

Saint Padre Pio Parish

The Diocesan Shrine of St. Pio of Pietrelcina

September 13, 2026–24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4680 Dante Avenue
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Parochial Vicar Rev. Dimitri Demesmin
Deacon Richard T. Sampson

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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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 12th Vigil
5:00pm/OLP
People of the Parish
Teresa Badaracco
By Dennis
Marcella & Joseph Mish
By Joe Mish
Maryann Walz
By Gus & Carmella Colon
Fr. Peter Saporito
By The Heibel Family
Gennaro Bifulco
By Paul & Kim Abrams & Family
Madeline Oertle
By Loving Husband Frank
Catherine McMahan
By Vanessa Casella
Michele Sutter
By The Thomas Family
Peter Bonanno
By Denise Smaniotto
Jose Matos
By Mr. & Mrs. Mark Benedetto, Sr.
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
John Dalesandro
By Leo & Doris Duquette
Fr. Peter Saporito
By The Ploch Family
Lou Tramontana, Sr.
By Wife Josie & Family
Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Monday, September 14th
8:15am/StM
Christina Asselta
By The Bassetti & Asselta Families
Our Lady of Sorrows
Tuesday, September 15th
8:15am/StM
Martin Tubertini
By Ann Derr & Family
Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian
Wednesday, September 16th
8:15am/StM
Angelina "Lee" Tolotti
By Loving Family
Weekday
Thursday, September 17th
8:15am/StM
Wilbur Olsen
By Wife Annie
Padre Pio Novena & Benediction
Weekday
7:00pm/HCC
Friday, September 18th
9:15am/School
James Fleming
By Allen & Theresa Heibel & Family
Vigil
Saturday, September 19th
5:00pm/OLP
Madeline Oertle
By Loving Husband Frank
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, September 20th
7:30am/OLP
People of the Parish
Fr. Peter Saporito
By Pete & Mannetta Bylone
Gennaro Bifulco
By Margaret & Ignatius Bik & Family
Nancy Lynn Asselta
By Donnie & Judy Fiocchi
Josephine Hofstetter
By Silvio Belfi & Phyllis Rambone
Michele Sutter
By Ignatius & Margaret Bik & Family
Bucky Lynch
By Helen Levari & Family

Louis Scattolini

By Lou & Joye Scattolini
Jose Matos
By Lou & Joanne Tolotti
Rev. Peter Saporito
By Bruce & Linda Tiemann
Dolores, Catherine
& Michael Gardella
By Albert & Judy Tamagni

9:00am/OLP

11:00am/OLP

With Opened Bible / Fr. Dimitri 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**"Forgive your neighbor's injustice;
then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven."
(Sirach 27)**

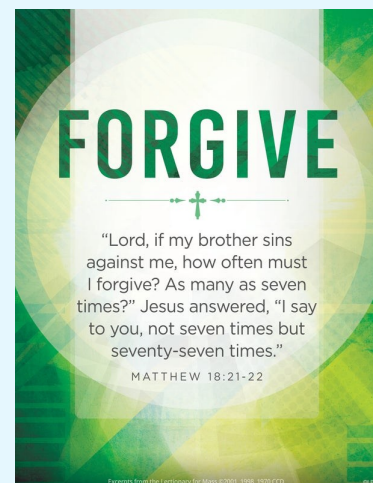
This Sunday's theme invites us to reflect on our relationships with others. The first reading and the Gospel challenge us: the believer must know how to forgive and live by forgiveness to be forgiven themselves.

Turning to the Holy Scriptures, we discover that the concept of forgiveness evolved from the Law of Moses to the teaching of Jesus. For Moses, relationships among the Jewish people were defined by retributive justice. Thus, the law declared: "An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth" (Exodus 21:24). This concept belonged to an era of self-administered justice, where the perpetrator of a crime had to suffer a penalty equivalent to the harm they had inflicted. Yet, upon closer inspection, had this law not been superseded by the Gospel's teaching, our world would be filled with one-eyed people.

Fortunately, the coming of Jesus transformed this situation. Forgiveness is offered and lived out not only by the wrongdoer but also by the very person who is the victim. When we forgive, we set ourselves free. "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times" (Matthew 18:21-22).

Under the Gospel, the Christian is called to forgive perfectly—without limit; such is the significance of the number seventy.

Forgiving others also prepares us to receive forgiveness for our own offenses. This is what Jesus teaches us in the Lord's Prayer: "and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors" (Matthew 6:12). And He added: "If you forgive others their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you." But if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions." (Matthew 6: 14-15) With Jesus, forgiveness becomes self-liberation.



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:**

October 7, 2026

November 4, 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, 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 Gruccio, Howard Hammerstedt, Leokadia Krawczyk, Henry Lamb, Dominic Loperuolo, 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, Sharon Speziali, Carol Suppa, Pat Tirelli, Gloria Ventura, Christopher Waxmonsky, Eddie R. Williams

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Richard Rivera, SPC Michael Ruga, Sgt. James Conklin; Lt. Nicolette B. Pizzo

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Captain Matthew Richmond

Marines: PFC William F. Butler, III, Lt. Col. Christopher Kühlen Caldwell

PFC Elton King, LCpl Michael Quinlan



The Altar Rosary Society
Lending Library Cart, is now
located next to the Reconciliation Room.



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



The updating & improvement of the pond is under way. Stop by and have a look. The completed project will help to honor Fr. Peter Saporito. Checks should be made out to St. Padre Pio Parish, ARS. On the Memo line please write "Pond".
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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.

Classes begin on October 5th

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



FOOTBALLMANIA
Stay tuned for the names of
the lucky winners. Maybe it will be you!!
GOOD LUCK!!!



Bishop Joseph A. Williams
will be administering the
Sacrament of Confirmation
at St. Padre Pio Parish
Our Lady of Pompeii Church
on Tuesday, September 29, 2026
at 5PM.

Congratulations to our Confirmandi

May the Holy Spirit give you grace,
strength, and guidance
as you live out your faith.

The Women's Gospel Group

WHEN: MONDAYS

6:30-7:30pm OLOP Chapel

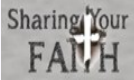
Are you looking for a way to strengthen
your relationship with our Lord?

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.



MUSIC MINISTRY

CHOIR SCHEDULE / 2026/2027

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 Masses

Sunday, September 6th

September 13th

September 20th, Bishop Williams, Celebrant

September 27th



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

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



Bishop Joseph Williams has graciously accepted our invitation to celebrate the 11AM Mass on Sunday, September 20th, the day of our annual Padre Pio Festival. Please join us in welcoming the Bishop to our parish community.

The Italian Mass will take place at 2PM in Our Lady of Pompeii Church the day of the Festival with Fr. Sinatra as the main celebrant.



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



Desserts for Café Pio at our annual St. Padre Pio Festival may be dropped off at Rosary Hall.

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

We are not all called to the same state {of life}
and the Holy Spirit doesn't work
in all souls in the same way.

He "blows as he wills and where he wills" {Jn 3:8}.

Live completely at peace because there will be light.

St. Padre Pio

Lord, help me to live in your light. And when it appears there is only darkness, let me trust, as Pio says,
"There will be light" eventually.



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.

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

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 / 08/23: \$8,818.00
08/30: \$7,057.00

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

09/15/26: St. Joseph's Society, Monthly Meeting
Rosary Hall, 7:00PM
10/12/26: Parish Council Meeting, Rectory, 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



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, September 18th
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



Lectors

If you are 15 years of age or older, a fully initiated practicing Catholic who has received Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation, Deacon Rich wants you! Training is provided.

Please prayerfully consider becoming a proclaimer of the Word by bringing the Sacred Scriptures to life for your parish community.

For more information please call the parish office at
856-691-7526



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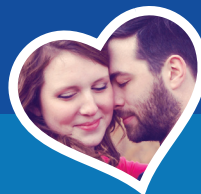
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