

# The Parish of St. Pio of Pietrelcina

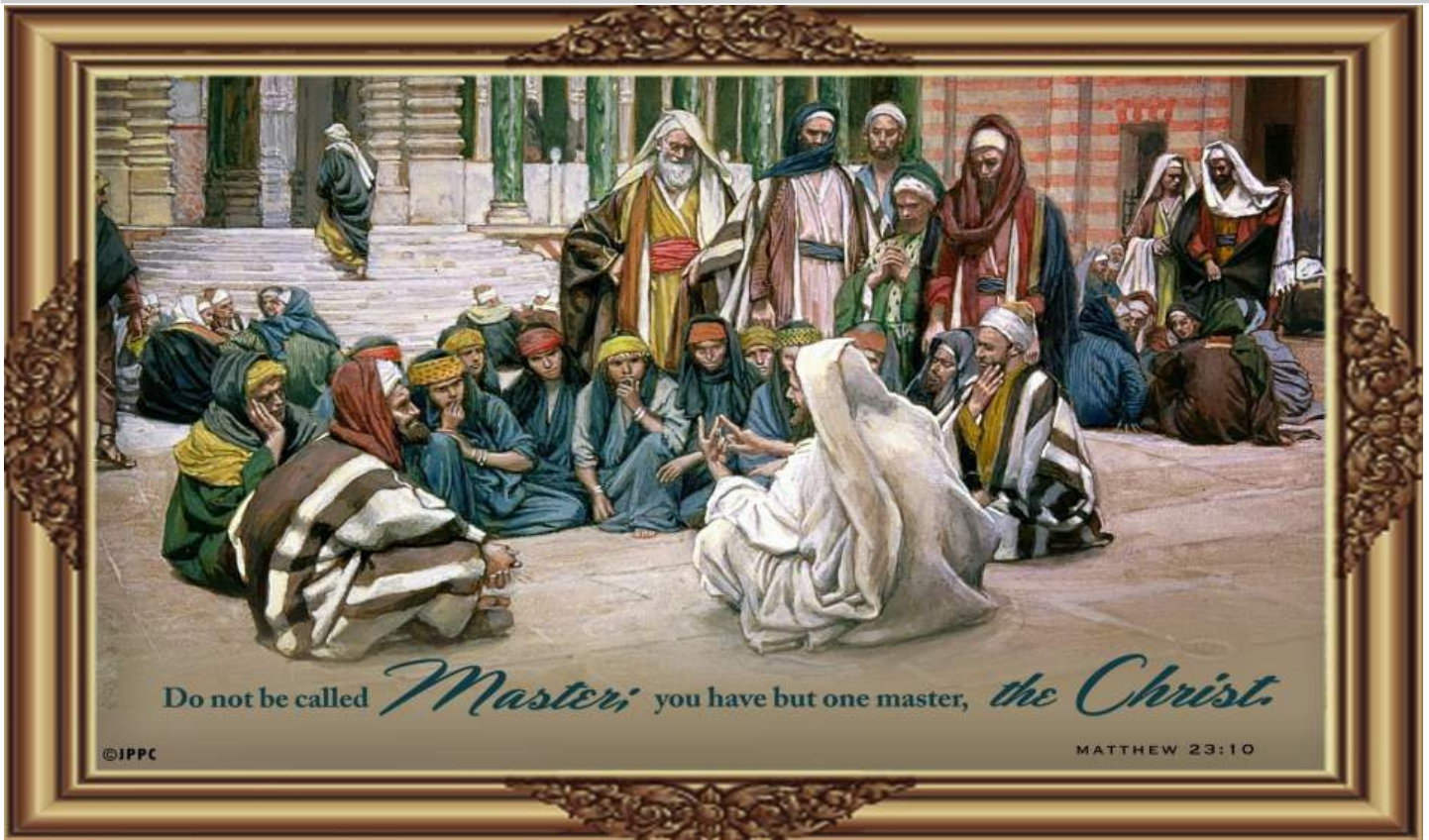
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November 5, 2023

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Our Parish is Served by:

Rev. Fr. Joseph Hlubik, Pastor

Rev. Fr. Joy Chacko, Parochial Vicar

## Assisting Priests:

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

## Mass Schedule

Monday - Saturday: 8:30am Chapel

Saturday (Vigil): 5:00pm Church

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

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



**Saturday, November 4, 2023**

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

**Vigil**

**5:00pm** Diane Daniels r/b Antonette Daniels  
**5:00pm** Joe Merkle r/b Family

**Sunday, November 5, 2023**

**7:30am** For the People of the Parish  
**7:30am** John Brodzinski  
 r/b St. Pio's Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors

**9:00am** Allen Kowtko r/b Marc Kowtko  
**9:00am** Robert & Adlaide Joubert r/b Grandchildren

**10:30am** Jack Cantagallo r/b Tom & Debby Restaino  
**10:30am** Bill Smith r/b Bill & Pat Kevish

**Monday, November 6, 2023**

**8:30am** For a Personal Thanksgiving r/b Mary Shaffer  
**8:30am** Intentions for Joseph Napolitano  
 r/b Joe & JoAnn Freer

**Tuesday, November 7, 2023**

**8:30am** Margaret T. Johnson r/b Maureen Zebrowski  
**8:30am** Joan Turner r/b Tom & Mary Moore

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

**Wednesday, November 8, 2023**

**8:30am** Jeremiah Schneider r/b Renzulli Family  
**8:30am** Dorothy Peeney r/b Husband, Jim

**Thursday, November 9, 2023**

**8:30am** Rosangela Zaccaria r/b Nick  
**8:30am** Marion Dunrovich r/b Marilyn & Andy Vassallo

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

**Friday, November 10, 2023**

**8:30am** Marlene Kevish r/b Kevish Family  
**8:30am** Robert Ventriglia r/b Ann Marie

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

**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  
**9:00am** Martin Unfried r/b Family

**10:30am** Marion Dunrovich r/b Dianne Hayden  
**10:30am** Bill Smith r/b Holy Name Society

**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 Gillmore, Vince Covello, Betty Ann Beschen, Kathy Connelly, Michael Garcia, Eileen Carroll, 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*



**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



## **A few things about Mass:**

### **Preparing for Mass:**

On Sundays or Saturday evenings, we should take a few moments at home, or if we come to Mass early, to prepare for Mass. We should bring to mind what our most important concerns of our hearts and the needs of our loved ones. We can offer the Mass for our intentions, but it is important to voice them or just pray them in silent prayer. There are usually 2 or 3 intentions mentioned in the prayers of the faithful, for people have offered a stipend for the Mass, to have someone's name or concern be mentioned, but everyone's intentions are just as important. The graces of Mass are infinite.

Before Mass, we should also call to mind any mortal, serious and venial sins we have committed, so that when we pray the act of contrition at the beginning of Mass, we are mindful of our particular sins. If you have committed serious or mortal sins, you must go to confession before receiving Holy Communion. If you receive without confessing them, you commit another mortal sin.

Also, there is a 1 hour fast from food and drink before receiving Holy Communion. When I was a child, I remember a 3 hour fast.

### **Why are there particular names mentioned at the Prayers of the Faithful?**

Many people have Masses "said" for deceased loved ones, but they can be for any important concern or event. "Paying for a Mass", as it is sometimes called, obligates a priest to pray for that intention, but not only his intention. In previous times the "stipend" that the person donated was used to help pay for the supplies needed for the celebration of the Mass, such as candles, hosts, etc..., and they helped pay the priest's salary as they still do.

In NJ, the bishops have decided that no more than \$10.00 can be accepted as a "stipend" by a priest. The money is put into a stipend account. That means that even when several intentions are listed in the bulletin, the priest celebrant cannot receive more than \$10.00. So, for example, If I celebrate 30 Masses in a month at our parishes, the maximum I can receive from the stipend account is \$300.00/month. The extra money from the others who want an intention mentioned at Mass is saved, and periodically sent to a needy mission. Extra stipends are not a way for priests to earn more money. The reason we sometimes have even 3 intentions, is that many people request Mass intentions to be mentioned for specific dates.

Some people may give \$50 or more as an offering for a Mass intention. That extra money is also put in a general account to be used for the parish.

Thank You for your Support!!

Contributions Weekend 10/29/23	This Past Week	Same week Last Year
At Church	\$4,863	\$4,518
Online	\$1,185	\$1,136
Total	\$6,048	\$5,654



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.

St. Pio Parish welcomes **David Van Vechten** into its faith community.



**Join Us For A Healing Mass With Healing Prayers - All Are Welcome**

**WHEN:** Thursday, November 9, Noon

**WHERE:** St. Pio of Pietrelcina Church  
1100 Grand Central Ave.  
(Rt. 35N) Lavallette

**WHO:** Celebrant Fr. Joy Chacko  
prayer teams and music (Mark J.L. Mattheiss) from NJ Campus Graduates/Students of Encounter School of Ministry.

**CONTACT:** [DawnRusinko@yahoo.com](mailto:DawnRusinko@yahoo.com)  
for more information



**St. Pio's 2023 Annual Christmas Giving Tree Campaign Has Begun**

This year we continue to give gifts to Madonna House Inc, located in Neptune, NJ. It is dedicated to serve infants, children and women by providing clothing, juvenile furnishings, toys, infant formula, diapers, and other life necessities to impoverished and needy families – FREE OF CHARGE. We will also give to The Downey Side Adoption agency. Their focus is on adoptions for a distinct group of children, age 7-17, children of color, physically and emotionally challenged children and sibling groups.

Our Christmas tree is by the altar with tags designated to either girls or boys and their age, diapers too. Feel free to take a tag **or two** after mass and when you can, put your special donation under the tree. Or, you can bring your gift up to the Parish office, Mon.-Wed. 9am-2pm. Gift cards are also welcomed.

***Please do not wrap the gifts!***

***The last weekend for giving will be December 2-3, 2023, so the gifts can be sorted and delivered in time for Christmas. Thank you for understanding!***

Thank you and God Bless each and every one of you. Wishing you a very happy and healthy Thanksgiving, Christmas Season and may 2024 bring you joy and peace.

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





The **K of C Ladies Auxiliary** invites all parishioners to join us in our winter coat drive to benefit those in need. We are looking for clean or new winter coats for men, women and children. So clean out your closets and call Pat Marmo at 732-793-9351 or Ro Rocco at 973-670-6474 from October 9th through November 12th.

**ATTENTION: ALL ORGANIZATIONS**

Due to the holiday season, many of our bulletins have to be sent to the publisher to be printed in advance of the normal due date. We ask that anything that needs to be published in the bulletin by the parish organizations, to please call the parish office well in advance. Thank you for your understanding.

*Retreats*

Our mission as Religious Teachers Filippini is to "Go forth and teach the Word of God."  
**Please call St. Joseph By the Sea at 732-892-8494 to register or for information.**

**CURRENT BROCHURE CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE – [www.sibsea.org](http://www.sibsea.org)**

November 10-12, 2023 - THE SACRAMENTS AND THE STEPS OF RECOVERY  
 December 7, 2023 - QUIET BY THE FIRESIDE

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

**"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." Matthew 23:12**



Today we see many people exalting themselves; actors, sports figures, media types and politicians. Pro-death proponents are among the loudest. When they feel slighted by Christian beliefs and Church teaching some loudly and self-righteously turn abusive. Others, slightly more quiet, attack with a self-righteous disregard for morals and ethics. It is seen in schools, corporations and on social media.

With the Holy Spirit's gift of fortitude we will weather their storm. We must continue to humbly, yet fearlessly, support the unborn and their mothers. We must continue to do God's will and teach His word.

*Do you know that worldwide in 2020 abortion was the leading cause of death.*

**Support Life Openly, Humbly, Courageously!**

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

***Padre Pio Prayer Anthology***

Prayer #53:

Focus Point: Anxiety is a part of life. Some of us handle it better than others, but all of us most likely wish that it would just go away. We would love for our lives to be worry free, but Adam and Eve messed that up for ALL of us. Let's hope that they enjoyed that fruit! As children, we learn to cope with little problems through the help of our parents. As adults, we can sometimes get help from others, but many times we feel that we have no one to turn to. Lets not forget that GOD is always there for us, most especially when an unavoidable situation seems overwhelming! Fr Joy expresses it so nicely as he states, "Each time we need guidance, we must turn to Jesus, for He is the way, the truth and the light!"

Prayer for Comfort in Times of Personal Need: Dear Lord, Help me to accept my problems as a natural part of life on earth. Help me to feel that the responsibility to solve them belongs to me. Bless me with loving and caring family members and friends to provide comfort and support in times of need. Inspire me with creative determination, and energize my spirit so that I will never give up on creating a plan of action. Strengthen my faith in You so that I will wholeheartedly believe that You are my GREATEST source of strength, comfort and support. Help me to feel Your peace through knowing that You would never abandon me. If I tend to pray to You when I have a problem and need to have You in the forefront of my life, help me to realize that I need You in the forefront of my life ALL the time! Lastly, help me to enjoy the feeling of being in Your loving embrace and to be sincerely grateful to have You in my life! Amen

**MONTH ONE DEVELOPING BABY**



Your spiritually adopted baby has been quite active over the past month. Already your baby is 10,000 times bigger than at conception. Your baby has developed the foundations of the brain, spinal cord and nervous system by the 20th day. His heart began to beat on the 21st day and is pumping blood through its own circulatory system. Your baby is most vulnerable during this next month of being aborted. Pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of the mother to give him the most precious gift of all—the gift of life.

Eastern Standard Time begins today, Sunday, November 5th. The first 4:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Pio's will begin on November 11.



**St. Francis Food Pantry** in Seaside Heights is opened on Wednesdays from 10am until 12 noon. Please consider bringing some food items with you when you attend Mass each Sunday. Donations may be left in the bin in the narthex of the Church or you can call Paul Sandy at 732-606-3656. He would be happy to do a pick up. The food pantry is grateful for the support that has been given over the years. Thank you!

Congratulations to the **Leonardis Family** whose child,

**Isabella** was baptized on October 28th.



The **Knights of Columbus, Council 8415**, provides a container in the vestibule of the Church for the collection of used eyeglasses.

**PROMISE TO PROTECT  
PLEDGE TO HEAL  
SECRETARIAT OF CHILD AND YOUTH  
PROTECTION**



The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and The Diocese of Trenton are committed to the initiatives outlined in the U. S. Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the report and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors.

The Diocese has in place a Victim's Assistance Coordinator, who is available to obtain support for your needs and help you make a formal complaint of abuse.

If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you an report that abuse through the diocesan Abuse Hotline: 1 -888-296-2965 or via email at [abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org)

The Diocese encourages anyone with an allegation to also report that abuse to their local law enforcement Agency. The Diocese reports all allegations received to the appropriate county prosecutor's office.

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

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



Lobster Shanty  
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Gerry Adams at 908-803-6262  
or  
Debbie McCormack at 732-830-4787

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**FRIDAY  
JANUARY 19, 2024**

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*Mass for Life* | *Lunch & Seminar*

11:00 a.m.	12:30-3:30 p.m.
CELEBRATED BY <b>Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.</b>	FEATURING <b>4 Expert Panelists</b>
All are invited to the <i>Mass for Life</i>	Advanced registration required for lunch & seminar
	REGISTRATION TO OPEN MID-OCTOBER

*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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Holy Name Society	Tom Leonard	732-995-0044	thomasleonard62@gmail.com
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Lectors & Extraordinary Ministers	Joyce Kobylarz	973-714-6797	jkoby2@aol.com
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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	November 6	5:30pm
ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY	Meeting	Monday	November 6	1:00pm
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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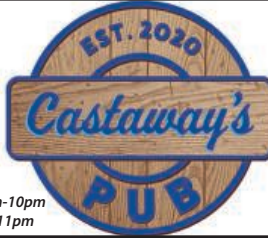
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