

## 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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**Deacon James Turro**

**Rev. Joy Chacko, Parochial Vicar**



*You shall not put  
the Lord, your God,  
to the test.*

LUKE 4:12

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**MARCH 9 2025 - FIRST 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 (mercyj133435@gmail.com)
- 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  
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**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  
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**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 2, 2025	Sacred Heart	Saint Pio of Pietrelcina
In Pew at Church	\$ 4,305	\$5,208
Online	\$ 1,423	\$1,320
Total	\$ 5,728	\$6,528



*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:**

## **Why did Jesus go to the Jerusalem Temple?**

Temples in the ancient world served as banks for the wealthy. When Herod the Great restored the Temple into the massive beautiful complex of buildings, it was a sight to behold, as even the apostles noted in the gospels. It drew people from all areas of the Mediterranean and even as far east as Babylon. Through the centuries Jews had been exiled, or sold as slaves, or freely emigrated. Many stayed in their place of exile. It is estimated that 5-7 million Jews lived in this great Dispersion. The population in Judea was probably only several hundred thousand in comparison. Jews at home and abroad were still required to pay the annual Temple Tax. We see even Jesus was confronted about it. This had been an incredible resource which helped finance Herod's building projects.

The origin of the Temple Tax is found in Exodus 30:11-16 and 38:26 (see also 2 Chronicles 24:9 for a later mention). When Moses was taking the census of the Israelites in the wilderness, God told him to collect a tax from each male twenty years and older to pay for the construction and upkeep on the Tabernacle. Each Jewish male over 20 years of age was required to pay this tax, which amounted to one to two days wages for an average worker. Some translations of Matthew 17:24 say 2 drachmas and others say half shekel, but they are both the same amount, a Tyrian half shekel. **1** All Temple funds were under the control of the High priest, until the time of the Romans, and wealthy priestly families. They were the group called "the Sadducees." Most of the Sanhedrin (the counsel of 70), were from High priestly and other wealthy priestly families. They would convene and judge criminal and legal matters, were Sadducees. However, the Romans would not allow the High Priest or Sanhedrin to impose a death sentence without their approval. That is why Jesus technically needed to be finally judged by Pilate in addition to being judged by Caiaphas the High Priest of committing blasphemy.

Once appointed, the High Priest was supposed to rule for life, that is until the age of Herod, his sons and the and the Romans. Herod appointed and deposed 6 High Priests according to his will and the will of Rome. Rome chose those priests who would collaborate most closely with them. Annas was appointed High Priest by Quirinius, the governor of Syria in 6 AD. The taxes were collected by Temple tax collectors. In addition to the Temple tax for all males over 20, Judeans paid tithes, which amounted to 10% of their produce to support the priests of Jerusalem. This was an obligation even for the Jews of the diaspora as well. It was harder to collect these taxes, but pilgrims that came to the Temple from other places brought the amount of their tithe to the Temple in Jerusalem during the time of Jesus. although the practice could be challenging depending on their location and the specific regulations regarding the collection and transportation of tithes, they would typically bring their tithes to Jerusalem during the pilgrimage festivals when they visited the Temple. **2**

How did the Romans collect taxes? The Romans formed "joint-stock companies," where they would buy certain Jewish provinces for periods of five years. These Roman businessmen would employ local Jewish men to collect the taxes from these territories. The tax collectors would then tax imports, exports, bridge-tolls, road-money, town-dues, and much more.[2] The highest bidder would win the territory, and consequently, the tax collectors would skim money off the top for themselves.

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The methods of tax collection were unethical. tax collectors would harass people wherever they could, and they would tax them on the spot. Often, they would also place an inflated and “fictitious value on property or income” in order to get a higher percentage of tax. Third, they would give loans to people who couldn’t pay the tax, and then charge high interest on this “private debt.”

These tax collectors were backed by the authority of the Roman Empire, and they were accompanied by Roman soldiers. Furthermore, even if a Jewish person wanted to appeal to a judge for unjust tax collecting, this was of no use, because the judges “were the direct beneficiaries by the revenue.” In other words, even the judges themselves were bribed!

Annas was known for his wealth, which he gained by forcing people to pay their tithes and Temple taxes. He and his family also had a monopoly on selling sacrificial animals in markets near the Temple. Animals brought by people to have sacrificed at the Temple had to be examined for purity, and if they were judged insufficient by the priests, they had to buy an animal that was (probably from the Temple Priests). Also, all money brought to the temple had to be changed to temple coins, using an exchange rate on money given to the Temple, which had to be paid in Syrian Shekels, which had no image on them, (because images on coins were forbidden in the Temple.) His son-in law Caiaphas, who was High priest at the trial of Jesus, was only one of several family members of the household of Annas.

In Jesus’ day, Jews paid taxes both locally to the Jewish temple and to the Roman government. Matthew records two separate instances depicting Jesus’ view on paying these taxes. The first incident is recorded in Matthew 17:24-27, where the collectors of the temple tax ask Peter whether Jesus pays that tax. Jesus, knowing of this conversation, asks Peter, “What do you think, Simon? From whom do kings of the earth take toll or tribute? From their children or from others?” Peter answers, “From others.” Jesus responds, “Then the children are free. However, so that we do not give offense to them, go to the sea and cast a hook; take the first fish that comes up; and when you open its mouth, you will find a coin; take that and give it to them for you and me.”

The second incident, concerning the Roman tax, is found in Matthew 22:15-22. Here the Pharisees and Herodians want to entrap Jesus with the question, “Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” Jesus knows the malice in their hearts and responds with a cutting question, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” When they hand him a denarius, he asks, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They respond, “The emperor’s.” Jesus ends the conversation with the words, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”

**Jesus went to the Temple in Jerusalem and condemned the High Priest and associates.**

**Rev. Joseph G. Hlubik**

### THREE PRACTICES, THREE PHRASES *A reflection for March 9*

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are traditional practices associated with the season of Lent. During this penitential season we are urged to spend more time in prayer, to engage in some form of fasting, and to be more generous in sharing our blessings with those in need. These practices were mentioned in the Gospel for Ash Wednesday.

In this Sunday's Gospel (Luke 4:1-13), we hear that after his baptism in the Jordan, Jesus "was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days to be tempted by the devil."

Jesus resisted the temptations posed by the devil by quoting three phrases taken from the scriptures.

When the devil tempted Jesus to change stone into bread to satisfy his hunger, Jesus proclaimed, "One does not live on bread alone."

When Jesus was tempted to give his allegiance to the devil in order to gain worldly power and glory, Jesus declared, "You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve."

When the devil tempted Jesus to prove he was the Son of God by throwing himself from the parapet of the Temple, Jesus asserted, "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test."

These powerful phrases uttered by Jesus would be ideal phrases to make our own during Lent.

"One does not live on bread alone" can remind us that our deepest hungers are not satisfied by what we eat or drink, or by material possessions, but rather by love, mercy, meaning, truth, and a connection with God who created us with a hunger in our hearts for him.

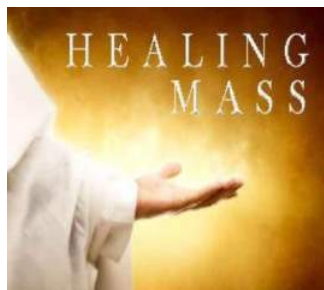
"You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve," can remind us of our dependence upon God and of the gratitude, thanks, and worship we owe him. Recognizing that all we have, even our very lives, are gifts from God, will lead us to proclaim, as we say at every Mass, "It is right to give him thanks and praise."

"You shall not put the Lord your God to the test," can remind us that as creatures of God, we are in no position to question God, make demands upon him, or require that God act in a certain way to pass our tests. We place our faith in God not because God does what we want, when we want, but because God has chosen to reveal himself to us as our loving Father.

Repeating these three phrases each day of Lent can remind us to feed our spirits, to acknowledge our dependence upon God, and to remember that God is in control.

Following the wisdom embodied in these phrases and performing the practices traditionally associated with Lent will help us grow in holiness during these forty days.

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**WHEN:** Thursday,  
March 13<sup>th</sup> at (noon)



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

**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](mailto:DawnRusinko@yahoo.com)  
for more information.

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.



**Lenten Penance Service  
with Individual Confession**  
Thursday, March 27 from 4pm  
in the Church at **St Pio**



## Guidelines for Lenten penitential season

*Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,*

During the days and weeks of penance that lie ahead — **from Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025, until Holy Thursday morning, April 17, 2025** — the Catholic Church throughout the world commemorates the penitential season of Lent ending with the Sacred Triduum of Holy Week. The model Jesus gave us for “these 40 days” was his own experience in the desert and the temptations that followed him there where he encountered Satan face to face. And yet, Jesus, there in the desert – alone, fasting and in intense prayer – beat back the devil and triumphed over temptation, as strong and as unrelenting as it was throughout those 40 days.

We enter the desert of Lent like Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit, to face our devils, our temptations head on. But we are not alone. The Lord Jesus Christ is with us. And so, too, is the Church, the entire community of faith observing Lent. Here is what the Catholic Church in the United States requires of us as baptized Catholics:

1. The days of FAST (only one full meal) and ABSTINENCE (no meat) are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No dispensations are granted on these solemn days except for reason of sickness or those provided in canon law below. ALL OTHER FRIDAYS OF LENT are days of ABSTINENCE.

The pastor of a parish has the faculty to give a dispensation to individual parishioners in his parish and the Diocesan Bishop alone has the authority to dispense groups of Catholics but only for a serious reason.

2. Those who are automatically dispensed from fast and abstinence regulations outside the age limits noted below include: the physically or mentally ill, especially individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also included in the dispensation are women who are pregnant or nursing. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

3. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to FAST (only one full meal) as noted above. From the age of 14, people are also obliged to ABSTAIN: this obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat.

4. The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious one for Catholics. Failure to observe one penitential day in itself is not considered a serious sin. It is the intentional failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of penitential days, that must be considered a serious matter.

5. The obligation, the privilege really, of receiving the Eucharist at least once a year – often called “**Easter duty**” – for those in the state of grace should still be fulfilled during the period from the **First Sunday of Lent, March 8-9, 2025, to Trinity Sunday, June 14-15, 2025**. However, the Church’s law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause.

I want to encourage all Catholics, especially those who are conscious of serious sin, to go to Confession and to make use of the sacrifices and traditions that have always been part of our Lenten practices in the Church.

We do, indeed, fast and pray with the Lord Jesus and with our fellow Catholics. May this Lent be a time of Penance leading to grace and joy for us all at Easter

*Sincerely yours in Christ,*

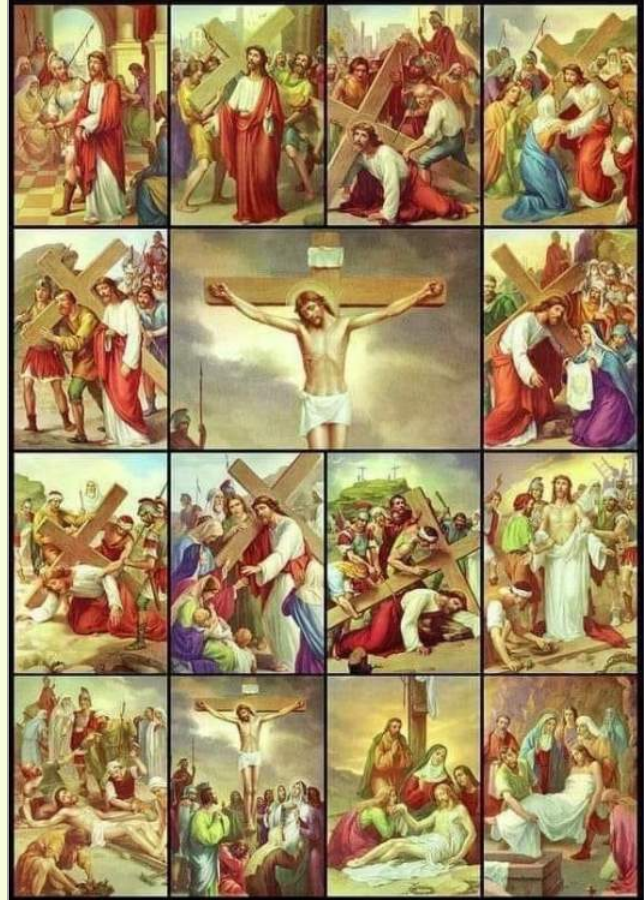
*Most Reverend David M. O’Connell, C.M., Bishop of Trenton*



## 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**



Sacred Heart, Bay Head. File photo—as seen in February’s Monitor Magazine

# Drawing on theological virtues to live out prayer, fasting, almsgiving of Lent

March 3, 2025 at 11:03 a.m.



Monitor file photo

By Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.

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*A message for Lent 2025 from Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.*

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025. Christians make this Jubilee Lenten “journey to Jerusalem” with our Lord Jesus Christ as “pilgrims of hope,” renewing our faith, hope and love. Such Lenten renewal invites us to “fasting, prayer and almsgiving,” three traditional Lenten paths to spiritual conversion of mind and heart.

As your Shepherd, I humbly offer you some simple thoughts for Lent.

## **On faith, hope and love.**

**FAITH.** The [Letter to the Hebrews](#) gives us a profound description of faith: “confident assurance concerning what we hope for and conviction about things we cannot see (Hebrews 11:1).” Confidence and hope! Let’s make that disposition of faith and hope our own this Lent, especially as we celebrate the 2025 Jubilee Year.

**HOPE.** St. Paul wrote to the Ephesians: “I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people (Ephesians 1:18).” Let’s open the “eyes of our heart” this Lent through hope to see beyond the limits of this world to the glories that are ours in Christ and share that vision with one another. “Hope does not disappoint (Romans 5:5).”

**LOVE.** Our Lord’s greatest command was/is that we “love one another.” This Lent, let’s remind ourselves “greater love than this no one has, than to lay down one’s life for his/her friends (John 15:13).” Let’s be willing to sacrifice for others.

## **On fasting, prayer and almsgiving.**

**FASTING.** 800 years before Christ, the prophet Isaiah proclaimed, “fasting will lose the bonds of wickedness, undo the heavy burdens, let the oppressed go free and break every yoke (Isaiah 58:6).” This Lent, let our fasting create the empty space in our lives that only Christ can fill.

**PRAYER.** No moments in my life are as important as those I spend with the Lord. Whether alone before the Lord ever-present in the Blessed Sacrament in the silence of my little chapel or in a parish church; whether quietly enjoying the beauties of nature and God’s creation; whether reciting the Rosary or reading the Word of God; whether celebrating Mass or praying with others, my prayer is fundamentally an act of faith in and thanksgiving for the presence of God in my life and in my world. This Lent let’s give God more time to speak to us and give ourselves more time to listen, as the recent Synod has encouraged us.

**ALMSGIVING.** The old saying rings true: “don’t tell me that you love me, show me.” This Lent let’s make a real, concerted effort to show our love for God by sharing our love for others. Give up something. Give something. Put your faith and hope into loving action for others, especially those most in need.

Spiritual writer, Catholic social worker and foundress of “Madonna House,” Catherine de Hueck Doherty (1896-1985) wrote, “Lent is a time of going very deeply into ourselves... What is it that stands between us and God? Between us and our brothers and sisters? Between us and life, the life of the Spirit? Whatever it is, let us relentlessly tear it out, without a moment’s hesitation.”

As Bishop of the Diocese of Trenton, permit me to suggest three things for you to consider this Lent:

**First,** pray more and pray more deeply. Don’t make excuses. You can do it, anytime, anywhere ... every time everywhere. Start by calling to mind God’s presence.

**Second,** sacrifice. Lent is a season of penance. Let it hurt a little in reparation and amendment for sin. As Archbishop Fulton Sheen used to say, “If there is no Good Friday in your life, there can be no Easter Sunday!”

**Third,** care. Let someone else know they matter. Show genuine kindness as part of your Lenten resolutions.

Let me conclude with a prayer of Catholic spiritual writer Henri Nouwen (1932-1996): “O Lord, make this Lenten season different from the other ones. Let me find you again. Amen.”



***A Heartfelt Letter of Thanks  
from Madonna House to St. Pio Parish***

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JMJ

January 2025

**Dear St. Pio Parishioners :**

*Thank you so very much for your kindness, prayers, and generosity toward Madonna House by your bountiful donation **Christmas Toys, Gifts, Diapers, Gift Cards & support for the Children whom we lovingly serve.** Your thoughtfulness enables Madonna House to continue serving poor and needy families sent to us by God.*

*Madonna House lovingly serves children, from those who are homeless, to children of families faced with temporary financial difficulty. Madonna House is not a crutch, but another valuable resource, allowing parents or guardians to better care for their children in temporary, emergency, or crisis situations.*

*The families and children that come to Madonna House are diverse in ethnicity, cultural background, race, religions, accepting people of all multiplicity. **Out of pure love of God, Madonna House advocates the worthiness of each human being and embraces life as the greatest of all His gifts.***

*Thank you again for your charity toward Madonna House. May Almighty God bless all your endeavors in the New year.*

***Maxime vulnerable praesidio! ~ Protect the Most Vulnerable!***

*Madonna House Inc., A Religious Association  
Rebecca Blonski, Founder/Director  
& Dedicated Volunteers*

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 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.

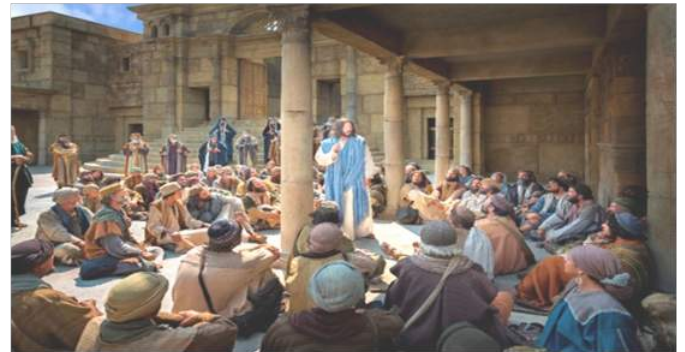
**Many Hands  
Make Light Work**



**A Big Thank You** to everyone who helped with moving the upstairs offices at St. Pio Parish Hall during our renovations February 13 - 24

Greg Bierster	J.P. Kennedy
Karen Brink	Joe Kobylarz
Paul & Kristal Daniels	Jack McCormack
Mike & Lorraine Diamond	Lou Mucardo
Kathy Diffley	Matthew Mucardo
Jim Flaherty	Brick Wenzel
Kevin Gentile	Sam Zimmer

We could not have accomplished the move without you!



**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](mailto:dawnrusinko@yahoo.com)**



**Margaret Sherlock** held informational motivational sessions on the Prayer Exercises of St Ignatius Loyola and how they are helpful in relieving stress and anxiety in our chapel on Feb 25th. Participants will be forming prayer groups (morning and evening) that will meet in the spring. For more info or to join a group, contact Margaret at (201) 906-4682.



### 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!



## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2025

### St. Pio

Palm Sunday April 13, 7:30, 9:00, 10:30AM  
 Holy Thursday April 17, at **Sacred Heart**  
 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**  
 Easter Sunday April 20, 7:15, 8:30, 10:30,

### **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](mailto: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](http://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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*Fan the Flame*  
of **HOPE**  
2025 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

**Vocational Support**

The 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal sustains our clergy and religious-dedicated Pilgrims of Hope - who guide our faith journey. Your gift supports essential programs helping men and women discern their calling to priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. Together, we Fan the Flame of Hope by forming spiritual leaders who will serve our community through sacramental ministry and pastoral care. Make your gift online at [giveaca.org](http://giveaca.org)

**Early Progress Report**

*Fan the Flame of Hope: 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal*  
I'm excited to share that we've begun our 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal.

St. Pio parish goal is \$43,000, and already 37 families have pledged \$7,670 (18%)

Sacred Heart parish goal is \$53,000, and already 29 families have pledged \$6,507 (12%)

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](http://www.giveaca.org) Thank you

**AED's and where to find them!**

An AED, or Automated External Defibrillator, is used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. It's a sophisticated, yet **easy-to-use**, medical device that can analyze the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm. Sacred Heart has 2 AED units.



Automated External Defibrillator

One in the Church (in the Usher's Closet near the front entrance) and one in Casey Hall on the wall nearest the Ladies Room. St. Pio's also has 2 AED units. One in the Church parking lot side on the back wall just before St. Pio's Room and one in the Parish Hall on the back wall (street side). Please familiarize yourself with where these are so they can be retrieved in an emergency.

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



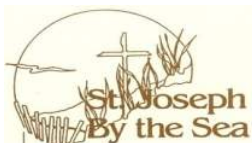
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Refreshments and Blessed Bread after the program.  
Arrival: 10:30 a.m. Mass: 11:00 a.m./Departure: 1:00 p.m.  
(Presenters: Staff) Donation

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Saturday, May 31, 2025

At the St. Pio Parish Center

More Details as we get closer to the Date



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**Per Person: \$68 \$25** limited seats available

**Includes:** Round trip Minibus, donation for the Monastery, guided reflection

**Refreshments:** Decaf Coffee, water, light desserts (Please pack your own lunch)

**Minibus** at St. Pio Parking Lot leaves 8:00AM / returns 2:30PM

**Last day to Reserve March 15, 2025**

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April 5, 2025



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

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- Col. John F. Borowski, USAF
- Capt. Tyler Urban, USMC
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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
- 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

## Sacred Heart Sanctuary Lamp

To burn the weeks of March 1-15, 2025 donated for Intentions for **Brian Hawkins** requested by Joe & Maryanne Greene



**We Offer a Warm Welcome to our Recently Registered Parishioners!**

**St. Pio**  
Jason & Angela Plewa

**Sacred Heart**  
Jessielyn & Sean Kennedy



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**“He brought us out of Egypt with his strong hand and outstretched arm, with terrifying power, with signs and wonder.” Deuteronomy 26:8**

The Israelites were alien people in Egypt who cried for help. Who helped the Israelites out of Egypt? It was the Holy Spirit of God who delivered them from death when He parted the Red Sea and overwhelmed Pharaoh's chariots.

We Catholics can be compared to the Israelites. They were aliens in Egypt and we are pro-life aliens in the land of pro-death. We too, must cry to the Lord to bring us, and our country, out of the land of death and into the land of life, our “milk and honey”.

*Do you know that by excluding men perpetuates a woman's loneliness facing abortion.*

**Pray for Life, Work for Life, Trust in the Lord**





## St. Pio Parish

## Sacred Heart Church

### Saturday, March 8

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

### Vigil

4:00pm † Donna Brower Picernd r/b Lois Currie  
† Anna Hussey r/b Lois Currie

### Sunday, March 9

7:30am † Elizabeth & James Warden r/b Mary Warden  
9:00am † Jaelyn M. Barry r/b Sheila McKenzie  
10:30am † Jane Akin r/b The Nardone Family  
Complete Healing Intentions for Camille Erica  
Bustamante r/b Mom & Dad

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

### Monday, March 10

8:30am † Dorothy Gili r/b Adele  
† Kimberly Anne Wilson r/b The Geer Family

### Tuesday, March 11

8:30am † Vinny Marrone r/b Family  
**After Mass Miraculous Medal Novena**

### Wednesday, March 12

8:30am † Daniel Dugan r/b Family

### Thursday, March 13

8:30am Marie & Edward Parada r/b Linda Miksza  
**After Mass Divine Mercy Chaplet**

### Friday, March 14

8:30am Complete Healing Intentions for Gina Carty  
r/b The Leonard Family  
**After Mass Adoration & Benediction (20 minutes)**

### 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  
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

### Saturday, March 8

8:30am † Ginny Mielnicki r/b Friends & Family

### Vigil

4:00pm † Tom Gage r/b Friends & Family

### Sunday, March 9

7:15am † Roger Jennings r/b Friends & Family  
8:30am † Albert Merten r/b Carol & Pags  
10:30am † For Our Parish Families & Their Loved Ones,  
Both Living & Deceased

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

### Monday, March 10

8:30am † Louanne Simpson r/b The Mawe Family  
**After Mass Miraculous Medal Novena**

### Tuesday, March 11

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

### Wednesday, March 12

**8:00am The Divine Flame of Love Rosary recited before Mass**  
8:30am † Marcellino Manganeli r/b Michele Rinaldi

### Thursday, March 13

8:30am † King Forsyth r/b The Forsyth Family

### Friday, March 14

8:30am † Tom Gage r/b Friends & Family  
**After Mass Adoration & Benediction (20 minutes)**

### Saturday, March 15

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### Vigil

4:00pm † Tom Vanderspurt r/b Family  
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### Sunday, March 16

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Both Living & Deceased  
8:30am † Charlie Denihan  
r/b Barbara & Benjamin Denihan  
10:30am † Richard Clifford r/b His Wife, Toni

Weekend of March 9th, [St. Pio](#) Second Collection will go towards Deficit Reduction

## February / March 2025

St. Pio	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>9</b>	<b>Daylight-Saving Time Begins</b> 7:30am Quiet Mass/No Music 9:00am Mass 10:30am Mass	<b>10</b> 8:30am Daily Mass	<b>11</b> 8:30am Daily Mass	<b>12</b> 8:30am Daily Mass 9:00am - 10:30am Faith Sharing 11:00am - 4:00pm KOC Ladies Aux Lenten Movie 6:30pm - 10:30pm HNS Card Players	<b>13</b> 8:30am Daily Mass 9:00am - 11:00am Lenten Bible Study 12:00pm - 1:00pm Healing Mass	<b>14</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 8:30am Daily Mass 9:00am Stations of the Cross after 8:30am Mass in the Chapel with Adoration and Benediction	<b>15</b> 8:30am Daily Mass 3:20pm - 3:40pm Confession 4:00pm Vigil Mass
<b>16</b>	7:30am Quiet Mass/No Music 9:00am Mass 10:30am Mass	<b>17</b> 8:30am Daily Mass	<b>18</b> 8:30am Daily Mass 6:30pm - 10:00pm KofC - Social Meeting	<b>19</b> 8:30am Daily Mass 9:00am - 10:30am Faith Sharing 6:30pm - 10:30pm HNS Card Players	<b>20</b> <b>First Day of Spring</b> 8:30am Daily Mass 9:00am - 11:00am Lenten Bible Study 12:15pm - 4:00pm Lavallette Seniors Club Meeting	<b>21</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 8:30am Daily Mass 9:00am Stations of the Cross after 8:30am Mass in the Chapel with Adoration and Benediction	<b>22</b> 8:30am Daily Mass 3:20pm - 3:40pm Confession 4:00pm Vigil Mass
Sacred Heart	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>9</b>	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	<b>10</b> 8:30am Daily Mass 9:30am - 12:30pm Seaweekers Meeting	<b>11</b> 8:30am Daily Mass 9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group	<b>12</b> 8:30am Daily Mass 9:15am - 11:15am Bible Study - Matthew 7:00pm - 9:00pm AA Meeting	<b>13</b> 8:30am Daily Mass 1:00pm - 3:00pm Seaweekers	<b>14</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 8:30am Daily Mass 7:00pm - 8:00pm Stations of the Cross	<b>15</b> St. Pat's Party 8:30am Daily Mass 3:20pm - 3:40pm Confession 4:00pm Vigil Mass
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**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](mailto:marta@stpioparish.com) or call 732-793-7291 x322.

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