

St. Pio of Pietrelcina

103 Washington Avenue
Lavallette, NJ 08735



Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

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

Monday - Saturday Daily Mass: 8:30am (*in the Chapel*)

Confessions: Saturday 3:20 or after Daily Mass

Church of the Sacred Heart

751 Main Avenue
Bay Head, NJ 08742



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Rev. Joseph G. Hlubik, Pastor
Deacon James Turro

Rev. Joy Chacko, Parochial Vicar

This is my *chosen* Son

Listen to *Him*.

LUKE 9:35



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MARCH 16, 2025 - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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Weekend Clergy Assisting with Masses

We very much appreciate the retired priests who help both our parishes with daily and weekend masses.

- Rev. Kevin Ashe (Rest in Peace)
- Rev. Noel Danielewicz
- Rev. Msgr. Philip Franceschini
- Rev. Robert Grodnicki
- Rev. Msgr. James Pagnotta
- Rev. Msgr. Lewis Papera

Administrative Offices for Both Parishes are located at

St. Pio of Pietrelcina Parish Center

103 Washington Avenue, Lavallette, NJ 08735
Office is located 1-block south of the main church.
Entrance to office, use foyer in parking lot behind Chapel.
Office is on the second floor, there is an elevator.
Hours: Monday to Thursday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Phone: 732-793-7291 Fax: 732-793-8204
Email: office@stpioparish.com
Website: www.stpioparish.com

Sacred Heart Rectory / Office



751 Main Avenue, Bay Head, NJ 08742
Located diagonally across from the church.
Entrance to office, use foyer on Goetze Street.
Hours: Monday to Thursday 9:00 am - 12:00 noon
Phone: 732-899-1398 Fax: 732-899-2233
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Website: www.sacredheartbayhead.com

NOTE: There is a **secure parishioner dropbox** located inside each parish office foyer, Open 6:00am-6:00pm

Thank You for your Support!!

Contributions Weekend of March 9, 2025	Sacred Heart	Saint Pio of Pietrelcina
In Pew at Church	\$ 3,735	\$ 3,887
Online	\$ 2,492	\$ 1,615
Total	\$ 6,227	\$ 5,502

Join us for a Holy Hour during this Lenten season. The Knights of Columbus will hold a Holy Hour in the chapel at St Pio's every Friday at 3:00 p.m. Spend an hour in adoration of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.



Please remember our parish in your final will and testament



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.



From the Desk of Fr. Joe:

The Players in the Passion of Christ

Palm Sunday and Good Friday part 1 of 2

The Family of Annas and Caiaphas controlled the High Priesthood of the Temple from about the year 6-66 AD. – 40 out of 60 years. One of Annas' grandsons, Annas-ben Annas, was assassinated for trying to promote peace with Rome as the first revolt was beginning.

Annas officially served as High Priest for ten years (6–15 AD), when at the age of 36 he was deposed by the Roman procurator Gratus 'for imposing and executing capital sentences' which had been forbidden by the imperial government. He is believed to have died about 40 AD.

Over the next fifty years, seven different members of the family of Annas also ruled as High Priests. From AD 6 to AD 43, they ruled almost without interruption, then there was a gap of 18 years, then another eight years of their rule.

High priests of the family of Annas

1. Eleazar (son): AD 16-17
2. Caiaphas (son-in-law): AD 18-36
3. Jonathan (son): AD 36-37
4. Theophilus (son): AD 37-41
5. Matthias (son): AD 42-43

Then about an 18 year gap

6. Annas II (son): AD 61-62
7. Matthias (grandson): AD 65-68 (son of Theophilus)

Known as Matthias Ananias (also known as Ananus ben Ananus) was killed by a mob of anti-Roman revolutionaries in 66 AD.

Continued persecution of the leaders of the Jerusalem Church

Stephen, the first martyr, was stoned to death in the year 35 AD by order of the Sanhedrin, (a group of 71 men, which was mainly comprised of the High Priest Caiaphas, Annas and other chief priests, lawyers (scribes), other Sadducees, and some Pharisees, who made decisions for the people of Judea.

Annas dominated the Sanhedrin until his death, which was probably around the year 40 AD. The "bone box" associated with the family of Annas, identified as the "Caiaphas Ossuary." It was discovered in 1990 in Jerusalem and is now in the Israel Museum. It Saul, who became the Apostle Paul, held the cloaks of those stoning Steven, one of the first deacons, who ministered to the poor.

James the Greater (of James and John, the sons of Zebedee) was beheaded in 44 AD by Herod Agrippa to please Jewish leaders (The Sanhedrin) and suppress the spread of Christianity. This a time when Peter escaped from the same fate as a prisoner in Jerusalem, and went to preach in other places.

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James the Less was martyred during a brief transition between procurators, while the position was vacant. Annas II, who was appointed high priest by Herod Agrippa II, seized the opportunity to have James the Less, the cousin, (brother) of Jesus, and others with him, stoned to death in the year 63 AD. Annas II ordered James to stand atop the Temple wall and deny Jesus before the crowd that had assembled. Instead, he proclaimed Jesus as the Messiah, which led many to convert. They threw James down from the Temple wall, and stoned him. James was still alive, after being stoned. Someone then took a club and finished the job. James had pastored the early community of believers in Jerusalem. He is also known as James the Just.

As we saw, Annas and Caiaphas, and their families were among those Jesus condemned when he “cleansed the Temple.” They were wealthy, often cruel and dishonest, and closely collaborated with the Romans. They profited immensely during the 3 great festivals (Passover being the largest), when there were crowds are estimated to have been 180,000 people or more, The festival crowds were comprised of those who live in Jerusalem, pilgrim Diaspora Jews, and Jews throughout Judea. The typical population of Jerusalem during ordinary times is estimated at 25-30,000. However, depending on the different sources I looked up, estimates are over a million at festival times. I think the estimate I used is probably the best. The source: <https://christianpure.com/learn/jerusalem-in-jesus-time/>

The High Priests: bottom line is that Annas and Caiaphas, with the chief priests and the rest of the Sanhedrin, insisted Pilate put Jesus to death. The High Priests of the family of Annas also persecuted and martyred 2 of his Apostles named James, and the deacon Stephen as well. Jesus condemned the unethical business practices and the immorality of this wealthy minority. In John’s gospel when Jesus is arrested, he is first brought to the House of Annas not far from that of Caiaphas. The high priest had his own Jewish troops in Jerusalem, his police, who were mostly Levites. **These Temple Police and Roman soldiers were involved in arresting Jesus, along with Jewish authorities.**

When we read the Passion on Palm Sunday, and again on Good Friday, we encounter all of those of the Sanhedrin: High Priests, chief priests, other Sadducees, (scribes-lawyers), Herodians, some of the Pharisees (although Pharisees were a small minority of the Sanhedrin). It was mostly this wealthy minority who financially benefitted most from the operation of the Temple.

The Chief Priests were an established group within the priesthood with the oversight of worship, control of the temple, administration of the temple treasury and supervision of priestly discipline. Centered in Jerusalem, the chief priests were members of the Sanhedrin. With the high priest, chief priests wielded significant power and privilege.

Elders - The Jerusalem elders were leaders of the prominent Jewish families of Jerusalem. Some of them were Pharisees. Elders served in their local village councils as well as those in Jerusalem. Their primary function was in the community and in the synagogue, thus they had considerable power over the daily life of the Jewish people. In addition to the Temple, there were synagogues in Jerusalem during the life of Jesus.

The crowds at the trial were mostly people from this group and others stirred-up by them.

Rev. Joseph G. Hlubik

AWESOME, WONDROUS, AMAZING *A reflection for March 16*

Amazing, incredible, astounding, awesome, miraculous, wondrous, unbelievable! These might be some of the words that Abram, Peter, James, and John would use to describe their experience with the Divine.

In Sunday's First Reading (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18), we learn of Abram's encounter with the Divine. God appears to Abram and promises that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars of heaven and would possess a land of their own. To confirm these promises, God makes a covenant with Abram during which he experiences a deep, terrifying darkness and witnesses God's presence in "a smoking fire pot and flaming torch" that move between the animals he has sacrificed.

In our Gospel (Luke 9:28b-36), Peter, James, and John have their own wondrous encounter with the Divine. Jesus takes the three up a mountain where he then prays, but they fall asleep. When they awake, they see Jesus bathed in divine glory and conversing with Moses and Elijah.

The awestruck disciples then hear the voice of God proclaim, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." Moses and Elijah are seen no longer, for they have been surpassed by Jesus.

Peter, James, and John are left speechless and unable to put into words what they experienced on the mountain. As Luke tells us, "They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen."

Their encounters with the Divine certainly deepened the faith of Abram, Peter, James, and John and redirected their lives. It led Abram to do what God asked of him. It led Peter, James, and John to see Jesus as more than their master: he was the fulfillment of the law and prophets, and he was the Messiah and the Son of God.

An experience of the Divine is not limited to those mentioned in the Scriptures or to the saints. We all can experience an encounter with the Divine. Such an encounter happens each time we come to Mass. When we gather with our fellow Christians, Jesus, the Son of God, is present. As he assured us, "where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20).

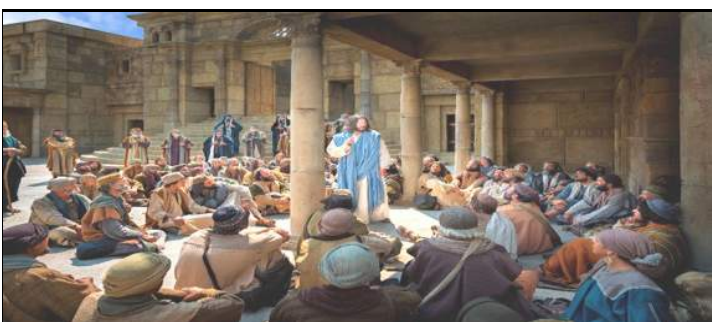
During Mass, we hear God's voice from the heavens as the inspired Word of God is proclaimed in the readings. In fact, after the Gospel is read, we profess that Jesus himself has spoken to us as we acclaim, "Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ."

During the Eucharistic Prayer, God renews his covenant with us. Not the one made with Abram and Moses, but the new covenant: our new relationship with God through Jesus Christ. As the priest prays during the consecration, "Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant."

In our receiving Holy Communion, we have an encounter with God even more amazing than that experienced by Peter, James, and John during the Transfiguration of Jesus. Jesus does more than shine with glory: he places himself into our hands so that we might receive him and become one with him. In this way, Divinity enters our humanity.

But since Mass is so readily available, we can take it for granted and fail to fully grasp what is happening before our eyes. If we truly appreciate what happens at Mass, we might describe it as Abram, Peter, James, and John may have described their encounter with the Divine. What happens at Mass is amazing, incredible, astounding, awesome, miraculous, wondrous, unbelievable!

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Lent Bible Study As we read through the four Gospels, one of the most notable aspects of Jesus' ministry is His consistent use of questions when interacting with others. It is interesting to note that the word "question" includes the word "quest." Each question invites us to explore more deeply the significance of Jesus' life, not only in terms of who He was for His original disciples but also in terms of who He is for us today. Join us as we explore the profound questions posed by Christ.

When: Thursdays March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3 & 10

Where: St. Pio Church Hall 103 Washington Ave in Lavallette

Time: 9-10:30am (mass is offered in the chapel at 8:30am)

Registration is \$20 and includes your book.

To register please contact dawnrusinko@yahoo.com

Join us for a Holy Hour during this Lenten season. The



Knights of Columbus will hold a Holy Hour in the chapel at St Pio's every Friday at 3:00 p.m.



Spend an hour in adoration of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

**PRAY FOR
POPE
FRANCIS**



**Lenten Penance Service
with Individual Confession**

Thursday, March 27 from 4pm
in the Church at **St Pio**



Fan the Flame of HOPE

2025 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Early Progress Report

Fan the Flame of Hope: 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal

St. Pio parish goal is \$43,000, and already 46 families have pledged \$8,685 (20%)

Sacred Heart parish goal is \$53,000, and already 34 families have pledged \$7,921 (13%)

We still need support from more parish families. Every gift, regardless of size, helps provide hope through vocational, pastoral, and outreach programs. Once we reach our goal, 100% of every additional dollar comes back to our parish as a rebate. Please consider making your contribution today and help us Fan the Flame of Hope for both our diocese and parish.

The Appeal funds vital ministries in our parish as well as across our Diocese that nurture faith and serve those in need. Please consider making your gift today; please see the bulletin or our parish website for more information. www.giveaca.org Thank you

Supporting Clergy

Support our clergy through the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal. Your gift provides essential formation and support for priests and deacons who guide our faith journey, celebrate sacraments, and serve our parish communities. Help strengthen those who dedicate their lives to serving God's people.

Make your gift online at giveaca.org



Local Retreat House Staffed by Sisters of The Religious Teachers Filippini

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March 21-23, 2025 – SELF CARE FOR AA WOMEN Take time to be still and know God loves you. Rest, read and take walks on the beach and bayside. Yoga, meditation and massage will be available. Eucharistic Liturgy included. No Supper on Friday. Arrival: 5:00-6:00 p.m./Departure: 12:00 p.m. (Presenters: Sr. Brunilda Ramos, MPF, CSAC, NCAPS-II & Avita Kennedy, RYT) Cost: \$400

March 27, 2025 - LENTEN SAINTS TO CELEBRATE! Saint Joseph and Saint Patrick are familiar but did you know their female counterparts: Mother Cabrini and Brigid of Ireland? Come celebrate these wonderful men and women of faith to continue our Lenten journey with joy! Lunch and Eucharistic Liturgy included. Arrival: 9:00 a.m./Departure: 2:30 p.m. (Presenter: Janice Santanello, M.Th., CLEM, CSG, CPC) Cost: \$65

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

Current Brochure can be found on www.sjbsea.org

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2025

St. Pio

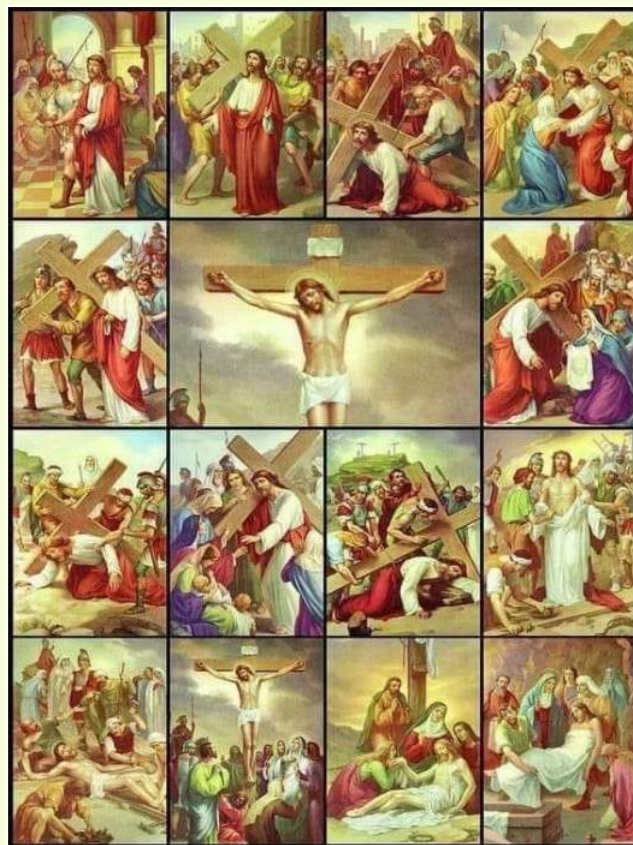
Palm Sunday April 13, 7:30, 9:00, 10:30AM
Holy Thursday April 17, at Sacred Heart only
Good Friday April 18, 3 PM
Holy Saturday April 19, 7 PM
Easter Sunday April 20, 7:30, 9:00, 10:30AM

Sacred Heart

Palm Sunday April 13, 7:15, 8:30, 10:30AM
Holy Thursday April 17, 7 PM
Good Friday April 18, 3 PM
Holy Saturday April 19, at St. Pio only
Easter Sunday April 20, 7:15, 8:30, 10:30, 12Noon

Stations of the Cross

Sacred Heart Fridays during Lent-7:00 PM,
Good Friday after the 6PM Soup Supper
St. Pio Fridays after 8:30 Mass in the Chapel,
with Adoration and Benediction



"Could you not watch with me one hour"
-Matthew 26:40

Sad News - Our parishes mourn the death of Rev. Kevin Ashe who passed away on March 9th

Arrangements: Saturday, April 5th at Sacred Heart Church.

Visitation 10-11am, Funeral Mass at 11am.

Meet & Greet afterwards in the Parish Hall.

Rev. Kevin Patrick Ashe, a tireless advocate for the poor, disenfranchised, and the environment, died surrounded by loved ones at the home he and his father, the late Thomas, built in 1958 as a summer residence in Brick, NJ. His parents eventually retired to Brick in 1970.



Fr. Kevin was well known at the Jersey Shore, serving several Roman Catholic parishes including, Sacred Heart in Bay Head, St. Catherine in Spring Lake, and St. Dominic in Brick. He celebrated his 60th anniversary as a priest in 2023. He was 87 years old.



Never hesitant to roll up his sleeves and fight for the poor, a Washington Post article from 1996 highlighted his battle with the state of NJ to turn a theatre in Union City into a nonprofit community arts center. The writer described him as “an Irish Catholic priest right out of central casting.”

A graduate of Seton Hall University and Immaculate Conception Seminary in Darlington, NJ, Fr. Kevin began his ministry in 1963. He served in parishes throughout the state and immersed himself into each community living as a shining example of the Gospels in action. His humility was evident in everything and everywhere he went.

While at the Little Flower parish in Berkeley Heights, Fr. Kevin was named the Jaycee Man of the Year and was a member of the Union County Children's Shelter. At St. Paul's Greenville in Jersey City, Rev. Ashe established a housing resource center (Greenville House) for those in need and a municipal housing court. While at St. Paul's, he earned his Associates Degree in Urban Studies from St. Peter's College in Jersey City. As pastor of Holy Family Church in Union City, he established the Park Performing Arts Center, the subject of the brouhaha covered by the Washington Post, and served as chaplain to the Police and Fire Departments.

Fr. Kevin received a Lifetime Achievement Award for establishing the Park Performing Arts Center and America's longest running production of the Passion Play, which was named one of the top 100 tours from the American Bus Association. Raising more than \$1 million for capital improvements and expanded programs at the Park, he brought arts programs into an urban area lacking cultural opportunities and became a hero to the largely Latino community. He established the Northeast Folk Art Center and subsequently was given the prestigious Governor's Tourism Award.

More recently, upon his retiring as full-time executive director of the Park, Fr. Kevin turned his time and attention to the poor at the Jersey Shore, becoming a founding member of Seeds of Service in Brick, which advocates and distributes food, clothing, and household items to the sick, the poor, and the needy. He also served on the NJ Board of Americas Gleaned Seafood, which takes bycatch and distributes it to the hungry.

An avid outdoors man, who loved to ramble through the woods, sail, ski, hunt, and traveling the world, Rev. Ashe also served on the Brick Open Space Savers, a citizens advisory group that evaluates properties for potential acquisition to support open space, conservation, and recreation.

Fr. Kevin will be sorely missed. His sermons that spread the message of tolerance, love, mercy, and welcome will be remembered. May we live up to his expectations and follow his example.

He is pre-deceased by his father, Thomas, and mother, Catherine nee' Malloy and his sister Catherine. He has many loving cousins here and in Ireland.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to his two favorite charities, Seeds of Service and Americas Gleaned Seafood.

Arrangements by O'Brien Funeral Home, Wall, NJ

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Our Mission



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St. Pio

To get started, just scan the QR code (use the camera on your phone) or visit the parish website and click on the Parish Giving Logo, then follow the easy registration steps.



Sacred Heart

Parish Giving offers secure flexible Online Giving for our parishioners who would like to make their donations online using a credit card or bank transfer. You never have to bring cash or checks to church. Online Giving helps the church save money and plan the budget.



Blue Mass and Luncheon

Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., and the Diocese of Trenton invite law enforcement personnel of all faiths who live or serve in Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean Counties to the

23rd Annual Blue Mass & Luncheon

The Diocese of Trenton's
 Celebration of Law Enforcement
 Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at 10:30 AM
 St. Robert Bellarmine Co-Cathedral
 61 Georgia Rd., Freehold

Luncheon donation: \$20 per law enforcement officer. No charge for immediate families.
 For information and to order tickets online, go to <https://dioceseoftrenton.org/blue-mass>
 Any questions may be directed via E-mail to: dotcomm@dioceseoftrenton.org

St. Pio and Sacred Heart's Sponsorship Opportunities

Sponsoring the items in our church is a beautiful way to honor loved ones, or to mark a special life event: welcoming a new life, birthdays, the anniversary of a wedding, baptism, confirmation, in memory of a loved one, or simply in thanksgiving for life's many blessings. Call the parish office to arrange.

Flowers suggested donation: \$50

Flowers that represent the beauty of God's creation grace every Weekend Mass at our parishes, engaging our sense of sight in worship. These beautiful flower arrangements reflect both the calendar & liturgical season every week (except during Lent).

Sanctuary Candle suggested donation: \$20 for the week

The Sanctuary Candle lit by the Tabernacle is a sign of the continual real presence of Jesus Christ: Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, under the appearance of the host (bread) kept the tabernacle. The candle is a sign to those who wish to pray that Jesus is truly present.

Altar Bread & Wine suggested donation: \$30 for the month

The Altar Bread & Wine is a gift of the people of God for the holy sacrifice of the Mass.

Call the office to reserve your date in advance. Be sure to indicate the event you are celebrating (e.g. "In memory of..." / "In thanksgiving for..."). Honoraria, remembrances, and thanksgivings will be acknowledged in the Sunday bulletin.



Please Pray for Victims of Hurricanes Helene and Milton, and the LA fires



Come join the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary for an

International Cuisine Buffet Dinner

Saturday
 May 31, 2025
 6-9 p.m.



Sample food from America and around-the-world!

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St. Pio's Hall
 1206 Grand Central Ave.
 Lavallette, NJ 08735



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 NO LATER THAN MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025

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For additional information, call/text Pat at 908-392-1638.



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Need more information, email: barlettaa@verizon.net

Faith Sharing Group

If you would like to lift your spirits and learn a little more about your faith and well-being, think about attending our *Faith Sharing Group*. The group meets once a week on Wednesdays 9AM at [St. Pio's](#) in Lavallette after morning Mass, and spends about one hour discussing the readings for the next Sunday and what they mean to us. All are welcome.

Contact Maureen Zebrowski at 732-259-1578 if you are interested or would like more information.

Parish Counseling Services (PCS)

Counseling Services are 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.

Bereavement Group

Please join the *Breakfast Group* if you are feeling down because of a loss in your life. We are a group of your fellow parishioners who have suffered from a loss recently or several years ago. We are a good group sharing our loss and how we manage to move forward. We pray, talk and laugh and enjoy goodies and coffee and tea. We meet the second Saturday of the month at [Sacred Heart](#) in the Parish Hall at 9:00 am. You come in feeling down and leave feeling lifted up. Try joining and meet all of us to journey together lifting each other up. Please come join us. Everyone is welcome and wanted.

Lavallette Seniors Club

Will meet on Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 12:15 PM in the St Pio Parish Center. A hot lunch will be provided by Complete Care Corp. Our speaker will be Francise Perges, Out Reach Coordinator for Care Givers Volunteers of Central Jersey. Come Join Us!

Jim Peeney, President
732-793-4675

St. Francis Food Pantry

in Seaside Heights is open Wednesdays from 10am until 12 noon.

Please consider bringing some food items with you when you attend Mass at St. Pio's each Saturday or 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!



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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.

To schedule a pickup in Ocean County please call 609-906-0004 or email racworld2015@gmail.com. Please call or email three days prior to pick up day. 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

Sacred Heart's HNS MONTHLY 50/50 CLUB



Open to all parishioners and visitors. Monthly drawing is held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

\$60.00 gives you (12) chances to win

Check payable to **Sacred Heart HNS** and return to:
Sacred Heart Church HNS, Attn: Pags.
751 Main St.
Bay Head, NJ 08742

(if you refer a person to join, each time they win you get \$25)

February winner is Rosemary Burke, #137 \$500, Selected by Fr. Joy; Referred by Bev Poskay who receives \$25

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St. Pio Holy Name Society presents

Doo Wop Saturday Night

with
Jukebox Legends

May 3, 2025

St. Pio Parish Hall
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Show 7:00 - 10:00



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Going to the Hospital?

If you are scheduled to go to the hospital it is good to go to confession before you go. If you are having a scheduled surgery you might want to be anointed before you go. You can do this by calling the parish office and arranging a time with Fr. Joe or Fr. Joy.

When you arrive at the hospital or if an emergency arises make sure that you or a family member let them know that you are Catholic and that you would like an anointing, Holy Communion and a visit by the Catholic priest chaplain.

These steps are important because HIPPA and Covid Restrictions. The hospital often restrict chaplaincy to priests they have on call. In case you cannot get the hospital to respond to your needs, please call the parish office and we will assist you in getting the spiritual help you need, or we will respond ourselves as best we can!

OASIS Day 2025

DAY OF PRAYER FOR WOMEN

April 5, 2025

The Religious Teachers Filippini invite you to a day of extraordinary grace .

Conference, Mass & Confession with
Rev. Anthony Randazzo

Arrival: 9:30 am - Departure: 3:00 pm
Bring your own bag lunch.

Beverages will be provided through the day.



"My trust is in the Lord, and I stand ready for whatever he sends."
St Lucy Filippini

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Pray For The Sick

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Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks; Please call the parish office if you wish to extend.

Blessed, hand-made, **Prayer Blankets** are available for your loved ones at the St. Pio office, we ask for a free will donation to cover the cost of the material.

Pray For The Deceased

Mary Ann Baginski, Roger Shulas, Ana Librada Ramos, Leonard Baccaro, Robert Weeden, Mary McGowen, Margaret McEnroe, Pamela Kane, Jaelyn M. Barry, Judith J. Easter, Christopher Bron-cati, Donna Fahey, Grace Bobowsky, John Pochinski, Sandy Pizzuro, Helen Calvanico, Fr. Kevin Ashe



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- E-4 Specialist Army, Jason Rodriguez, US Army
- Capt. Calvin Smith, US Army (deployed)
- Lt. Col. Wesley Dixon, USAF
- EM3 Jacob Keller, US Coast Guard (deployed)
- 1st Lt. Ryan Waters, USMC
- Major Megan Jimenez, US Army
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- Ensign Bella Santamaria, US Navy



For the month of March the **Altar Bread and Wine** at **St. Pio Parish** have been donated in loving memory of **Gregory Buontempo** requested by The Card Club



For the month of March the **Altar Bread and Wine** at **Sacred Heart** have been donated for Intentions for **Brian Hawkins** requested by Joe & Maryanne Greene

St Pio's Sanctuary Lamp in Church & Chapel

To burn the week of March 15-21, 2025 in loving memory of **Dolores McDonough** requested by Her Husband Bill



For the week of March 15-21 the **Altar Flowers** for the **Blessed Virgin Mary** at **St. Pio Church** have been Donated in Loving Memory of **James Murphy** requested by **JoAnne Murphy**



St. Pio
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We Offer a Warm Welcome to our Recently Registered Parishioners!

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Jessielyn & Sean Kennedy



St. Pio
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Congratulations to the families of the newly Baptized

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GOD OF LOVE AND LIFE

"This is my chosen Son; listen to him." Luke 6:22

Do we listen to Jesus, our Lord and Savior? Or are our **"minds occupied with earthly things"** and are we conducting ourselves **"as enemies of the cross."**?

Do we believe His words **"I am the way, the truth and the life."**? Do we believe it when He says **"The words I speak to you are in the spirit, and they are life."**?

Our God is the God of Life! Life is God's choice from conception to natural death.

Do you know a majority Millennial & Gen Zs believe human rights start in the womb.

Listen to God, Love God, Love Life



St. Pio Parish

Sacred Heart Church

Saturday, March 15

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

Vigil

4:00pm † Mary Fehrle r/b Daughter and Family
† Charlotte Kunst r/b Lois Currie

† Sunday, March 16

7:30am † Robert Nels Mathiasen, Jr. r/b Chris & Don
† Denise Ryan r/b The Farrelly Family

9:00am † For Our Parish Families & Their Loved Ones,
Both Living & Deceased

10:30am † Joseph Murphy r/b Daughter
Complete Healing Intentions for Camille Erica
Bustamante r/b Mom & Dad

8:00am Rosary recited before Daily Mass, Monday - Saturday

Monday, March 17

8:30am † Patrick J Glynn r/b Laura & Greg
† Margaret Nolte r/b Frances Quinn

Tuesday, March 18

8:30am † Dennis Langschulz r/b Dianne Hayden
† Franklin H. Berry, Jr. r/b Dianne Hayden

After Mass Miraculous Medal Novena

Wednesday, March 19

8:30am † Manuel G. & Catalina Limones and Juan &
Lorenza Zuniga r/b Manual Z. Limones, Jr.
† Mark Peterson r/b The LaFerrara Family

Thursday, March 20

8:30am For Healing of Rosario, Martha, Manuel Jr.
Limones & Sylvia Salas r/b Manuel Z. Limones Jr.

After Mass Divine Mercy Chaplet

Friday, March 21

8:30am For Healing of Liliana E. Wheaton, Kaleb
May, and Gloria & Salvador Lira
r/b Manual Z. Limones, Jr.

After Mass Adoration & Benediction (20 minutes)

Saturday, March 22

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

Vigil

4:00pm † William Daniels r/b Antonette Daniels
† Dorothy Gili r/b Adele

Sunday, March 23

7:30am † For Our Parish Families & Their Loved Ones,
Both Living & Deceased

9:00am † Veronica Tango r/b Pete & Diane Hawkins
† Grace Bobowsky r/b Al & Diane Della Fave

10:30am † Andy, Peggy & Jimmy Lavin r/b Lavin Family

Saturday, March 15

8:30am † Mr. & Mrs. Fred Morse r/b The McGoeys

Vigil

4:00pm † Tom Vanderspurt r/b Family
† Albert Merten r/b Carol & Pags

Sunday, March 16

7:15am † For Our Parish Families & Their Loved Ones,
Both Living & Deceased

8:30am † Charlie Denihan
r/b Barbara & Benjamin Denihan

10:30am † Richard Clifford r/b His Wife, Toni

**8:00am Rosary recited before Daily Mass, Monday-Saturday
After Daily Mass Divine Mercy Chaplet, Monday-Saturday**

Monday, March 17

8:30am † John Sweeney r/b James Delaney

After Mass Miraculous Medal Novena

Tuesday, March 18

8:30am † Nunzio Masone, Jr r/b Eileen Rinaldi

Wednesday, March 19

8:00am The Divine Flame of Love Rosary recited before Mass

8:30am † Henry Larry McGinn, Jr. r/b Friends & Family

Thursday, March 20

8:30am † Rev. Kevin Ashe
r/b Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church

Friday, March 21

8:30am † Frank Terranova r/b Friends & Family

After Mass Adoration & Benediction (20 minutes)

Saturday, March 22

8:30am † Jeanne Harrison r/b Friends & Family

Vigil

4:00pm † Bill Harrison r/b Friends & Family

Sunday, March 23

7:15am † For Our Parish Families & Their Loved Ones,
Both Living & Deceased

8:30am † Matthew Morris r/b Family

10:30am † Larry McGinn r/b James & Susan McDonald

February / March 2025

St. Pio		Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday													
16	7:30am Quiet Mass/No Music 9:00am Mass 10:30am Mass	17	8:30am Daily Mass	18	8:30am Daily Mass 6:30pm - 10:00pm KofC - Social Meeting	19	8:30am Daily Mass 9:00am - 10:30am Faith Sharing 6:30pm - 10:30pm HNS Card Players	20	First Day of Spring 8:30am Daily Mass 9:00am - 11:00am Lenten Bible Study 12:15pm - 4:00pm Lavallette Seniors Club Meeting	21	Office Closed 8:30am Daily Mass 9:00am Stations of the Cross after 8:30am Mass in the Chapel with Adora- tion and Benediction	22	8:30am Daily Mass 3:20pm - 3:40pm Con- fession 4:00pm Vigil Mass	23	7:30am Quiet Mass/No Music 9:00am Mass 10:30am Mass	24	8:30am Daily Mass 12:00pm - 4:00pm KOC Ladies Auxilia- ry Meeting	25	8:30am Daily Mass	26	8:30am Daily Mass 9:00am - 10:30am Faith Sharing 6:30pm - 10:30pm HNS Card Players	27	8:30am Daily Mass 9:00am - 11:00am Lenten Bible Study 4:00pm - 6:00pm Penance Service	28	Office Closed 8:30am Daily Mass 9:00am Stations of the Cross after 8:30am Mass in the Chapel with Adora- tion and Benediction	29	8:30am Daily Mass 3:20pm - 3:40pm Con- fession 4:00pm Vigil Mass
Sacred Heart		Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday													
16	7:15am Quiet Mass/No Music 8:30am Mass 9:30am - 10:45am Religious Edu- cation Class 10:30am Mass 3:00pm - 5:00pm Bible Study - Matthew	17	8:30am Daily Mass	18	8:30am Daily Mass 9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group	19	8:30am Daily Mass 9:15am - 11:15am Bible Study - Mat- thew 7:00pm - 9:00pm AA Meeting	20	8:30am Daily Mass	21	Office Closed 8:30am Daily Mass 7:00pm - 8:00pm Stations of the Cross	22	8:30am Daily Mass 3:20pm - 3:40pm Con- fession 4:00pm Vigil Mass	23	7:15am Quiet Mass/No Music 8:30am Mass 9:30am - 10:45am Religious Edu- cation Class 10:30am Mass 3:00pm - 5:00pm Bible Study - Matthew	24	8:30am Daily Mass	25	8:30am Daily Mass 9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group	26	8:30am Daily Mass 9:15am - 11:15am Bible Study - Mat- thew 7:00pm - 9:00pm AA Meeting	27	8:30am Daily Mass	28	Office Closed 8:30am Daily Mass 7:00pm - 8:00pm Stations of the Cross	29	8:30am Daily Mass 3:20pm - 3:40pm Con- fession 4:00pm Vigil Mass

Marriages: We ask that you **do not schedule your venue date** until you call the parish and schedule a meeting with one of our priests. Contact Marta Barkhausen at marta@stpioparish.com or call 732-793-7291 x322.

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