

Saint Padre Pio Parish

The Diocesan Shrine of St. Pio of Pietrelcina

May 17, 2026–The Ascension of the Lord

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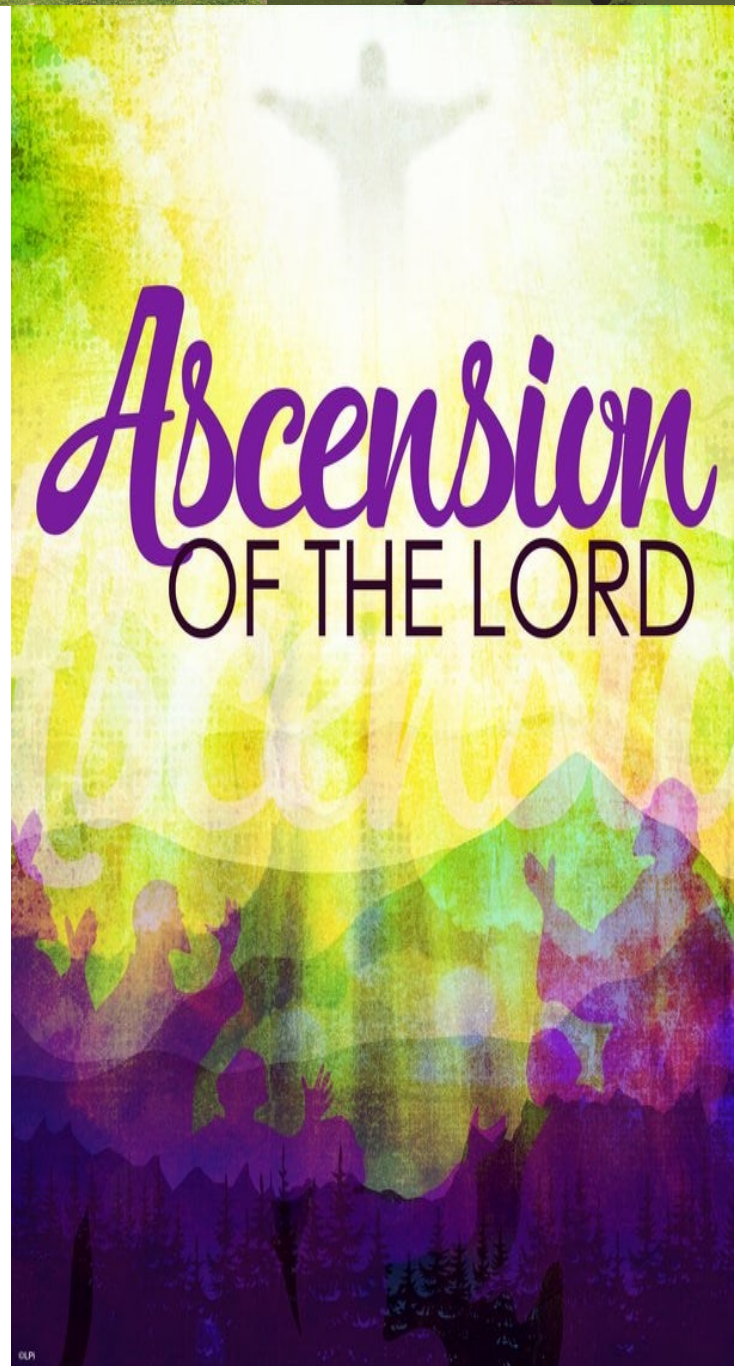
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No matter what your present status is in the Catholic Church; no matter your family or marital status; no matter where you are in the practice of faith; no matter your personal history, age, or background; no matter what your self-image may be; YOU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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 16th
5:00pm/OLP

Vigil

Marie Marolda

By Karen Coulter & Family
Ascension of the Lord

People of the Parish

Dennis Dalponte

By Loving Wife & Family

Stawek Wawrzynik

By Margaret & Ignatius Bik
& Family

Carl Kramer

By Margaret & Ignatius Bik
& Family

Jane Cirillo

By Leo & Doris Duquette

Michael Torostag

By Margaret & Ignatius Bik
& Family

Ramona Sansalone

By Melanie Sansalone, Dina
& Deanna Puesi

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By Helen Levari

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Leonard Dolson, Sr.

By Maria Dolson & Family

Thomas Galbiati

By Loving Wife Jackie

James Pagliughi

By Richard & Sherry Marolda

Easter Weekday
Arthur Smaniotto

By Debra Lillie

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By Ann Derr & Family

Easter Weekday

Peter Sparacio

By Bonnie & Howard Hammerstedt

Easter Weekday

Hedwig Lindner & Tillie Coslop

By Grandchildren & Children

Padre Pio Novena & Benediction

St. Rita of Cascia

Peter Sparacio

By Bruce & Linda Tiemann

Vigil

People of the Parish

Walter A. Badaracco

By Dennis

Lorraine Franceschini

By Mr. & Mrs. Mark Benedetto

& Family

Kenneth Groblewsky

By Cecilia, Isabella

& Angelina Fanucci

& Andrew McCann

Arthur Smaniotto

By Josephine Stagliano

Bill Bontcue

By Frank Oertle

9:00am/OLP

11:00am/OLP

Monday, May 18th

8:15am/StM

Tuesday, May 19th

8:15am/StM

Wednesday, May 20th

8:15am/StM

Thursday, May 21st

8:15am/StM

7:00pm/HCC

Friday, May 22nd

8:15am/StM

Saturday, May 23rd

5:00pm/OLP

Madeline Oertle

By Ceil & Sandy Chinnici

Marie Dandrea

By Denise Smaniotto

& Nico & Susie Tramontana

Caroline Scarani

By Jan Dwyer LoBiondo

Tom Fabietti

By Guaracini Family

Pentecost Sunday

David Monteleone

By Loving Wife & Family

Anna LaTorre

By Laurie & Victor LaTorre

Mike Duffek & Helen Rahn

By Loving Wife & sister Ruth

Sunday, May 24th

7:30am/OLP

9:00am/OLP

11:00am/OLP

With Opened Bible / Fr. Dimitri Ascension of the Lord

"When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight." (Acts of the Apostles 1,9)

Forty days after the Lord's resurrection, He vanished from their sight within a cloud of glory. He ascended into the heavens from whence He had come, revealing His divine power and glory. Today, we celebrate the final stage of Jesus' earthly ministry. For the last time, the Apostles beheld and contemplated Him—not in the poverty of His humanity, but in the richness of His glory. This mystery of faith calls to mind the words of Saint John in Chapter 3: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man" (John 3:13). Jesus alone possesses the power to return to the place where He chose to leave everything behind for the salvation of the world (cf. Philippians 2:6-7).

Indeed, in His priestly prayer, He said to the Father: "Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began" (John 17:5). Thus, He appears to be the only one capable of ascending to heaven, for He is the only one who descended from it. If Jesus is the only one who ascended, what then of those whom God graced? What of Enoch, Elijah, or Mary?

Here, the answer becomes quite interesting. Today, the keyword is "Ascension." It derives from the Latin "ascendere", which means "to go up." Jesus ascended by His own power because He had first descended (John 3:13). However, in the cases of Enoch (cf. Genesis 5:24; Hebrews 11:5), Elijah (2 Kings 2:1), or the Virgin Mary (a figure of the victorious Church (Revelation 12), the term is not "Ascension" or "elevation," but rather "Assumption." The Assumption (from the latin "assumpta", meaning "to be taken up by") is a divine grace granted by God to certain chosen souls. Jesus did not receive this grace (Assumption), but rather ascended on his own because he is God.

By celebrating the Ascension of our Lord, we can give thanks in advance for our entry into heaven. With this glorious body, Jesus introduces us into Paradise while awaiting our own resurrection: "But God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ* (by grace you have been saved), raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus." (Ephesians 2,4-7)

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:**

June 3, 2026

July 1, 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 Graciolet, 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., 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, Mike Truman, Gloria Ventura, 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

Father's Day Remembrance Mass

If you would like your father, living or deceased remembered at the Masses on Father's Day, please mail or drop off your envelopes to the Parish office **no later than Wednesday, June 17th**
For inclusion in the bulletin insert

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Fr. Peter Saporito**

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St. Padre Pio Candle

**Flowers in Front of the
Holy Family**

**In Honor of
St. Rita**

Requested by
Todd & Kristaann Corona
& Family

St. Vincent de Paul Pantry

So soon summer will be here! The number of clients at the St. Vincent de Paul pantry continues to rise just as the temperatures do. Standard items always needed are: pasta & sauce, mac 'n cheese, cereal (the sweet kind kids like), soup, canned vegetables, snacks, and all non-perishable food items. Also, many of our clients are in need of basic toiletries. We also accept clean, mended clothing, towels, bedding and small household items such as kitchen utensils, pots, pans, dishes, tableware, etc. The white cart in the rectory vestibule is waiting to be filled! Thank you for always generously answering the call to assist the needy of Vineland. Parishioners: You're the best!!!

"Charity is the measure by which our Lord judges all things"...St. Padre Pio

Questions: Carol DeBello 609 805-2693

VIRTUS Protecting God's Children for Adults

All Adults- Volunteers and Employees who are in regular contact with minors in the Diocese of Camden must complete an in-person safe environment training program. Adults must be recertified in this program, VIRTUS Protecting God's Children, after five years.

Please contact the parish office or school to register for the next courses:

Wednesday May 20th—9:30AM Holy Family Parish (Sewell)

Friday May 29th—11:00AM St. John Neumann Parish
(North Cape May)

For more information or questions, contact Robin Strough, Director of the Office of Child and Youth Protection for the Diocese of Camden, at Robin.Strough@camdendiocese.org or 856-583-6114



Parish Goal / \$95,700

Total pledged to date: \$48,799 / 50.6%



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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
MAY: ALL SUNDAY MASSES AT 11:00AM
JUNE: June 7th (Corpus Christi) 11:00AM



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
Lending Library Cart,
now located in the Reconciliation Room.

SCAM ALERT !!!

Emails using Fr. Joe's name are circulating requesting assistance.

**THIS IS A SCAM !!!
Do not open the email and delete immediately!**

Neither Fr. Joe, Fr. Dimitri nor any member of the parish staff will ever solicit money, or any other type of assistance from the parishioners.



SAVE THE DATE

St. Padre Pio Festival Planning Meeting
Wednesday, May 27th, Rosary Hall, 7:00PM
All Booth Captains are asked to please try & attend.

We are always in need of volunteers. If you volunteered in 2025, we look forward to seeing you again this year.

Festival Date: September 20th

Volunteer sign-up sheets will be available in June, however, if you wish to sign up now, you may call the Parish office M-F 9AM til 5PM
856-691-7526



Find Jesus in the Eucharist!

Talks on Finding Jesus in the Eucharist.

Sunday May 17th, & 24th

6 PM Adoration followed by 7 PM Talk

St. Mary's Church, 253 Old Dutch Mill Rd, Malaga

Fr. Michael Goyette, Bishop's Delegate for Prayer

Feeling Disconnected from God?

Feel like your road of faith is a lonely one?

Does Jesus seem out there but not in your heart?

Eucharistic Adoration is your answer.

Praying one on one before the Eucharist, Jesus will capture your heart if you stay still long enough.

Discover the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Learn how to pray, & learn how to open your heart to Christ.

Learn how to find inspiration in the scriptures.



**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!!!

**Planning Meeting
Tuesday, June 30th / Rosary Hall 7PM**

Stewardship

Yearly Collection Goal: \$525,161.00
Weekly Collection Goal: \$10,940.00
Monthly Collection Goal: \$43,763.00
5/3: \$9,873.00 / 5/10: \$10,666.00



Additional floor personnel are needed for our Friday night Bingo 5PM until 9PM. Any amount of time you can volunteer is greatly appreciated. For Information call Aileen Seigfried: 609-214-0792

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

- 05/19/26: St. Joseph's Society, Monthly Meeting
Rosary Hall, 7:00PM
- 05/27/26: ARS Rosary at the Grotto, 6:30PM
- 06/08/26: Parish Council Meeting, Rectory, 7:00PM
- 06/10/26: K of C Membership Meeting, Rosary Hall, 7:00PM
- 06/16/26: St. Joseph's Society, Monthly Meeting
Rosary Hall, 7:00PM



Bingo Night
Friday, May 22nd
St. Padre Pio Parish
Rosary Hall
Doors open at 5:00PM
Bingo starts at 7:00PM



"Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of Heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before."

Heavenly Father we ask you to send laborers into your harvest

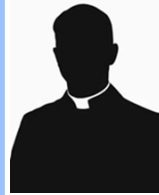
Inspire, in the hearts of your people, vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.

**Bless our families with a spirit of generosity. So that those whom you call have the courage to give themselves to your Church in faith.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Baptism



On May 10th we welcomed Domenico John Procopio to the Church and our St. Padre Pio parish family.



O Jesus, Eternal Priest, keep your priests within the shelter of Your Most Sacred Heart, where none can touch them.

Keep unstained their anointed hands which daily touch Your sacred body.

Keep unsullied their lips daily tinged with Your precious Blood. Keep pure and unworldly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood. Let Your holy love surround and protect them from the world's contagion. Bless their labors with abundant fruit, and may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation here, and their everlasting crown in eternity.



The Altar Rosary Society invites you to join them on Wednesday, May 27th at 6:30PM to pray the Rosary at the Grotto. In case of rain, we will meet in Rosary Hall. Hope to see you there.



SODA & BOTTLED WATER DRIVE

We are asking for donations of cans of soda Regular and Diet (Coke, Pepsi, Ginger Ale etc.) and bottled water for our Festival in September.

The next time you go shopping, don't go past the soda & water aisle without thinking "festival".

Please drop off all donations in the Rectory vestibule.

THANK YOU!!!!



Traveling Mary Statue

"Hail Mary Full of Grace"

May is the month of Mary

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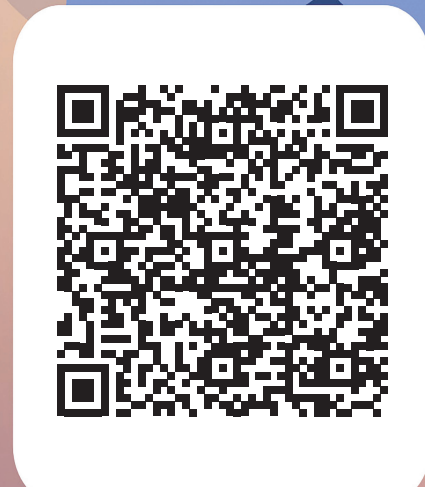


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