



The Parish of St. Pio of Pietrelcina

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November 14, 2021

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Our Parish is Served by:

Rev. Fr. Joseph Hlubik, Pastor, x302

Pastor's office hours: Tuesdays &
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Rev. Fr. Joy Chacko, Parochial Vicar, x361

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Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday: 8:30am Chapel

1st Saturday of Month: 8:30am Chapel

Saturday (Vigil): 4:00pm Church

Sunday: 8:30 and 10:30am Church

Holy Day of Obligation 9:30am Church

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

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Mass Intentions



Saturday

November 13

**4:00pm
Vigil**

John Lodato r/b Rosary Altar Society
Kathryn Mary Elizabeth Van Nest
r/b Rev. Robert Tynski & Florence Tynski

Sunday

November 14

8:30am

Anna DeSousa
r/b Mr. & Mrs. Phil Martin
For the People of the Parish

10:30am

Nick Marinaro
r/b Debra & Andrew Hanson
John Robert Greco r/b Misko Family

Monday

November 15

8:30am

For the Intentions of Mary Buontempo
r/b Chris Higgins

Tuesday

November 16

8:30am

Garry Giammarino
r/b Laura Dinnocenzio
Charles J. Bohmann r/b Mary Shaffer

Wednesday

November 17

8:30am

For the Souls in Purgatory

Thursday

November 18

8:30am

Patrick Hlubik r/b Bill & Pat Kevish

Friday

November 19

8:30am

Bernie Madden r/b James & Carol Muller

Saturday

November 20

**4:00pm
Vigil**

John Lodato r/b Cathy & John Coghlan
Betty Muka r/b Antonette Daniels

Sunday

November 21

8:30am

Rose Lappostato r/b Doris & Tony Gallo
For the People of the Parish

10:30am

Nick Marinaro r/b Denise & Chris Valtin
Grace Conrad r/b Misko Family

Healing: Fr. Douglas Freer, Jill Rager, Marci Haxall, The Filippini Religious Teachers in Rome & Ethiopia, Marie Woodrow, Mary Anne Grandinetti, Ginny Stefanacci, Fred Barbeito, Christopher Dorso, Nicholas Meola, Bernard D'Andrea, Sangita Rossano, Louise Scarlato, Florence Tynski, Colleen Anderson, Marie Graham, RJ Graham, Michael Christa, Joann Christa, Sharon Witty, Nick Lettas, Mary Buontempo, Dennis Maloney, 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).

The Deceased: Marilyn Giordano, Marge Tremain

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.



The Altar Bread and Wine for the month of November has been donated by a parishioner for a Special Intention.

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St. Joseph By the Sea in South Mantoloking is in need of a part time cook. Please call Sr. Bruni for more information at 732-892-8494.



Remember to Support Our Troops

Please put your donations in the bins located in the narthex of the Church and also at the entrance to our parish hall. Some suggestions are: protein bars, packaged nuts, hard candies, gum, beef jerky, canned meats, toothpaste/brush, lip balm, eye drops, packets of Tylenol, white heavy socks, word game books, paperback books, playing cards, cards and notes of support.

November 14, 2021

The Holy Name Society of The Parish of St. Pio

Presents: **New Years Eve Gala**

Featuring: **Jukebox Legends**

Friday, December 31, 2021

Doors open: 8 pm

Show: 9 pm to 12:30 am

St Pio Parish Hall, Rt. 35 No. & Philadelphia Ave.
\$30 pp

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For further Information & Tickets call:

John 732-259-3577 Tony 732-830-8932

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THE PARISH OF ST.
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Monday, December 6, 2021 12 Noon to 4:00pm

The Lobster Shanty, Channel Dr., Pt. Pleasant Beach

Door Prizes Cash Bar \$35 pp

Entertainment By: Julian & Dominique

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Donna Hanna 908-787-3415

Tags are displayed on the Giving Tree in the Narthex of the Church. Please pick up a tag as you enter or exit the Church. To minimize the spread of germs please touch only the tag(s) that you will be taking home. Your cooperation this year is greatly appreciated. For those of you who won't be choosing a tag, donations can consist of toys for all aged children, winter jackets, hats, mittens, children's books and puzzles, arts and crafts, coloring books, crayons, children's clothing of any age or size, as well as pajamas, gift cards for Target or Walmart, baby clothes, toys and diapers.



1. Please do not wrap the gifts but be sure the tag, if any, is attached when you drop it off.
2. Drop off by the Giving Tree in Church or in the parish center foyer open from 9am to 2pm.
3. All gifts must be returned by December 12 so that they can be delivered to Madonna House and Downey Side Adoption Agency.

The need this year is greater than ever. Please help to put a smile on the face of a child this Christmas. Thank you for your support. For questions call Laura Bierster at 917-693-5147.

Thank You for your Support!!

Contributions Weekend of Nov. 7, 2021	This Past Week	Same week Last Year
At Church	\$5,320	\$4,536
Online	\$1,401	\$1,080
Total	\$6,721	\$5,616

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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.



The Lavallette Seniors will meet on Thursday, November 18th in the parish center at 12:30pm. A catered lunch will be served to members. Entertainment will be provided by the Calendar Girls Club. Come join us for an afternoon of fun. If interested in membership, annual dues are \$10, contact Jim Peeney 732-793-4675.



GOD OF LOVE AND LIFE FATHER, SON and HOLY SPIRIT

**"Their sins and evildoing, I will remember no more."
Hebrews 10:17**

A license to sin? Hardly. These words extend mercy while at the same time demand holiness. When we are forgiven it is expected that we will not continue a rebellious lifestyle of sin. When we truly love God we will want to be holy and to turn from sin. Be holy. Be, vote and act pro-life.

"The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only object of good government." *Thomas Jefferson*

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FROM FR. JOE:

Purgatory: The Mystery of Love

What's the point of Purgatory?

To enter into communion with the all-holy God in everlasting life we need to be holy. As St John Paul II explained, “every trace of attachment to evil must be eliminated, every imperfection of the soul corrected. Purification must be complete, and indeed this is precisely what is meant by the Church’s teaching on Purgatory”. For those faithful who die in friendship with God but not yet entirely purified, the mercy of God provides a last cleansing of love which enables them to embrace the fullness of Love. This is Purgatory.

What can the holy souls do to get out of Purgatory?

During our earthly lives, we can be purified by means of the sacraments, prayer and good works. However “death puts an end to human life as the time open to either accepting or rejecting the divine grace manifested in Christ” (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1021). This means the holy souls in Purgatory can no longer actively “satisfy” for their sins. They can’t do anything to purify themselves – and therefore get out of Purgatory. Purification is done *to* them rather than *by* them. That is why the living are called to help them by our prayers, sacrifices and good works.

What kind of suffering happens in Purgatory?

Although the Church hasn’t declared anything about the specific nature of the pains of Purgatory, the greatest suffering is the delay of the beatific vision. In other words, the postponement of seeing God face-to-face, which is heaven. The human being, made for eternal life with God suffers immensely on being delayed in this union with the ultimate object of all their desiring.

Is Purgatory painful?

Although many Christian thinkers have pondered this over the centuries, the Church doesn’t have definitive teaching on this. Christian scholars, including St. Bernard and St. Bonaventure, considered the idea of physical suffering (in addition to the suffering of the temporary absence of God), suggesting fire or extreme cold as punishment for our sins. However, in his encyclical *Spe Salvi*, Pope Benedict XVI suggested that the fire of Purgatory could be the gaze of Jesus:

Some recent theologians are of the opinion that the fire which both burns and saves is Christ himself, the Judge and Saviour. The encounter with him is the decisive act of judgement. Before his gaze all falsehood melts away. This encounter with him, as it burns us, transforms and frees us, allowing us to become truly ourselves. All that we build during our lives can prove to be mere straw, pure bluster, and it collapses. Yet in the pain of this encounter, when the impurity and sickness of our lives become evident to us, there lies salvation. His gaze, the touch of his heart heals us through an undeniably painful transformation ‘as through fire.’ But it is a blessed pain, in which the holy power of his love sears through us like a flame, enabling us to become totally ourselves and thus totally of God. In this way the inter-relation between justice and grace also becomes clear: the way we live our lives is not immaterial, but our defilement does not stain us forever if we have at least continued to reach out towards Christ, towards truth and towards love.

Get more answers on Purgatory by ordering your copy of **Purgatory: A Mystery of Love**, by Fr. Donncha ÒhAodha, a priest of the Opus Dei Prelature living and working in Dublin.

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St. Pio Parish welcomes **John Hall** into their faith community. John was baptized Sunday, November 7th. Congratulations to the Hall family.

November 14, 2021

On November 2nd, All Souls Day, Mass was celebrated by Fr. Joe for the faithful departed and especially for the names listed who died this past year. Let us keep them and all who have died in our prayers.



COME, JOIN YOUR HEART WITH MINE!

Jesus is calling YOU to join your heart with His through the Sacrament of Penance. Don't be afraid. Join us for gentle and heart-warming prayers, and let the Holy Spirit inspire you to experience a thorough examination of conscience. Ask God to bless you with the strength to avoid sin in the future, and feel the peace and exhilaration of God's forgiveness!

**Join us in the Church
Tuesday, December 14th at 7pm
Short service followed by private
individual confessions.**

Jesus will be waiting!



The K of C Ladies Auxiliary presents **HOLIDAY PIZZA & MOVIE NIGHT**



Enjoy salad, pizza, soft drinks (you may BYOB), coffee and dessert and the Hallmark movie, "Once Upon a Christmas Miracle" at St. Pio's Parish Hall on Wednesday, December 1st at 6pm. The cost is \$10 per person. RSVP to Joyce at 973-714-6797 by November 29th.

ALL PARISHIONERS AND THEIR GUESTS ARE WELCOME!



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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



Receiving Communion:

- Holy Communion will be distributed in the hand. To receive on the tongue please wait until all have received, go to the end of the line of the priest distributing Communion.
- Anyone needing a **low gluten host**, please get in the communion line in the front, on the pulpit side. Ask the minister for a low gluten Host.
- To take Communion from Mass to **homebound family members**, go to the sacristy **after Mass** with your pyx. Ask the priest/minister to get you a host from the tabernacle. Hosts for others will not be distributed during Mass.

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

Lost & Found Items: Please call the parish office.

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.****

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	Dc. John Hanna	732-793-7291 x320	jhanna@stpioparish.com
Holy Name Society	Bill Haight	201-334-6686	beachbum09@optonline.net
Knights of Columbus	Donald Almasy, GK	732-407-3226	throssell@verizon.net
Ladies Auxiliary to the KofC	Joyce Kobylarz	973-714-6797	jkoby2@aol.com
Lectors & Extraordinary Ministers	Joyce Kobylarz	973-714-6797	jkoby2@aol.com
Parish Nurses	Joan Blanchfield	201-362-4148	blanch139@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	Pat McCourt	732-830-6519	fifthmyles@yahoo.com
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