity.”

“Along the ‘digital highways’ many people are hurt by division and hatred. We cannot ignore it. We cannot be just silent passersby. In order to humanize digital environments, we must not forget those who are ‘left behind.’ We can only see what is going on if we look from the perspective of the wounded man in the parable of the Good Samaritan,” it says.

The text notes how algorithms’ content personalization can reinforce people’s own opinions without exposure to other ideas, which at times can lead to “encouraging extreme behaviors.”

It also raises concerns about how social media companies treat people as commodities whose “profiles and data are sold.” The text underlines that social media “is not free: we are paying with minutes of our attention and bytes of our data.”

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At Church	\$4,930	\$6,413
Online	1,331	\$1,316
Total	\$6,261	\$7,729



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Bishop's Anniversary Blessings 2023
October 8, Ocean/Monmouth
October 22, Burlington/Mercer

All couples celebrating their 1st, 25th or 50+ wedding anniversary during 2023 calendar year are invited to share the Eucharist, reaffirm your sacred wedding vows, and receive Bishop O'Connell's Episcopal Blessing. Anniversary Couples from Ocean and Monmouth Counties may attend the Mass and reception at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine in Freehold on Sunday, October 8, 2023 at 3pm. Couples from Burlington and Mercer Counties may attend the Mass and Blessing on Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 3pm at St. Mary Cathedral in Trenton. For more information and to register for this event online visit us at www.dioceseoftrenton.org/bishops-anniversary-blessing, or call your local parish office. The registration deadline for all anniversary couples is September 15, 2023.

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*Our collection is primarily comprised of the personal libraries of Fr. Fred Kochan and Fr. Douglas Freer. Additional texts have been donated by several parishioners, many by the late Ms. Diane Daniels. A special **Thank You** to Lorraine & Mike Diamond for all their help in doing the heavy lifting to sort the books and setup the library. We invite you to browse through our books, stay a while to enjoy here in the library or feel free to take them home. All we ask is that you*

READ IT – RETURN IT / Library Hours: Monday - Wednesday, 7:30am to 2:00pm, and During All Parish Hall Events

A Night of Mercy and Healing

WHEN: Thursday, June 8th, 7pm
WHERE: St. Pio of Pietrelcina Chapel 103 Washington Ave., Lavallette
WHO: Our Celebrant is Fr. Joy Chacko; prayer teams are NJ Campus Graduates/Students of Encounter School of Ministry.

Come join us for a Mass with healing prayers. All are welcome! CONTACT: DawnRusinko@yahoo.com for more information.



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To
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God bless **Allura Valencia** who was baptized at St. Pio's on May 20th. We welcome Allura into our faith community and congratulate the Valencia family.

Come join us for

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today; June 4th, June 11th, and June 18th in the Parish Hall after the 7:30 and 9:00am Masses.



We invite Parishioners to consider renting our Parish Hall for your next family get together. It's perfect for a wedding, baby or bridal shower, family reunion, retirement party, etc. We offer an attractive rental package that includes use of our tables, chairs, setup, kitchen for heating & serving and insurance for the event. Please contact our Business Manager for more information and available dates.

Marta Barkhausen 732-793-7291 x 322

St. Pio's annual summer **All Cash 50-50 Raffle** is now under way. Raffle tickets for all registered parishioners have already been mailed out. Additional raffle tickets are and will be available at all Masses beginning Memorial Day weekend 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. 1st prize last fall was over \$18,000. Thank you.



THE HOLY ROSARY DEDICATED TO MARY, THE FLAME OF LOVE will be recited on Saturdays at Sacred Heart Church, 7:45am; and Tuesdays at St. Pio Parish, 8:00am. This ROSARY will also be said on Sundays prior to the 9:00am Mass at St. Pio's. All are invited!

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The Most Holy Trinity

A prayer inspired by a homily on June 5, 2021 by our pastor Father Joseph G. Hlubik regarding troubled times.

God of love and life, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

God the Father, our Father, I **believe** in you. I **love** you. I **adore** and **worship** you. I **thank** you for being and for everything holy, worthy and good. I **trust** in you.

God the Son, Lord Jesus Christ, I **believe** in you. I **love** you. I **adore** and **worship** you. I **thank** you for your being, conception, birth, life, passion, death, resurrection and ascension. I **thank** you for redemption and salvation. I **trust** in you.

God the Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life, I **believe** in you. I **love** you. I **adore** and **worship** you. I **thank** you for life, your protection, gifts and graces. I **trust** in you. Amen.

Be Faithful and True to God and Lead others to Life!

Respect Life Committee at SHRCBH@comcast.net

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 #48:

Focus Point: During the month of June, we have many opportunities to celebrate special moments in life, one of which is Father's Day! Fathers are important in so many ways, especially because they are a source of strength for so many. A father's responsibility to provide for his child is grounded by his love for that child. His actions reflect his strength and determination. May all fathers and all adults find the inner strength they need to be good role models for all of our children. May they resist the temptations that come their way and may God grace them with His love, support, and enthusiasm. In Fr Joy's words, "When we open ourselves to the Holy Spirit, we become empowered!" Let us use our "power" to teach children to look to Jesus as a source of strength and holiness. May they build an unbreakable bond with their God that will sustain their spirit all the days of their life.

Prayer for Inner Strength

Dear Lord, help me to find the strength, courage and determination to be a moral role model for all those that I meet, most especially our children. May my actions reflect my Christian values. Inspire me to be of help to my community as Jesus was, by showing kindness, forgiveness and compassion to others. May I find the time to develop quality relationships with my children and others who are uncertain of the proper moral values needed to attain the rewards of heaven. Strengthen me so that I never lose my determination to stay focused on this most important task. And each day, bless me with the joy of Your love and peace. Amen.



The **Knights of Columbus, Council 8415**, provides a container in the vestibule of the Church for the collection of used eyeglasses. They are sent to the Lyons Club. The eyeglasses are tested and sorted by volunteers for use by medical missions and hospitals in the Caribbean, Central and South America, Africa, Asia and Central Europe as well as by American veterans. Please remember to drop your old eyeglasses in the container. Thank you.

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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.



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!

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Bless you, Father Joe



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.

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
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HOLY NAME SOCIETY	Meeting	Monday	June 5	5:30pm
ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY	Luncheon	Monday	June 5	12:00pm
FAITH SHARING	Meeting	Every Wednesday in	June	9:00am
KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS 8415	Officers & Bus. Mtg.	Tuesday	June 6	6:30pm
KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS 8415	Social Meeting	Tuesday	June 20	6:30pm
K of C Ladies Auxiliary	Meeting	Monday	September 25	1:00pm
LAVALLETTE SENIORS	Restaurant & Theater	Thursday	June 15	12:30pm
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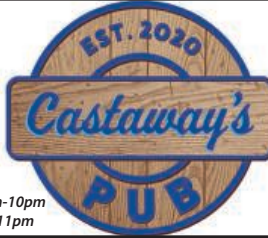
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