

Saint Padre Pio Parish

The Diocesan Shrine of St. Pio of Pietrelcina

August 31, 2025 –22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

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Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00PM

Sunday

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

Holy Child Chapel/OLP

St. Padre Pio

7:00PM Novena/Benediction

Recitation of the Rosary

every Monday 10:00AM

Mass Schedule

St. Mary

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

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Barbara Bailey

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GO AND TAKE
THE LOWEST
PLACE.

— LUKE 14:10 —



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 30th 5:00pm/OLP	Vigil People of the Parish Micheal Rodevick By Joe Mish Diane Marie Vitarelli By Anna Conover Salvatore Edward Giglio By Paula Gruccio Stanley J. McMahan, Jr. By The McMahan Family Helen Coia By Arthur & Denise Smaniotto Albert E. Casper, Sr. By Rich & Andrea Cheli & Family Todd Rakotz By Dan DeTetta & Tarryn Hofstetter 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, August 31st 7:30am/OLP	Edward Bachinsky By Margaret & Ignatius Bik & Family
9:00am/OLP	Lamarr Stanker By Ed & Saralyn
11:00am/OLP	Charles Bylone By Pete & Mannelta Bylone
Monday, September 1st 8:15am/StM	Labor Day Peter Sikking, Sr. By Loving Wife Betty
Tuesday, September 2nd 8:15am/StM	Weekday Jay Seigfried By Jason & Aileen Seigfried
Wednesday, September 3rd 8:15am/StM	St. Gregory Walter Badaracco By Wilfred Bertonazzi & Sons
Thursday, September 4th 8:15am/StM	Weekday Ryan Bertonazzi By Mom & Dad with love Padre Pio Novena with Benediction
7:00pm/HCC Friday, September 5th 8:15am/StM	First Friday Jaime Raoul Martinez By Humberto & Elvira Pinzon
Saturday, September 6th 9:00am/StM	First Saturday/Vigil Ashley Carattini (Special Intention) By Madeline Graciolett
5:00pm/OLP	Sister Grace Pino By ARS St. Padre Pio Parish Raymond Olowiecki By Joe Mish Albert Casper, Sr. By Bob & Anne Marie Ternay
Sunday, September 7th 7:30am/OLP	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time People of the Parish Denise Troth By Ron & Josie Capriotti Edward Bachinsky By Gerard & Jadwiga Lotkowski Gene Maniero, Sr. By Barbara Daley Special Intention By The Krawczyk Family David Franceschini, Sr. By Marian Lilley James Bertonazzi By Joseph & Susan Tolotti Ryan Rowe By Deacon Rich & Janet Sampson Andrew Pizzo, Sr. (Happy Birthday) By Loving Wife Laura & Family

9:00am/OLP

Frances Dutra

By Anita Dalessandro

11:00am/OLP

Rita Quinn

By Margaret & Ignatius Bik & Family

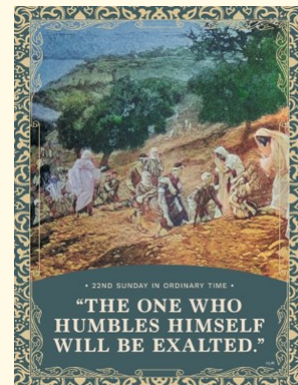
With Opened Bible: Humility

Fr. Dimitri

"For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Jesus never proposed anything without having experienced it himself. He preached by example. There lies all his power as a rabbi. In the first reading and the Gospel for this Sunday, God invites us to be humble and discreet. Humility means lowering oneself to the earth (humus means earth in Latin). The humble servant is one who, despite his social, political, economic, and religious status, dares to humble himself before God and his plan of salvation. "My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts. Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God. (Sirach 3, 17-18) This book of Wisdom uses the language of a spiritual master to engage the disciple on the path to spiritual success.

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus intervenes during a meal to teach the art of being humble and discreet, especially when invited. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline at table in the place of honor...Rather, when you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you, he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.'" (Luke 14, 8-10) This attitude of reserve and simplicity echoes the very attitude of Christ in his Incarnation, his abasement. "Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name." (Philippians 2, 6-9) He put everything aside, his glory and his divinity, to borrow the human condition to save humanity. For this, God exalted and glorified him. "Humble yourself the more, the greater you are." (Sirach 3) Saint Peter encouraged the faithful to this same attitude: "God opposes the proud but bestows favor on the humble." So humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time." (1 Peter 5:5-6) Thus, man is only great when he kneels before the all-powerful divine, and in this humility, we find the promise of divine exaltation and upliftment.



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 3, 2025

October 1, 2025

Please call the Parish office to sign up for class. (856) 691-7526

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, Anthony Beninati, Peggy Beninati, 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, Harry Curley, Sr., Jim Daly, Anthony Damato, Annette Domassi, Anne M. Dondero, Agnes Dondero, Hannah Elbuef, Katie Faldetta, Donald Fiocchi, Sr., Linda Gallina, Patricia Gandy, Madeline Graciolett, Howard Hammerstedt, Leokadia Krawczyk, Ida Larkins Lucille Magolda, Charles Maines, Emil Milano, Kathy Milano Paul Milano, Sr., Paul Milano, Jr., Rita Milano, Victoria Milano, John McKown, Jr. Jim McMahan, Rose Molner, Mary Polizzi, Phil Polizzi, Gerardo Procopio, Maria Procopio, Mae Reilly, Karen Richmond, Jessica Flaim- Salerno, Bill Semus, Beverly Smaniotto, Dorothy Smaniotto, Paula Smaniotto, Richard Smaniotto, Sharon Speziali, Michele Sutter, Gloria Ventura, Maryann Walz, Christopher Waxmonskey



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: MSGT. Joseph R. Tolotti

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

CONFIRMATION



Confirmation for St. Padre Pio Parish
will take place at Sacred Heart Church on
Saturday, November 1st at 10am & 12pm

Receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Wisdom, Understanding

Counsel, Fortitude

Knowledge, Piety, Fear of God

**"Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden,
and I will give you rest."**

Mauro Conte
Renee Ann Campana

Sanctuary Lamp/St. Mary's

Sanctuary Lamp/OLP

**In Memory of
David Monteleone**

Requested by
Loving Wife & Family

St. Padre Pio Candle

**Flowers in front of the
Holy Family**



FINAL MEETING

St. Padre Pio Festival Planning Meeting
Monday, September 8, Rosary Hall, 7:00PM

CCD Registrations 2025-2026 School Year

Scan QR code to register!

Paper copies available in church rectory

Children going into 1st grade-8th grade

Cost: \$90 first child / \$140 for two children / \$200 for three or
more children

After August 1-September 30th: late fee of \$20 per
child!

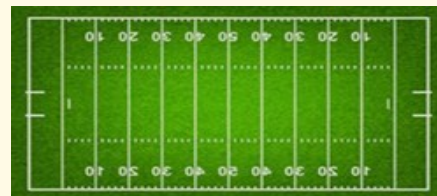
NO ONE accepted after 09/30/2025!



FOOTBALLMANIA

Kickoff September 4th, 2025

**FOOTBALLMANIA tickets will be sold before
and after all Masses this weekend 8/30-31**



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 Masses are at 11:00AM unless noted otherwise

ADULT CHOIR REHEARSALS: Tuesdays at 7:00PM unless noted otherwise

CANTORS: Rehearsal after choir as needed

Choir Masses Resume Sunday, September 7th / 11AM



Women's Gospel Reflection

Facilitator: Patty Barse

Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30pm

Holy Child Chapel

4680 Dante Avenue

Vineland, N.J.

Join us as we pray and share stories of our journey in faith, reflecting on the upcoming Gospel.

You may also join us via Zoom.

All are encouraged and welcome to attend

If interested, please contact:

Patty Barse at

Gospelreflection2023@gmail.com or 609-381-9187



OCIA

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you interested in becoming Catholic?

Or are you already a baptized Catholic, but have not yet received the sacraments of First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation?

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which one becomes a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church. Participants can be those who are baptized and have no Christian background, or those who were baptized and raised in other Christian communities. The class is also intended for baptized Catholics who have not yet been Confirmed.

For more information please contact:

Fr. Joe at 609-790-4488

St. Vincent de Paul Pantry

Summer is ending and we are fast approaching Fall. Your donations are always needed and much appreciated. Non-perishable goods, toiletries, all the usual items and canned tuna fish would be gratefully accepted. Our food donation receptacle "White Cart" is located in the rectory vestibule. Thank you for your continued generous support. God bless you always in all ways! Parishioners...YOU'RE THE BEST!



Samantha Kirchman

The Robb Family

Michael, Stacey & Samantha

Altar Rosary Society Annual Breakfast Meeting

Saturday, September 6th / 10:30am to 12:30pm

Green Olive Restaurant 3513 S. Delsea Drive, Vineland

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 St. Mary's Church / Cost of the breakfast is \$24.00

Guest Speaker: Mr. Brendan D. Towell, a highly passionate and respected educational leader with particular training and experience in Catholic secondary schools.

Reservation forms are available in the vestibule of OLP church and in the Rectory office.

In our modern world, we are intoxicated with self-assertion, idolatrous of science & technology, & impatient with the seemingly inapparent (if not invisible) world of the spirit. If we work hard enough, call in the experts, honor the science, & apply the technology, then we will solve our problems. Anything else is wasteful, ineffective, superstition.

"Not so," says the Lord of the Universe.

For the biggest & the baddest, Christ tells us that we have to pull out all the stops. If we want to counter dark forces, achieve noble ends, and arrive at greater holiness, then we must pray & we must fast.

What did Jesus mean by "this kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer & fasting"? I have no idea. But there clearly is a hierarchy of wickedness, & the greatest weaponry in its conquest is spiritual, not the product of the human will.

So the next time you contend with something troubling—and I mean seismically troubling—take a page out of Jesus' book. Pray & fast. And trust that mighty forces will come to your aid.

Amid cries for help spilling forth from the pages of Scripture, Hans Urs von Balthasar's pronouncement rings true: "When one surveys even from a distance how often & how openly Sacred Scripture speaks of fear & anxiety, an initial conclusion presents itself:

The Word of God is not afraid of fear or anxiety."

So repair to the Psalms for comfort. And sigh—or groan—in your prayers. Desire to pray even when you can't find the words.

The Lord is with you. And understands.

Stewardship

Weekly Collection Goal: \$10,000.00
Monthly Collection Goal: \$40,000.00
August 3— \$5,223.54
August 10—\$6,502.00
August 17—\$8,597.00
August 24, \$10,996.00

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

09/10/25: K of C Membership Meeting, Rosary Hall, 7:00PM
09/16/25: St. Joseph's Society, Membership Meeting, Rosary Hall, 7:00PM
10/08/25: K of C Membership Meeting, Rosary Hall, 7:00PM
10/21/25: St. Joseph's Society, Membership Meeting, Rosary Hall, 7:00PM
11/12/25: K of C Membership Meeting, Rosary Hall, 7:00PM
11/18/25: St. Joseph's Society, Membership Meeting, Rosary Hall, 7:00PM
12/10/25: K of C Membership Meeting, Rosary Hall, 7:00PM
12/16/25: St. Joseph's Society, Membership Meeting, Rosary Hall, 7:00PM



September 5th, 2025

St. Padre Pio Parish

Rosary Hall

BINGO

Doors open at 5:00PM / Bingo starts at 7:00PM



Wanted Kitchen Workers for Bingo

Where: Rosary Hall

When: Fridays from 4:30pm until 8:30pm
anytime in between. If you are able to give
some time to help serve our many Bingo players,
please contact: Leslie Trucano at
(609) 364-0598



Bingo Helpers Needed

We are in need of

additional floor personnel 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

Second Collection

**There will be a 2nd collection the weekend of September 7th
for the Catholic University of America**

Local Volunteers Needed

Catholic Charities is looking for volunteers to work 1 day a week (3-4 hrs), answering phones and greeting visitors. This will go a long way in freeing up the busy case workers to spend more time helping clients. For more information or to volunteer visit:

www.catholiccharitiessouthjersey.org/volunteer or email
Sharon.McHugh@CamdenDiocese.org



SODA & BOTTLED WATER DRIVE

Please drop all donations of water and soda in the vestibule of the Parish office.

ATTENTION ALL 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 Our Lady of Pompeii Church
Please return the completed form to the Parish office.



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.

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

Desserts are to be dropped off at Rosary Hall on Saturday, September 20th between 9AM & 2PM.

ATTENTION FESTIVAL BOOTH CAPTAINS

The last festival planning meeting will be on

Monday, September 8th in Rosary Hall.

Booth Captains, please submit your list of supplies needed for your booth to the Parish office or to David Saglimbeni prior to the meeting.

Having your supplies available on the day of the Festival avoids unnecessary stress and insures proper use of your valuable time.



**St. Mary School Grandparents' Association
Mum Sale**

August 25th til September 19th

**Order forms available in August / OLP vestibule
& on the school website**

Cost: \$9.00 per Mum

**Pick-up September 26th, Rosary Hall
12 noon until 4pm**



OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish office will be closed on Monday, September 1st & will reopen at 9AM on Tuesday, September 2nd.