



The Parish of St. Pio of Pietrelcina

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September 5, 2021
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Our Parish is Served by:

Rev. Fr. Joseph Hlubik, Pastor, x302

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Rev. Fr. Joy Chacko, Parochial Vicar, x361

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Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday: 8:30am	Chapel
First Saturday of Month: 8:30am	Chapel
Saturday: 5pm	Church
Sunday: 7:30, 8:30, 10:30am	Church

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

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday

September 4

8:30am

Clare & Michael LaPlace

5:00pm

Joseph Lorenzo r/b Rita & John Lorenzo
Dennis Cremins r/b Lil

Sunday

September 5

7:30am

Paul Freeman

r/b Michael & Donna Noone & Family

8:30am

Patricia M. Moran

r/b Altar Rosary Society

Isabelle Tavormina r/b Connie Barraco

Vince Crivelli r/b the Crivelli Family

10:30am

Anna Barca r/b John & Christine Misko
For The People of the Parish

Monday

September 6

8:30am

Anthony & Loretta Rom & Connie

Lacareo r/b daughter, Rose

Tuesday

September 7

8:30am

Maureen Galloway r/b Mike Galloway

Agnes Papp r/b Mary Shaffer

Wednesday

September 8

8:30am

Mary Lucreni r/b Joe & Peter Yuhas

Xanthippi Efstathiadou r/b Karen Parrillo

Thursday

September 9

8:30am

Carol Meyer r/b Mike Galloway

Friday

September 10

8:30am

In Thanksgiving r/b Mary Shaffer

Saturday

September 11

5:00pm

Clare & Michael LaPlace

r/b Bill & Pat Kevish

Bob Bosland r/b Patty & John Wagner

Sunday

September 12

7:30am

Robert Kearns r/b Pat & Joan Gallagher

8:30am

Anna Barca r/b Linda & Tom Clark

For the People of the Parish

10:30am

Theodore A. Ham II

r/b Dr. & Mrs. Peter DeMuro

John Lodato r/b Gary & Gerry Adams



Healing: Fr. Douglas Freer, Jill Rager, Marci Haxall, Maggie Smith, The Filippini Religious Teachers in Rome & Ethiopia, Marie Woodrow, Mary Anne Grandinetti, Ginny Stefanacci, Fred Barbeito, Nicholas Meola, John Jackson, Bernard D'Andrea, Sangita Rossano, Dennis Condon, Dennis Maloney, For all who have received Prayer Blankets & For 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: Anthony Crisafulli, Ann MacMaster, Allen Kowtko, Kathleen Helmstetter Ferrara, Charles Cerami, Annette Kurinovich, Dr. Rita Coleman, Vincent Tavormina, Raymond Maragni, Joan Mandella, Patricia Golembeski, Clare & Michael LaPlace, Ruth Delayo, Albert Berdel, Joan Ferrary, Catherine Bogdan, Anna DeSousa, Judith Mrozek, Pat Moran, Dorothy Child, Maria Spoto, Katherine Barnett, Dawn Carmosino, Edward Sadankas, Deana L. Petrullo

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 September is being donated by a parishioner for a Special Intention.

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SUMMER WORDS OF WISDOM FROM OUR CLERGY

Jesus encourages us all to show forgiveness to others! He reminds us that the divine forgiveness we receive is infinitely greater than any forgiveness that we might be called upon to offer. We must become an instrument of God's life, grace, forgiveness and peace. That's what our lives should be all about!

Fr. Joe

September 5, 2021

Padre Pio Prayer Anthology

Prayer #27

Focus idea: Peaceful summer days provided us with relaxation and rejuvenation! We had time for self-reflection and time to assess our accomplishments and our shortcomings. Sadly we often judge ourselves by the quality of our “material life.” Do we ever give our spiritual life a second thought? Often in September we refocus our energies and our priorities. Let’s move God up on our list! For it is the strength of our faith that sustains us through the many difficult times that we have to face in our lifetime! We walk by faith! The seeds of our faith are planted in us, but it is up to us to develop their growth and make our faith stronger! As Fr. Joe has said, “When your hearts are troubled with fear, bring that to the Lord, and let your faith in God’s providence bring you peace!”

Prayer for Pride and Strength in Your Faith:

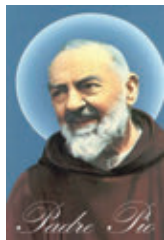
Dear God, help me to appreciate the gift of my faith and recognize its importance in my personal happiness. Help me to realize that I need to pray and to be good, because every time I pray or do a good deed, my relationship with You deepens, my trust in You gets stronger, and my faith in Your providence becomes more important in my life. Help me to be proud of my faith and not be reluctant to depend on my faith when my heart is troubled. Help me to find ways to share my faith, and to actively spread the gift of faith throughout Your kingdom, so that others may benefit from Your loving comfort! Amen.

Closing thoughts: Tell Jesus what is in your heart. Thank Him for your gifts and most of all, thank Him for loving you with His most Sacred Heart!

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CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF ST. PIO

The feast of St. Pio, patron of our parish, is Thursday, September 23rd. We have a wonderful celebration planned, please join us!



- 9 AM - St. Pio Feast Day Mass in the Church
- 10AM - 50/50 Raffle Drawing - 3 prizes
- 10:15AM - Recognition of parish volunteers and Luncheon in the parish hall

If you plan to attend please RSVP to the parish office at 732-793-7291 on September 13, 14, or 15 after 2pm to leave a message with your name.

Thank You for your Support!!

Contributions Weekend of August 29, 2021	This Past Week	Same week Last Year
At Church	\$ 9,414	\$ 8,414
Online	\$ 1,425	\$ 735
Total	\$10,839	\$ 9,149



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.



**WHO WILL
ANSWER
MY CALL?**

Refreshment and Blessing Hour with Luncheon

It is an honor and a privilege to serve the Lord! Are you yearning to feel God’s love for you more deeply? Consider joining our liturgical ministries team of lectors, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers and ushers! Current ministers will be attending an hour of refreshment and blessings by our clergy on Saturday September 18th at 10:30 in the Church, followed by a luncheon in the parish hall. **We eagerly welcome ALL interested parishioners to join our current ministers on this special day!** For more info and/or to register, contact Joyce Kobylarz (973-714-6797) no later than September 10th. **God is always calling us to love Him more. You won’t regret answering His call!**

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOD OF LOVE AND LIFE FATHER, SON and HOLY SPIRIT

"And you pay attention to the one wearing fine clothes and say 'sit here, please,' while you say to the poor one, 'Stand there,' or 'Sit at my feet,' have you not ... become judges with evil designs." James 2:2-4



But today's materialistic secular world goes even further. It says to the baby in the womb created in God's image, you have no place here not even at our feet. Be pro-life, vote pro-life, act pro-life. Do not have evil designs, welcome all to the assembly, especially the poorest of the poor – the pre-born.

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*St. Luke Roman Catholic Church
Cordially invites you to the Eighth Annual
Celebration and Blessing for
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Sunday, October 10, 2021
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this is a special Mass held for
physicians, nurses, healthcare workers,
and their families and friends.
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*Healthcare providers of all faiths are welcome!
Reception to follow immediately after the Mass*

The Knights of Columbus, Council 8415, will be collecting donations after all Masses this weekend, September 4th & 5th, for God's Special Children (person of intellectual disabilities). We thank you in advance for your continued support.



50/50 RAFFLE



Parishioners, Visitors and Friends:

Our summer 50/50 raffle is quickly coming to a close. The drawing is set for Thursday, September 23rd at 10am after the Feast of St. Pio Mass. 1st prize is approaching **\$13,000** and growing weekly! Please stop by our tables and help support this important fundraiser. Parishioners are reminded to return your sold raffles and donations by September 20th. Thank You & God Bless!

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Air Cleaners Installed throughout the Parish Buildings

We are happy to announce, for the health and safety of everyone, we have installed Air Purification Systems in all the buildings on our properties at both parishes! Some of the units are portable plug-in units and others are attached directly to our ventilation systems.

The purifiers provide continuous, powerful surface & air decontamination, and are proven to reduce over 99.9% of many common airborne and surface contaminants. Our particular units reduced 99.96% of the airborne SARS-CoV-2 virus within 3 minutes in testing done at an FDA-compliant military lab. It works with innovative technology to produce Positive and Negative Multipoint and RF Ion generation, along with HEPA and CARBON filters and high intensity UVC light.

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Please note that the parish office will be closed on Monday, September 6, 2021 in observance of Labor Day.

September 5, 2021

From Fr. Joe:

Part 2

Why The Saints Are Important In Our Lives

One could draw analogies that show how, even from a secular point of view, people honor others who lived in earlier times and have since died. We might think of Abraham Lincoln or George Herman “Babe” Ruth or Martin Luther King Jr. or Elvis Presley or any number of others who, more or less, impacted society and the world in a variety of diverse ways. Learning about these people, if they led virtuous lives, can have a positive impact on us in the present. They can serve as worthy role models. However, not everyone admired by popular culture led a virtuous life. Many set the wrong kind of example through an egocentric life of vice and thus have led the unwary into deadly traps.

The saints, however, stand out in luminous distinction. These are people who, in union with Christ and filled with his Spirit, led lives of heroic virtue rooted in faith, hope, and charity. Their life was centered on one Person: the Son of God who became man and died for the redemption of mankind. The lives of the saints were governed by “the way and the truth and the life” (Jn 14:6), Jesus Christ, whose leadership is the way of service and example, the way of perfection, mercy, and love. Therefore the saints were generally not popular cultural figures who somehow left their mark. Although often unknown to the worldly multitude, their lives hidden in God, the saints are unrepeatable, unique and exemplary examples of what it means to live human life to its fullest. They show us not only the true goal of humanity but how that goal is attained. In virtue of their total union with Christ, the saints consistently offer humankind a pattern of blessed life worthy of duplication.

The saints—all of them—are models of human excellence. They demonstrate by their lives how to really live and how to really die. They consistently point to the horizon of love which leads to the fulfillment of all human desire: eternal communion with the Holy Trinity: God the Father; the Son sent into the world by the Father in order to engage in total solidarity with humankind and, by voluntarily sacrificing his body and blood on the cross, gift us with life in abundance; the Holy Spirit, who is the Love of Father and Son personified, is sacramentally infused into the hearts of men in order to bestow upon us the gift of a share in the divine life of God, and build men up into the body of Christ, the Church. The saints’ lives shout of God’s glory and the path to him Who lies beyond death yet meets us, consoles us, fills us and guides us with his own divine light in the present. The Saints Intercede for The Faithful

Nevertheless, the saints offer more than simply serving as exemplary role models and guides to a fruitful and happy life. By their intercessory prayer, the saints help us in direct and concrete ways. This human assistance from the heavenly realm is not to be attributed solely to the power of the saints, of course, for that would be a kind of false worship, but primarily to the power of God, whose face they unceasingly gaze upon in total and consuming love. It is God who primarily acts and brings about a particular positive outcome/change in our lives in answer to prayer, whatever it may be, even if we do not recognize it for what it is or mistake it for something it is not; it is the saints, our friends in prayer, who plead before God on our behalf in order to obtain the divine assistance of God.

TO BE CONTINUED.....

2022

Mass Intentions
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The 2022 Mass Book will open on Tuesday, September 7, 2021. If you would like to reserve specific dates for Mass intentions please come to the parish office on Tuesday, September 7th between 9 am and 2 pm. You can also mail in your written requests to the parish office along with a \$10 donation for each Mass.

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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 Items?? Please call the parish office.

Dress Code: The summer months may be very hot and uncomfortable, but please remember to always dress modestly for Mass. Thank you.

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 sponsorship 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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