



The Parish of St. Pio of Pietrelcina

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MARCH 13, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



“This is my CHOSEN SON; listen to him.”

LUKE 9:35

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Our Parish is Served by:

Rev. Fr. Joseph Hlubik, Pastor, x302

Pastor's office hours:

Tuesdays following 8:30am Mass

Rev. Fr. Joy Chacko, Parochial Vicar, x361

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Music, x315

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Pat Kevish, x301

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Trustees

Nick Zaccaria, Finance Chair

Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday:	8:30am	Chapel
1st Saturday of Month:	8:30am	Chapel
Saturday (Vigil):	4:00pm	Church
Sunday:	8:30 and 10:30am	Church
Holy Days:	9:30am	Church
<u>Confession:</u>	Saturday, 3 - 3:30pm or by appointment	

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Saturday

March 12

**4:00pm
Vigil**

*James Higgins r/b Gerry & Gary Adams
James Higgins r/b Joe & Joyce Kobylarz*

Sunday

March 13

8:30am

*Dennis Maloney r/b Judy & Vin Fieseler
Edward Parada r/b Linda Miksza*

10:30am

*Marty Unfried r/b Gary & Gerry Adams
For the People of the Parish*

Monday

March 14

8:30am

Stephen Varhol r/b Eve Hodyl

Tuesday

March 15

8:30am

Mary Fehrle r/b Ralph Rossi

Wednesday

March 16

8:30am

Joseph Murphy r/b Joan Davie

Thursday

March 17

8:30am

*Maryanne Kennedy
r/b Laura & Greg Bierster
Patrick J. Glynn
r/b Laura & Greg Bierster*

Friday

March 18

8:30am

*Maryanne Kennedy
r/b Claudia Gearheart*

March 19

**4:00pm
Vigil**

*Camacho/Ferdinando Family
r/b Margo Camacho
Marie Josephine Woodrow
r/b Connie Barraco*

March 20

8:30am

*Jerry Betzner r/b Susan Berry
For the People of the Parish*

10:30am

*Ed Zultowski r/b Alex Barletta
Robert & Florence Tynski r/b Son*



Healing: Fr. Douglas Freer, Jill Rager, Marci Haxall, The Filippini Religious Teachers in Rome, Albania & Ethiopia, Mary Anne Grandinetti, Fred Barbeito, Christopher Durso, Nicholas Meola, Bernard D'Andrea, Sangita Rossano, Colleen Anderson, Marie Graham, RJ Graham, Michael Christa, Joann Christa, Sharon Witty, Nick Lettas, Mary Buontempo, Michael Iansito, Ed & Ann Bonner, Annalise Magliaro, Maria Rosanio, Rosemarie Amendola, Cathy Roth, Elaine Siekierski, Donna Milano, Pat McCourt, Maureen Burrell, Antonietta Palmiero, Judy Fieseler, Helen Burn, 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).



The Deceased: Marilyn Giordano, Marge Tremain, Florence Tynski, Lucille Chiesa, Arleen Grudus, Vic Ronchetti, Marie Woodrow, Susan Dunrovich, Maryanne Kennedy, Dennis Maloney, Howard Reif, Patricia Towle, Jerry Betzner, Dorothy Costello

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 Altar Bread and Wine for the month of March have been donated by a parishioner for a Special Intention.



MARCH 13, 2022

Trying to Understand Why Putin is Invading the Ukraine

When Putin began amassing his army around the Ukraine, I began wondering why he was doing it, and what the Russian people would perceive as to why it was happening. I have to admit, that after reading about it I still don't totally know, but have some ideas, which may be right or wrong. Nonetheless, I present them to you in this brief article.

It seems to be a mixture of rising nationalism joined to the Russian Orthodox Church, and an ideal of creating a new Russian Empire similar in extent to that of the Soviet era. It is a joining of Church and State, with the Czar and Patriarch at the helm. The ideal that is put forward is that this needs to happen to prevent what they perceive as the moral decay of the West from destroying Russian culture. This perspective includes promoting the perception that the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, which became autocephalous in 2019, that is unlinked to the authority of the Patriarch in Moscow and its own Church.

In politics, this idea of aligning a particular religious power with the State, is called using "soft power" to control and influence the people. It seems to be regaining a hold on the world all over, but it is as old as states and churches have existed. In Russia, the Church and State seem to be returning to pre-enlightenment ideas that go against the American ideals of: the separation of Church and State, freedom of religion and individual liberty.

In Ukraine, people seem to have a great dislike and mistrust of Russian domination and the propaganda of the Russian Orthodox Church. They have been controlled by Russia on and off since about 1800. Russia treated them as underlings in need of supervision; they even tried to eliminate the Ukrainian language and culture, pushing for a uniform culture and religious expression. They have suffered for decades under Russia especially during Soviet times.

From Russia's political perspective, there are high priorities for controlling the Ukraine to secure the ability to repel threats and attacks from NATO and the West, being able to access and have control of Ukrainian resources especially of rich agriculture resources, and regaining its position as a superpower on the world stage.

Ukrainians have now a government chosen by election. They want their rightful independence from Russian domination and do not want to go back to many of the "old" ways. Fortunately, they have good leaders now, like President Volodymyr Zelensky to lead their country in the future. Let us pray that they are able to maintain their freedom.

Fr. Joe



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2022

Catholic Education Administration

Catholic schools are the greatest hope for the future of our Church. Donations to the ACA help to ensure that curriculum and performance standards and development of educators continue at high levels within 26 elementary schools and 6 high schools. Last year reaching out to more than 90,000 alumni increased that support to these institutions.

Catholic Social Services

Through your support of the Annual Catholic Appeal, you partner with the Diocese and your parish to make the corporal works of mercy tangible for people who are most in need through: Diocesan Parish Counseling Services, Parish Emergency Assistance Program, Diocesan Social Service Workshops, Home Health Nursing Program and Emergency Assistance.

2022 LENTEN ACTIVITIES

At our linked parishes ALL ARE WELCOME



CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART Bay Head, NJ

Daily Mass

Rosary recited starting at 8:00am
Mass: Monday - Friday at 8:30 am
Divine Mercy Novena

Immediately Followed by:

Tuesday: **Divine Mercy Prayer Group**

Wednesday: **Bible Study "No Greater Love"**

Friday: **Exposition & Benediction**

Stations of the Cross - Fridays at
7:00pm

ST. PIO OF PIETRELCINA CHURCH Lavallette, NJ

Daily Mass

Rosary recited starting at 8:10am
Mass: Monday - Friday at 8:30 am

Immediately Followed by:

Tuesdays: **Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Novena**

Wednesdays: **Faith Sharing with Deacon John**

Thursdays: **Chaplet of the Divine Mercy Novena**

Fridays: **Stations of the Cross & Benediction**

Soup & Scripture Study - "Angels of God"

Fridays: 10am - 12noon

Women of Faith, Hour of Lenten Prayer

Thursday March 10th, 10:30am, followed by Soup Lunch.
Call Joyce K. 973-714-6797

PENANCE SERVICE

Thursday, March 24th, 7:00pm

MARCH 13, 2022



GOD OF LOVE AND LIFE FATHER, SON and HOLY SPIRIT

**“This is my chosen Son; listen to Him.”
Luke 9:35**

The Lord, our God’s message is straight forward and uncomplicated. Listen to Him. Listen to Him about love, marriage, children and life.

Rejoice and walk in the ways of the Lord. BE, ACT and VOTE PRO-LIFE IN 2022.



SPRING 40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

March 2nd to April 10th, 2022

This is a national campaign of prayer, fasting and public witness for the end to abortion at abortion clinics.

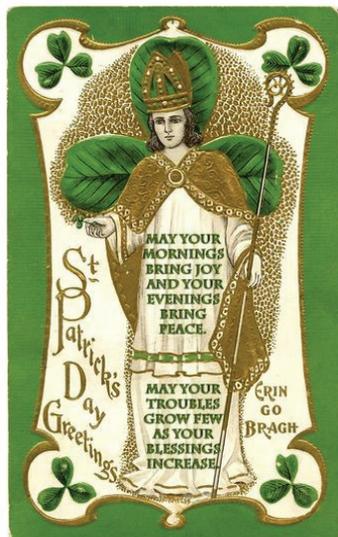
Our Diocese has volunteers who organize and encourage participation at the Planned parenthood in Shrewsbury and the Women’s Center in Cherry Hill.

Simon’s Soup Kitchen serves pre-packaged dinners (for pick-up only) on Tuesday and Friday evenings in the Quansit Hut at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, located on Grant Avenue in Seaside Heights from 5pm until 6:30pm. This will take place until the end of April. Anyone in need of a hot meal is welcome.



Daylight Savings Time began at 2:00am Sunday, March 13th.

The Saturday evening Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 5:00pm starting on March 19th.



PLEASE JOIN US IN STUDYING THE ANGELS OF GOD DURING LENT “ANGELS OF GOD”

LENTEN SOUP & SCRIPTURE 6 WEEK STUDY

All are welcome to join us in studying the angels of God during Lent. We will review the Bible’s presentation of God’s angels as guardians and messengers. Understanding angels’ powerful presence throughout biblical history while enhancing our awareness of their invisible presence with us today. We will enjoy delicious homemade soups while sharing fellowship.

Please contact dawnrusinko@yahoo.com to register.

The cost is \$15 & includes your book.

WHEN: Fridays March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1 & 8

WHERE: St. Pio of Pietrelcina Church Hall

103 Washington Ave. in Lavallette

TIME: 10am-noon

St. Joseph By the Sea in Mantaloking

is offering the following retreats:

March 25-27, 2022 – FOOTSTEPS IN THE GARDEN –

Do you ever wonder what God is doing and has done in your life even without your help?

April 29-May 1, 2022 - GIFT FROM THE SEA –

“Patience, patience, patience, the sea teaches. Patience and faith.”

May 13-15, 2022 – WELLNESS WEEKEND FOR WOMEN

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

(St. Joseph By the Sea is still in need of a part-time cook and kitchen aide. Please call the above number for info.)

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FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH– MARCH 19th



Prayer to St Joseph

O Glorious Saint Joseph, I humbly beg of you, by the love and care you had for Jesus and Mary, to take my affairs, spiritual and temporal, into your hands. Draw from them the greater glory of God, and obtain for me the grace to do His holy will. Amen

Saint Joseph, Friend of the Sacred Heart, pray for us.

Saint Joseph, help of the dying, pray for us.
Amen

www.worksbyfaith.org

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

PARISH INFORMATION

Anointing of the Sick - This sacrament is 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 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

Receiving Communion:

- Holy Communion will be distributed in the hand. To receive on the tongue please wait until all have received, go to the end of the line of the priest distributing Communion.
- Anyone needing a **low gluten host**, please get in the communion line in the front, on the pulpit side. Ask the minister for a low gluten Host.
- To take Communion from Mass to **homebound family members**, go to the sacristy **after Mass** with your pyx. Ask the priest/minister to get you a host from the tabernacle. Hosts for others will not be distributed during Mass.

Lost & Found Items:

Please call the parish office.



The Lavallette Seniors will have their St. Patrick's Day Party in St. Pio's parish hall on Thursday, March 17, 2022 at 12:30pm until 3:00pm. Food will be catered by Complete Care of Laurelton, Brick, NJ, and music will be provided by Gary Phillips from Red Bank. Come join us. Contact Jim Peeny at 732-793-4675.



Sponsorship Certificates 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.****

Thank You for your Support!!

Contributions Weekend of March 6, 2022	This Past Week	Same week Last Year
At Church	\$5,147	\$4,295
Online	\$1,191	\$1,145
Total	\$6,338	\$5,440



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.



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	Dc. John Hanna	732-793-7291 x320	jhanna@stpioparish.com
Holy Name Society	Bill Haight	201-334-6686	beachbum09@optonline.net
Knights of Columbus	Donald Almasy, GK	732-407-3226	throssell@verizon.net
Ladies Auxiliary to the KofC	Joyce Kobylarz	973-714-6797	jkoby2@aol.com
Lectors & Extraordinary Ministers	Joyce Kobylarz	973-714-6797	jkoby2@aol.com
Parish Nurses	Joan Blanchfield	201-362-4148	blanch139@gmail.com
Pro-Life	Georgina Vastola	732-742-3986	gmvastola@optimum.net
Raffle Committee	Jack McCormack	732-830-4787	jack17mac@verizon.net
Religious Education & R.C.I.A.	John Paglione	732-899-1398 x5	pags711@gmail.com
Rosary Altar Society	Pat McCourt	732-830-6519	fifthmyles@yahoo.com
Wedding Ministry	Joyce Kobylarz	973-714-6797	jkoby2@aol.com
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