

# The Parish of St. Pio of Pietrelcina

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May 28, 2023

## Solemnity of Pentecost



### **Our Parish is Served by:**

Rev. Fr. Joseph Hlubik, Pastor, x302

Rev. Fr. Joy Chacko, Parochial Vicar, x361

### **Assisting Priests:**

Rev. Monsignor Phil Franceschini

### **Pastoral and Support Staff:**

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Caroline Woodrow, Director of Music, x315

### **Parish Secretaries:**

Connie Barraco x316

Laura Bierster x321

Pat Kevish x301

### **Summer Mass Schedule Beginning May 27th**

Monday - Saturday:	8:30am Chapel
Saturday (Vigil):	5:00pm Church
Sunday: 7:30 (no music), 9:00 & 10:30am	Church
Holy Days of Obligation (Vigil):	6:30pm Church
(Day):	9:30am Church

**Confession:** Saturday 4 - 4:30pm or by appointment



**Saturday** May 27  
**8:30am** For Our Parish Families & Their Loved Ones, Living & Deceased

**5:00pm Vigil** Anthony Siragusa r/b Bio Family  
 John Lyons r/b Wife, Gerry

**Sunday** May 28  
**7:30am** For the People of the Parish  
 Anthony Siragusa r/b Bio Family

**9:00am** Anthony Siragusa r/b Bio Family  
 Allen Kowtko & Sophie Bleach  
 r/b Mark

**10:30am** Anthony Siragusa r/b Bio Family  
 Mary & Lou Fehrle & Leo Barry  
 r/b Family

**Monday** May 29  
**8:30am** Joe Merkle r/b Robert Batta

**Tuesday** May 30  
**8:30am** For the Intentions of Jessie Schwarzman  
 r/b Cousins Tom & Mary

**After Mass** **Miraculous Medal Novena**

**Wednesday** May 31  
**8:30am** Pat Flaherty r/b Family  
 Katyryn VanNest r/b Family

**Thursday** June 1  
**8:30am** Charles Widder r/b Maureen McElderry  
 Joe Merkle r/b Tom & Linda Clark

**After Mass** **Divine Mercy Chaplet**

**Friday** June 2  
**8:30am** Frank Juliano r/b Lunch Group Friends

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

**Saturday** June 3  
**8:30am** For Our Parish Families & Their Loved Ones, Living & Deceased

**5:00pm Vigil** David Morris r/b Daughters  
 Lou O. Fehrle r/b Daughters & Family

**Healing:** Fr. Douglas Freer, The Filippini Religious Teachers in Rome, Albania & Ethiopia, Nick Lettas, Mary Anne Grandinetti, Mary Buontempo, Pat McCourt, Maureen Burrell, Baby Landon Wierks, Ginny & Emil Stefanacci, Jim Tavormina, Gina Palmieri, Mike Rodriguez, Nicholas Meola, David Vetere, Bob Egle, Joe Romano, Greg Thomas, Sherrie Forst, Thaddeus Jacoviak, 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:** Helen Byrne, Kathleen Pardalos, Jack Howell, Margaret Delaney, Michael Sherlock, Jean Orlando, Bernadette Flaherty, Angelina Santora, Daniel Kasha, Ronald Zappulla, Kenneth Shedosky, Vincent Porcelli, Sr., Sue Orlowski, Anna May Wolfe, Joe Merkle

**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.



**Mass Intentions** Continued.....

**Sunday** June 4  
**7:30am** For the People of the Parish  
 Antone Cacciatore r/b Felicia

**9:00am** Hyatt Family  
 r/b Patricia & Bruce Schaub  
 Schaub Family  
 r/b Patricia & Bruce Schaub

**10:30am** Susan Hugs  
 r/b Janet & Bill Daniels  
 Mary K. Sandy  
 r/b Karen & Paul Sandy

## *Ordination Congratulations!*

*With prayers we congratulate all our priests  
celebrating their Ordination Anniversary*



<i>Fr. Joseph G. Hlubik</i>	<i>Ordained 5/15/93</i>	<i>30 years</i>
<i>Fr. Joy Chacko</i>	<i>Ordained 5/7/92</i>	<i>31 years</i>
<i>Msgr. Phil Franceschini</i>	<i>Ordained 5/28/66</i>	<i>57 years</i>
<i>Msgr. James V. Pagnotta</i>	<i>Ordained 5/31/69</i>	<i>54 years</i>
<i>Fr. Bob LaFerrera</i>	<i>Ordained 12/10/88</i>	<i>35 years</i>
<i>Fr. Kevin Ashe</i>	<i>Ordained 5/25/63</i>	<i>60 years</i>
<i>Msgr. Lewis Papera</i>	<i>Ordained 5/27/67</i>	<i>56 years</i>
<i>Fr. Noel Danielwicz, OFM</i>	<i>Ordained 5/15/1976</i>	<i>47 years</i>
<i>Fr. George Sabol, OFM</i>	<i>Ordained 11/20/1971</i>	<i>52 years</i>

*“You did not choose Me, I chose you to go and bear much fruit,  
the kind of fruit that endures” -John 15:16*

From Father Joe:

## The Naked Truth About Modesty

By Laurie Richard of Life Teen ([www.lifeteen.com](http://www.lifeteen.com))

**Modesty.** Before you read any further, do me a favor: pause for a moment and seriously think about your initial reaction to that word. Unfortunately, for many women in Christian circles, it can evoke uncomfortable feelings such as shame, guilt, anxiety, and constraint. But it shouldn't. Isn't modesty a virtue, after all? And aren't virtues supposed to be freeing and beautiful?

This topic can be so polarizing because many people hold such strong and varying opinions. However, the subject of modesty is far too nuanced to be treated like a black or white issue. I recognize that my position on this topic may be more or less conservative than the one you personally hold, and that's OK. Modesty can look different for different people — I'm just seeking to offer a new perspective, drawn from my own personal experiences.

### Missing the Point

"Skirts must be knee-length." "Keep your shoulders covered." "Leggings are not appropriate." I'm sure you're familiar with these rules and many others. Maybe you've seen them at the top of your youth retreat packing list, heard them in the well-meaning direction of authority figures, or perhaps perceived them, unspoken, in judgmental stares directed at you or others.

Now, I'm not discounting the necessity of certain guidelines to maintain a professional (or prayerful, if we're talking church retreats) environment, as they definitely have a place. The rules I'm referring to are the ones that are a little too... excessive. I mean, most people would say I'm a pretty conservative dresser, but even my wardrobe falls short of some "Christian" expectations (shorts that reach the knee on a person my height just look plain weird!).

If you think about it, these rules are pretty meaningless, anyway, because no set could be established to encompass the wide variety of body types that God Himself created! So, can we agree to ditch the distracting "do's and don'ts" modesty mentality? Awesome, now we can actually focus on the true meaning and purpose behind them.

### Modesty = Authenticity

So, if modesty is not about a strict set of rules or a one-size-fits all mentality, what is it all about and why does it matter? Ultimately, modesty is concerned with letting people see you as your whole self. It's important that what we choose to wear does not reduce us to only a body in the eyes of others, or elevate our physical aspects above our hearts, minds, and souls. We deserve to be treasured, not objectified based on body parts or characteristics that are only a small part of who we are. There's a lot about you that's worth getting to know — so much more than meets the eye.

God does not want us to feel limited or repressed; in fact, just the opposite — He desires our freedom. As women, we should dress ourselves out of *self-love*, in a way that respects our bodies as good and holy gifts, but also in a way that makes us feel good about who we are! It's OK to want to look beautiful — that's a desire the Lord has intentionally placed in our hearts. Experimenting with different styles that complement your appearance and bring out your personality is definitely a positive thing. Just don't sell yourself short in the process.

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## **An Important Distinction**

Notice that I didn't reaffirm a popular Christian myth: that women should dress modestly to keep men from committing sexual sin. This mindset is harmful because it unfairly places the responsibility for men's actions on the shoulders of women. To all the women who carry hurt and shame in their hearts due to this misunderstanding, I am sincerely sorry.

The burden of this message is not often blatantly obvious; I've witnessed its unconscious impact in my life and the lives of women around me, as well. The way I sometimes anxiously tug on a dress I'm wearing in certain company, the terrible posture many have adopted to downplay certain physical features, the time we spend in front of our mirrors trying to decide where to draw the line on how short is too short — these are experiences common to many women.

Like I said, modesty is not about *preventing* guys from lusting after you, it's about *allowing* everyone around you, male and female, to really know the authentic you. The truth is, if a man deliberately thinks or acts disrespectfully towards a woman, it's not because of the way she dresses and it's not her fault. Men who are sincerely striving for virtue will make no excuses for their own behavior.

## **Middle Ground**

I've laid out all my complaints against the mainstream Christian modesty perspective, but with that being said, there's definitely some middle ground to be had. Throwing it back to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, we can see that in the beginning, when they were naked, they weren't being immodest. It was only when they fell into sin that it opened the door for objectification and use of the other person to creep into their relationship.

Unfortunately, sin is a reality that we still face in our relationships today, and that's why it does matter how we dress. I *do* understand where the other side is coming from — temptation is real — that's a fact. We can help each other to love well by examining the motivation behind our dress and practicing purity of heart in our own personal lives.

## **Threading it all Together**

(Get it? Because clothes have thread?)

Modesty is not important because women's bodies are bad or sinful — modesty is important because women are beautiful, inside and out. God has designed women to uniquely reflect a side of Himself that, without us, the world would otherwise be lacking. (Whoa... feel free to read *that* again!). Our bodies are incredible gifts from Him — physical manifestations of His beauty and goodness. They, along with our unique personalities, witness to the creativity and generosity of our all-good God, and because of this, they command due reverence and love. Practicing modesty shows that we recognize the gift of who we are, the dignity God has given us, and we honor that in the way we present ourselves to the world.

So, the next time you're stressing in the dressing room, instead of checking that internal list of rules, check the disposition of your heart. Ask Jesus and Mama Mary to help you find that healthy balance between holding yourself to a higher standard, while also allowing room for His grace to work in your life.

Is God convicting you to dress more modestly, or is He challenging you to let go of underlying shame and judgment? By practicing modesty, we make room in our lives for more love, joy, and freedom. And that's what virtue is all about.



The Parish of St. Pio of Pietrelcina would like to welcome

***Kaitlyn & Christian Barber***

***Kelly & Craig Montgomery***

***and***

***Mark Montgomery***

into its faith community.



Come join us for

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on the Sundays of  
June 4th, June 11th, and June 18th  
in the Parish Hall  
after the 7:30 and 9:00am Masses.



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our fallen heros.  
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that we are free.

The parish office will be closed Monday, May 29th, in observance of Memorial Day.

We pray for all who have died for our country as well as those serving in the military.



St. Pio's annual summer **All Cash 50-50 Raffle** is now under way. Raffle tickets for all registered parishioners have already been mailed out. Additional raffle tickets are and will be available at all Masses beginning Memorial Day weekend through September. Please stop by and support this important parish fundraiser.

We thank you for your past support and look forward to a great summer. Drawing date is Friday, September 22nd. 1<sup>st</sup> prize last fall was over \$18,000.

Thank you,  
The Raffle Committee

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Defend your faith, go where Jesus sends you. Use your given strength to influence federal, state and local politicians and school boards. Tell them to reject abortion, child mutilation and all Satanic evil. Tell them to embrace God's word and to do His will. Tell them it's separation of church and state, not God and state. **Be a witness for Christ. Be a witness for Life!**

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**Summer Meal & a MOVIE NIGHT**

**5:30 p.m.**  
**Wednesday, June 7**



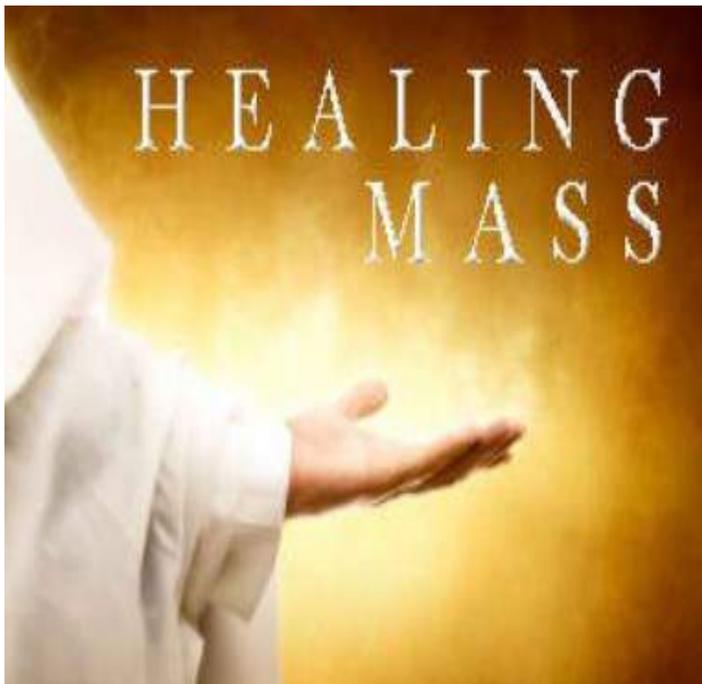
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**St. Pio Hall**  
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**A Night of Mercy and Healing**

**WHEN:** Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 7pm

**WHERE:** St. Pio of Pietrelcina Chapel  
103 Washington Ave Lavallette

**WHO:** Our Celebrant is Fr. Joy Chacko; prayer teams are 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

# *Welcome to St. Pio of Pietrelcina's New Catholic Lending Library*



## *In Memory of Father Fred Kochan*

*Weekend Assistant 2000 - 2022*

*Our collection is primarily comprised of the personal libraries of Fr. Fred Kochan and Fr. Douglas Freer. Additional texts have been donated by several parishioners, many by the late Ms. Diane Daniels.*

*A special **Thank You** to Lorraine & Mike Diamond for all their help in doing the heavy lifting to sort the books and setup the library.*

*We invite you to browse through our books, stay a while to enjoy in the library or feel free to take them home.*

*All we ask is that you*

**READ IT – LOVE IT – RETURN IT**

**Library Hours**

**7:30am to 2:00pm Monday thru Wednesday**

**And During All Parish Hall Events**



## 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](http://www.stpioparish.com)

### Receiving Communion:

- Holy Communion will be distributed in the hand. Those wishing to receive Communion on the tongue should wait until the end of the Communion distribution and receive from the Priest.
- Only Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion with a valid Sacred Heart/St. Pio ID card can receive Communion in a Pyx to take to the sick and homebound. For anyone that is not a Eucharistic Minister and is requesting a Host needs to see the Priest before or after Mass. Hosts will not be distributed during Mass.
- If you need a low gluten Host, please go to the Communion line in the front on the pulpit side, and ask the Eucharistic Minister.

Thank You for your Support!!

Contributions Weekend of May 21, 2023	This Past Week	Same week Last Year
At Church	N/A	\$6,413
Online	AT	\$1,316
Total	PRINT	\$7,729



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.



## 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).*

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- 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.\*\***

Contributions Weekend of May 14, 2023	This Past Week	Same week Last Year
At Church	\$4,876	\$6,640
Online	\$2,136	\$1,961
Total	\$7,012	\$8,601



Starting June 4th, the Rosary of the Divine Flame of the Love of Mary will be said **AFTER** the 7:30am Mass on Sundays.

*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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Lavallette Seniors	James Peeney	732-793-4675	JDPeeney@msn.com
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Parish Nurses	Joan Blanchfield	201-362-4148	blanchrn139@gmail.com
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Raffle Committee	Jack McCormack	732-830-4787	jack17mac@verizon.net
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Rosary Altar Society	Joan Blanchfield	732-854-1276	blanchrn139@gmail.com
Ushers	Chris Grandinetti	908-910-6214	chris.grandinetti@gmail.com
Wedding Ministry	Joyce Kobylarz	973-714-6797	jkoby2@aol.com

**SCHEDULE OF ORGANIZATIONS**

<i>HOLY NAME SOCIETY</i>	<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>June 5</i>	<i>5:30pm</i>
<i>ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY</i>	<i>Luncheon</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>June 5</i>	<i>12:00pm</i>
<i>FAITH SHARING</i>	<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Every Wednesday in</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>9:00am</i>
<i>KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS 8415</i>	<i>Officers &amp; Business Mtg.</i>		<i>June 6</i>	<i>6:30pm</i>
<i>KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS 8415</i>	<i>Social Meeting</i>		<i>June 20</i>	<i>6:30pm</i>
<i>K of C Ladies Auxiliary</i>	<i>Meeting</i>		<i>September 25</i>	<i>1:00pm</i>
<i>LAVALLETTE SENIORS</i>	<i>Restaurant &amp; Theater</i>		<i>June 15</i>	<i>12:30pm</i>
<i>RIGHT TO LIFE GROUP</i>	<i>2nd Thursday of the month at Sacred Heart, Msgr. Casey Hall</i>			<i>3:30pm</i>
	<i>No meetings in Summer</i>			
<i>ROSARY OF THE DIVINE FLAME OF LOVE OF MARY</i>		<i>Saturdays at Sacred Heart Church</i>		<i>7:45am</i>
<i>ROSARY OF THE DIVINE FLAME OF LOVE OF MARY</i>		<i>Tuesdays at St. Pio Parish</i>		<i>8:00am</i>
		<i>and Sundays at 9:45am except the 1st Sunday of Month</i>		

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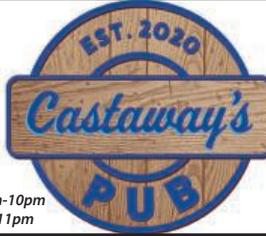


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