

Saint Padre Pio Parish

The Diocesan Shrine of St. Pio of Pietrelcina

December 14, 2025 –3rd Sunday of Advent

4680 Dante Avenue
Vineland, NJ 08361



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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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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

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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**3rd Sunday
OF ADVENT**



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, December 13th 5:00pm/OLP	Vigil John & Anna Franceschini By Marie Franceschini & Family
Sunday, December 14th 7:30am/OLP	3rd Sunday of Advent People of the Parish Nate & Mary Sparacio By Steve & Janice Bertonazzi Antoinette & Steve Gallino By Maria, Kathryn & John Margaret Dobson By Jeannine Hennessy Leo & Tillie Coslop By Great-grandson & Grandchildren Dale Santangelo By Ann Conte & Family Renee Campana By Drs. Jack & Lily Quinlan & Family
9:00am/OLP	Joseph Pustizzi & Herb Bylone By Ken & Stephanie Pustizzi
11:00am/OLP	Deceased Members of the Magolda/Badaracco Families By Lucille Magolda
Monday, December 15th 8:15am/OLP	Advent Weekday Renee Campana By Joan Smaniotto & Family
Tuesday, December 16th 8:15am/StM	Advent Weekday Zofia, Jozef & Jadwiga Dabrowski By Gerard & Jadwiga Lotkowski
Wednesday, December 17th 8:15am/StM	Late Advent Weekday Francie Farnoly By Donalyn Grace
Thursday, December 18th 8:15am/StM	Late Advent Weekday Walter Badaracco By Tiffany & Nick Magolda
7:00pm/HCC	Padre Pio Novena with Benediction
Friday, December 19th 8:15am/StM	Late Advent Weekday Elvira de Martinez By Humberto & Elvira Pinzon
Saturday, December 20th 5:00pm/OLP	Vigil People of the Parish Nick & Carol DeBello (Wedding Anniversary) David Franceschini, Sr. By Mark & Dawn Brewin Renee Campana By Gerry Quinlan & Family Joanne Ferrari By Son Louis Special Intention By Joanne Setecka James Pagliughi By Ross, Chad & Evan Bertonazzi Emilio Miglio By Betty Boughton
Sunday, December 21st 7:30am/OLP	4th Sunday of Advent Peter Sikking, Sr. By Loving Wife Betty
9:00am/OLP	Barbara Carli By Steve, Patty, Carina & Cara Barse
11:00am/OLP	Mike Duffek By Loving Wife Ruth

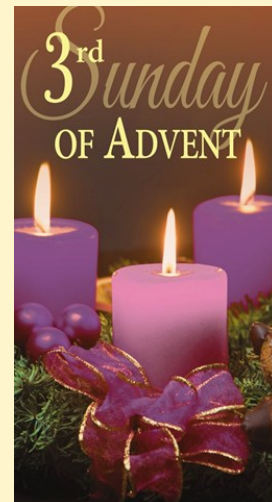
With Opened Bible Fr. Dimitri

**"Amen, I say to you,
among those born of women
there has been none greater than John the Baptist;
yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than
he." (Matthew 12,11)**

Several figures of men and women marked the coming of the Lord, who remain prominent in the Advent liturgy. Among these figures is John the Baptist, whom Jesus called "the greatest among those born of women." Why did Jesus speak this way about John? John, or Jonathan (in Hebrew, meaning "Gift of God"), is the miraculous son of Zechariah, a priest of the tribe of Levi, and his wife Elizabeth, an apprentice to the Virgin Mary. (See Luke 1:5-7) John became the greatest for several reasons.

1. He is the last prophet of the Old Testament and the first of the New. Thus, he became the bridge between the two.
2. John was an apprentice to Christ; he was his second cousin.
3. John was the only prophet who announced the coming of the Lord and who saw him with his own eyes. (See John 1:29, 34)
4. John had the privilege of baptizing the Lord, who is the very Author of baptism. (See Mark 1:9)
5. John was the first to offer his life as a sacrifice (martyrdom) to testify that Jesus is the truth. (See Matthew 12:2; 14:1-12) All the reasons above make John the greatest of the children born of woman.

But it is because of his first encounter with the unborn Christ that we rejoice today on this Sunday of Joy. "When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, 'Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.'" (Luke 1,41-42) With the desert, the parched land, and the steppe, let us exult and rejoice. (Isaiah 35.1-2) For, our salvation is at hand. "(James 5, 8)



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:**

January 7, 2026

February 4, 2026

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

Diane Alexander, Jennifer Bailey, John Baron, Justin Bellusci, Anthony Beninati, Peggy Beninat, 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, Jim Daly, Anthony Damato, Annette Domassi, Anne M. Dondero, Agnes Dondero, Hannah Elbuef, Katie Faldetta, Donald Fiocchi, Sr., Linda Gallina, Patricia Gandy, Madeline Graciolett, Larry Gray, Shirleey Gray, Howard Hammerstedt, Leokadia Krawczyk, Lucille Magolda, Charles Maines, Jose Matos, Emil Milano, Kathy Milano, Paul Milano, Sr., Paul Milano, Jr., Rita Milano, Victoria Milano, John McKown, Jr. Rose Molner, Jim McMahan, Mary Polizzi, Phil Polizzi, Gerry Policarpio, 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

USAF: Stf. Sgt. Michael Rhodes, Sr.

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Airman Dominic DiGiovacchino

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Lt. Colonel Elizabeth Golden, Sgt. Rachel Wright

Air Force National Guard: MSGT. Joseph R. Tolotti

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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

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Sanctuary Lamp/St. Mary's

Flowers in front of the
Holy Family

In Thanksgiving

Requested by
Frank & Madeline Oertle

St. Padre Pio Candle

The Cenacle

The term cenacle comes from the Latin *cenaculum* or "dining room". It is a term often used to describe the Upper Room where Jesus met with His Apostles.

It is as old as the Church itself.

In today's Church the cenacle is described as a small faith-sharing group.

We invite you to join us at St. Mary's School on Tuesdays

There will be no meeting on Tuesday, November 25th

The next meeting will be on December 2nd from 6:00 to 7:00pm

Come join us. Drop the kids off at CCD or come on your own.

We will gather together to grow in our understanding of our faith, to talk openly about living out our faith in our homes, our workplaces and the community, and to support each other in walking with Christ.

December 16th topic: **Trusting God on the Journey**

Come, be a part of a warm faith community

We hope to see you there.

Contact: John Laning (856) 993-0254 / call or text

Hosted by John & the Knights of Columbus

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

Next weekend, December 20th & 21st, all parishioners are invited to bring their figurine of Baby Jesus which will adorn their nativity scene at home to be blessed at all Masses.

This tradition began in the mid-1900's at the Vatican.

It was St. John Paul II who popularized it by encouraging children to bring their figurines to Mass for a special blessing.

The Third Sunday of Advent

The Third Sunday of Advent theme is joy. It is often called **Gaudete Sunday** from the Latin word for "rejoice."

The theme is one of rejoicing because the coming of the Lord is near. It is a joyful reminder that salvation is approaching.

This Sunday we find a color shift to a pink candle instead of the traditional purple reflecting the shift to a joyful and celebratory mood.

This joy is not just about temporary happiness but a deeper joy found in God's promises and the hope of salvation.

STITCHING MINISTRY

Join us as we knit & crochet together
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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.
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

ALL ADULT CHOIR REHEARSALS—7:00PM

No Choir Rehearsal December 30th

DECEMBER: ALL CHOIR MASSES—11:00AM

Midnight Mass: December 25th 12:00AM /OLP

Preludes begin at 11:30PM



The Women's Gospel Group

WHEN:

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 the Zoom link to you.

St. Vincent de Paul Pantry

The St. Vincent de Paul ministry would like to thank all of you for your generous support. We receive food through the Community Food Bank of NJ located in Pleasantville but we always run short. That's when your donations are needed.

We always need canned tuna fish and canned pasta (preferably with pop tops), peanut butter and jelly, cereal, pasta and tomato sauce. Any and all toiletries are always appreciated. Please place items in the white cart located in the rectory vestibule.

St. Vincent de Paul is known as the "apostle of charity" and "father of the poor"

"Charity is the cement which binds communities to God and persons to one another". - St Vincent de Paul

CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

St. Vincent de Paul needs your help! We hope to make Christmas a little merrier for the children of our pantry clients. This Christmas we are once again asking for a donation of a \$20 WALMART gift card. Please put the cards in an envelope, write SVdP on it and place in the collection basket or drop off at the rectory office. Thank you for remembering the children! As always~Parishioners...YOU'RE THE BEST!!!

Carol DeBello 609 805-2693



Please join us at
Our Lady of Pompeii Church
on **Christmas Eve at 11:30 PM**
for **Christmas preludes**
sung by the **St. Padre Pio Adult Choir.**
Come welcome our Savior in song.



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

December 15, 2025 7:00PM

What We Believe—Marks of the Church

Rosary Hall

Fr. Joe

There will no classes held on
December 22nd or December 29th

January 5, 2026 7:00PM

Marian Devotions/The Rosary

Rosary Hall

Fr. Dimitri

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

Ramona Sansalone

Nona Casazza

Jeffrey Giuliani

Stewardship

Yearly Collection Goal: \$525,161.00

Weekly Collection Goal: \$10,940.00

Monthly Collection Goal: \$43,763.00

December 7th:

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

12/16/25: St. Joseph Society Meeting: **CANCELLED**

01/14/26: ARS Rosary in Holy Child Chapel, 7:00PM

01/14/26: K of C Membership Meeting, Rosary Hall, 7:00PM

01/20/26: St. Joseph's Society, Membership Meeting,
Rosary Hall, 7:00PM

02/17/26: K of C Membership Meeting, Rosary Hall, 7:00PM

02/25/26: ARS Monthly Meeting, Rosary Hall, 7:00PM



Bingo December 19th

St. Padre Pio Parish

Rosary Hall

BINGO

Doors open at 5:00PM

Bingo starts at 7:00PM



Christmas Flower Mass Intentions

If you would like your loved ones (living or deceased) remembered with flower memorials at the Christmas Masses, please submit your request to the Parish office no later than **December 17th**.



FOOTBALLMANIA

Congratulations to our
13th Week Winners

Len & Janet Streeper



Padre Pio Christmas Pageant

Christmas Eve Mass, December 24, 4PM @ OLP Church

Rehearsal: December 10th 6:30pm/OLP Church

Dress Rehearsal: December 17th 6:30PM OLP Church

We are looking for volunteers to help **organize** and assist with this year's Christmas Pageant.

All youth in 1st through 8th grade, there's a place for you in the telling of the Christmas story and Jesus'

birth. The best part is **YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY ANY LINES!**

7th through 12th grade are needed to help with the younger children during the pageant. **(A CHANCE TO EARN SERVICE HOURS AND HAVE FUN AT THE SAME TIME!)**

PARENTS, WE DIDN'T FORGET YOU.

If you can help in even the smallest way, please let us know.

Please call the Parish office at 856-691-7526

or contact Fr. Joe at 609-790-4488



It's not always a Winter Wonderland for everyone.

Vineland Code Blue is a non profit organization that has been serving the homeless for over a decade by providing a warming center for the homeless when overnight temperatures drop to 32 degrees.

This year, two of our young parishioners Giabella and Milana DeMaria who attend Our Lady of Mercy Academy will be collecting "New" gloves, scarves and blankets for Vineland Code Blue.

Donations may be dropped off in the marked box in the vestibule of Our Lady of Pompeii Church.

Thank you for helping those less fortunate.

"Love has to be put into action and that action is service."



The Christmas Mittens have returned!!

If you would like to pick a mitten or 2 they will be available in the vestibule of OLP Church, and in the Parish office

9am til 5pm / Monday thru Friday

The ages for the boys & girls are infant to 12yrs

We ask that gifts be wrapped, or gift bagged

Please bring to the Parish office no later than

Friday, December 19th

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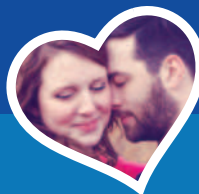


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