

# The Linked Parishes of St. Pio of Pietrelcina, Lavallette and Sacred Heart, Bay Head

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*REVISED LETTER –see in red below*

June 2, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

I am glad to be announcing that we will be opening our Churches for public Masses and once again celebrating marriages and baptisms as well as holding funeral Masses at our parishes.

The last 3 months have seemed like a very long difficult time, and the Churches have been so empty. I will be happy to see you, when you can come, either for Mass, or just for Holy Communion. We are going to start slowly, and I ask your patience and understanding as you review the schedule below. Because of the limitations of the number of people attending, there probably will be times when you still will not be able to attend Mass, but at least there are 2 opportunities where you can receive communion on Sunday morning, either at Sacred Heart at 9:30am or St. Pio’s at 11:30am.

***The obligation to attend Mass remains suspended and we will continue to Live Stream our Sunday morning mass (at 8:30am) and continue to distribute Holy Communion at both churches the way we have been for the last two weeks (see times below).***

We will begin celebrating a very limited number of public Masses beginning the week of June 8<sup>th</sup> at both Sacred Heart and St Pio’s Churches. Our weekend assistant priest availability is very limited in this time of COVID-19. As time progresses this summer, we see how well things work and don’t work, the schedules will be adjusted, again depending on the availability of priests, and what’s going on regarding public gatherings

Our **Summer Mass Schedule** for now: the schedule will then repeat for the next few weeks, at least until the first week of July.

***Daily Masses with Holy Communion during Mass: (note capacity limits)***

Day	Location	Attendees Limited to	Start Date	Time	Private Prayer
Monday	No Mass		June 8		
Tuesday	Sacred Heart Church	25 people	June 9	9:00am	Until 10:30am
Wednesday	St. Pio Church (not chapel)	25 people	June 10	9:00am	Until 10:30am
Thursday	Sacred Heart Church	25 people	June 11	9:00am	Until 10:30am
Friday	St. Pio Church (not chapel)	25 people	June 12	9:00am	Until 10:30am

***Weekend Masses with Holy Communion during Mass: (note capacity limits)***

Day	Location	Attendees Limited to	Start Date	Time	Communion After Mass
Saturday	St. Pio Church	100 people	June 13	5:00pm	None
Sunday	Sacred Heart Church <i>Also Live Streamed on FB</i>	100 people	June 14	8:30am	9:30-10:15am
Sunday	St. Pio Church	100 people	June 14	10:30am	11:30-12:15pm

**Social Distancing is expected, all family groups should remain 6 feet apart from others.  
Masks should be worn. Hand sanitizer will be available.**

Because of the limited number of Masses and participants, there will be a Sunday distribution of Holy Communion outside of Mass time.

*Holy Communion - Arrive / Receive / Leave*

Day	Location	Start Date	Time
Sunday	Sacred Heart Church	June 14	9:30-10:15am
Sunday	St. Pio Church (not Chapel)	June 14	11:30-12:15pm

**MASS OBLIGATION**

The obligation to attend Mass remains suspended until September 8<sup>th</sup>. Those who are over 65 and/or have health issues should stay at home or, only come for the Communion Services, but the decision is up to you. Anyone who is sick should definitely stay at home.

**CONFESSION / RECONCILIATION**

Confessions can be individually arranged with Fr. Joe at Sacred Heart. Call the Parish Office during the week for an appointment. 732-899-1398.

**BAPTISMS**

Baptisms can be scheduled on Sunday afternoons at 1:00 PM. Call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

**FUNERAL MASSES**

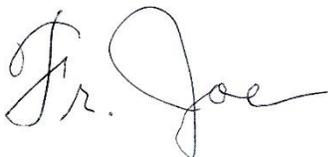
Funeral masses can now be scheduled at one of the Churches at 9:30 AM or 11:30 AM. Please ask the Funeral Home to call our Parish Office to make arrangements. At least a few of our families have not been able to hold funeral Masses for their loved ones who have died, which is an important part of our grieving process, not to mention the spiritual benefits for the deceased. I am sorry that situation existed.

**WEDDINGS**

Weddings will also resume on the weekend of June 13th.

I am enclosing a Prayer Card with the *Divine Mercy Chaplet*, and I am asking that families will consider praying this together at least once per week for the needs and intentions of your family and friends.

God's peace be with you,



Rev. Joseph G. Hlubik  
Pastor of St. Pio of Pietrelcina, Lavallette and Sacred Heart, Bay Head

*Jesus, I trust in You!*