



The Parish of St. Pio of Pietrelcina

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November 28, 2021

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Our Parish is Served by:

Rev. Fr. Joseph Hlubik, Pastor, x302

Pastor's office hours: Tuesdays &
Thursdays following 8:30am Mass

Rev. Fr. Joy Chacko, Parochial Vicar, x361

Assisting Priest:

Rev. Fr. Frederick Kochan

Rev. Monsignor Phil Franceschini

Deacon Emeritus, John H. Hanna, x320

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Coordinator, x322

John Paglione, Director of Liturgy, Lay
Ministries & Catechesis

732-899-1398, x5

Caroline Woodrow, Director of Sacred
Music, x315

Joyce Kobylarz, Ministries Coordinator

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Connie Barraco, x316

Laura Bierster, x321

Pat Kevish, x301

Tim Drake, Facilities Manager

Bart Coleman & Vito Gagliardi, Trustees

Nick Zaccaria, Finance Chair

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 Days of Obligation 9:30am Church

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

First Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions



Saturday

November 27

**4:00pm
Vigil**

*Stan Gawel r/b Gawel family
John Lodato r/b Dianne Hayden*

Sunday

November 28

8:30am

*Patrick J. Hlubik
For the People of the Parish*

10:30am

*Michael Kennedy r/b Tullo Family
Michael Giordano r/b Leppert Family*

Monday

November 29

8:30am

Marge Tremain r/b Joe & Joyce Kobylarz

Tuesday

November 30

8:30am

*Patrick Hlubik r/b St. Pio's Lectors, EMs,
Altar Servers & Ushers*

Wednesday

December 1

8:30am

*Kathleen & Raymond Minneci r/b Family
Joe & Grace Fedorcsak
r/b Elaine McGlynn & family*

Thursday

December 2

8:30am

*Patrick Hlubik
r/b K of C Ladies Auxiliary*

Friday

December 3

8:30am

In Thanksgiving r/b Mary Shaffer

Saturday

December 4

8:30am

*First Saturday
Alvina Schwartz r/b Marlene*

**4:00pm
Vigil**

*Ed Camacho r/b Margo Camacho
Annette Kurinovich
r/b Altar Rosary Society*

Sunday

December 5

8:30am

*Dr. Robert Waldron r/b Dianne Hayden
For the People of the Parish*

10:30am

*Dominick Saccente
r/b Andy & Marilyn Vassallo
Patrick J. Hlubik*

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, 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, Florence Tynski

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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 and for the month of December, the Altar Bread and Wine has been donated in loving memory of William B. Lyons, requested by the Lyons Family.



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 28, 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

Incl: Party Favors, Coffee, Dessert, Soda & Water
Make checks payable to St. Pio Holy Name Society

BYO Food & Drink

For further Information & Tickets call:

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

Bob 732-830-1577



Oplatki Wafers Available

The family-centered tradition of sharing Oplatki before the Christmas Eve meal is a wonderful celebration of love and forgiveness that has its origins in Poland. Family members and guests each break a piece of the wafer and share it with the next person at the table along with an expression of love, blessing and, sometimes, forgiveness. In America, it is often referred to as "Christmas Wafers". Each package includes 3 white wafers, 1 pink wafer and pamphlet with prayers and an explanation of this Christmas tradition. If you'd like to have some, please ask one of the ushers for a Christmas Wafer packs.



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CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

ALL ARE WELCOME

Monday, December 6, 2021 12 Noon to 4:00pm
The Lobster Shanty, Channel Dr., Pt. Pleasant Beach

Door Prizes Cash Bar \$35 pp

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Call Judy McDonald 732-995-3053 or

Donna Hanna 908-787-3415

Please pick up a tag as you enter or exit the Church. OR make a general donation 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 5 so that they can be delivered to Madonna House and Downey Side Adoption Agency.

Thank you for your support. For questions call Laura Bierster at 917-693-5147.



A thank you letter was received for our \$3,430 parish donation to the **Salesian Missions** from our Poor Box. Thank you all for making this possible. It helped in the installation of pumps, water reserve and collection tanks, as well as digging wells. This all helps the children and their families to safely drink the water, cook and bathe with it.



GOD OF LOVE AND LIFE FATHER, SON and HOLY SPIRIT

"... and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all..."
Mark 10:51-52

"For all" includes all of us living; conceived and born and those conceived but not yet born. Love all. Be, vote and act pro-life.

Advent is a time of preparation. Prepare to receive the new born Lord by going to Confession. Seek confessional grace and holiness in order to **"stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."**

Magnets are available from the Knights of Columbus after all the Masses. \$5 each



First Sunday of Advent

FROM FR. JOE:

What is Grave Matter and What Makes a Sin Mortal

Some sins are easy to define in regard to whether or not they are mortal or venial, and others are more difficult. The 10 Commandments contain a list of possible grave sins but even there a distinction must be made about how serious or grave the offense is.

Here is the issue that we must struggle with. The Catechism says that mortal sin destroys grace in the soul; it is death dealing to the soul, while a venial sin is not. Venial sins are lesser offenses against the law of God and the Church.

The gravity of the matter in each sin is based upon three things: 1) the harm done to God, 2) the harm done to the person committing the sin, and 3) the harm done to those the sin affects.

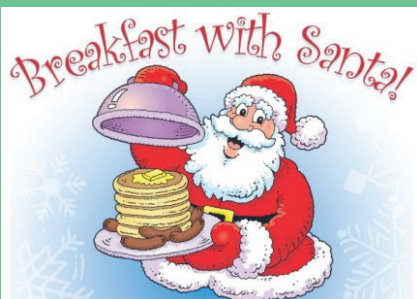
In order for a sin to be a mortal sin, you must: 1) know the offense is objectively grave, 2) you understand the gravity of the offense, 3) and you willingly go ahead with it and ignore the teachings of Christ and the Church. All three of these conditions must be present, not just 1 or 2 of them. Thus, while some sins involve grave matter, they may not be mortal if we did not know they were grave, or if we did not give full consent to them.

The best way to sort through it all is in the confessional with a holy and wise priest. As we grow in our prayer life and our love for God, and we continue to inform ourselves about God, then it is easier to distinguish what is grave and what is not.

A partial list of sins that violate the commandments of God and the Church, and can be considered grave:

- Self-centered Pride/ Arrogance
- Murder including: euthanasia/abortion/suicide
- Violence against others or self
- Blasphemy
- Cursing
- Idolatry including: Occult Activity, Superstition/ Divination
- Heresy/ Apostasy/ Schism
- Missing Mass on Sunday or a Holy Day of Obligation
- Neglecting our spiritual life
- Unjust Anger/Rage
- Hatred and resentment of others
- Not treating others with respect
- Rape
- Adultery
- Sexual relations outside of marriage
- Re-marriage outside of the Church
- Lust and self-abuse
- Pornography
- Prostitution
- Incest
- Greed
- Envy/Jealousy
- Laziness/carelessness
- Gluttony
- Alcohol and drug abuse
- Theft, cheating, defrauding others what they are due
- Damaging other people's property
- Extortion
- Serious Lies
- Gossip that destroys or harms someone's character
- Presumption of God's forgiveness
- Giving grave scandal to others
- Leading or tempting others into sin
- Disobedience to appropriate and lawful requests or commands of parents or authorities
- Abuse of nature, unnecessary waste, especially of food and energy, and pollution
- Sins of omission

(to be continued.....)



The Knights of Columbus, Council 8415 is sponsoring a ***"BREAKFAST WITH SANTA"*** on Sunday, December 12, 2021, at St. Catherine's Parish Hall in Seaside Park. Serving will be from 10:30 am until 1:00 pm. Children can meet with both Santa and Mrs. Claus. The Breakfast is free for the children and adults are asked for a \$5.00 donation. Thank you.

November 28, 2021

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 ARE WELCOME!

St. Joseph By the Sea, located in South Mantoloking, is still in need of a part-time cook and kitchen aide. Please call Sr. Bruni at 732-892-8494 for more info.



Dear Parishioners:

As we approach the end of 2021 you might be planning your end of year finances/taxes and charitable giving. I would like to take this time for a reminder that you can contribute directly from your IRA to our parish (or any other charity) and it can be beneficial to your personal taxes. Below is information from our investment firm:

Do you want to benefit one or more charities during your lifetime and are age 70½ or older? If so, you can transfer up to \$100,000 of IRA withdrawals each year directly to a qualified charity without recognizing these withdrawals as income. This type of IRA withdrawal is known as a "Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)" and it will count toward satisfying the required minimum distribution (RMD) you must take from your traditional IRA(s) each year after reaching age 70½.

Several of your fellow parishioners have already taken advantage of this idea, contributing directly from their IRA to our parish (some do it in lieu of their weekly donations). If you would like more information about how to do this or how we can split your donation between our parish and our other charities (Special Collections, Holiday & Holy Day Collections, Flowers, the Annual Catholic Appeal, or finishing your pledge to Faith to Move Mountains) please give me a call.

I also have information on charitable stock transfers or remembering your parish in your will or trust. Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

Sincerely,

Marta Barkhausen, MSCM
Business Manager for the Linked Parishes of:
Sacred Heart, Bay Head & St. Pio of Pietrelcina, Lavallette



**AN ENJOYABLE NIGHT WAS HAD BY
ALL WHO ATTENDED OUR
VOLUNTEERS THANK YOU DINNER
NOVEMBER 11, 2021**

First Sunday of Advent

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.

Lost & Found Items:

Please call the parish office.

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).

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.****

RETREAT INFORMATION



CURRENT BROCHURE FOR ST. JOSEPH BY THE SEA CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE – www.sjbsea.org. Please call Sr. Bruni at 732-892-8494 for further information on the following Retreats.

February 18-20, 2022 - COME TO THE QUIET – A SILENT RETREAT

March 19, 2022 - HONORING ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

March 25-27, 2022 – FOOTSTEPS IN THE GARDEN

Thank You for your Support!!

Contributions Weekend of Nov. 21, 2021	This Past Week	Same week Last Year
At Church	N/A	\$6,009
Online	At	\$1,470
Total	Printing	\$7,479

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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	fifthmyle@yahoo.com
Wedding Ministry	Joyce Kobylarz	973-714-6797	jkoby2@aol.com
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