

# Saint Padre Pio Parish

## The Diocesan Shrine of St. Pio of Pietrelcina

### March 15, 2026—Fourth Sunday of Lent

4680 Dante Avenue  
Vineland, NJ 08361



Rev. Joseph F. Ganiel Pastor, Rector  
Parochial Vicar Rev. Dimitri Demesmin  
Deacon Richard T. Sampson

#### Church of Our Lady of Pompeii

4680 Dante Avenue

Vineland, N.J. 08361

#### Parish Office Hours

9AM to 5PM / M-F

**(856) 691-7526**

**Fax: (856) 692-2686**

[ppnj.org](http://ppnj.org)

Saturday 5:00PM

Sunday

7:30, 9:00, 11:00AM

#### Holy Child Chapel/OLP

St. Padre Pio

Thursdays

7:00PM Novena/Benediction

#### Recitation of the Rosary

every Monday 10:00AM

#### Mass Schedule

##### St. Mary's

736 Union Road

Vineland, N.J. 08361

Monday thru Friday

8:15AM

First Saturday

9:00AM

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday afternoon 4:15-4:45 pm / Anytime by appointment

Before all Masses 1st Sunday of the Month

#### St. Mary School

735 Union Road Vineland, NJ.

[www.smrschool.org](http://www.smrschool.org)

**Phone: (856) 692-8537 Fax: (856) 692-5034**

Mr. Steven Hogan, Principal

Ms. Kathy Gregorio, Advancement Director

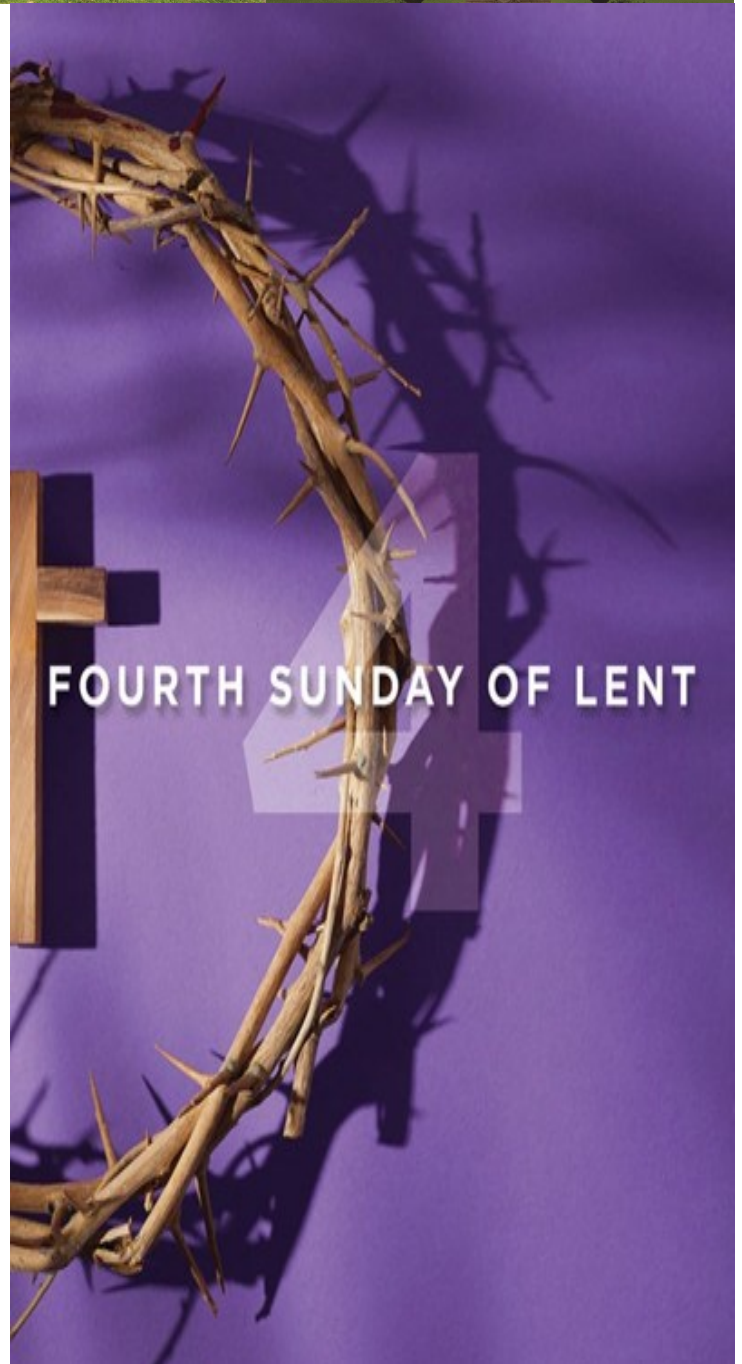
[kgregorio@smrschool.org](mailto:kgregorio@smrschool.org)

#### Director of Religious Education

Mrs. Margie Perez [ctgssppRelEd@gmail.com](mailto:ctgssppRelEd@gmail.com)

#### Safe Environment Coordinator

Barbara Bailey



**Welcome!**

**No matter what your present status is in the Catholic Church; no matter your family or marital status; no matter where you are in the practice of faith; no matter your personal history, age, or background; no matter what your self-image may be; YOU are invited, welcomed and loved at St. Padre Pio Parish.**

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 14th  
5:00pm/OLP

Vigil  
**People of the Parish**  
**Walter G. Badaracco**  
By Dennis  
**Sharon Longenecker**  
(Special Intention)  
By Camille DeCriscio  
**Sharon Ruberti**  
By Paula & Steve Menzoni  
**Joyce DeKlerk**  
By Mr. & Mrs. Philip Brunozzi  
**Ramona Sansalone**  
By David & Laine Fanucci  
**Nona Casazza**  
By Cecelia Bachinsky  
**Lorraine Franceschini**  
By Arthur & Denise Smaniotto  
**George & Pauline Martini**  
**Alton & Caroline Diehl**  
**Rosalie Mangano, Irene Vai**  
**Deceased Members of**  
**the Martini, Pizzo & Diehl Families**  
By Frank & Lynn Martini

Sunday, March 15th  
7:30am/OLP

4th Sunday of Lent  
**Marie Franceschini**  
By Helen Levari & Family  
**Anthony & Mary Machise**  
By Steve & Gerry Volpe  
**Reverend Richard Kunzman**  
**James Pagliughi**  
By Rich & Andrea Cheli

Monday, March 16th  
8:15am/StM

Lenten Weekday  
**Ramona Sansalone**  
By Francis & Lee-Anne Reuss III  
St. Patrick

Tuesday, March 17th  
8:15am/StM

**Harry Curley**  
By Carol & Jack Gribble

Wednesday, March 18th  
8:15am/StM

Lenten Weekday  
**Peter John Tamagni**  
By Loving wife & Family  
St. Joseph

Thursday, March 19th  
8:15am/StM

**Aura De Pinzon**  
By Humberto & Elvira Pinzon  
**Padre Pio Novena and Benediction**

7:00pm/HCC  
Friday, March 20th  
8:15am/StM

Lenten Weekday  
**Josephine Olowiecki**  
By Charles & Andrea Mish

Saturday, March 21st  
5:00pm/OLP

Vigil  
**Caroline Scarani**  
By Steve & Joanne Downey  
**Reverend Thomas Donio**

Sunday, March 22nd  
7:30am/OLP

5th Sunday of Lent  
**Joyce DeKlerk**  
By Helen Levari & Family

9:00am/OLP

**Marilyn Curry**  
By Ann Derr & Family

11:00am/OLP

**People of the Parish**  
**Margaret Molinelli**  
By Nick & Fran Magolda  
**James Pagliughi**  
By Laurie & Victor LaTorre  
**Dana Dandrea**  
By Sandy & John Asselta  
**Reverend Richard Kunzman**  
**Deceased Mountaineer Priests**  
**Dina Bassetti**  
By Albert & Judy Tamagni

## Nona Casazza

By Susan & Joe Tolotti  
**Damary Ferrari**  
By Margaret & Ignatius Bik  
& Family  
**Lorraine Franceschini**  
By the Altar Rosary Society  
St. Padre Pio Parish

## With Opened Bible / Fourth Sunday of Lent

Fr. Dimitri

"The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.'" (John 9,11)

The first reading for this Sunday concerns David's election as king of Israel. He was anointed with holy oil to be under the protection of the Most High and to fulfill his duty to protect his people. This reading connects to the idea of divine election. God chooses and consecrates through holy oil.

Speaking of holy oil, the Bible teaches us that it was used to consecrate people and objects serving the Lord. From the very first pages of the Bible, we find Moses receiving the recipe for holy oil for the consecration of priests and objects of worship (Exodus 30:22-33). Later, this same oil would be used to anoint prophets (1 Kings 19:16) and kings. (1 Samuel 15:17; 1 Kings 1:34)

In this Sunday's Gospel, Saint John does not present us with the anointing of a king, a prophet, or a priest, but with that of a blind man. And Jesus did not use oil, but clay that he himself prepared with his saliva. (John 9:6) In doing so, Jesus reminds us that he is the one who recreates the sick man, crushed by the yoke of sin. This gesture takes us back to the creation of the first man, taken from the earth. Jesus opens the blind man's eyes to spiritual realities and salvation.

The blind man today is you and me, who have lost our sense of God and spiritual things. We are sometimes blinded by the sin of pride, preventing us from seeing and contemplating the greatness of God in the sufferings of our time.

There is blindness worse than physical blindness: spiritual blindness. This blindness cannot be treated by medicine or the spectacular advances of science, but by the grace of God in Jesus Christ. Through holy baptism, we receive the anointing of the Holy Spirit, which not only makes us children of God but also opens our lives to the realities of heaven. Blind people have always existed and will continue to exist even at the end of the world. But the question remains: are we blind to the realities of heaven and to the suffering that surrounds us today? If so, our healing and salvation can only come from Christ. He is the one who opens the eyes of the heart and mind, the one who recreates us.

### Sacrament of the Sick

Please call the Parish office to request a home or hospital visit.

#### Baptisms:

Please call the Parish office to schedule  
Baptisms will take place during our 11AM Sunday Mass

#### Pre-Jordan Class

The Pre-Jordan Program is a required class to prepare parents, who are having their babies baptized. These classes are offered once a month at 7pm in the Parish office: **Sessions will be held:**

**April 1, 2026**

**May 6, 2026**

#### Marriage:

Please contact the office at least 1 year prior to wedding

#### New Parishioners:

Please call Parish office to register (856) 691-7526

### In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Jennifer Bailey, John Baron, Justin Bellusci, Gary Bertonazzi, Jacob Bocchicchio, Miriam Brimlow, Robert Bubel, Stanley "Lee" Burke, Nick Calio, Shanna Lamcken-Capelli, Lois S. Cassisi, Charles Cestaro, Sr., Sherry Cestaro, Andrea Cheli, Theodore Conrad, Jim Daly, Anthony Damato, Annette Domassi, Anne M. Dondero, Agnes Dondero, Hannah Elbuef, Katie Faldetta, Donald Fiocchi, Sr., Linda Gallina, Patricia Gandy, Madeline Graciolett, Larry Gray, Shirleey Gray, Howard Hammerstedt, Leokadia Krawczyk, Henry Lamb, Dominic Loperogolo, Lucille Magolda, Charles Maines, Jose Matos, Jack Michael, Emil Milano, Kathy Milano, Paul Milano, Sr., Paul Milano, Jr., Jim Notorianni, Rita Milano, Victoria Milano, John McKown, Jr., Jim McMahan, Mary Polizzi, Phil Polizzi, Gerry Policarpio, Gerardo Procopio, Maria Procopio, Mae Reilly, Karen Richmond, Jessica Flaim- Salerno, Bill Semus, Beverly Smaniotto, Dorothy Smaniotto, Joan Smaniotto, Paula Smaniotto, Richard Smaniotto, Sharon Speziali, Gloria Ventura, Maryann Walz, Christopher Waxmonsky

### God Bless Our Women & Men in Service

**USAF:** Stf. Sgt. Michael Rhodes, Sr.

Gen. Jennifer Hammerstedt,

Airman Dominic DiGiovacchino

Captain Rocco Sangataldo, Gen. Michael A. Fantini, Sr.,

Lt. Colonel Elizabeth Golden, Sgt. Rachel Wright

**Air Force National Guard:**

**Army:** Wes Jarrell; Col. Stephen P. Dondero

Sgt. Keith Harris, Jr., Pvt. S. Allen, John Caccia; Stf. Sgt. Special Forces/Medic

Rusty Waymack, Sgt. Maj. Timothy M. Dobson; CWO Jason Heney; Stf. Sgt.

Richard Rivera, SPC Michael Ruga, Sgt. James Conklin; Lt. Nicolette B. Pizzo

2nd Lt. Angela Dalesandro

**Coast Guard:** BMC Matthew Coulter

**Navy:** Chief Dennis Lloyd, Seaman Garrett Nordberg

Captain Matthew Richmond

**Marines:** PFC William F. Butler, III, Lt. Col. Christopher Kuhlen Caldwell

PFC Elton King, LCpl Michael Quinlan



### EASTER MASS REMEMBRANCE / LIVING & DECEASED

If you would like to have a loved one, living or deceased remembered at the Easter Masses, please submit your request to the Parish office no later than Wednesday, April 1st.

**Please print clearly.**



### Stations of the Cross Schedule during Lent

Wednesdays, 7PM / Our Lady of Pompeii

Fridays, 12 Noon / Our Lady of Pompeii

### Sanctuary Lamp/OLP

In Memory of  
Madeline Oertle

Requested by  
Leo & Doris Duquette

### Sanctuary Lamp/St. Mary's

In Loving Memory of  
Arthur Smaniotto

Requested by  
Loving wife Denise  
Nico & Susie  
Lulu & Nico Jr.

### Flowers in front of the Holy Family

### St. Padre Pio Candle

### The Cenacle

The term cenacle comes from the Latin *cenaculum* or "dining room". It is a term often used to describe the Upper Room where Jesus met with His Apostles.

It is as old as the Church itself.

In today's Church the cenacle is described as a small faith-sharing group.

We invite you to join us at St. Mary's School on Tuesdays.

The next gathering will take place on Tuesday, March 17th

Come join us. Drop the kids off at CCD or come on your own.

We will gather together to grow in our understanding of our faith, to talk openly about living out our faith in our homes, our workplaces and the community, and to support each other in walking with Christ.

Come, be a part of a warm faith community

We hope to see you there.

Contact: John Laning (856) 993-0254 / call or text

Hosted by John & the Knights of Columbus

### St. Vincent de Paul Pantry

Ready for spring? The clients and volunteers at the St. Vincent de Paul pantry sure are! In the meantime we could use your help in filling our shelves with food items and toiletries. Always needed are: pasta & sauce, mac 'n cheese, rice, tuna fish, canned soup, canned pasta, cereal. Any and all items are appreciated. We at the pantry extend our sincere thanks to all of you for your continued generosity.

Parishioners: You're the best! May God abundantly bless you.

Questions...contact Carol DeBello 609 805-2693

The Knights of Columbus will conduct a  
Baby Bottle Drive

for the  
Cornerstone Women's Resource Center  
from

February 28th through March 22nd

**TAX CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2025 will be mailed out upon request. If you need a statement of your church contributions for 2025, please call the parish office during regular office hours. (856-691-7526)**

## STITCHING MINISTRY

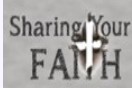
Join us as we knit & crochet together  
 Fridays 10AM til 12PM  
 Rectory / 4680 Dante Ave.  
 Vineland, N.J.  
 For information call Paula at  
 856-498-1730

## Prayer to Saint Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.  
 Amen

## MUSIC MINISTRY

**CHOIR SCHEDULE / 2025-2026**  
**MASSES:** All Choir Masses are at 11:00AM  
 Unless otherwise noted  
**ADULT CHOIR REHEARSALS:** Tuesdays at 7:00PM  
 unless noted otherwise  
**CANTORS:** Rehearsal after choir as needed  
**ALL ADULT CHOIR REHEARSALS—7:00PM**  
 No Choir Rehearsal December 30th  
**MARCH: ALL CHOIR MASSES —11:00AM**  
**ALL TUESDAY REHEARSALS— 7:00PM**



## The Women's Gospel Group

**WHEN: MONDAYS**

**6:30-7:30pm OLOP Chapel**



Are you looking for a way to strengthen your relationship with our Lord?

Join our Women's Reflection Group / Faith Sharing for Women. I invite you to join us as we pray, read, discuss, and reflect on the upcoming Gospel for the week, and share our experiences that shape, challenge, enhance, and strengthen our faith. Feel free to share or sit quietly and listen. If you can't make it every week, come when you can. For those of you who can't participate in person, please join us via Zoom! Please contact Patty Barse if interested at: [gospelreflection2023@gmail.com](mailto:gospelreflection2023@gmail.com) and she will forward the the Zoom link to you.



## OCIA

### Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

On Monday, October 13th we will begin our OCIA Program. It is for men & women who wish to become members of our Catholic Faith and those who wish to finish their sacraments of initiation, mainly Confirmation. We are offering these classes also to any parishioner who is interested in updating their knowledge of the Catholic Faith. We will list in the bulletin the various topics & the presenter so that you can choose the sessions you want to attend.

**OCIA Sessions will take place on Mondays from 7-8PM in Rosary Hall on Cornucopia Avenue**

For more information please contact: the parish office at:  
 856-691-7526

[OCIA Schedule](#)

**Monday, March 16, 2026 / 7:00PM**

**Faith, Hope, Love  
 Rosary Hall  
 Fr. Dimitri**

**Monday, March 23, 2026 / 7:00PM**

**Final Summary  
 Fr. Joe & Deacon Rich**



The Altar Rosary Society is seeking donations of Catholic & faith based books for a lending library cart. Please only donate books that you do not want returned and that are in good condition.

Please bag the books, and label "ARS".

You may drop the books in the enclosed porch at the Parish office or in the vestibule of OLP church.

"Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are".

**Mason Cooley**



## SAINT PADRE PIO PARISH "OLDIES DANCE PARTY"

Hosted by Bob Kelly of Fox 29 News  
 Music by DJ Joel

St. Padre Pio Parish in Vineland, will host an "Oldies Dance" on Saturday, April 18th, at

Our Lady of Pompeii Rosary Hall, 4680 Dante Avenue in Vineland

7:00 pm to 11:00pm. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

A buffet dinner will be served at 7p.m.

Tickets are \$50/pp, BYOB.

Donation of desserts are appreciated.

For tickets or more information, call Janice at 856-305-4177 or email [stevejanice1136@gmail.com](mailto:stevejanice1136@gmail.com)

Mail check to St. Padre Pio Parish

4680 Dante Avenue, Vineland, N.J. 08361/Attention Janice

Make checks payable to St. Padre Pio Parish

Tickets will be mailed to you.



**St. Padre Pio Parish  
 Christmas Bazaar  
 November 8th / 9am til 5pm  
 Rosary Hall / Cornucopia Avenue**

**Calling all crafters  
 Contact: Marie Kammerdiener  
 856-265-6839**

**Raffle Baskets needed!!!**

**2nd planning meeting  
Tuesday, March 31st  
Rosary Hall 7PM**

### Stewardship

Yearly Collection Goal: \$525,161.00  
Weekly Collection Goal: \$10,940.00  
Monthly Collection Goal: \$43,763.00  
March 1st: \$8,178.00 / March 8th: \$



Desserts are needed for the Palm Sunday Pasta Dinner Sunday, March 29th / Rosary Hall Please drop the desserts off the morning of the dinner

### PARISH MEETINGS & EVENTS CALENDAR

St. Vincent de Paul / Place all donations in white cart in Rectory vestibule

Bingo Support Preparation Team, Tuesdays, Rosary Hall, 10:00AM

03/15/26: St. Joseph's Society, Chicken BBQ-Take-Outs 11:30AM til 3:00PM-Rosary Hall

03/17/26: St. Joseph's Society Membership Meeting Rosary Hall, 7:00PM

03/25/26: ARS Monthly Meeting , Rosary Hall, 7:00PM

05/03/2026: St. Mary Grandparents' Association Annual Breakfast (Watch for further details)



Donations of wrapped candies & plastic eggs are needed for the children's Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday, March 29th

We are looking for small wrapped candies that will fit into the Easter eggs. Please drop donations at the parish office no later than March 25th.

Thanks, The Easter Bunny

### Baptisms

On February, 22nd we welcomed Jayson Michael Miletta to the Church and our St. Padre Pio parish family.



On March 1st we welcomed George Bellows Walsh Nora-Jean Birdie Walsh & Russell Conrad Walsh to the Church and our St. Padre Pio parish family.



### Annual "Run for Aaron" Saturday, April 11th - 9:00 AM ~ Rosary Hall

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. All ages, walkers and runners, are welcome to do the 5K run or one mile run/walk. Jogging strollers, wheelchair participants, & leashed dogs are welcome.

Proceeds benefit the Aaron's Fund which awards scholarships to local students for college every year. This year, a portion of the proceeds will be donated to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland & Salem Counties. For applications or to donate, go to [www.run4aaron.com](http://www.run4aaron.com). Please call 856-825-5228 for more information. We thank you for your support in remembering Aaron.

### ST. PADRE PIO PARISH FISH FRY DINNER



Rosary Hall  
Good Friday, April 3, 2026  
4PM til 7PM  
Eat In / Takeout  
TICKETS: Adults / 15.00  
Children \$7.00  
Call 856-691-7526 for more information & to purchase tickets  
Deadline for ticket purchase, April 1st



St. Patrick  
March 17th

May the strength of God pilot us,  
may the wisdom of God instruct us.  
May the hand of God protect us,  
may the word of God direct us.  
May thy Salvation, O Lord,  
be always ours this day  
and for evermore. Amen.

St. Joseph  
March 19th

O St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, so that having experienced here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers.



Friday Night Bingo  
March 20th  
St. Padre Pio Parish  
Rosary Hall  
Doors open at 5:00PM  
Bingo starts at 7:00PM