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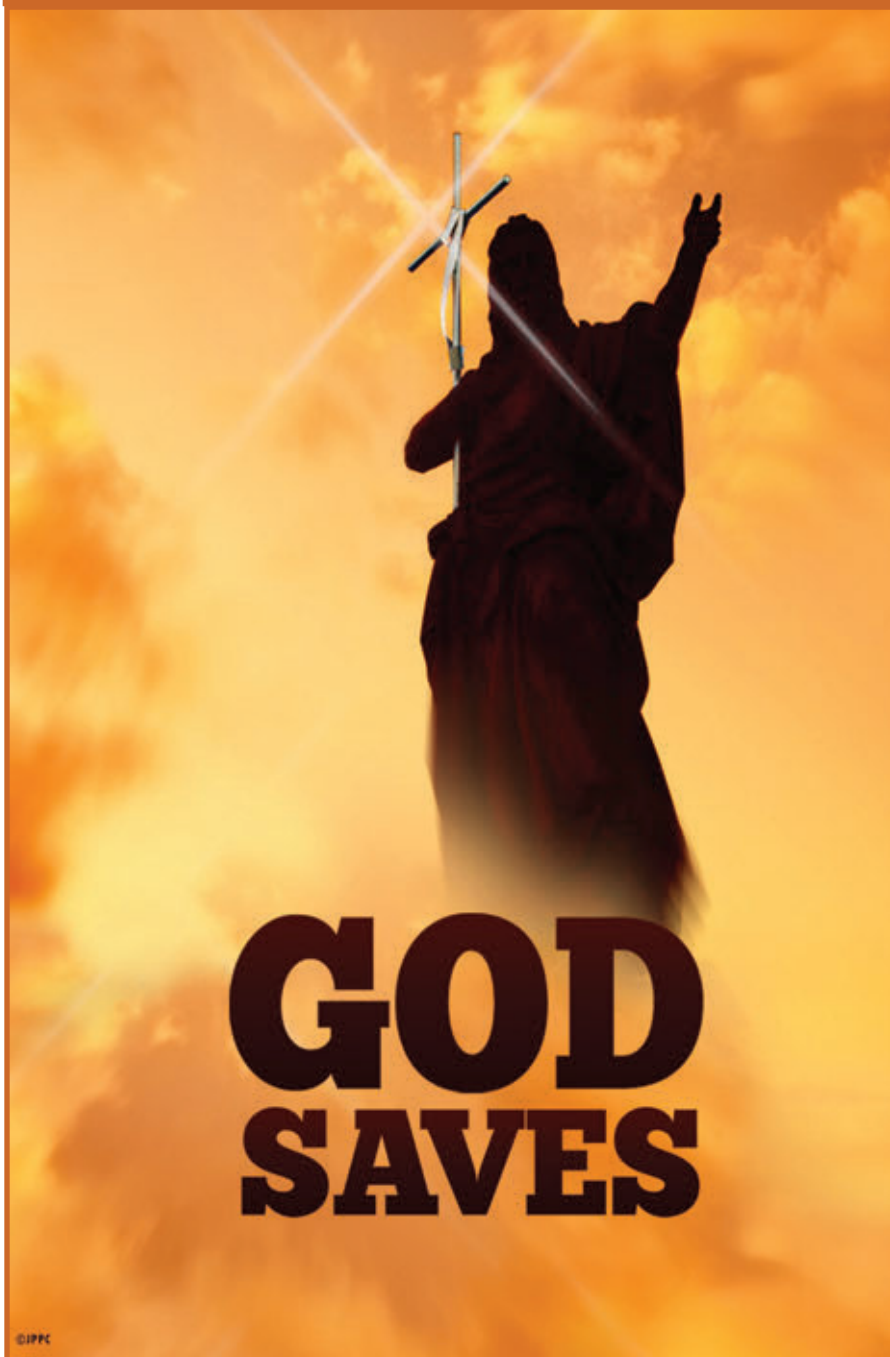
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May 16, 2021 Seventh Sunday of Easter



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Saturday

May 15

5:00pm **Guy & Joanne Castillenti**
r/b Antonette Daniels
Jenna Salvati r/b Pat & Gary Smith

Sunday

May 16

8:00am **Daniel Behr** r/b Gary & Fran Krechmann
For the People of the Parish

10:00am **Dolores Freeman**
r/b Michael & Donna Noone & Family
Rocco Parisi r/b Doris Parisi & Family

Monday

May 17

8:30am **Maria Spoto** r/b Theresa & Bart Coleman
William C. Carroll
r/b Jeff & Concetta Sinoradzki

Tuesday

May 18

8:30am **John Covello** r/b Vince Covello

Wednesday

May 19

8:30am **Clare & Michael LaPlace**
r/b Theresa & Bart Coleman
Bill Hanna r/b Dianne Hayden

Thursday

May 20

8:30am **Albert Berdel** r/b Laura & Greg Bierster
A Special Intention

Friday

May 21

8:30am **Maria Arpaia** r/b Daughter
William Hanna r/b Joe & Joyce Kobylarz

Saturday

May 22

5:00pm **Donna Golden** r/b Etzold Family
Anna D'Andrea r/b Nick

Sunday

May 23

8:00am **Arthur Hanley** r/b Family
For the People of the Parish

10:00am **Dave Galloway** r/b Mike Galloway
Robert Gray r/b Seton Hall Friends



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, Louis Amendola, Sr., Rosemarie Amendola, Ernesto DeLuccia, Marie Woodrow, Sharon Kline, Mary Anne Grandinetti, Emil Stefanacci, Jr., Chris Durso, Fred Barbeito, 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, Patricia Golembeski, Clare & Michael LaPlace, Ruth Delayo, Albert Berdel, Joan Ferrary, Catherine Bogdan, Anna DeSousa

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.

FEAST DAYS FOR THIS WEEK

May 18 St. John I

May 20 St. Bernardine of Siena

May 21 St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions

May 22 St. Rita of Cascia

FROM FR. JOE:

Why Pray the Rosary? Edward Sri

Many great popes, saints, and Christian leaders have exhorted us to pray the rosary. It's a powerful prayer, they say, one that can change your life, strengthen the family, bring peace to the world, convert entire nations, and win the salvation of souls.

But does the average person experience the rosary this way?

Many Catholics, unfortunately, have the impression that the rosary is not relevant for them. It might be a sacred prayer for very religious people—priests, religious sisters, and exceptional Catholics—but not for “an ordinary lay person like me.” Even some devout Catholics admit that they are a bit intimidated by this prayer. They have tremendous respect for the rosary, know it's important, but feel bad that they don't love it more. Many view it as the marathon of Catholic devotions. “I know it's an important prayer, but it takes fifteen to twenty minutes. I'm too busy. I don't have time for that.” “It's too hard to stay focused for that much time. I prefer shorter prayers.”

Some have questions about the rosary: Does all this attention to Mary distract us from a relationship with God? Why do we repeat the same prayers over and over? Are we supposed to concentrate on the prayers, the mysteries, or both? Still others think the rosary is just plain boring—a monotonous, dry, mechanical way of talking to God, not as personal and meaningful as other forms of prayer. “It's like taking the garbage out for your wife. You know you should do it, but date night is more exciting.” “Sure, the rosary might be good for you—like flossing your teeth—but it's not as interesting and meaningful to me as spiritual reading or adoration.”

Others wonder if all the repetition has any meaning. “I know the rosary is important, but it just seems like rote prayer,” one young adult said. “It's like saying magical words and something good is supposed to happen. What's the point? Is simply saying these words actually doing anything for me spiritually?”

But what if I were to show you that there is a lot more going on in the rosary than simply saying these words and counting them with beads? What if I were to tell you that the rosary is not beyond you—that you, wherever you may be in your relationship with God, can actually experience a profound, intimate, personal encounter with Jesus through this devotion? And what if you were to discover that there are many different ways to pray the rosary—indeed, some that can easily fit within your schedule and help you with whatever challenges you face right now in your life.

Think of the rosary as being like the ocean: There's something in it for everyone, whether you consider yourself a veteran mystic longing to go deeper in prayer with our Lord, a novice struggling to learn how to pray, or someone seeking the Lord's help, right now, with something going on in your life. The deep-sea explorer and the child making sand castles on the beach can fully enjoy the same ocean while playing at different levels. And this is true with the rosary.



MAY 16, 2021

St. Joseph by the Sea Retreat House, So. Mantoloking, is looking for a part-time cook as soon as possible. For information please call 732-892-8494. Ask for Sr. Brunilda Ramos, M.P.F., Executive Director. Thank you.



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MAY CROWNING

OF THE

**BLESSED
VIRGIN
MARY**



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The Altar Bread and Wine, offered at the Masses in the month of May, have been given in loving memory of Don Gillmore, requested by Colleen, Krissy, and Lauren.



Contributions Weekend of May 9, 2021	This Past Week	Same week Last Year
At Church	\$3,446	— —
Online	\$1,265	\$685
Total	\$4,711	\$685

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Respect Life Prayer:

***“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.”***

Baby's Due Date: July, 2021

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

“Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned.” Mark 16:15-16

Gospel after gospel speaks of love and life. “For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

Do you believe in Him? Do you love Him? Do you keep His commandments? Are you pro-life?

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



The parish community of St. Pio's welcomes
Bennett Walling.
Bennett was baptized on May 2nd.
Congratulations to the Walling Family.



St. Pio Parish welcomes the family of

Thomas and Erika Harrington

into their faith community.

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Need a Sponsorship Certificate/ 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.****

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Now that more people will be attending Mass each weekend, we need more volunteers to help.

Where can you be of Service to the Lord?

- **Join a Liturgical Ministry** – become a:
 - Reader/Lector
 - Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
 - Altar Server/Sacristan (set up before and clean up after Mass).
 - Greeter before Mass: Welcome people into the church before MassInstruction will be provided at your convenience
Call Joyce Kobylarz at 973-714-6797.
- **Become an Usher:** Assist people in finding seats, help take up the collection, assist people in the Communion line, help straighten up the Church after Mass ends. Call Chris Grandinetti at 908-910-6214.
- **Help Count the Collection:** Teams meet in the parish center on Monday mornings at 9am. Training is provided. Call the Parish Business Manager, Marta at 732-793-7291 x 322.
- **Join the Annual Raffle Team:**
Call Jack McCormack at 732-830-4787.
- **Join our Livestream Team** – take a turn on alternating weeks. Use your latest version iPhone or iPad to GO-LIVE onto Facebook so our at-home parishioners can view the Mass. Call John Coghlan at 732-793-8190.

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STEPS and FOUNDATION to the Church to be Repaired

Unless you look down at you walk into church, you probably haven't noticed that the steps are sorely in need of re-pointing (replacing the mortar between the spaces on the steps). Also, a few corners on the granite steps have cracked off and need to be repaired (note especially the end closest to the statue of St. Pio). Additionally, the stucco on the foundation has worn away leaving the rebar within the concrete visible and rusting. And, a large piece has completely fallen off at the south side of the front steps.

Repairs will take place during weekdays this month to be completed before Memorial Day. We ask that you walk with care as you enter the church and observe any construction cones or signage warning you away from certain areas during the repair. Remember, during the week, Monday – Friday, the Chapel is open for Private Prayer 6am – 6pm with Daily Mass at 8:30am.



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 sign-up information.

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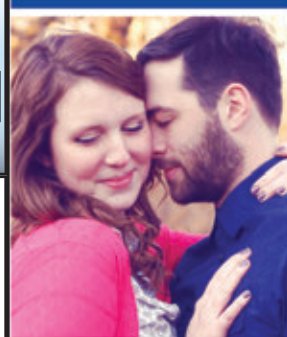


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