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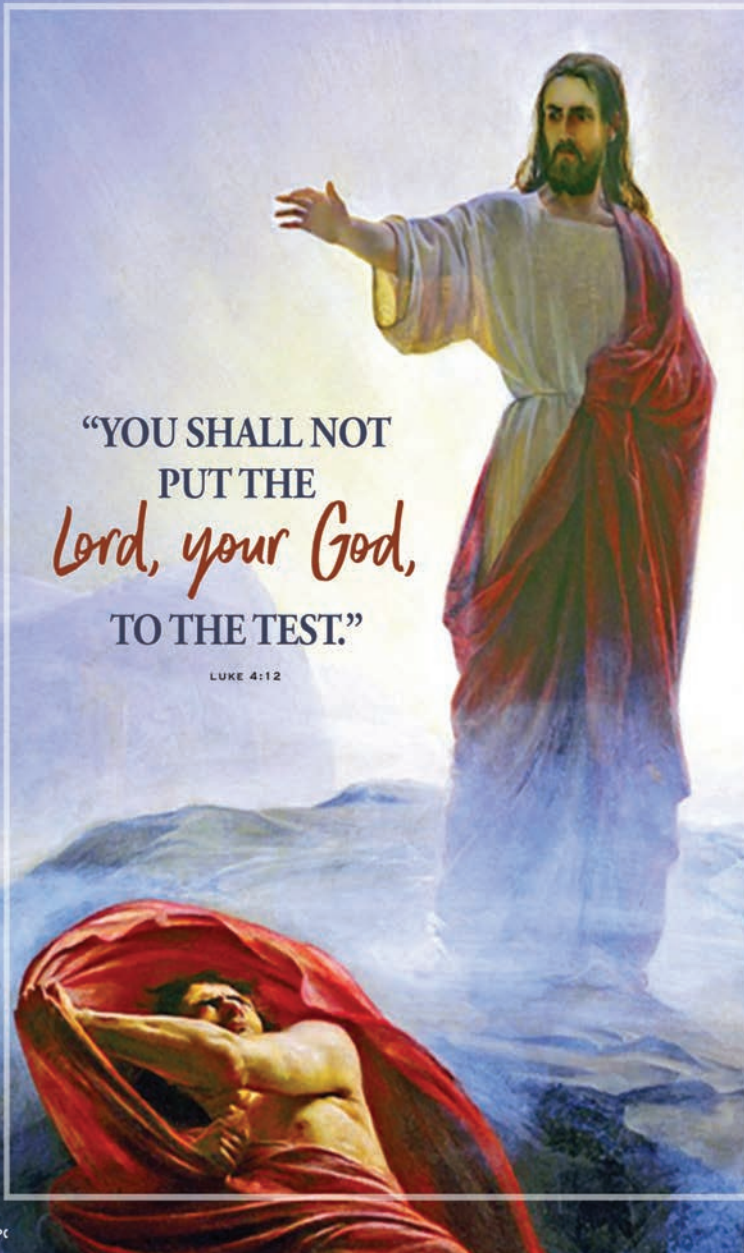
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MARCH 6, 2022

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



“YOU SHALL NOT
PUT THE
Lord, your God,
TO THE TEST.”

LUKE 4:12

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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

Assisting Priest:

Rev. Fr. Frederick Kochan

Rev. Monsignor Phil Franceschini

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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	

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Saturday

March 5

First Saturday

8:30am *World Peace*

4:00pm *Carl Quick r/b Katherine & Jim Dowdle*
Vigil *James Higgins r/b Maureen Burrell*

Sunday

March 6

8:30am *Janice Trimmer r/b Doris & Tony Gallo*
For The People of the Parish

10:30am *Jared Dunn r/b Fr. Joseph Hlubik*
and the Staff of St. Pio's
Robert & Florence Tynski r/b Son

Monday

March 7

8:30am *Marie Parada r/b Linda Miksza*
Maureen Galloway r/b Mike Galloway

Tuesday

March 8

8:30am *Timothy Hurlihy*
r/b Tom & Mary Ann Sinnott

Wednesday

March 9

8:30am *Gerald Betzner*
r/b Tom & Mary Ann Sinnott
Carol Meyer r/b Mike Galloway

Thursday

March 10

8:30am *Vinny Marrone r/b Family*

Friday

March 11

8:30am *Maryanne Kennedy r/b Mary Shaffer*

March 12

4:00pm *James Higgins r/b Gerry & Gary Adams*
Vigil *James Higgins r/b Joe & Joyce Kobylarz*

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



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, 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 6, 2022

Padre Pio Prayer Anthology

Prayer #33:

Focus Point: So far 2022 has bombarded us with complex crises all over the world. As we add our own personal problems into the mix, how can we even begin to process it all? Many respond with feelings of depression and despair. Others try to place their hearts in isolation. Feelings of abandonment, loneliness and helplessness can creep in. Is there light amid this darkness? During this season of Lent, **break out** of your lethargic sadness! Embrace the light of Jesus in your life! Jesus walks beside us **every day** to help us pick up the pieces of our world! Jesus suffered and died so that our sins would be forgiven and that we could have eternal life with Him in heaven. We need to **act** with a positive enthusiasm to make ourselves **worthy** of His precious gift! As Fr. Joy explains, “when we recognize the presence of God and acknowledge our sinful ways, **God removes our weaknesses!** He makes us worthy instruments for bringing His message of love into the world!”

Prayer for Worthiness of God’s Gift: Dear Jesus, Help me to accept responsibility for my life and for my sins. Help me to acknowledge my weaknesses and faults. Inspire me to formulate a plan to **take action** to overcome my imperfections, avoid sin and purify my soul! Bless me with the courage and true desire to resist temptation. Help me to find ways to make self sacrifices for the benefit of those less fortunate. Make forefront in my mind the virtues of simplicity, empathy, thoughtfulness, and forgiveness. Assist me in my sincere desire to improve myself and to make myself worthy to receive the sacrifice You have made for my salvation. Help me, especially in this penitential season of Lent, to be successful in my heartfelt attempts to improve my thoughts and the manner in which I live my life. And most importantly, help me to **truly enjoy** the warmth and comfort of Your magnificent love every day of my life. Amen.

Closing thoughts: Tell Jesus what is in your heart. Thank Him for your gifts and most of all, thank Him for loving you with His Most Sacred Heart!

NEW EYES for the NEDDY



The **Knights of Columbus, Council 8415**, provides a container in the vestibule of the Church for the collection of used eyeglasses. They are sent to “New Eyes for the Needy.” The eyeglasses are tested and sorted by volunteers for use by medical missions and hospitals throughout the world as well as by American veterans. Please remember to drop your old eyeglasses in the container.

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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 Peeney at 732-793-4675.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2022

Evangelization is the primary mission of the Church. Diocesan and parish initiatives provide opportunities to grow in faith and into intimate union with God. An expansive array of ministry programs make the spiritual works of mercy a reality for families at all stages of life in the parishes and on a diocesan level.

Throughout the diocese last year we had 6,037 Baptisms, 5,361 Funerals, 1,104 Marriages and 247 Convalidations. Our outreach for youth, the aging, family life, campus life and ministry among Catholics enrich the everyday and spiritual lives of over 830,000 parishioners. Your support makes it possible for the Diocese to prepare leaders at the parish level who teach over 50,000 Religious Education students each year and bring hundreds men and women annually into full-initiation with the Catholic Faith. Last year, 166 Catechumens, 62 Non-Catholics and 339 Catholics were welcomed in. In addition, there were 6,506 First Communicants and 6,633 Confirmandi throughout the diocese. To be continued.....

*Totals reflect 2019 registrations

Ash Wednesday, start of Lent: When the “world is a mess”, we must “turn to God.” Lent is celebrated by Christians worldwide which started on Ash Wednesday. During Lent, we remember and honor the 40 days that Jesus spent in the desert after His baptism, during which he was tempted by Satan.

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**

Wednesday: **Faith Sharing with Deacon John**

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

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

Soup & Scripture Study - “Angels of God”

Fridays: 10am—12noon

“Angels of God—Soup & Scripture Study

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 6, 2022



GOD OF LOVE AND LIFE FATHER, SON and HOLY SPIRIT

Jesus said to him in reply, “It is written:
You shall worship the Lord, your God, and Him
alone shall you serve.” Luke 4:8

These words were spoken by Jesus to the devil who had just offered Him world riches. The devil did not stop using this ploy 2000 years ago. It is still in vogue with a twist. If only you were not pregnant you could have travel, new house, more money, better job, etc, etc, etc. Stop worshipping things and stop listening to the evil one. Worship the Lord, your God and listen to Jesus. 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.

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 4 & 11
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.)

LAST CALL

Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary

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My SufferingYour Salvation

WOMEN of FAITH:

Join us for an HOUR OF LENTEN PRAYER

Connect with Jesus through gentle hymns, prayers, petitions and Stations of the Cross.

March 10th at 10:30 in St Pio's Chapel

followed by a soup luncheon

Call/text Joyce Kobylarz at 973-714-6797 for more info/registration by March 1st.

Presented by the K of C Ladies Auxiliary

FIRST 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.

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.****



St. Francis Food Pantry in

Seaside Heights is opened on Wednesdays from 10am until 12 noon. The demand for donations is great. Please consider bringing some food items with you when you attend Mass each Sunday. Donations may be left in the bin in the narthex of the Church. If you would like to donate items, and you are unable to carry the packages to Mass, please call Paul Sandy at 732-606-3656. He would be happy to stop by your home to do a pick up. The food pantry is grateful for the support that has been given over the years and hopefully you will continue to support your neighbors who are in need. Thank you. ++++++

God bless Julian Martinez who was baptized, February 27th at St. Pio's.

Welcome to our faith community and congratulations to the Martinez family.



Thank You for your Support!!

Contributions Weekend of February 27, 2022	This Past Week	Same week Last Year
At Church	\$4,118	\$3,676
Online	\$ 936	\$ 915
Total	\$5,054	\$4,591

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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	pages711@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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