

Saint Padre Pio Parish

The Diocesan Shrine of St. Pio of Pietrelcina

August 16, 2026–20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A CANAANITE WOMAN **CALLED OUT.**

— MATTHEW 15:22 —



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, August 15th
5:00pm/OLP
Vigil
People of the Parish
Eugene Lagerholm
By Denise Smaniotto &
Nico & Susie Tramontana
Robert Zafian
By Mike Stanewich
Ramona Sansalone
By Jean Fanucci
Madeline Oertle
By Steve & Janice Bertonazzi
Fr. Peter Saporito
By Donna Jones
Catherine McMahan
By Humberto & Elvira Pinzon
Matthew Oliver
By Susan Diniz
Charles Maines, Sr.
By Patty & Jack Wettstein
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Fr. Peter Saporito
By Margaret & Ignatius Bik & Family
Jewel Heibel
By The Heibel Family
Patricia & Tom Suthard
By Dave & Diane Irrgang
Weekday
Peter Sparacio
By John & Margie Frandino
Weekday
Fr. Peter Saporito
By Gerry Quinlan & Family
Weekday
Gennaro Bifulco
By Rich & Andrea Cheli & Family
St. Bernard
John Dalesandro
By Camie DeCriscio
Padre Pio Novena & Benediction
St. Pius X, Pope
Fr. Peter Saporito
By St. Joseph's Society
St. Padre Pio Parish
Vigil
George & Pauline Martini
Alton & Caroline Diehl
Rosalie Mangano, Irene Vai
Deceased Members of the Martini,
Pizzo & Diehl Families
By Frank & Lynn Martini
Agnes Robertson
By Kathleen Robertson
Madeline Oertle
By Jason & Aileen Seigfried
Michele Sutter
By John & Leslie Trucano
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Larry Hennessy
By Loving Wife Jeannine
People of the Parish

Sunday, August 16th
7:30am/OLP

9:00am/OLP

11:00am/OLP

Monday, August 17th
8:15am/StM

Tuesday, August 18th
8:15am/StM

Wednesday, August 19th
8:15am/StM

Thursday, August 20th
8:15am/StM

7:00pm/HCC

Friday, August 21st
8:15am/StM

Saturday, August 22nd
5:00pm/OLP

Sunday, August 23rd
7:30am/OLP

9:00am/OLP

Nina Lascari

By Steve & Gerry Volpe
Henrietta Visintainer
By Ann, Louis, Lisa, Robert
& Families
Intentions of the Hofstetter Family
By Albert & Judy Tamagni
Martin Tubertini
By Leda & Bob Muth
Andrzej Malkiewicz
By The Krawczyk Family
Sister Charles McFadden
By Altar Rosary Society
St. Padre Pio Parish
Charles Maines, Sr.
By Ladies Gospel Reflection
St. Padre Pio Parish
Rocco, Alice & Dr. Ron Magolda
By Lucille Magolda
Marie Herring
By Vincent & Judy Sacco

11:00am/OLP

With Opened Bible / Fr. Dimitri 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." (Matthew 15, 26)

This Sunday's Gospel presents us with two great biblical truths: the divine election of Israel and the universality of salvation. The episode of the pagan (Syro-Phoenician) woman asking Jesus to heal her daughter reveals the reason for the Lord's coming. He came to reconcile the children of Israel to His Father (Matthew 15:24) and to die for the human race (John 3:16). Jesus's response attests to these two aspects of His ministry: "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs" (Matthew 15:26). What did Jesus mean?

First, the woman's identity helps us better understand Jesus's words. He used the terms "children" and "dogs." The children represent the People of Israel, chosen and called to holiness and glory (Matthew 15:24). Jesus came to bring them the "bread," which symbolizes His Word; this Bread belongs first to the Jews (the children).

Then there are the "dogs." This word refers to pagans who do not fully grasp the truth of the Kingdom. To give the children's Bread to the dogs would mean taking the Word (Jesus Christ) away from Israel and offering it to men and women who lack faith. It is worth noting that the woman was not offended by Jesus' answer, as she understood the Jewish way of addressing pagans. A "dog" was someone who did not understand the mysteries of God and His truth.

However, the woman—who already had faith in Jesus—persisted in her reply: "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." (Matthew 15:27) Faith, being the sole condition for receiving salvation, becomes the gateway allowing the woman to receive the Bread of the children, Jesus Christ. For without faith, it is impossible to please God. (Cf. Hebrews 11:6)

Ultimately, Jesus' final words demonstrate that He is the Savior not only of Israel but of the world. His message of life is offered to all creation: "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." (Matthew 15:28) Abraham's faith in the one, invisible God made him the father of all nations. Jesus thus becomes the *catholic* (universal) Savior who saves all humanity.

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:**

September 2, 2026

October 7, 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, Lois Smaniotto Cassisi, Andrea Cheli, Theodore Conrad, Jim Daly, Anthony Damato, Anne M. Donder, Agnes Dondero, Hannah Elbuef, Katie Faldetta, James Farrell, Jean Fanucci, Donald Fiocchi, Sr., Linda Gallina, Patricia Gandy, Larry Gray, Shirley Gray, Mary Guccio, Howard Hammerstedt, Leokadia Krawczyk, Henry Lamb, Dominic Loperolo, Lucille Magolda, Jack Michael, Emil Milano, Kathy Milano, Paul Milano, Sr., Paul Milano, Jr., Carmen Milete, Jim Notoranni, Rita Milano, Victoria Milano John McKown, Jr., Jim McMahan, Mary Polizzi, Phil Polizzi, Gerry Policarpio, Gerardo Procopio, Maria Procopio, Mae Reilly, Jessica Flaim- Salerno, Bill Semus, Beverly Smaniotto, Dorothy Smaniotto, Joan Smaniotto, Paula Smaniotto, Richard Smaniotto, Sharon Speziali, Carol Suppa, Pat Tirelli, Gloria Ventura, Christopher Waxmonsky, Eddie R. Williams

God Bless Our Women & Men in Service

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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

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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

Festival Basket Raffle

We are in need of donations for our
Festival Basket Raffle.

All donations may be dropped off at the Parish office
Monday through Friday between 9AM & 5PM

Each year, the baskets become more unique and well designed
We look forward to this year's creations!!



The Altar Rosary Society
Lending Library Cart,
now located in the Reconciliation Room.

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Rich & Andrea Cheli
& Family

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**In Memory of
Fr. Al**

Requested by
Barbara Bailey

Sanctuary Lamp/St. Mary's

**Flowers in Front of the
Holy Family**

**In Memory of
Mike Duffek**

Requested by
Loving Wife Ruth



The Altar Rosary Society
is conducting a fund raiser to honor the
memory of Fr. Peter Saporito.
The funds collected will be used to
update and improve the pond on the
grounds of Our Lady of Pompeii Church.
Checks should be made out to:

St. Padre Pio Parish, ARS and on the Memo line please write
"Pond". Many Thanks!



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yet been Confirmed.

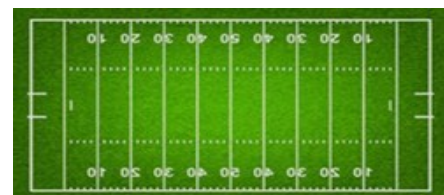
For more information please contact:
Fr. Joe at 609-790-4488



FOOTBALLMANIA

Kickoff September 10th, 2026

FOOTBALLMANIA tickets will be sold before and
after all Masses the
weekends of 8/22-23 and 8/29-30



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 Zoom link to you.



STITCHING MINISTRY

The Padre Pio Stitching Ministry creates handmade items that bring comfort and share Christ's love throughout our community.

This past year, we donated baby hats to Inspira Hospital, Pet blankets for the South Jersey Regional SPCA, Hats, scarves and fingerless gloves to Code Blue, Lap blankets to the NJ Veterans Home, and Baby items and blankets to the NJ military support group.

LOCATION CHANGE!!

Beginning Friday, September 4th our ministry will meet from 10AM til 12 Noon in Rosary Hall next to the Grotto on Cornucopia Avenue

All skill levels are welcome!!

For more information call Paula @ 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



SAVE THE DATE

St. Padre Pio **Final** Festival Planning Meeting
Wednesday August 19th, Rosary Hall, 7:00PM
All Booth Captains are asked to please try & attend.
Festival Date: September 20th



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. Please drop off all donations in the Rectory vestibule.

MUSIC MINISTRY

CHOIR SCHEDULE / 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

Choir Rehearsals will resume on

Tuesday, August 25th at 7:00PM

Choir Masses will resume on

Sunday, September 6th, 11:00 Mass



8/24 to 9/18 Annual Mum Sale
Friday, September 25 Mum Pick Up Day
Rosary Hall Grounds, St. Padre Pio Parish
Cost: \$9.00 / 12 PM-4 PM Pick Up

CCD 2026-2027

Classes for Religious Education will begin on Tuesday, September 15th from 6pm until 7pm at St. Mary School.



Desserts are needed for Café Pio at our annual St. Padre Pio Festival. Thanks in advance to all the wonderful bakers who take the time to make all of the delicious goodies. Drop off time and place will be given closer to the Festival date.

Due to Health Department Regulations, we are unable to accept any desserts that require refrigeration.

ATTENTION ALL 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Students

If you would like to work the Padre Pio Festival this year & would like to earn service hours for Confirmation, please call the parish office at

856-691-7526

Volunteer sheets are also available in the vestibule of OLP

St. Vincent de Paul Pantry

Just a short note to wish all a happy, healthy, fun-filled summer and to thank our parishioners for their continued giving spirit in fulfilling the needs of our Vineland pantry. Please remember, hunger does not disappear just because it's summer vacation! The white cart in the rectory vestibule awaits your donations.

"Love is the first ingredient in the relief of suffering." St. Padre Pio Parishioners...You're the best!!! Enjoy summer!

Questions: Carol DeBello 609 805-2693



Traveling Mary Statue

There is a sign out book on the cabinet on the choir side in the back of the church. Feel free to sign up in advance. A wonderful way to honor Our Lady

Stewardship

Yearly Collection Goal: \$525,161.00
Weekly Collection Goal: \$10,940.00
Monthly Collection Goal: \$43,763.00
08/2: \$8,965.00 / 08/9: \$8,087.00

PARISH MEETINGS & EVENTS CALENDAR

St. Vincent de Paul / Place all donations in white cart in
Rector's vestibule

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

08/18/26: St. Joseph's Society, Monthly Meeting
Rosary Hall, 7:00PM (**CANCELLED**)

09/09/26: K of C Membership Meeting, Rosary Hall, 7:00PM

09/15/26: St. Joseph's Society, Monthly Meeting
Rosary Hall, 7:00PM

10/14/26: K of C Membership Meeting, Rosary Hall, 7:00PM

10/20/26: St. Joseph's Society, Monthly Meeting
Rosary Hall, 7:00PM

11/11/26: K of C Membership Meeting, Rosary Hall, 7:00PM

11/17/26: St. Joseph's Society, Monthly Meeting
Rosary Hall, 7:00PM



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



Bingo Night
Friday, August 21st
St. Padre Pio Parish
Rosary Hall
Doors open at 5:00PM
Bingo starts at 7:00PM

If you feel that you have a burning desire to help people get closer to Christ and to know the Truth, then perhaps you have a vocation to the priesthood. If you feel like God is calling you, call our vocations director Father Joseph Szolack at:

Joseph.Szolack@camdendiocese.org



Christmas Bazaar
November 8th / 9am til 5pm
Rosary Hall / Cornucopia Avenue

Calling all crafters
Contact: Marie Kammerdiener
856-265-6839
Raffle Baskets needed!!!



Baptism

On August 9th we welcomed
Landon Thomas Duncan
to the Church and our
St. Padre Pio parish family

Altar Rosary Society Annual Breakfast Meeting

Saturday, September 6 / 10:00am to 12:30pm
Greenview Inn at Eastlyn

All women of the parish are invited to attend. Come for fellowship and leave with new friends and renewed faith. The breakfast will follow the 9am Mass at Our Lady of Pompeii Church, St. Padre Pio Parish / Cost of the breakfast is \$27.00

Guest Speaker: Sr. M. Emily Vincent, IHM who serves as the Program Director at Villa Maria by the Sea Catholic Retreat Center In Stone Harbor, N.J. Sr. Emily will share information about Mother Mary and why we believe what we believe.

Reservation forms are available in the vestibule of OLP church and in the Rector's office.



"The {saints}' intercession is their most exalted service to God's plan. We can and should ask them to intercede for us and for the whole world."

We are a family—the Mystical Body of Christ, the communion of saints, the great cloud of witnesses. And, as a family, let's lean on the strong ones when we get weak so that we too can learn how to be strong enough to bear one another's burdens.

Pray with the saints, You won't be disappointed.

Baptism

On August 9th we welcomed
Mila Lucia Massaro
to the Church and our
St. Padre Pio parish family



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Consider what a joy is granted you, what a glory is given you, to talk with God in your prayers, to converse with Christ, asking for whatever you want, whatever you desire."

St. Thomas Aquinas



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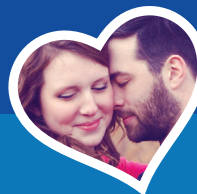
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