# Saint Padre Pio Parish The Diocesan Shrine of St. Pio of Pietrelcina

September 21, 2025 –25th Sunday In Ordinary Time

4680 Dante Avenue Vineland, NJ 08361



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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

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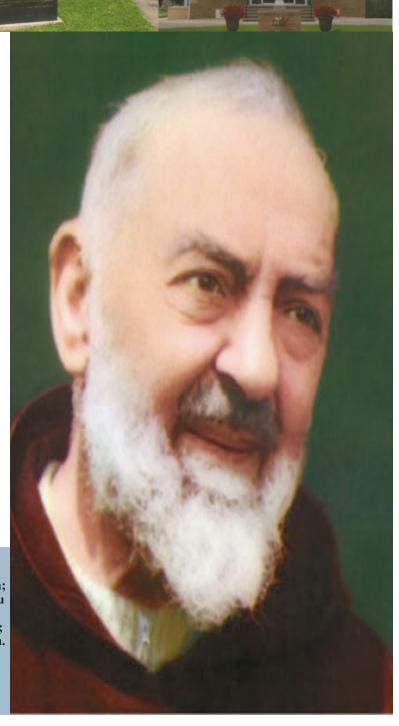
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## Welcome!

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.



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Saturday, September 20th

5:00pm/OLP

11:00am/OLP

8:15am/StM

Sunday, September 21st 7:30am/OLP

Vigil **Edward Bachinsky** By Gloria Sison

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

People of the Parish **Blanche Cameron** By The Neder Family Daniel Biagi By Mariann Lilley **Robert Venturi** 

By John, Margie & Emily Venturi

James Bertonazzi

By Carlo & Ellen Bertonazzi

**Stephen Field** 

By Pete & Mannetta Bylone Salvatore "Sal" DeMauro By Carol & Nick DeBello

Mauro Conte

By The Kraynock Family

Renee Campana

By David Saglimbeni & Sons

9:00am/OLP Lillian Picconi

> By Niece Deborah Arnold Carmen Vastano Montagna

& Louis Amico

By Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Montagna

2:00pm/OLP **Italian Mass** Monday, September 22nd Weekday 8:15am/StM Charles E. Derr

By Loving Wife & Family St. Pius of Pietrelcina Tuesday, September 23rd Walter Badaracco

By Fran & Nick Magolda Wednesday, September 24th Weekday 8:15am/StM

Elizabeth Gaetano

By Rich & Andrea Cheli & Family Weekday

Thursday, September 25th 8:15am/StM

James C. Bertonazzi III By Jim & Ellen Levari

7:00pm/HCC Friday, September 26th Padre Pio Novena with Benediction Sts. Cosmas & Damian

8:15am/StM

Rosa Martinez & Philip Grimshaw By Humberto & Elvira Pinzon

Saturday, September 27th 5:00pm/OLP

Vigil People of the Parish **David Franceschini** 

By Rudy & Arlene Tamanini

**Beatrice Wellock** 

By Marie Tonetta & Family

**Judy Trasferini** 

By Carmie, Greg & Family

Rita Castellini

By Mary Jane Swanson

Thomas Gildea

By Norman & Pat Sterchele

Albert Karwowski By Betty Boughton

Barbara & Louis Nicolosi By Richard & Diane Ferrante

James Scarpa By Helen Petrites Renee Campana

By The Monteleone Family

Luigi Tramontana By Wife & Family

Sunday, September 28th 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am/OLP Leo & Tillie Coslop

By Children

9:00am/OLP **Edward Bachinsky** 

By Gloria Bylone & Family

11:00am/OLP Rita Quinn

By Steve & Janice Bertonazzi

#### With Opened Bible: Fr. Dimitri

"Make a saraph and mount it on a pole, and if any who have been bitten look at it, they will live." (Numbers 21)

Today, the Church joyfully celebrates the exaltation of the glorious Cross. This feast is a powerful reminder of the transformative nature of our salvation, a salvation that was wrought through the instrument of death, the Cross, which became a radiant sign of life through the death of Jesus. Unlike Good Friday, which is dedicated to the passion of Christ and the crucifixion, this feast day exalts the Cross itself, a beacon of hope and transformation.

In the first reading, Moses interceded for Israel because of their sin. They forgot the wonders of the past, murmuring against God and his servant. As a result, God sent them fiery serpents that killed them by the thousands. (Numbers 21:4-9) To save them from the burning bite of these serpents, God commanded Moses to make a bronze serpent and raise it on a pole so that all who were bitten could stare at it and live. Making a bronze serpent, one might say, is against the Law since it states: "You shall not make for yourself an idol or a likeness of anything in the heavens above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth." (Exodus 20:4) Here, we do not have an idol but an instrument willed by God for the salvation of His People. The bronze serpent on the mast, also known as the caduceus, was an image of the Cross of Christ.

In the Gospel of Saint John, chapter 3, it is written: "And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." (John 3:14-15) The Cross becomes the instrument of salvation in Jesus Christ.

"And whenever the serpent bit someone, the person looked at the bronze serpent and recovered." (Numbers 21:9) Those who have been bitten by sin need only turn to the Cross to be healed and saved. It is not the physical act of looking, but the faith and trust in the power of the Cross that brings about healing. Saint John proudly proclaims this to us, echoing the words of the prophet Zechariah: "They will look upon him whom they have pierced." (John 19:37; Zechariah 12:10; Revelation 1:7)

The sign of the Cross, or the Cross itself, is not just a historical event, but a living testament that constantly reminds us of the love by which we have been saved and the price that this love paid. Therefore, let us never cease to proclaim with faith and joy: "For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified." (1 Corinthians 2:2)

This week's article should have appeared in last week's bulletin. It appears this week because as the article reminds us, the Cross is a living testament that constantly reminds us of the love by which we have been saved and the price that this love paid.

#### 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 1, 2025 November 5, 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, Gloria Ventura, Maryann Walz, Christopher Waxmonsky



## God Bless Our Women & Men in Service

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Captain Rocco Sangataldo, Gen. Michael A. Fantini, Sr.,
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Captain Matthew Richmond

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PFC Elton King, LCpl Michael Quinlan



#### **CONFIRMATION**

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

#### **Receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit**

Wisdom, Understanding
Counsel, Fortitude
Knowledge, Piety, Fear of God

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In Memory of James Scarpa

St. Padre Pio Candle

Flowers in front of the Holy Family

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!

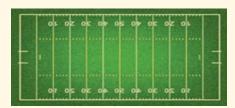


The Mass Intention Book for 2026 is now open.
Please call the Parish office to schedule
856-691-7526



#### **FOOTBALLMANIA**

Congratulations to our 1st week winners
Barbara Bailey
Allie McBeagle



#### STITCHING MINISTRY

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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.



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

#### St. Vincent de Paul Pantry

Fall arrives on September 22nd and your generous 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!

South Jersey Catholic Ministries Appeal Updated contributions total as of 9/8/2025 \$53,899.00 / 53.6%



#### **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

OCTOBER: ALL CHOIR MASSES—11:00AM

ALL ADULT CHOIR REHEARSALS—7:00PM



#### OCIA

#### **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults**

On Monday, October 13th we will begin our OCIA Program
It is for men & women who wish to become members of our Catholic
Faith and those who wish to finish their
sacraments of initiation, mainly Confirmation.
We are offering these classes also to any parishioner
who is interested in

updating their knowledge of the Catholic Faith. We will list in the bulletin the various topics & the presenter so that you can choose the sessions you want to attend.

## OCIA Sessions will take place on Mondays from 7-8PM in Rosary Hall on Cornucopia Avenue

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

### **OCIA Schedule**

Monday October 13, 2025 7:00PM: Religion, Bible,
Tradition
Rosary Hall
Presenter: Fr. Joe-all Staff

Monday October 20, 2025 7:00PM: God & The Holy Trinity
Rosary Hall: Deacon Rich

Monday October 27, 2025 7:00PM: Prayer & Public Worship of God
Rosary Hall
Presenter: Fr. Dimitri

The field of battle between God & satan is the human soul. It is in the soul that the battle rages every moment of life. The soul must give free access to the Lord so that it can be fortified by him in every respect & with all kinds of weapons; that his light may enlighten it to combat the darkness of error; that it be clothed with Jesus Christ, with his justice, truth, the shield of faith, the word of God, in order to conquer such powerful enemies. To be clothed with Jesus Christ it is necessary to die to oneself. Do not fear. Jesus is more powerful than all hell. At the invocation of his name every knee in heaven, on earth & in hell must bend before Jesus; this is a consolation for the good & terror for evil.

St. Padre Pio

#### Stewardship

Weekly Collection Goal: \$10,000.00 Monthly Collection Goal: \$40,000.00 August 31st— \$6,856.00 September 7th—\$9,147.00 September 14, 2025—\$8,564.00

#### **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

10/08/25: K of C Membership Meeting, Rosary Hall, 7:00PM

10/17/25: SAVE THE DATE: Annual Gift Auction

St. Mary Grandparents' Association, School Gym, 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



Bingo September 26th

St. Padre Pio Parish Rosary Hall BINGO

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



Bingo Kitchen Workers
Where: Rosary Hall
When: Fridays from 4:30pm until 8:30pm or
anytime in between.
Please contact: Leslie Trucano at
(609) 364-0598



## 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



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



#### **Baptism**

This week we welcome Dominic Michael Bergamo to the Church and our St. Padre Pio parish family.



#### **Baptism**

This week we welcome Oliver Drew Anderson to the Church and our St. Padre Pio parish family.

#### ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE

If you would like your deceased loved ones remembered at the Masses on All Souls Day and throughout the month of November, <u>please submit their names to the Parish office no later than Wednesday, October 29th for inclusion in the bulletin.</u>

...Also, please bring in pictures of your deceased loved ones for the All Souls display Please remember to print clearly.



## **ANNUAL GIFT AUCTION**

#### The St. Mary Grandparents' Association

invites you to the
Annual Gift auction on Friday, October 17, in
the school gym at
735 Union Rd., Vineland.
Doors open at 5PM and drawing begins
at 7PM. Try your luck with raffles for super
prizes, and a 50/50!

Tickets will be sold at the event. Great food is also available for purchase. See you there!

# **Bags and Bucks Bingo**

Friday, October 3, 2025

St. Mary School

735 Union Road, Vineland

6PM—10 PM (Doors open at 5PM)

Ticket cost: \$35.00 for 10 games

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