

# The Parish of St. Pio of Pietrelcina

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**November 12, 2023**

**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**



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

Rev. Fr. Joseph Hlubik, Pastor

Rev. Fr. Joy Chacko, Parochial Vicar

## **Assisting Priests:**

Rev. Monsignor Phil Franceschini

## **Pastoral and Support Staff:**

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x322

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## **Parish Secretaries:**

Connie Barraco x316

Laura Bierster x321

Pat Kevish x301

Office Hours: Mon. - Wed., 9am - 2pm

## **Mass Schedule**

Monday - Saturday: 8:30am Chapel

Saturday (Vigil): 4:00pm Church

Sunday: 7:30 (no music), 9:00 & 10:30am Church

**Confession:** Saturday 3 - 3:30pm or by appointment



**Saturday, November 11, 2023**

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

**Vigil**

**4:00pm** Msgr. Frederick Valentino r/b Staff of St.Pio's  
**4:00pm** Joe Merkle r/b Nick Zaccaria

**Sunday, November 12, 2023**

**7:30am** For the People of the Parish

**7:30am** Bill Smith r/b Chris & Don

**9:00am** William Smith r/b Vito & Marie Gagliardi

**10:30am** Martin Unfried r/b Family

**10:30am** Marion Dunrovich r/b Dianne Hayden

**10:30am** Bill Smith r/b Holy Name Society

**Monday, November 13, 2023**

**8:30am** Don Zembiec r/b Tom & Mary Ann Sinnott

**8:30am** Mildred Kostroun r/b Deb & Tom Phair

**Tuesday, November 14, 2023**

**8:30am** For A Personal Thanksgiving r/b Mary Shaffer

**8:30am** Carole Honnetter r/b Ann Hanrahan & Family

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

**Wednesday, November 15, 2023**

**8:30am** Msgr. Frederick Valentino r/b Staff of St. Pio 's

**8:30am** Dorothy Peeney r/b Husband, Jim

**Thursday, November 16, 2023**

**8:30am** Intentions for Thoms J. Kilkenny r/b Assumma Family

**8:30am** John F. Degnan r/b Assumma Family

**After 8:30am Mass** **Divine Mercy Chaplet**

**Friday, November 17, 2023**

**8:30am** Frank Mazzeo r/b Roy Gelpke & Steven Ceasar

**8:30am** William Smith r/b Judy McDonald

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

**Saturday, November 18, 2023**

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

**Vigil**

**4:00pm** Patrick J. Glynn r/b Laura & Greg

**4:00pm** Betty Muko r/b Antonette Daniels

**Sunday, November 19, 2023**

**7:30am** For the People of the Parish

**7:30am** Anthony Pennolino r/b Mariella Family

**9:00am** Charles Cerami r/b Lisa & George Truchan

**9:00am** Florence Facchina r/b Gary & Gerry Adams

**10:30am** Bill Smith r/b K of C Ladies Auxiliary

**10:30am** Edith Cullen r/b Gary & Gerry Adams

**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, Joe Romano, Greg Thomas, Sherrie Forst, Susan Smith, Kelly Palmieri, Alan Kurinovich, Maegan Higham, Richard J. O'Neill, Tommy Traina, Eddie McCrabb, Gina Kwortnik, Joseph Winchock, Jim Pells, Antonette Daniels, Janet Daniels, Maureen Gilmore, Vince Covelio, Betty Ann Beschen, Kathy Connelly, Michael Garcia, Eileen Carroll, Judi Pecoraro, 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: All Souls**

The Church Sanctuary Lamp will burn from November 11th through November 17th for the Intentions of Thomas J. Kilkenny requested by the Assumma Family.



**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, especially:

Capt. Tyler Urban, U.S. Marine Corp. (deployed)  
 Lance Cpl. Jack Balwierczak, U.S. Marine Corps  
 Private 1st Class Jason Rodriguez, U. S. Army



*As often as you did it for one of my least brothers, You did it for me.*

**Simon's Soup Kitchen will once again hold a special Thanksgiving Day dinner distribution on Thursday, November 23rd from 2:00pm to 3:00pm at the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Center 168 Grant Ave., Seaside Heights, NJ. Anyone in need of a hot meal is welcome to attend.**

**From Fr. Joe: 5 Myths About Purgatory That Too Many People Still Believe (Maybe Even You!)  
By Caroline Perkins, Church POP**

It's probably safe to say that for most Protestant Christians, there are few doctrines more "Catholic" than Purgatory. Unfortunately, most people's understanding of Purgatory is fraught with myths & misconceptions.

**First, here's how the Catechism describes Purgatory:** "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned.

"This teaching is also based on the practice of prayer for the dead, mentioned in Sacred Scripture... From the beginning, the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead..." (CCC 1030-1032)

Now here are five of the most common myths about Purgatory:

**Myth 1:** Purgatory is a second chance at salvation

**Truth:** At death, a person's eternal destiny is sealed: he will either spend eternity in heaven or hell. Purgatory is a temporary place that people who are already assured of heaven may go to in order to prepare for heaven. So, once in Purgatory, a person can't alter their eternal destiny – there are no second chances after death.

**Myth 2:** Purgatory isn't in the Bible

**Truth:** In 1 Cor. 3, Saint Paul describes a period after death, but before heaven, in which a Christian is purified with fire. That's Purgatory. There is other biblical evidence, to name two: In Matt. 12, Jesus mentions the possibility of sins being forgiven after death, and in 2 Macc. 12, the practice of praying for the dead (a practice Purgatory makes sense of) is commended. (For more, see this great article by Catholic Answers.)

**Myth 3:** Purgatory is a way of being saved apart from Christ

**Truth:** As already mentioned, Purgatory is only for people who have died in friendship with Christ and are assured of heaven. Further, the purifying process of Purgatory is only through the grace of Jesus Christ. So rather than being something in competition with Christ, Purgatory is an occasion for the grace of Christ.

**Myth 4:** Indulgences are a way of buying salvation

**Truth:** An indulgence is something granted by the Church that limits or removes a person's need for Purgatory after death. Indulgences do not, however, determine whether a person goes to heaven or hell. Further, while historically there have been abuses regarding indulgences, the Catholic Church considers the selling of spiritual things (simony) a sin.

**Myth 5:** Praying for the dead is a late medieval corruption of the faith

**Truth:** Actually, the Jews practiced praying for the dead prior to Jesus, as recorded in 2 Macc. 12. The Early Church also practiced it.

### **Eternal Rest Prayer**

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let the perpetual light shine upon them.  
And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**



Thank You for your Support!!

Contributions Weekend 11/5/23	This Past Week	Same week Last Year
At Church	\$5,119	\$5,398
Online	N/A	\$1,136
Total	N/A	\$6,534



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**“The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps.” Matthew 25:3**

Saint Matthew is pointing out there are the wise who are distinguished by their good deeds (oil) and the fools who are without good deeds (no oil).

Those Church members who openly and consistently support life issues are clearly the wise and are distinguished by their good deeds. Those that support pro-death issues are clearly the fools and are devoid of good deeds.

*Do you know the unborn have less legal protection from pain than commercial livestock.*

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Respect Life Committee at [SHRCBH@comcast.net](mailto:SHRCBH@comcast.net)



**St. Pio's 2023 Annual Christmas Giving Tree campaign  
An update ...**

I have spoken to Rebecca Blonski, founder of Madonna House. I gave her an update on some of our donations and she is overwhelmed by your generosity. Rebecca also mentioned that she currently has 25 families *per day* coming in for items needed for their families. It's the most that she has ever had on a daily basis. She also asked that, if possible, to provide more diapers for newborns since she is getting many families coming in straight from the hospital after childbirth.

*The last weekend for giving will be **December 2-3, 2023**, so the gifts can be sorted and delivered in time for Christmas. Gift cards are also welcomed.*

As the campaign continues we will move the gifts away from under the tree in order maintain a safe space for walking.

Thank you, Laura

Giving Tree Chairladies: Laura – 917-693-5147 Kathy 908-451-8687





## ALL SOULS DAY MASS

November  
2,  
2023



## ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY November 6, 2023 INDUCTION OF OUR NEW MEMBERS



St. Pio Parish welcomes the



**Orlando Family,  
Philip & Diana**

into its faith community.



On November 16, 2023, the La-vallette Seniors Club will meet at 12:30 pm in the parish center. The guest speaker is from the Toms River Historical Society. A hot lunch will be served to celebrate Thanksgiving. Come join us.

**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. Pickups in Monmouth County are made on Wednesdays. To schedule a pickup, 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.

### 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:**

- 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.

See St. Pio's website ([www.stpioparish.com](http://www.stpioparish.com)) for information on obtaining Sponsorship Certificates.

2023  
**HERE COME THE HOLIDAYS!**

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus is happy to present:




**PIZZA & MOVIE NIGHT**

**"Christmas Town"**

5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, November 29  
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Sunday, November 26

**The Holy Name Society  
of the  
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Sunday, December 31, 2023  
Doors Open at 8:00pm  
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\$25. pp Includes: Party Favors, Coffee, Dessert,  
Soda & Water

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For Further Information & Tickets Call:

Gary	908-672-6710
John	732-259-3577
Tom	732-995-0044

**St. Pio of Pietrelcina Parish  
Christmas Luncheon**

Monday  
December 4, 2023  
12 noon - 4:00 pm



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**Sacred Heart's Holy Name  
Monthly 50/50 Club** is open to  
all parishioners and visitors. The  
monthly drawing is held the 3rd

Tuesday of each month. \$60.00 gives you (12)  
chances to win. Make your check payable to Sacred  
Heart 200 Club and return to the parish office.

**Parish Counseling Services (PCS)**

is 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, elder-  
care, bereavement or stress of job.



*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	Maureen Zebrowski	732-259-1578	mzeb@aol.com
Holy Name Society	Tom Leonard	732-995-0044	thomasleonard62@gmail.com
Knights of Columbus	Alex Barletta, GK	908-578-5095	barlettaa@verizon.net
Ladies Auxiliary to the KofC	Joyce Kobylarz	973-714-6797	jkoby2@aol.com
Lavallette Seniors	James Peeney	732-793-4675	JDPeeney@msn.com
Lectors & Extraordinary Ministers	Joyce Kobylarz	973-714-6797	jkoby2@aol.com
Parish Nurses	Joan Blanchfield	201-362-4148	blanchrn139@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	pags711@gmail.com
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
Hall Rental	Marta Barkhausen	732-793-7291	marta@stpioparish.com

HOLY NAME SOCIETY	Meeting	Monday	December 4	5:30pm
ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY	Party	Monday	December 4	12:00 noon
FAITH SHARING	Meeting	Wednesdays	in November	9:00am
K of C 8415	Meeting	1st Tuesday of Month		7:00pm
	Meeting	3rd Tuesday of Month		6:30pm
K of C Ladies Auxiliary	Meeting	Monday	November 27	1:00pm
LAVALLETTE SENIORS	Meeting	Thursday	November 16	12:30pm
RIGHT TO LIFE GROUP		2nd Thursday of the month at Sacred Heart, Msgr. Casey Hall		3:30pm
FLAME OF LOVE ROSARY		Recited on Tuesdays at 8am in the Chapel		

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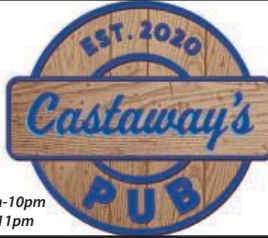
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