

Saint Padre Pio Parish

The Diocesan Shrine of St. Pio of Pietrelcina

August 23, 2026–21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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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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.

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 22nd
5:00pm/OLP
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
Sunday, August 23rd
7:30am/OLP
9:00am/OLP
Larry Hennessy
By Loving Wife Jeannine
People of the Parish
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
St. Bartholomew
11:00am/OLP
Monday, August 24th
8:15am/StM
Tuesday, August 25th
8:15am/StM
Wednesday, August 26th
8:15am/StM
Thursday, August 27th
8:15am/StM
7:00pm/HCC
Friday, August 28th
8:15am/StM
Saturday, August 29th
5:00pm/OLP
Vigil
People of the Parish
Michael Rodevick
By Joe Mish

Madeline Oertle
By Marie McClure
Gennaro Bifulco
By Rosalinda & Richard Walsh
Catherine McMahan
By Ed & Dominic Dondero
Stanley J. McMahan
By The McMahan Family
Eugene Lagerholm
By John & Leslie Trucano
Michele Sutter
By Barbara Daly & Piccioni Family
Roland Piccioni
By Daughter Barbara & Family
Helen Falasca
By Ron, Beth & Family
Jose Matos
By Altar Rosary Society
St. Padre Parish
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, August 30th
7:30am/OLP
9:00am/OLP
11:00am/OLP
Peter Micheletti
By sister & brothers
Salvatore Massare
By Bruce & Linda Tieman
Charles Bylone
By Pete & Mannelta Bylone

With Opened Bible / Fr. Dimitri 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.
Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven;
and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in
heaven." (Matthew 16,19)

When we think of the Kingdom of God, we might be tempted to believe it mirrors the governments of this earth. In reality, that is not the case! The Kingdom of God is a gift revealed in Jesus—a gift that leads us to Him. Yet, to help us grasp it, the Bible employs earthly imagery. In this Sunday's first reading and Gospel, the image used is that of power. God chooses a man worthy of Him to govern His people. He entrusts him with the key—a symbol of authority and governance—to care for His flock: "I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut; when he shuts, no one shall open" (Isaiah 22:22). The man who holds the power to open and shut is the one upon whom power and authority rest.

This same concept runs through the Gospel we proclaim. Jesus—reflecting the Father who chose Eliakim and granted him power—chooses to do the same with Peter for the sake of His Church: "I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Matthew 16:19). The keys of the Kingdom are spiritual in nature. They represent the graces of governance and authority entrusted to Peter, enabling him to guide Christ's flock—the Church safely.

These two readings invite us to appreciate God's love for Israel and the Church, but above all, the trust He places in humanity. When He entrusts us with a mission, He grants us the power and grace to fulfill it. Saint Paul confirms this: "And those he predestined he also called; and those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified." (Romans 8:30)

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 Bertonazzi, 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, Shirleey Gray, Mary Guccio, Howard Hammerstedt
Leokadia Krawczyk, Henry Lamb, Dominic Lopercolo, Lucille Magolda
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, 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

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

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.

Sanctuary Lamp/OLP

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Wayne Roland Taylor**

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Maria Dolson

St. Padre Pio Candle

Sanctuary Lamp/St. Mary's

Flowers in Front of the Holy Family

**In Memory of
Rawley Heibel, Jr.**

Requested by
The Heibel Family



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.

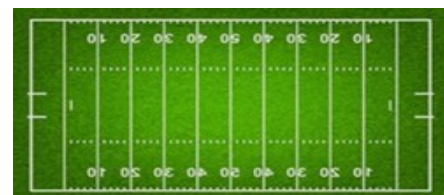
For more information please contact:
Fr. Joe at 609-790-4488



FOOTBALLMANIA

Kickoff September 10th, 2026

FOOTBALLMANIA tickets will be sold before and
after all Masses the
weekend of 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

Tuesday, September 8th, 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 Goal: \$10,940.00 / Monthly Goal: \$43,763.00
08/2: \$8,965.00 / 08/9: \$8,087.00
08/16: \$7,318.00

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

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

10/12/26: Parish Council Meeting, Rector's, 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



Christmas Bazaar

November 8th / 9am til 5pm
Rosary Hall / Cornucopia Avenue
Calling all crafters
Contact: Marie Kammerdiener
856-265-6839

Raffle Baskets needed!!!
Meeting September 22nd
Rosary Hall / 7PM

Altar Rosary Society Annual Breakfast Meeting

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

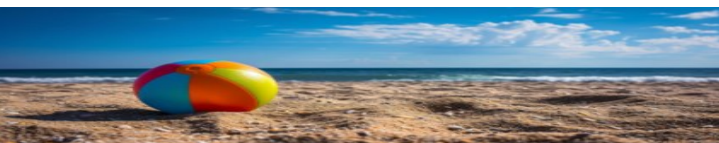
All women of the parish are invited to attend. Come for fellowship and leave with new friends and renewed faith. The breakfast will follow the 9am Mass at Our Lady of Pompeii Church, St. Padre Pio Parish / Cost of the breakfast is \$27.00

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 Mass Book for the year 2027 will open on
Tuesday, September 1st.



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 28th
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

Recommended Reading

For 4 to 6 year olds

**The Best Classic Chapter Books to read aloud to the
Littlest Listeners**

The Complete Tales of Winnie the Pooh

By A. A. Milne

Jenny and the Cat Club

By Esther Averill

Happy Little Family

By Rebecca Gaudill

Second Collection

There will be a second collection the weekend
of September 5th & 6th for the Catholic University of America,

The Wisdom of Venerable Fulton J. Sheen

Why did our Blessed Lord use bread & wine as the elements of this Memorial? First of all, no two substances in nature better symbolize unity than bread & wine. As bread is made from a multiplicity of grains, so the many who believe are one in Christ. Second, no two substances in nature have to suffer more to become what they are than bread & wine. Wheat has to pass through the rigors of winter, be ground beneath the Calvary of a mill, & then subjected to purging fire before it can become bread. Grapes in their turn must be subjected to the Gethsemane of a wine press & have their life crushed from them to become wine.

Thus, do they symbolize the Passion & Sufferings of Christ, and the condition of Salvation, for Our Lord said unless we die to ourselves we cannot live in Him.



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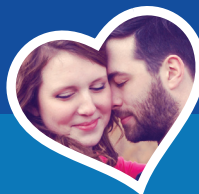
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