

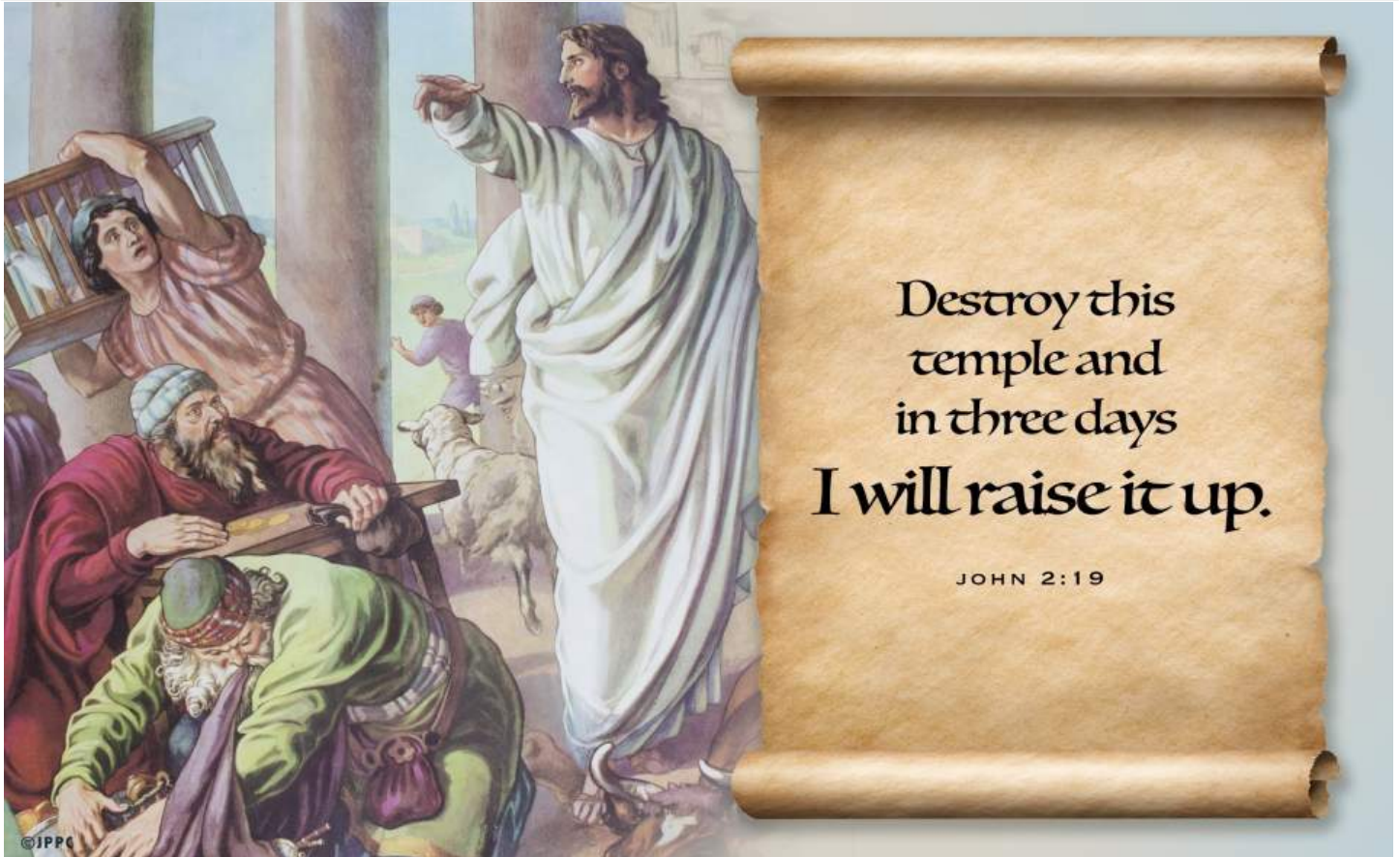
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March 3, 2024
Third Sunday of Lent



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Office Hours: Mon. Tues. Wed. 9am - 2pm

Mass Schedule

Monday - Saturday: 8:30am Chapel
Saturday (Vigil): 4:00pm Church
Sunday: 7:30 (no music), 9:00 and 10:30am Church

Confession: Saturday 3 - 3:30pm or by appointment



Saturday, March 2, 2024

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

Vigil

4:00pm Wanda & Stanley Tynski r/b Grandchildren

Sunday, March 3, 2024

7:30am Judith A. Otlowski r/b Don & Chris

9:00am For the People of the Parish

10:30am Marge Keller r/b Geer Family
Mary Beth Langan r/b Hanley Family

Monday, March 4, 2024

8:30am Maria Isabella Wanke r/b Karen & Rick Papsin

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

8:30am Mary Lefebvre r/b Joyce & Joe Kobylarz

After Mass **Miraculous Medal Novena**

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

8:30am Carol Cullen r/b Joyce & Joe Kobylarz

Thursday, March 7, 2024

8:30am Lawrence Kubin r/b Scott & Karen Sobka
Marie Parada r/b Linda Miksza

After Mass **Divine Mercy Chaplet**

Friday, March 8, 2024

8:30am Souls in Purgatory

After Mass **Adoration & Benediction - 20 min.**

Saturday, March 9, 2024

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

Vigil

4:00pm World Peace

Sunday, March 10, 2024

7:30am For the People of the Parish
Denise Kelly O'Brien r/b Chris & Don

9:00am Vinny Marrone r/b Family

10:30am Maureen Gillmore r/b Therese Warren
Mary Beth Langan r/b Konopka Family

Healing:

Fr. Douglas Freer, Nick Lettas, Mary Anne Grandinetti, Mary Buontempo, Pat McCourt, Maureen Burrell, Baby Landon Wierks, Ginny & Emil Stefanacci, Nicholas Meola, Joe Romano, Alan Kurinovich, Eddie McCrabb, Joseph Winchock, Antonette Daniels, Janet Daniels, Vince Covello, Pam McClellan, Fr. Joe Hlubik, Gina Kwortnik, Eileen Carroll, Michael Garcia, Alex Barletta, Jr., Betty Saloom, Pam McCoean, Judi Pecoraro, Lil Cremins, Maegan Higham, Vincent Tavormina, 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).



Deceased: Arline Daley, Peter Barkhausen, Tyler Rusinko, Andrew Capasso, Maureen Gillmore

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,



especially:

Capt. Tyler Urban, U.S. Marine Corps.

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LENTEN IMPROVEMENT

A reflection for March 3, The Third Sunday of Lent

Do you want to be a better person? All of us would answer yes. Each of us wants to improve certain aspects of our lives. We might want to be a better husband or wife, son or daughter, friend, or a more successful member of society. We might want to be more patient, understanding, creative, or more willing to try new things. We might want to be healthier, more centered and at peace, and more in control of our lives.

We all want to make improvements to be better people. This desire has given birth to an entire industry devoted to self-improvement. This season of Lent is also focused on improvement. It is about becoming a better Christian and growing in our relationship with God. However, such spiritual improvement does not come about because of what we do. Rather it comes about because of what the Lord does.

We learn that from Sunday's Gospel (John 2:13-25). There we are told that Jesus came to the temple in Jerusalem where he saw vendors selling sheep and oxen for sacrifice. He witnessed persons exchanging money minted with images into coinage approved for use in the temple. Profit was being made. A sacred place dedicated to God was being used by merchants as a marketplace. Angered by what he saw, Jesus "made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area." The temple was cleansed because of what Jesus did. There would never have been any "self-improvement" in the temple. The same is true in our spiritual lives. When Jesus comes into our "temples," into our lives, we begin to grow in holiness and turn from sin. That happens not because of what we do but rather because of what Jesus does. We see examples of Jesus cleansing human temples throughout the scriptures. He drives out demons from those who are possessed. He offers mercy to those lost in sin. He opens the eyes of those who are blind to the value of their lives and reveals they are beloved children of God. He softens those whose hearts have been hardened by the false values of society. He announces the coming of God's kingdom to those who see nothing beyond the grave.

If we hope to improve spiritually and become the holy people God wants us to be, then we need Jesus to come into our lives. That happens when we speak to him in prayer, listen to his words in the scriptures, experience his presence in the Church, become one with him in the Eucharist, and meet him in the poor and suffering. We become holy not because of what we do, but because of what the Lord does.

Lent is not about increasing our efforts at self-improvement but about asking the Lord to come more fully into our lives and to drive out all that is sinful.

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Time to go to Confession!

Dear parishioners,

Lent is here and it is important to take time to prepare for Easter by going to confession.

In examining our conscience as we prepare, we bring to mind all of our sins and how frequently we have committed them. Of course, we technically only need to go to confession before we go to Holy Communion at Mass, if we have committed serious and mortal sins. If we go to Communion at Mass before we confess our sins, we commit another sin of sacrilege, which is also serious.

Remember, the conditions for a sin to be mortal are: 1) it must be a serious offense 2) you must know it is a serious offense, and 3) you must give full consent to it (to do it anyhow by your own free-will).

If any of these 3 conditions is lacking, it is not a mortal sin, but it is still serious. If we commit mortal sins and don't confess them in true sorrow before we die, we are bound for hell. So, if we commit a mortal sin, we should go to confession to a priest as soon as possible. The most important thing to remember in this regard is to express our sorrow to God, and make a firm resolution to God to confess it as soon as possible. Sins against the 10 commandments, against the precepts of the Church, sins against the virtues, and sexual activity outside of marriage can be serious or venial.

The seven virtues are: prudence, justice, temperance, and fortitude, faith, hope, and charity. They are those opposite the deadly sins which are pride, greed, lust, envy, gluttony, wrath and sloth. There are also sins against faith, hope, charity such as selfishness and greediness. They are often enumerated as chastity, temperance, charity, diligence, patience, kindness, and humility.

The Precepts of the Church are: Attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, Confession of serious sin at least once a year, Reception of Holy Communion at least once a year during the Easter season, Observance of the days of fast and abstinence, Providing for the needs of the Church.

In the confiteor we say at Mass, we are reminded we can sin by our thoughts as well as words and deeds. Having bad thoughts are not sinful; we all have them. But to dwell on them is sinful. We can sin by what we watch or read. We are also reminded of sins that we commit by omission, the things we have not done, that we should have done.

From Fr. Joe

Thank You for your Support!!

Contributions Weekend	This Past Week 2/25/24	Same Week Last Year 2/26/23
At Church	\$5,268	\$4,051
Online	\$1,365	\$1,136
Total	\$6,633	\$5,187



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.

The Altar Bread and Wine have been donated in the month of March, for the intentions of **Maegan Higham** requested by her grandmother, Sophie Higham.



GOD OF LOVE AND LIFE FATHER, SON and HOLY SPIRIT



“For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.” 1 Corinthians 1:25

In today’s first reading, Exodus 20:13, we are told **“Thou Shall not kill”**. It is an obvious pro-life instruction given by Almighty God. But we should also focus on the reading above during these troubled times.

We listen to politicians, media pundits, talk show hosts, total strangers and even Taylor Swift, on how to think, act and vote. They are full of “wisdom” and eager to have us support their hidden agendas and self interests. As God’s people we know true wisdom comes from God. Listen to Him. No hidden agendas, just pure unadulterated love for you.

Do you know that as Catholics we do NOT interfere with a woman’s choice of what she does to her body; we interfere with what she proposes to do to someone else’s body.

Listen to God, Support Life, Vote Life

Respect Life Committee at SHRCBH@comcast.net

Lent Healing Mass

WHEN: Thursday, March 14th at (noon)

WHERE: St. Pio of Pietrelcina Church
1100 Grand Central Ave (Rt 35N) Lavallette

WHO: Celebrant Fr. Joy Chacko, prayer teams and music (Mark J.L. Mattheiss) from 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

Sacred Heart’s Holy Name Monthly 50/50 Club

is open to all parishioners and visitors. The monthly drawing is held the 3rd Tuesday of each month. \$60.00 gives you (12) chances to win. Make your check payable to Sacred Heart 200 Club and return to the parish office.



New parish volunteers are always needed and welcome on a weekly and/or monthly schedule. If you can help in any way big or small, please call Joyce at 973-714-6797.



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March 19, 2024 – HONORING ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

April 19-21, 2024 - RESTORE AND RENEW

April 26-28, 2024 - SPENDING TIME WITH MARY

May 3-5, 2024 - THE SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES OF THE TWELVE STEPS

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



Remember to set your clocks one hour ahead on March 10th at 2:00 am.



The Rosary Altar Society will say the Rosary with the Holy Name Society before the 8:30am Mass on Sunday, March 3.

Monday, March 4, the Rosarians will meet in the Chapel at 1pm to recite the Rosary. The meeting will follow in the parish hall at 1:30pm.

The **K of C, Council 8415**, provides a container in the vestibule of the Church for the collection of used eyeglasses.



St. Francis Food Pantry in Seaside Heights is opened on Wednesdays from 10am until 12 noon. 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 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!



Developing Baby - Month Five

Your spiritually adopted baby weighs over one pound now. His mother can now feel him moving. Before, he was too small for her to feel. Although he swam with ease in his watery world, he needed to be big and strong enough to kick hard against the uterine wall and dent it - the inside uterine wall has no feeling. You are midway through the pregnancy now. Your prayers have helped your baby's mother continue her pregnancy and seek the help she needs.

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.



Feeling overwhelmed?

Personal losses impacting life?

Struggling with a relationship?

Everyone can use a little extra support in handling life's challenges.

Parish Counseling Services Are Available.

Through a joint service of Catholic Charities and the Diocese of Trenton, short term professional counseling (up to 6 sessions) is available. The fee is \$90 per session but there is financial assistance available for those who need it. Use of an individual's health insurance may also be an option.

Contact your pastor or parish priest for more information and to get assistance with the referral.



Diocese of Trenton

K of C Ladies Auxiliary Stations of the Cross February 20, 2024



Deep in Prayer & Song



Padre Pio Prayer Anthology

Prayer # 57

Focus Point: As March's scriptures focus on confession and forgiveness, could we incorporate them into our Lenten sacrifices? Do we regularly go to Confession and if not, how could we return to the sacrament? We could start with Examination of Conscience, which includes thinking about what we want to be forgiven for, as well as forgiving those who have hurt us, even when they have not asked for forgiveness! Confession is a powerful Sacrament that helps us to receive the gift of mercy and gives us a feeling of peace. Confessing our sins and receiving a penance helps us to feel "lighter" and makes our hearts feel more desirous to receive the most precious gift, the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist! The season of Lent can be so much more than just "giving up" something. It can be a season of "adding on" something that is of great benefit to our hearts and souls, the Sacrament of Confession! Let us pray that our Lenten sacrifices will include making a good personal confession and extending to others our sincere personal forgiveness! As Fr. Joy explains, "Lent can be the beginning of our inner personal renewal, repentance and reconciliation!"

Prayer for a Meaningful Lent

Dear Lord, during this season of Lent, please help me to remember that Jesus sacrificed His life so that our sins could be forgiven. Remind me that I need to show forgiveness to others and to humbly seek my own forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. May I be truly sorry for my sins, be blessed with the wisdom to learn from my mistakes, and have the ability to make the proper amends. Thank you for blessing me with Your gifts of mercy and grace. Inspire me to turn away from sin in the future! This Lent, may my relationship with You strengthen, may my faith grow, and may Your love lead me to a life filled with opportunities to show charity to others! Amen.



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HOLY HOUR

The Knights of Columbus Council 8415 will be holding a Holy Hour every Friday during Lent. Please join us.

St. Pio Chapel 3:00 - 4:00pm.

"And He cometh to his disciples, and findeth them asleep, and He saith to Peter: What? Could you not watch one hour with me?" Matt. 26:40

Stations of the Cross in the Chapel following the 8:30am Mass every Friday during Lent.

Penance Service, with Confession

Thursday, March 21 from 4pm in the Church.


HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday - March 24 - Sat., 4pm Vigil and
Sun. 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30am
Holy Thursday - March 28 - 7pm
Good Friday - March 29 - 3pm Veneration of the
Cross & Holy Communion
Holy Saturday - March 30 - 7pm Vigil
Easter Sunday - March 31 - 7:30, 9:00, & 10:30am

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	March 4	5:30pm
ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY	Meeting	Monday	March 4	1:00pm
FAITH SHARING	Meeting	Wednesdays	in March	9:00am
K of C 8415	Meeting	1st Tuesday of Month	March 5	7:00pm
	Meeting	3rd Tuesday of Month	March 19	6:30pm
K of C Ladies Auxiliary	Meeting	Monday	March 25	1:00pm
LAVALLETTE SENIORS	Meeting	Thursday	March 21	12:30pm
RIGHT TO LIFE GROUP	2nd Thursday of the month at Sacred Heart, Msgr. Casey Hall			3:30pm
FLAME OF LOVE ROSARY	Recited on Tuesdays at 8am in the Chapel			



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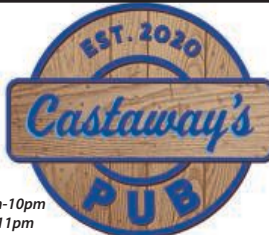
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