

Saint Padre Pio Parish

The Diocesan Shrine of St. Pio of Pietrelcina

April 19, 2026—Third Sunday of Easter

4680 Dante Avenue
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Parish Office Hours

9AM to 5PM / M-F

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Mass Schedule

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

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

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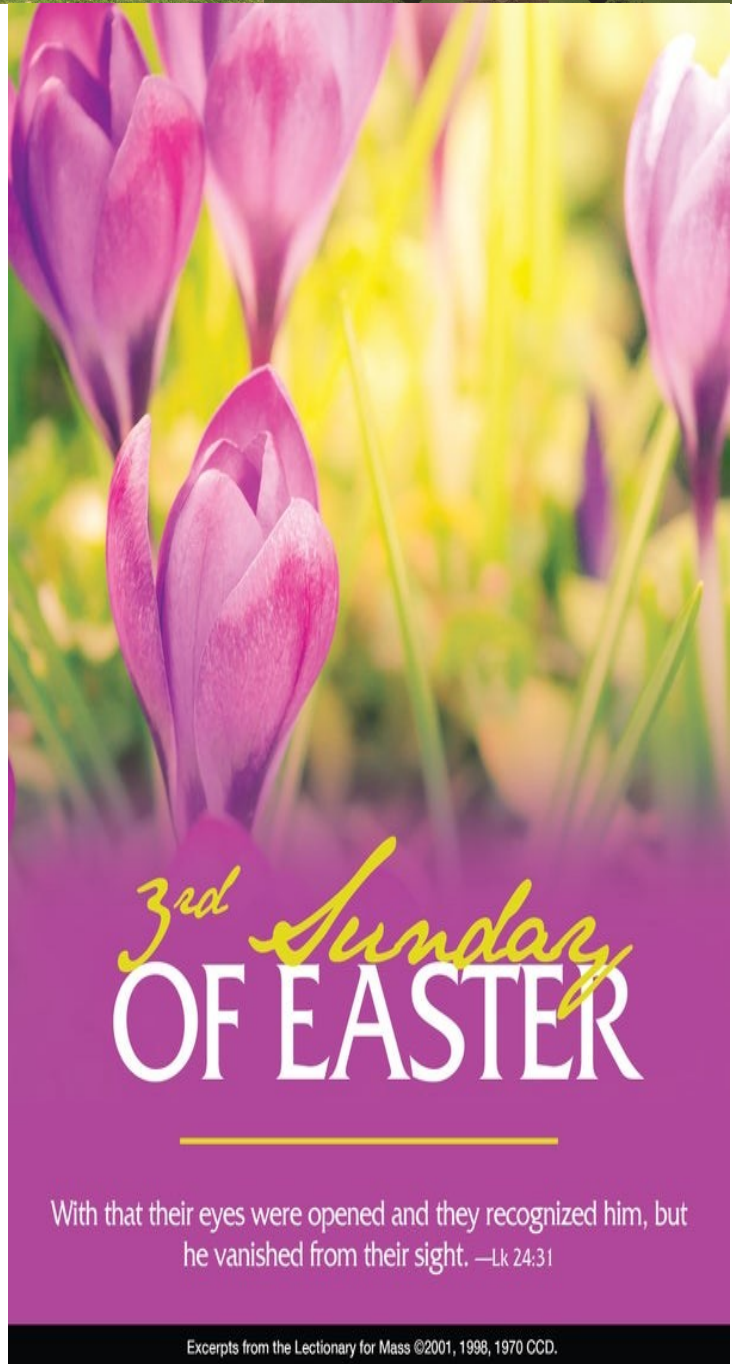
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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 18th 5:00pm/OLP	Vigil Renee Campana By Joseph & Paula Reuben
Sunday, April 19th 7:30am/OLP	Third Sunday of Easter Peter & Grace Micheletti (74th Wedding Anniversary) By Loving Family
9:00am/OLP	People of the Parish Nola Siciliano By Peggy Matalucci & Family Dorothy Trapani By Joseph Tamagni Marilyn Curry By The Ploch Family Katarzyna, Tadeusz Slowinski By The Krawczyk Family Arthur Smaniotto By Nick & Sharon Bertonazzi James Pagliughi By Ken & Stephanie Pustizzi Silvio Falasca By Linda Gallina & Family
11:00am/OLP	Easter Weekday Slawek Wawrzyniak By Jadwiga & Gerard Lotkowski
Monday, April 20th 8:15am/StM	Easter Weekday Dominic Cocuzza By The Adkisson Family
Tuesday, April 21st 8:15am/StM	Easter Weekday Benito Sopranzetti By Rich & Andrea Cheli
Wednesday, April 22nd 8:15am/StM	Easter Weekday Michael Torostad By Gerard & Jadwiga Lotkowski
Thursday, April 23rd 8:15am/StM	Easter Weekday Padre Pio Novena & Benediction
7:00pm/OLP	Easter Weekday Polly Pancoast Ingram By The Heibel Family
Friday, April 24th 9:15am/School	Vigil People of the Parish Helen Mish By Charles & Andrea Mish Deceased Mountaineers Priests Kenneth Groblewsky By Marlene Groblewsky & Robert Fanucci, Jr. Joyce Mary DiTomasso By Linda Palistini
Saturday, April 25th 5:00pm/OLP	Rosalie Ennis By Darlyne DiOrio Christine Immediato By Allen & Theresa Heibel Arthur Smaniotto By Paul & Tonia Bergamo
Sunday, April 26th 7:30am/OLP	4th Sunday of Easter Marie Franceschini By Leo & Doris Duquette
9:00am/OLP	Raymond, Florence & Shirley Marinelli
11:00am/OLP	Ramona Sansalone By Adult Choir of St. Padre Pio Parish

With Opened Bible / Third Sunday of Easter

Fr. Dimitri

"Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the scriptures...while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them." (Luke 24,27.30)

The episode of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus reflects the spiritual reality of all Christians. Following Jesus' Passion—which had occurred the previous weekend—the two men were devastated by the thought that Jesus was no longer with them. Consequently, despair began to take root in their hearts: "But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place." This attitude manifests in each of us whenever we gather to celebrate the holy Eucharistic mystery; we need answers and meaning. It was at this precise moment that the Stranger—Jesus, the Risen One—appeared. This Sunday's Gospel serves as a gateway to understanding the Mass. Two parts—or two "tables"—present themselves to us: the Table of the Word and the Table of the Eucharistic Sacrifice. In the first, the Church does exactly what Jesus had already done for the two disciples: He explained the Scriptures to them.

The first part of the Mass offers us the opportunity to hear and understand the Word of God: "Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the scriptures." (Luke 24:27) And their reaction was positive: "Were not our hearts burning [within us] while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?" (Luke 24:32) The Word of God must be proclaimed and interpreted. And no one has the right to replace it with empty political rhetoric. It is the Word—not false ideologies—that sustains and nourishes faith. (Acts 4:31)

The second part of the Mass refers to the Eucharist itself. After explaining and interpreting the Scriptures to them, Jesus proceeded to break the bread, as was His custom. It was at that moment that their eyes were opened and they recognized Him: "And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them." "With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight." (Luke 24:30-31) At the consecration of the bread and wine, it is Jesus who manifests and gives Himself. He makes Himself known.

Finally, the two disciples retraced their steps to Jerusalem to announce to the others that Jesus had truly risen. (Luke 24:33-35) *Ite, missa est.* Go forth; the Mass is ended. It is the mission that begins after every Eucharist. And it falls to us to go out to others to proclaim the Good News of salvation and hope. Let us be disciples today, in this world that is plunging into despair and hatred.

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:**

May 6, 2026

June 3, 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 Bertozzi, 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 Graciolet, Larry Gray, Shirley 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., Carmen Milete, 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, Pat Tirelli, Gloria Ventura, Christopher Waxmonsky

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There will be a
2nd Collection on
Sunday, April 26th
to support the
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Parish Goal / \$95,700

Total pledged to date: \$31,699 / 33.1%

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Over the past few months, we've been trying to create a space for parents during CCD. After brainstorming, we realize what might be most helpful right now is a quiet spot for people to relax with a snack and a warm cup of coffee.

On Tuesday nights during CCD, we're opening a room for just that. No agenda, no pressure. Just coffee and snacks. Come talk, sit quietly, or just relax for a bit. Younger children are welcome as well. In addition to food, we will have coloring books and crayons available.

If you are thinking about stopping by, please complete the short Google Form which can be found via QR code below. The purpose of the form is to provide us with a headcount so we know how much coffee and donuts to purchase.

This year's final dates will be:
04/21, and 04/28



God bless, and 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

Dear Parishioners: Thank you, thank you, thank you for your awe-inspiring generosity to our diocesan food drive from which the St. Vincent de Paul pantry benefitted. Thanks to Father Joe and his staff for promoting the drive, to the Knights of Columbus for arranging transportation and the manpower to load 4 1/2 truck loads of groceries, to St. Mary's School students for their donations and to Dave for his assistance. This has truly been a parish wide endeavor which was extremely successful in benefitting the citizens of Vineland who are in great need. In the words of St. Vincent de Paul: "We should strive to keep our hearts open to the suffering and wretchedness of other people and pray continually that God may grant us that spirit of compassion which is truly the spirit of God." Parishioners...YOU'RE THE BEST! Happy Easter!

Questions: contact Carol DeBello 609 805-2693



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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
APRIL: ALL CHOIR MASSES — 4/26 / 11:00AM
ALL TUESDAY REHEARSALS— 7:00PM
MAY: ALL SUNDAY MASSES AT 11:00AM
ALL REHEARSALS TUESDAYS AT 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 and she will forward the the Zoom link to you.



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.



Mother's Day Remembrance

On Mother's Day we honor our own mothers and any women both living and deceased who have loved us and have touched our lives.

If you wish to honor a special woman this Mother's Day, please submit her name to the Parish office by Tuesday, May 4th



St. Padre Pio Parish Altar Rosary Society

will be having its annual Bake Sale after all Masses on May 9th & 10th (Mother's Day weekend) in the vestibule of OLP church. Stop counting calories for the weekend, and enjoy some delicious baked goods.



**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!!!

**3rd planning meeting
Tuesday, May 12th / Rosary Hall 7PM**



Congratulations to all of our OCIA candidates who came into the fullness of the Catholic faith at the Easter Vigil Mass.

"Lord, we thank you for bringing these new brothers & sister to your Church. We pray that you fill them with faith, inspire them with hope, & lead them in love. Grant that they may feel welcomed by this community & supported by our prayers as they deepen their relationship with you."



**Bingo Night
Friday, April 24th
St. Padre Pio Parish
Rosary Hall
Doors open at 5:00PM
Bingo starts at 7:00PM**

Stewardship

Yearly Collection Goal: \$525,161.00
Weekly Collection Goal: \$10,940.00
Monthly Collection Goal: \$43,763.00
4/5/26: (Easter Sunday) Collection: \$12,064.00

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

04/21/26: St. Joseph's Society, Monthly Meeting
Rosary Hall, 7:00PM\

04/29/26: ARS Monthly Meeting, Rosary Hall, 7:00PM

05/03/2026: St. Mary Grandparents' Association

Annual Breakfast (**Watch for further details**)

05/13/26: K of C Membership Meeting, Rosary Hall, 7:00PM

05/19/26: St. Joseph's Society, Monthly Meeting
Rosary Hall, 7:00PM

05/27/26: ARS Rosary at the Grotto, 6:30PM

Ice Cream Social to follow in Rosary Hall

"Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the scriptures?" LUKE 24:32 How often do you take the time to discern what Jesus is calling you to do with your life? Are your prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for you? If so, that's a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing stewardship in a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out. Take time, in silence, to listen to what Jesus is asking of you today.



American's Heroes MASS

Friday, May 8, 2026

9:15 AM

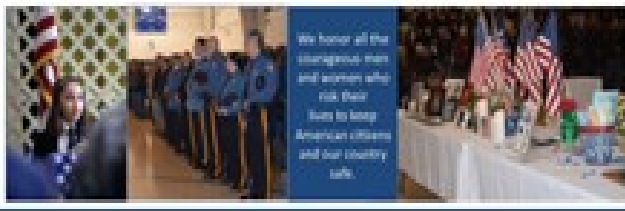
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Please RSVP by April 24th to:

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All-You-Can-Eat-Breakfast

Sponsored by The St. Mary Grandparents Association
will be held on Sunday, May 3rd in Rosary Hall.
Save the Date and watch the bulletin for additional information.

Volunteers Appreciation Dinner

April 25th / Rosary Hall

6:00pm until 10:00pm

St. Padre Pio Parish would like to say thank you to all those who have volunteered their time in service to the parish this past year.

If you plan to attend,
please notify the parish office no later than
Wednesday, April 22nd.
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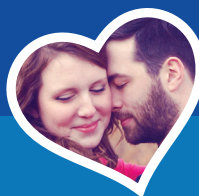


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