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March 7, 2021

Third Sunday in LENT



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MASS TIME CHANGE NEWS:

Beginning on March 1st
we will add Monday back into our
Daily Mass Schedule at 8:30am

Beginning on March 7th,
we will change our
Sunday Mass Schedule to:

8:00am and 10:00am

Mass Schedule & Mass Intentions



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| <u>Saturday</u> | <u>March 6</u> |
| 4:00pm | <i>Maria Libby</i> r/b Laura Iansito <i>Louis Bianco</i> r/b Mary Baginski |
| <u>Sunday</u> | <u>March 7</u> |
| 8:00am | <i>Marie Parada</i> r/b Linda Miksza <i>For the People of the Parish</i> |
| 10:00am | <i>Vincent Tavormina</i> r/b Gary & Gerry Adams |
| <u>Monday</u> | <u>March 8</u> |
| 8:30am | |
| <u>Tuesday</u> | <u>March 9</u> |
| 8:30am | <i>Vincent Tavormina</i> r/b Joyce & Joe Kobylarz <i>Maria Spoto</i> r/b Rosemarie, Matthew & Nicholas Sherman |
| <u>Wednesday</u> | <u>March 10</u> |
| 8:30am | |
| <u>Thursday</u> | <u>March 11</u> |
| 8:30am | <i>Vincent Tavormina</i> r/b Caroline Woodrow |
| <u>Friday</u> | <u>March 12</u> |
| 8:30am | |
| <u>Saturday</u> | <u>March 13</u> |
| 4:00pm | <i>Edward Parada</i> r/b Linda Miksza <i>Louis Bianco</i> r/b MaryAnne Baginski |
| <u>Sunday</u> | <u>March 14</u> |
| 8:00am | <i>Salvatore Giampietro</i> r/b Anna & Frank Crivelli <i>For the People of the Parish</i> |
| 10:00am | <i>Josephine Gadaleta</i> r/b St. Pio & Sacred Heart Cantor Ministry |



A time to be healed...Fr. Douglas Freer, Dawn Carmosino, Jill Rager, Marci Haxall, Pat Moran, Maggie Smith, The Filippini Religious Teachers in Rome & Ethiopia, Jim Carlson, Joan Ginty, Louis Amendola, Sr., Rosemarie Amendola, Ernesto DeLuccia, Marie Woodrow, Sharon Kline, Connie Barraco, For Those who have received Prayer Blankets, and 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).



A time to die ...Anthony Crisafulli, Ann MacMaster, Allen Kowtko, Kathleen Helmstetter Ferrara, Charles Cerami, Annette Kurinovich, Dr. Rita Coleman, Vincent Tavormina, Raymond Maragni, Joan Mandella.



Our Heroes...Please pray for 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.

Miraculous Medal Novena

The Miraculous Medal Novena, honoring our Blessed Mother, will be said after the 8:30am daily Mass, on Tuesdays, during Lent.



The Altar Bread and Wine offered at the Masses in the month of March have been given in loving memory of **Joseph & Livia Pisaura**, requested by family.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

St. Pio Parish Prayer Anthology

Our first parish prayer anthology will include many types of prayers. We will begin our collection with prayers that you can use to develop a relationship with God that is more personal and intimate.

Prayer #21

Focus idea: We are now in the midst of the season of Lent, a time for spiritual cleansing, renewing our love for Jesus, and redirecting our energies to model our lives after the life of Christ. We try our best to be less self-centered, to focus our attention on the needs of others, and to spend time with our Lord in prayer. It is probably God's most favorite liturgical season! God's love for us is infinite and unconditional, but don't you think that He is absolutely thrilled to converse with us through our prayers? And we must be warming His heart every time we care for others! This Lenten season, let's really try our very best to show one another how to be more God centered, more loving and more compassionate toward our fellow human beings by the way we choose to live our lives. The opportunities to do so are countless! As Fr. Doug has said many times, "God reads our hearts. Then He fills our hearts with His love and strength. Our only response is to live in love!"

Prayer for Living our Lives in Love:

Dear God, help me to get my priorities straight,
to focus on forming a deeper, more satisfying, and lasting relationship with You.
Help me to look beyond my own needs and give to those who have less.
Remind me that You are with me always, to inspire me and give me strength.
Help me to enjoy and to be grateful for my faith
Help me to pray more often,
not just for personal comfort but selflessly for the needs of humanity.
May this Lent bring the world a big reality check,
and be a season of personal renewal and dedication to goodness and self-sacrifice.
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!

SCAM ALERT

The Diocese of Trenton has issued an alert regarding reports of email and text scams that will use the name of a pastor to solicit funds in the form of gift cards or cash donations. The Diocese takes this opportunity to advise parishioners that pastors do not raise money in this manner and to exercise the utmost caution when receiving this type of communication.

Some law enforcement in the area urge parishioners to question any email or text that doesn't come from a person in their contacts. If the person is not known, parishioners should call the person asking for funds to verify the story. If a pastor's name is used, parishioners should contact the parish to verify the legitimacy of the appeal. Anyone who feels that they have been the victim of this type of scam is urged to contact their local police department.

Respect Life Prayer

**GOD OF LOVE AND LIFE
FATHER, SON and HOLY SPIRIT**

“You shall not kill.”

This is from today’s first reading Exodus 20:13. It is pure and simple fundamental faith and morals. No king, emperor, dictator, president, Supreme Court or legislator has the rightful authority to sanction any child killing by civil law.

Catholics must reject the cultural of relativism and ethical pluralism by insisting that non-negotiable ethical principles be the basis of our civil law. We must never compromise with the culture of death.

Your comments are requested! Please E-mail the Respect Life Committee at SHRCBH@comcast.net or fax us at 732-899-2233.



“Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which He blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are His body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours.” Teresa of Avila

| Contributions Week-end of Feb. 28, 2021 | This Past Week | Same week Last Year |
|---|----------------|---------------------|
| At Church | \$3,676 | \$4,024 |
| Online | \$915 | \$620 |
| Total | \$4,591 | \$4,644 |

Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2COR 9:7

CAMPAIGN UPDATE



We received a letter, on behalf of Bishop O’Connell, offering congratulations to our parish on receiving another rebate check for the period ending December 31, 2020 in the amount of \$12,061. Our parish rebates now total \$110,192. This is based on cash payments to the diocesan program of \$367,308.

Thank you to all those parishioners who are still paying or have just paid off their pledges. In total our parish raised \$406,837 for Faith to Move Mountains!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

“We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You, because by Your holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.”

Thursdays at St. Pio of Pietrelcina after 8:30 am Mass

Fridays at Sacred Heart at 7:00 pm



2020 TAX STATEMENTS

2020 tax statements are available from the parish office. You can call or e-mail the office if you would like to receive one. We can mail the statement to your home or your e-mail address!



As a reminder, if you gave online, your statement is available now directly from Parish Giving, just log in to your account.



St. Francis Food Pantry has expanded its hours. We will now be open on Wednesday evenings from 6-8pm in addition to our regular hours on Wednesdays from 10am–1pm. With the increase of hours, the demand for

donations will be greater. 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 and he will come to your home to pick up the items. We are grateful for the support you have given us over the years, and we hope that you will continue to support your neighbors who are in need.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Welcome to our Parish Family

Hazel Ann Moody, daughter of Steven & Jacqueline Moody, who was baptized here on February 21, 2021.



Requiescat in Pace

Please pray for the soul of Joan Mandella, her funeral was held at St. Pio on February 20, 2021.

HELP WANTED

St. Joseph by the Sea Retreat House, South Mantoloking, is looking for a part-time cook as soon as possible. For info please call 732-892-8494. Ask for Sr. Brunilda Ramos, MFP, Executive Director.

The Chosen – Lenten Bible Study

Join Father Joe on a journey into the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Each week you will watch one episode of the first season of the hit Christian Video series called **THE CHOSEN**™ (approx. 45 minutes) and then have a group discussion and Lenten Bible reflection about the highlights of the film.



- **Starting at 9:30am every Wednesday in Lent (Mar 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31)**
- **Sacred Heart's Casey Hall in Bay Head**
- **Meetings will be safe and socially distanced (please wear your mask)**
- **Bring your own favorite beverage or breakfast, unfortunately we cannot serve any food or drinks.**

All are Welcome!

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Young men and women that are Catholic parishioners, graduating high school in 2021 (or graduated in 2020), and attend (or plan to attend) an accredited 2 or 4 year college or university, vocational or trade school are eligible to apply. The award will be between \$250-\$1,000. Pick up an application at the parish center foyer or request an application by email: jkoby2@aol.com. Applications are due by May 15th.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2021

THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL – IN ACTION!

Evangelization - Pastoral Care

Rooted in the Gospel invitation to share in the healing mission of Jesus Christ, we advance the compassionate and competent spiritual, pastoral and sacramental care of God's suffering people by resourcing the clergy, pastoral ministers, healthcare professionals and caregivers who serve them. Those who offer pastoral care communicate God's love and compassion 'person-to-person' by offering spiritual and sacramental support, including the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick offered by a priest. We connect with healthcare institutions, medical professionals, chaplains and clergy by providing extensive consultation and resources for the holistic health and wellbeing of Catholic patients. Your gift helps you to live and spread the Gospel.

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 rectory 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. We cannot enter the hospitals and visit like the old days. 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 rectory and we will assist you in getting the spiritual help you need, or we will respond ourselves as best we can!

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**LENT, HOLY WEEK &
EASTER TRIDUUM**

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Stations of the Cross

Every Thursday during Lent after 8:30am Mass

Palm Sunday, March 27th & 28th

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:00am & 10:00am

Sacred Triduum

No morning Mass until Easter Monday

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Parish Information

Anointing of the Sick

This sacrament is given 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 if you would like 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

Religious Education for Children or R.C.I.A. for Adults

Call John Paglione at 732-899-1398, x5



SPECIAL COVID GUIDELINES:

RECEIVING COMMUNION WITH A MASK ON

Please remember not to remove your mask until after the priest or Eucharistic Minister puts the Sacred Host in your hand. Then step aside, lift your mask, consume the Host, and then immediately cover your face back with the mask. Also, Holy Communion will be distributed in the hand. Anyone receiving on the tongue please wait until all have received and then go to the end of the line of the priest distributing Communion.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Collection baskets are at the main doors of the Church to drop your envelopes and contributions. You can also give them to an usher as you exit the Church. There is a secure drop box in the foyer of the parish office for contributions, and correspondence. We also recommend Online Giving, visit our website for easy signup information.

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