

# The Parish of St. Pio of Pietrelcina

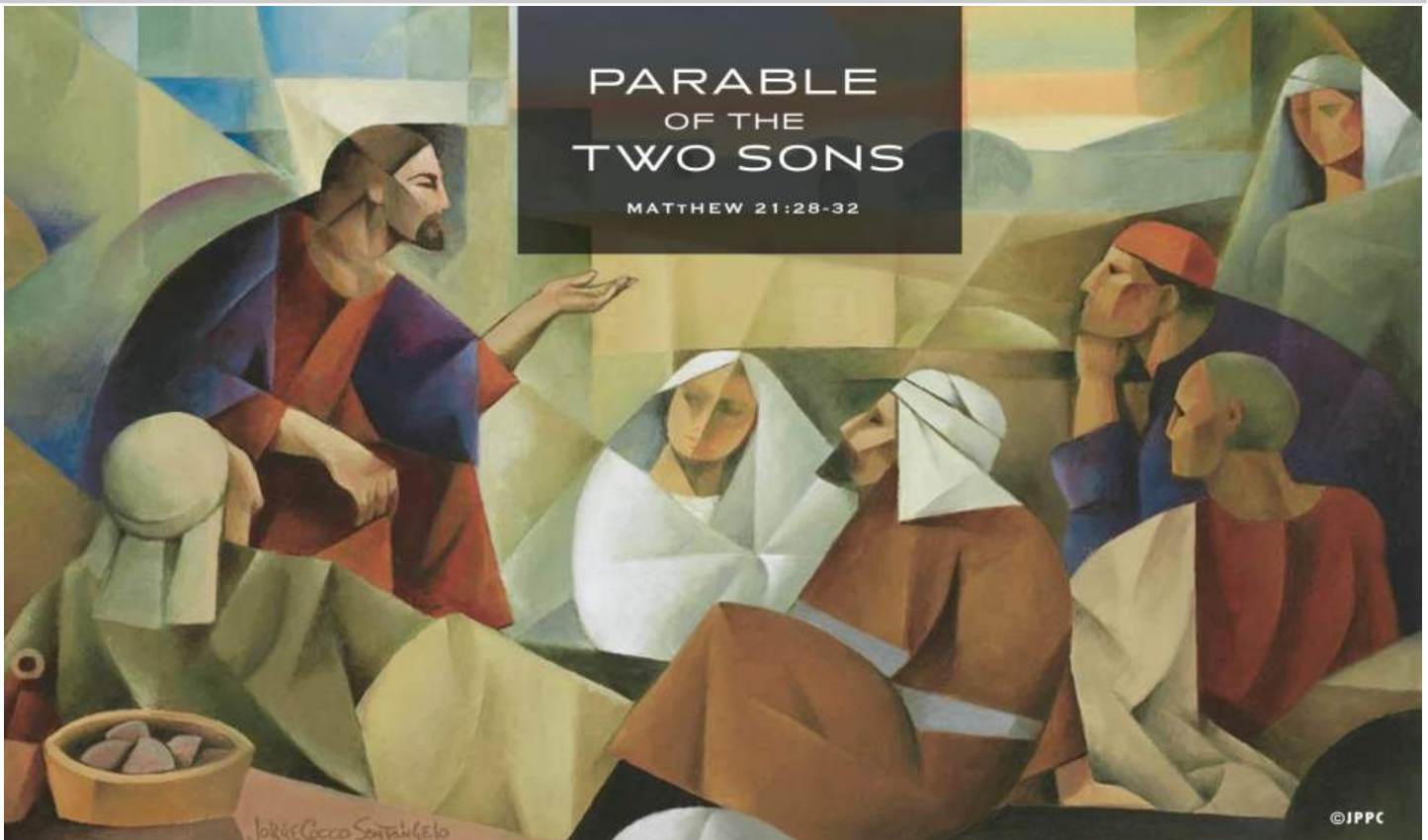
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**October 1, 2023**

**Twenty-Sixth 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:**

Marta Barkhausen, Business Manager  
Finance, Facilities & Wedding Coordinator,  
x322

John Paglione, Director of Liturgy, Lay  
Ministries & Catechesis 732-899-1398, x5

Joyce Kobylarz, Ministries Coordinator  
973-714-6797

Caroline Woodrow, Director of Music, x315

## **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): 5:00pm Church

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

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



**Saturday, September 30, 2023**

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

**Vigil**

**5:00pm** Diane Daniels r/b Antonette Daniels

**5:00pm** Chet Hodyl r/b Eve

**Sunday, October 1, 2023**

**7:30am** Fr. Frederick Kochan r/b St. Pio Staff

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

**9:00am** Edith Cullen r/b Rosary Altar Society

**9:00am** Winifred Kelly r/b Rosary Altar Society

**10:30am** Dave Simpson r/b Renzulli Family

**10:30am** Timothy Herlihy r/b Dorothy Fleming

**Monday, October 2, 2023**

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

**8:30am** Frank Juliano r/b Angelo & Joyce

**Tuesday, October 3, 2023**

**8:30am** Nancy Batta r/b Family

**8:30am** Randy Jones r/b Steve & Jamie

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

**Wednesday, October 4, 2023**

**8:30am** Winifred Kelly r/b Ron & Joni Kalemba

**8:30am** Angela Sproviero r/b Bernie & Ann Marie Saccaro

**Thursday, October 5, 2023**

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

**8:30am** Casimir Wolwowicz r/b Shiela Gawel

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

**Friday, October 6, 2023**

**8:30am** John Gallino r/b Rich & Margaret Battaglino

**8:30am** Margaret Kelleher r/b Lorraine DeBlis

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

**Saturday, October 7, 2023**

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

**Vigil**

**5:00pm** Michael & Mary McGowan r/b Niece, Gerry

**5:00pm** Beverly Tonne r/b Judi & Joe Campo

**Sunday, October 8, 2023**

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

**7:30am** Dorothy Peeny r/b Jim

**9:00am** John Santarpia r/b Bobbi & Pete DeNuro

**9:00am** James Muller r/b Judy McDonald

**10:30am** Andy, Peggy & Jimmy Lavin r/b Lavin Family

**10:30am** Josephine Kowal r/b Vito & Marie Gagliardi

**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, 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 Kwornik, Joseph Winchock, Jim Pells, Antonette Daniels, Janet Daniels, 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 Orłowski, Anna May Wolfe, Joe Merkle, Rosemarie Calice, Eveline Sadakas, Josephine Kowal, Bob Egle, Michael Galloway, Vincent & Christine Manente, Edith Cullen, Bernadette Shedosky, Len Calderaro, Winifred Kelly, James Henry Muller, David Vetere, Frank Mazzeo, John Brodzinski, Jr., Thaddeus Jacoviak, Bill Smith

**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)  
L.Cpl. Jack Balwierczak, U.S. Marine Corps.

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October 27-29, 2023 – BEREAVEMENT: A JOURNEY FROM GRIEF TO HEALING

November 3-5, 2023 – COME TO THE QUIET – A SILENT RETREAT

November 10-12, 2023 - THE SACRAMENTS AND THE STEPS OF RECOVERY

## A Living Sacrifice in Christ

### Offering Our Lives as a Gift of Love

from The Word Among Us MAGAZINE June 2023 Issue  
BY: CARDINAL RANIERO CANTALAMESSA, OFM CAP



Concepción Cabrera de Armida, also known as “Conchita,” was an early twentieth-century Mexican mystic. In a letter to her son who was about to be ordained, she wrote, “Remember, when you hold in your hands the Holy Host, you will not say, ‘Behold the Body of Jesus and Behold His Blood,’ but you will say, ‘This is my Body, This is my Blood.’ That is, there must be worked in you a total transformation, you must lose yourself in Him, to be ‘another Jesus.’” This is true not just for bishops and priests but for all the baptized. Every one of us is called to “lose ourselves” in Christ. Every one of us is called to become “another Jesus.” A famous text of the Second Vatican Council puts it this way:

*The faithful, in virtue of their royal priesthood, join in the offering of the Eucharist... Taking part in the Eucharistic sacrifice, ... they offer the Divine Victim to God, and offer themselves along with it. (Lumen Gentium, 10, 11, emphasis added)*

So there are two bodies of Christ on the altar: there is his real body (the body “born of the Virgin Mary,” dead, risen and ascended to heaven), and there is his mystical body, which is the Church. Well, his real body is really present on the altar, and his mystical body is mystically present, where “mystically” means by virtue of his inseparable union with the Head. There is no confusion between the two presences, which are distinct but inseparable.

Since there are two “offerings” and two “gifts” on the altar—the one that is to become the Body and Blood of Christ (the bread and the wine), and the one that is to become the mystical body of Christ—there are also two *epicleses* in the Mass, that is, two invocations of the Holy Spirit. In the first, it is said, “We humbly implore you: by the same Spirit graciously make holy these gifts we have brought to you for consecration, that they may become the Body and Blood of Your Son Our Lord Jesus Christ.” In the second, which is recited after the consecration, it is said, “Grant in your loving kindness to all who partake of this one Bread and one Chalice that, gathered into one body by the Holy Spirit, they may truly become a living sacrifice in Christ.” This means that the Eucharist is not only the source or the cause of the holiness of the Church; it is also its model for holiness. The holiness of the Christian must be a Eucharistic holiness, the giving of ourselves over to the Lord and to our brothers and sisters. The Christian cannot limit himself to celebrating the Eucharist; he must become a Eucharist with Jesus.

**The Body and the Blood.** Now we can draw the practical consequences of this doctrine for our daily lives. If we are hearing, “Take, eat: this is my body. Take and drink: this is my blood,” we must know what “body” and “blood” mean, to know what Jesus is offering and what he is asking of us.

The word “body” does not indicate, in the Bible, merely a component or a part of man which, combined with the other components that are the soul and the spirit, forms the complete human being. In biblical language, and therefore in that of Jesus and Paul, “body” indicates the whole of a person, insofar as he or she lives his or her life in a body, in a corporeal and mortal condition. “Body,” therefore, indicates the whole of life. By instituting the Eucharist, Jesus left us his whole life as a gift, from the first instant of the Incarnation to the last moment, with everything that concretely filled that life: silence, sweat, toil, prayer, struggles, and humiliations. Then Jesus says, “This is my blood.” What does he add with the word “blood” if he has already given us his whole life in his body? He adds death! After giving us life, he also gives us the most precious part of it, his death. In fact, the term “blood” in the Bible does not indicate a part of the body, that is, a part of a person; it indicates an event: death. If blood is the seat of life (so it was thought then), its “pouring” is the sign of death. The Eucharist is the mystery of the Lord’s body and blood, that is, of the Lord’s life and death! Now, coming to us, what are we offering when we offer our body and our blood, together with Jesus, in the Mass? We, too, offer what Jesus offered: life and death. With the word “body,” we give everything that concretely constitutes the life we lead in this world: time, health, energy, skills, affection, maybe just a smile. With the word “blood,” we, too, express the offer of our death. Not necessarily definitive death, martyrdom for Christ or for the brothers and sisters. We offer all that is in us, right now, all that prepares and anticipates death: humiliations, failures, diseases that immobilize, limitations due to age, health—all that, in a word, “mortifies” us.

**To Be Continued.....**

Thank You for your Support!!

Contributions Weekend 9/24/23	This Past Week	Same week Last Year
At Church	\$5,232	\$7,452
Online	\$1,516	\$1,386
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,748</b>	<b>\$8,838</b>



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**OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH**



**“The so called right to an abortion has pitted mothers against their children and women against men. It has sown violence and discord at the heart of the most intimate human relationships. It has aggravated the derogation of the father’s role in an increasingly fatherless society. It has portrayed the greatest of gifts - a child – as a competitor, an intrusion and an inconvenience.” Mother Teresa**

**FACTS of LIFE:**

- “Though there are very many nations all over the earth, there are no more than two kinds of human society, which we may justly call two cities, one consisting of those who live according to man, the other of those who live according to God. To the City of Man belong the enemies of God, so inflamed with hatred against the City of God.” Saint Augustine

According to the World Health Organization each year there are 73,000,000 abortions or approximately 200,000 per day.

**DO YOU KNOW:**

- World influencers who are pro-abortion; French President Macron, US President Biden, British PM Johnson, Bill Gates, George Soros, Mike Bloomberg, Warren Buffet, Canadian PM Trudeau, UN head of WHO Ghebreyesus and Facebook co-founder Moskovitz.

**Influences for Life; the entire Catholic Church and you!  
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**NOTE:** Prayer cards will be handed out today at all Masses. Say the prayer on the card every day for 9 mos. to save the life of an unborn baby in danger of abortion.

**Padre Pio Prayer Anthology**

**Prayer #52: Focus Point:**

We use the word “hate” so frequently and so nonchalantly. We use it to describe our feelings about brussel sprouts, traffic on the parkway, and in many other “harmless” ways. Feelings of hate can be very intense, especially when they are directed towards people, some of whom we know personally, and others whom we have never met. We can feel a hatred inside of us for those who have wronged us in some way, for convicts guilty of the most heinous and violent crimes, for women who have had an abortion, for national leaders. The list goes on and on. It has become common for hatred to fill our hearts, but what does this hatred accomplish? For one, it can cause us to behave badly, especially if it causes us to treat others with disrespect and sarcasm. It can alienate us from those we love. It can affect us psychologically, and in some, hate can cause violent behavior. Hate is an emotional reaction to something that “goes against our grain”. We can’t necessarily stop the feeling but we can certainly be aware of it, and control how we react to it. As Fr. Joy explains, “Love and forgiveness should be the rule not the exception. No one is left out of Jesus’ command to love and forgive one another. Hate should have no place in our hearts.”

**Prayer for Stopping Hate in our World:**

Dear Lord, I am human like everyone else. Hate can be my unsolicited human reaction to a life event. While I can’t always control my feelings, I can control how I react to them. Please bless me with Your grace so that I may have better self control over my emotions and my actions. Help me to respect, pray for and love those who do not follow Your commandments, and those I may consider to be my “enemy”, as they are all Your children. Remind me to pray daily for them and for the conversion of their hearts, minds and souls. Help me to choose to create a positive, productive and God pleasing response when life’s events cause me to feel anger or frustration. May I choose kindness over revenge, sympathy over sarcasm, and prayer over slander. Create in me an energy to be a contributor in some way to helping those who live in a Godless world to see the light of Your love and Your ways. Amen

**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!



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

Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary

Fall 2023  
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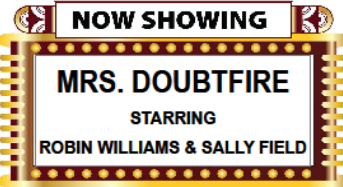


*Boscov's Discount Pass*  
Purchase your Discount Pass for \$5 and receive **25% off** your in-store purchases on Boscov's Discount Day: **Wednesday, October 18**

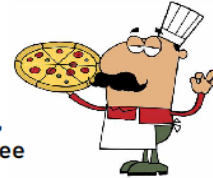
The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus is happy to present:

# FALL MOVIE NIGHT

5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday ♦ October 18



**\$12** per person includes PIZZA, salad, dessert & coffee



St. Pio's Parish Hall  
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To register and pay, contact **Marybeth Hess ♦ 201-988-5516** no later than Friday, October 13



## Madonna House

Two thank you letters were sent to Fr. Joe from Madonna House and Good Counsel thanking the parishioners of St. Pio's for their very generous donations that were taken up in June and August. Highlights of the letter from Madonna House was that with our donation of \$1,000, six car seats were purchased which were very much needed. Good Counsel's letter not only thanked us for the donation but also told us of the birth of one of the babies that was saved from being aborted and how grateful the mother is on making the right decision. Let us continue to pray for these organizations for the work they do to protect and help God's children.



**GOOD COUNSEL**

## Sacred Heart HNS Atlantic City Trip Monday, October 16th to Resorts



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## The Transitus of St. Francis

Join us for a Candlelight Service as we remember St. Francis' passage from Death to New Life!

**Tuesday, October 3rd at 6 p.m.**

St. Peter's Church, 406 Forman Ave., Pt. Pleasant Beach  
Reception to follow, RSVP: Dorothy O'Reilly, OFS  
732-575-7913 (call or text)

## Congratulations to our Raffle Winners

Prize	Winning Ticket	Amount	Where sold
1st	#5368	\$18,648	Founder's Day
2nd	#12643	\$9,324	Sold by a supporter of St. Pio to a co-worker
3rd	#432	\$3,108	St. Pio parishioner

*We want to thank the hundreds of people who helped support our annual fundraiser. We especially would like to thank our St. Pio Raffle volunteers who have been working since May selling tickets. May God Bless you all.*

## The Parish Communion Breakfast

sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society, will be on Sunday, October 8, 2023 at 12 noon until 3 pm at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center on Rt. 37 West, Toms River. The guest speaker will be;

**Fr. Noel Danielewicz**  
*OFM Conv.*

The donation is \$32.00. There will be no ticket sales at the door. For tickets contact:

Mary at 908-591-1284  
Nancy at 848-469-0318  
Sheila at 732-552-7149



The Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary presents an

## Hour of Reflection

11 a.m. ♦ Thursday, October 12 ♦ St Pio's chapel

followed by a Luncheon in  
St Pio's Parish Hall at noon

♦ ALL ARE WELCOME ♦



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Face of God  
in People  
Difficult to Love”

Prayers and Presentation by  
Marie Harwanko,  
Spiritual Director at  
Quellen Spiritual Center  
in Mendham.

Marie Harwanko is a member of Spiritual Director's International. She completed a three-year spiritual direction formation program in 2014 at the Quellen Spiritual Center in Mendham, New Jersey. Marie also was awarded a Master's Degree in Pastoral Ministry from the Immaculate Conception School of Theology at Seton Hall University with a concentration in Christian Spirituality in 2006.



I would like to attend the Hour of Reflection and Luncheon

Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: \$12 per person (includes lunch) – No. of attendees: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to “KOC Ladies Auxiliary”  
and return this form with your payment **NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup>** to

Judy Pfennig  
337 W. Kupper Drive  
Mantoloking, NJ 08738

For questions or additional information, contact Judy at 908-294-4916 or jpfenni@gmail.com



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.

The Sanctuary Lamps will burn in the Church and in the Chapel, in loving memory of Fr. Frederick Kochan, requested by Diana Kochan for the week of September 30th through October 6th.



## 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 can 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.



**Knights of  
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Council #8415

## ROSARY RALLY

Please join us for the “AMERICA NEEDS FAT-IMA RECITATION OF THE ROSARY” because it's the solution for our times. This will be one of over 20,000 rallies that will take place all across America on that day. Join us in offering reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to fervently pray for the conversion of the United States, through the intercession of the Blessed Mother. Join us on Saturday, October 14th, 12:00 noon at St Pio's in the court yard between the Chapel and the parish hall to recite the Rosary together. For further information call Alex Barletta, GK at 908-578-5095



(Please bring your own chair if you would like seating as the gathering should last an hour or less.)

*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	October 2	5:30pm
ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY	Meeting	Monday	October 2	1:00pm
FAITH SHARING	Meeting	Wednesdays	in October	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	October 23	1:00pm
LAVALLETTE SENIORS	Meeting	Thursday	October 19	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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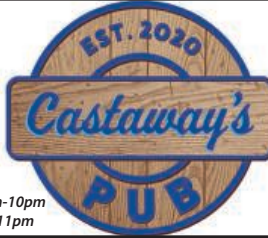
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