

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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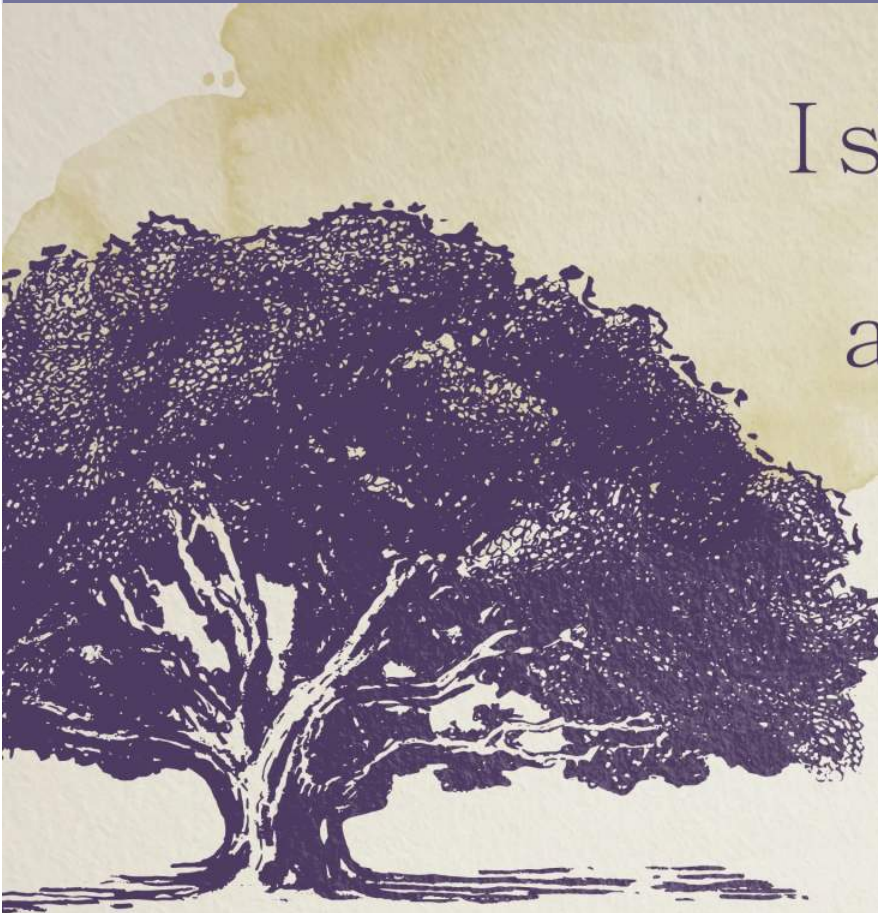
Rev. Joseph G. Hlubik, Pastor
Deacon James Turro

Rev. Joy Chacko, Parochial Vicar

Deacon James Turro

I shall cultivate
the ground
around it and
fertilize it

LUKE 13:8



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MARCH 23, 2025 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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St. Pio of Pietrelcina:
Alex Barletta & Jack McCormack, Trustees
Nick Zaccaria, Finance Chair
Sacred Heart Church
Mary Glass & Vincent Spada, Trustees
Val DeNoia, Finance Chair

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
Email: shrcbh@comcast.net
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 16, 2025	Sacred Heart	Saint Pio of Pietrelcina
In Pew at Church	\$ 2,990	\$ 4,971
Online	\$ 1,125	\$ 1,000
Total	\$ 4,115	\$ 5,971

Monies received from monthly/annual contributions and general donations will be reported here each month:

February 2025	Sacred Heart	St Pio
Collection	\$ 7,570.00	\$ 3,850.00
Donation	\$ 25.46	\$ 1,880.00
Total	\$ 7,595.46	\$ 5,730.00

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:

Part II Archelaus and then Roman Rule

The Aftermath of the Death of Herod the Great

Herod the Great died just in 4 B.C.E., after prolonged suffering from illness. Crowds who gathered to mark his passing were treated to a feast to mark the end of the seven days of mourning by Archelaus, the son finally designated as his heir, but some took advantage of a mass assembly in the Temple to pour out their grievances, demanding lighter taxes, the release of prisoners put in chains by Herod over many years, and the replacement of the high priest appointed by Herod shortly before his death.

Archelaus (19 yrs. old) tried to stall, asking the crowd for patience until his position as king, which had been stipulated in Herod's will, had been confirmed by the Roman emperor Augustus, but anger boiled over during the celebration of Passover. Disorder was suppressed only by sending in the cavalry, his cohort (480 soldiers), which massacred three thousand Jews.

Despite the chaos, Archelaus traveled to Rome to seek confirmation from Augustus but on arrival found himself faced with extensive opposition. As he was delayed in the imperial city, Judaea erupted in unrest again, which reached a peak on Shavuot. Soon the Romans in the palace were besieged by the crowds of pilgrims who had gathered for the feast. Judea rapidly melted into chaos, with violent uprisings all over the country. The governor of Syria, Roman General Publius Quinctilius Varus, intervened with a large army, and he savagely suppressed the several uprisings around the kingdom:

That of Judah, son of Hezekiah, the powerful bandit chief whom Herod the Great had captured with difficulty. Now this Judah assembled a host of desperate men near Sepphoris in Galilee and attacked the king's palace. And having gotten his hand on all the weapons stored there, he armed everyone around him and took all the treasures seized there.

There was also King Herod's slave, Simon, who assembled some crowds and, in their fanaticism, heralded him as their king.

There was Athronges, a shepherd, unknown to anyone anywhere, except for his physical size and striking feats of strength. Who claimed to be king as well.

The revolt was brutally crushed by Varus. It was a major operation in which two thousand people were crucified, and many Judeans sold as slaves, but not all leaders were caught.

Coponius, a cavalry officer, was sent along with Varus with full authority to govern the Jews as a prefect. Since Judaea had been annexed to Syria. Judaea in 6 A.D, permanently stationing a legion (6,000 soldiers) in Caesarea, with one Cohort (480 soldiers) of Roman Auxiliary troops in Jerusalem.

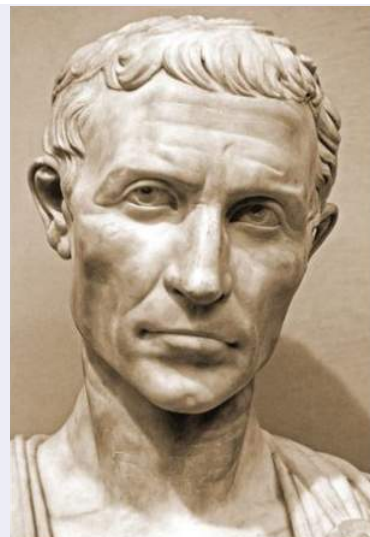
Archelaus was removed by Rome for his mishandling of these uprisings, Judean leaders who went to Rome asking to have him removed. They said they would rather be ruled by Rome than Archelaus.

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Pontius Pilate

The first five Roman procurators (governors) of Judaea were Coponius (6-9 AD), Marcus Ambibulus (9-12 AD), Valerius Gratus (15-26 AD). Pontius Pilate was the fifth governor to serve in the Roman province of Judea. He was appointed by the emperor Tiberius, and he ruled from 26 AD to 36 AD. As governor, he was head of the judicial system and he had the power to inflict capital punishment. He was responsible for collecting taxes and for disbursing funds, including the minting of coins. The province of Judea was subordinate to the governor of Syria. But since for the first six years of his rule Syria's governor was absent from the region, Pilate had freedom to govern much as he wished. Although his primary residence was in Caesarea, Pilate would have toured around Judea, hearing cases and administering justice.



As governor, Pilate had the right to appoint the Jewish high priest but he chose to retain the previous one, Joseph ben Caiaphas, throughout his rule. For this reason, Caiaphas and the other priests were loyal to Pilate.

What we know of Pilate comes largely from the New Testament and from the writings of Flavius Josephus (36-100 AD) and Philo of Alexandria (c. 20-50 AD).

Philo describes Pilate as “a man of inflexible, stubborn, and cruel disposition” (On the Embassy to Gaius, 299-305).

Both Philo and Josephus report that Pilate took money from the Jewish Temple treasury to build an aqueduct to Jerusalem some 50 miles long. When the crowds reacted in protest, Pilate ordered his soldiers to beat the protesters with clubs, so that many died and others were trampled to death by his horses as they fled (cf. Josephus, *The Jewish War*, 2:175-177).

Pilate himself was of the equestrian order, a middle rank of the Roman nobility.

He was most likely educated, reasonably wealthy and well-connected politically and socially in order to have been appointed governor of Judea by the emperor Tiberius. According to the policy established by the emperor Augustus for holders of equestrian rank, Pilate would have held a military command before becoming governor of Judea.

The governor of Syria, Lucius Vitellius, who had authority over Judea and Pilate, sent him to the emperor Tiberius in Rome to answer charges of ineffectual governance.



THE STONE OF PILATUS

The (partially reconstructed) inscription is as follows:

S TIBERIÉVM
PONTIVS PILATVS
PRAEFECTVS IVDAEAE

The Samaritans reported Pilate to Vitellius, legate of Syria, after he attacked them on Mount Gerizim (36 AD). He was then ordered back to Rome to stand trial for cruelty and oppression, particularly on the charge that he had executed men without proper trial. Philo reports that Pilate was also charged with not granting some Roman citizens a trial. When Pilate arrived in Rome, Tiberius had died, and it seems Pilate was retired???

Rev. Joseph G. Hlubik

THE FOURTH QUARTER *A reflection for March 23*

The playing time for basketball, football, and lacrosse is divided into four quarters. The length of each quarter depends on the sport and the level of play. A quarter might last from 8 to 15 minutes. As a result, a team knows it has only so many minutes to score enough points to win a game.

In this Sunday's Gospel ([Luke 13:1-9](#)), Jesus tells a parable that might remind us of these four quarters of playing time. He speaks of a man who has a fig tree growing in his orchard. Each season, the man comes to the tree but finds no fruit on it. He tells his gardener, "For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?"

We might say that the tree has been taking up space for three years, for "three quarters," and has not produced a single fig during all that time.

The gardener requests the owner to give that tree one more year, a "fourth quarter," to produce a harvest. During that time, the gardener says he will give the tree special care and attention. At the end of that fourth year, if the tree has not "scored" a harvest of figs, it will be cut down.

Jesus relates that parable to emphasize the importance of turning from sin and producing a harvest of goodness. We heard that message in a powerful way at the start of this Lenten season. On Ash Wednesday, we were marked with ashes and told, "Repent, and believe in the Gospel."

This Sunday's Gospel challenges us to ask ourselves if we are taking that message to heart. Are we sincerely trying to turn from sin and embrace the message of the Gospel?

If the Lord came to check on us, as the master came to check on his fig tree, would he find us producing a fruitful harvest of love, mercy and compassion or would he be disappointed at our lack of fruit?

The fig tree in the parable was in its fourth quarter and had only one more year to produce or it would be cut down. Unlike that tree, we never know how many years we have to produce the fruit that the Lord expects from us.

We often live as if we have many years of "playing time," but we never know when we are in the "fourth quarter." Certainly, the people that Jesus speaks about in Sunday's Gospel who were murdered by Pilate and those suddenly killed by a falling tower did not know their end was coming.

This Sunday, Jesus calls us to repent and to start producing the fruit God expects of us. We need to live each day as if we are in the fourth quarter!

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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 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

Lenten Penance Service with Individual Confession

Thursday, March 27 from 4pm
in the Main Church at [St Pio](#)

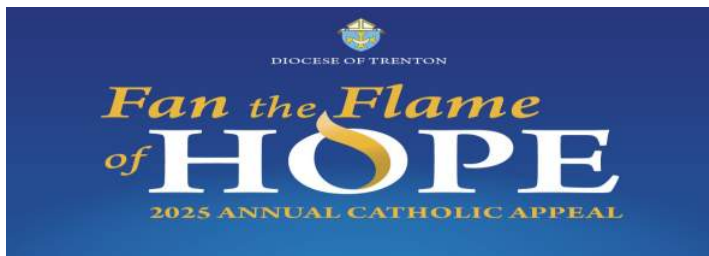
(6) Priests Available



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.





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 \$10,095 (23%)

Sacred Heart parish goal is \$53,000, and already 34 families have pledged \$12,326 (23%)

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.

Evangelization: Sharing Hope on Our Journey

Extending Christ's Love Our faith calls us to serve those most vulnerable. Through the Annual Catholic Appeal, our Catholic Social Services extend compassionate care to individuals and families facing profound challenges. Your gift provides hope and healing, enabling our community to walk alongside those navigating difficult journeys. By contributing, you become a beacon of Christ's love, offering comfort, guidance, and renewed hope to those in need. Respond today. Help us strengthen our community through compassionate service. Make your gift online at giveaca.org

Catholic Relief Services Collection

Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and **reveal Christ's love** to those most in need.


Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief

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!



Local Retreat House Staffed by Sisters of The Religious Teachers Filippini
St. Joseph By the Sea 400 Route 35 North
 South Mantoloking, NJ 08738

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 am, Departure: 2:30 pm (Presenter: Janice Santanello, M.Th., CLEM, CSG, CPC) Cost: \$65

May 2-4, 2025 - RESTORE AND RENEW
 Relax and renew at the beautiful St. Joseph by the Sea retreat house at the Jersey shore. The weekend is the ideal getaway from a busy life. The program consists of daily gentle yoga, meditation, walks on the beach, fellowship and breath work. You will leave refreshed and better prepared to share your best self with your family and community. Massage therapy will be available. Eucharistic Liturgy included. No Supper on Friday. Arrival: 5:00-6:00 p.m./Departure: 10:30 a.m. (Presenter: Avita Kennedy, RYT) Cost: \$400

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



A Great Time had by All !

St. Patrick's Party at Sacred Heart was held Saturday, March 15th
Entertainment from Sean Hennessy
and the Devrin Academy of Irish dancing.
Food was great and there was a clover made with cupcakes!



Devrin Dancers

Share the Joy of Easter

Give Online to Support
Our Mission



Give Now! Scan this QR Code with your smartphone for easy, secure online giving. Thank you!



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.



Knights of Columbus JOIN US



The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend Catholic values. Our local council, #8415, is looking for new members. If you want to join today, visit KofC.org/joinus or scan the QR code, and enter our council #8415.

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.

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(6) Priests Available

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!



Knights of Columbus Council 8415

... provides a container in the vestibule of St. Pio and Sacred Heart Churches for the collection of used eyeglasses

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

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____



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

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International Cuisine Buffet Dinner

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



Sample food from America and around-the-world!

\$25 per person

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



To attend, return this portion with your payment to
Pat Carolan, 113 Kittiwake Avenue, Lavallette, NJ 08735

NO LATER THAN MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025

Name/s: _____ # Attending: _____

Phone .: _____ @ \$25 ea. =

Total Due \$ _____

Please make your check payable
to "KOC Ladies Auxiliary"..... Check # _____

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

St. Pio Holy Name Society presents

Doo Wop Saturday Night

with
Jukebox Legends

May 3, 2025

St. Pio Parish Hall
Rt. 35 & Philadelphia Ave.



Doors open at 6:15
Show 7:00 - 10:00



\$20.00 pp

Checks made out to: St. Pio Holy Name Society
Plus.... a 50/50

For Further Information and Tickets Call:
John: 732-259-3577 • Tom: 732-995-0044
Gary: 908-672-6710 • Mike: 347-668-6046
The Parish Office: 732-793-7291

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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

Villa Walsh
455 Western Avenue
Morristown, New Jersey

For More Information, contact:

Sr. Alice Ivanyo MPF
sralicci@gmail.com
732-238-9222

<https://www.filippiniusa.org>

OASIS 2025 Registration Form

Please complete the following information and mail with your payment to:

Sr. Patricia Martin, MPF
Villa Walsh, 455 Western Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07960
Please make checks payable to Villa Walsh.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Registration Fee: \$15.00

Kindly register by March 25, 2025

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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.



Mary Ann Baginski, Roger Shulas, Ana Librada Ramos, Leonard Baccaro, Robert Weeden, Mary McGowen, Margaret McEnroe, Pamela Kane, Jaclyn M. Barry, Judith J. Easter, Christopher Broncati, Donna Fahey, Grace Bobowsky, John Pochinski, Sandy Pizzuro, Helen Calvanico, Rev. Kevin Ashe, Margaret Finneran, Christopher d'Alessandro, Ellen Tobin



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, especially:

- Col. Scott Wyatt, US Army
- Col. John F. Borowski, USAF
- Capt. Tyler Urban, USMC
- Lance Cpl. Jack Balwierczak, USMC
- 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
- Kurtis J. Perez, SFC, US Army
- 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



Baptisms at Sacred Heart

*Luna Marie Pisano
Peyton Coplan
Bryson Kieslor*



**Please Pray for
Christians in
the Middle East**



Spiritual Adoption

Please spiritually adopt an unborn baby. Every day over 4,000 babies are killed by abortion. They have so little protection only the hand of God can end this massacre. Prayer is the best weapon to help them - the most effective.

*Say this prayer every day for 9 months to save a baby's life!
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.*

Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J Sheen

"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you." (Jeremiah 1:5)

GOD OF LOVE AND LIFE

"But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" Luke 13:3

These are harsh words spoken by our Lord, Jesus Christ. They speak to the severity of sin and the consequence of grave sin's loss of eternal life. Thankfully Catholics have the Sacrament of Penance, whereby, with the sorrow of a contrite heart, we confess our sins verbally, ask for God's mercy and resolve not to sin again.

As Catholics we also ask for God's precious gift of mercy and forgiveness, not only for our own sins, but also for those who have had an abortion and support abortion.

Do you know to the eyes of faith no evil is greater than sin.

Be Catholic, Confess Sin, Ask for Forgiveness



St. Pio Parish

Sacred Heart Church

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
† Jean Lodato r/b Gary & Gerry Adams

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

Monday, March 24

8:30am † Dawn Staples r/b Frank Petranich
† Peter Watson r/b Kevin Morrissey

Tuesday, March 25

8:30am † Joseph F. Busichio r/b Doreen & Al Enderle
† Anthony DeRose r/b Merrill Sanders
After Mass Miraculous Medal Novena

Wednesday, March 26

8:30am † Rev. Fr. Kevin Ashe
r/b KofC Ladies Auxiliary

Thursday, March 27

8:30am † Dorothy Gili r/b Adele
† Baby Landon Wierks & Family
r/b Trish Pessannante

After Mass Divine Mercy Chaplet

Friday, March 28

8:30am † Mark English r/b The Geer Family
† Michael Renz r/b The Geer Family

After Mass Adoration & Benediction (20 minutes)

Saturday, March 29

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

Vigil

4:00pm † Leo Paul Barry r/b The Barry Family
Intentions for Evelyn Granados
for her 15th Birthday

Sunday, March 30

7:30am † For Our Parish Families & Their Loved Ones,
Both Living & Deceased
9:00am † Charlie F. Cina, Jr. r/b Mary Lou Giammusso
10:30am † Greg Buontempo r/b Billy Mack
Complete Healing Intentions for Camille Erica
Bustamante r/b Mom & Dad

Saturday, March 22

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

Vigil

4:00pm † Bill Harrison r/b Friends & Family
† Rev. Kevin Ashe r/b Kathy & Ralph Pellerito

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

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

Monday, March 24

8:30am † Leila Mawe r/b The Family

After Mass Miraculous Medal Novena

Tuesday, March 25

8:30am † Nunzio Mascone, Jr. r/b Emily Cupoli

Wednesday, March 26

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

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

Thursday, March 27

8:30am † For the Needs and Intentions of our Parishioners

Friday, March 28

8:30am † Genevieve Manganelli r/b Michele Rinaldi

After Mass Adoration & Benediction (20 minutes)

Saturday, March 29

8:30am † For Our Parish Families & Their Loved Ones,
Both Living & Deceased
† Steve Corsilli r/b Colleen Scriment

Vigil

4:00pm † Robert Leslie r/b his Wife
† Rosemary Molan r/b Rory Joyce
† Scott Domanic r/b Mom

Sunday, March 30

7:15am † Albert Meran r/b Henry Wrublewski
8:30am † Anthony Cassino r/b Eileen Rinaldi
10:30am † John Pochinski r/b The Monica Family
† Jeanne Bott The Motz Family

March / April 2025

St. Pio	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23	7:30am Quiet Mass/No Music 9:00am Mass 10:30am Mass	24 8:30am Daily Mass 12:00pm - 4:00pm KOC Ladies Auxiliary 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, Stations of the Cross, Adoration, Benediction 3:00pm Holy Hour w. Adoration	29 8:30am Daily Mass 3:20pm - 3:40pm Confession 4:00pm Vigil Mass
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Sacred Heart	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23	7:15am Quiet Mass/No Music 8:30am Mass 9:30am - 10:45am Religious Education 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 - Matthew 7:00pm - 9:00pm AA Meeting	27 8:30am Daily Mass	28 Office Closed 8:30am Daily Mass 7:00pm Stations of the Cross	29 8:30am Daily Mass 10:00am Tobin - Funeral 11:30am Tobin - Repast 3:20pm Confession 4:00pm Vigil Mass
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