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

May 25, 2025 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

4680 Dante Avenue Vineland, NJ 08361

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Church of Our Lady of Pompeii 4680 Dante Avenue Vineland, N.J. 08361

> Parish Office Hours 9AM to 5PM / M-F (856) 691-7526

Fax:(856) 692-2686 pppnj.org Mass Schedule Saturday 5:00PM Sunday 7:30, 9:00,11:00AM Holy Child Chapel/OLP Monday thru Friday 9:00AM til 5:00PM Recitation of the Rosary every Monday 10:00AM Mass Schedule Mon: w/MM Novena & Mass/7:00PM Thurs: w/PP Novena & Mass 7:00PM St. Mary

736 Union Road Vineland, N.J. 08361 **Mass Schedule** Tues: 8:15AM Wed: 8:15AM Fri: Mass w/SM Students/8:15AM First Saturday: 9:00AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday afternoon 4:15-4:45 pm / Anytime by appointment St. Mary School 735 Union Road Vineland, NJ. www.smrschool.org Phone: (856) 692-8537 Fax: (856) 692-5034 Mr. Steven Hogan, Principal Ms. Kathy Gregorio, Advancement Director kgregorio@smrschool.org Director of Religious Education Ms. Cathy DiAntonio ctgssppReIEd@gmail.com (856) 500-6566 Safe Environment Coordinator Barbara Bailey

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.

MEMORIAL DAY

HEAVENLY FATHER, INSCRIBE THEIR SACRIFICES INTO OUR HEARTS SO WE MAY NEVER FORGET THE LOSS OF THESE HEROES

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 24th	Vigil
5:00pm/OLP	People of the Parish
	John & Anna Franceschini
	By Marie Franceschini & Family
	Daniel Biagi, Sr.
	By Jimmy & Lorraine Halferty
	Gerald Amari
	By Sandra Pantalione
	Louis Amico
	By Joseph & Bernadette Battistini
	Rita Castellini
	By Judy Agostini
	Walter Badaracco
Sam Jan Mary 254h	By John Kinka
Sunday, May 25th	Sixth Sunday of Easter
7:30am/OLP	Debra Monteleone
9:00am/OLP	By Mardi Palmer Barbara Carli
9.00all/OLF	
11:00am/OLP	By Steve, Patty, Carina & Cara Barse Frank Giordano (15th Anniversary)
	By Carmela, Paula, Michael
	& Family
Monday, May 26th	St. Philip Neri
7:00pm/HCC	Frances Dutra
Mass w/MM Novena	By Mark Wendling
	& JoAnn Saglimbeni
Tuesday, May 27th	Easter Weekday
8:15am/StM	Jerry Amari
	By Ann Derr & Family
Wednesday, May 28th	Easter Weekday
8:15am/StM	Emily Bruley
	By Jim & Lorraine Halferty
Thursday, May 29th	Easter Weekday
7:00pm/HCC	Mary Greene Cotton &
	Rose Cugino Serra
Mass w/PP Novena	By Daughter & Niece Bonnie
Friday, May 30th	Easter Weekday
8:15am/StM	Ronald Franceschini
Saturday May 21st	By Marie Franceschini & Family Vigil
Saturday, May 31st 5:00pm/OLP	
5.00pm/OLF	George & Pauline Martini, Alton & Caroline Diehl
	Deceased Members of the Pizzo &
	Diehl Families, & Rosalie Mangano
	By Frank & Lynn Martini
Sunday, June 1st	The Ascension of the Lord
7:30am/OLP	People of the Parish
	Kenneth Levari
	By Charles & Andrea Mish
	Debra Monteleone
	By The Benedetto Family
	Rita Quinn
	By Edie Thayer & Sally Gartner
	Maria Ciancaglini
0.00 am / OLP	By Josie Tramontana & Family
9:00am/OLP	Joanne Marie Testa
11:00am/OLP	By Luz Guaracini & Family Jerry Amari
	By Joe & Susan Tolotti

With Opened Bible Fr. Dimitri

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."

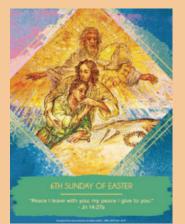
The Gospel of this Easter Sunday prepares us to welcome the Spirit of Pentecost. Jesus promised his disciples another Advocate who could lead them and remind them of all truth. This promise, along with the promise of peace, offers us a comforting reassurance. But the question remains: what peace is Jesus talking about?

There seems to be controversy in the Master's statements. He once said: "Do not think that I have come to bring peace upon the earth. I have come to bring not peace but the sword." (Matthew 10:34) The word "sword" can mean either "the word of God" or "war and suffering." In this context, Jesus was referring to war. But what war? Those who will rise up against Christians because of the truth. The truth of the Gospel will divide father and mother, parents and children. (Cf. Matthew 10:35-36) If this is the situation, how can we understand the gift of peace promised by Jesus?

The prophet Isaiah declared seven hundred years before his birth: "For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. His dominion is vast and forever peaceful." (Isaiah 9:5-6) Jesus is the Prince of Peace, that is, the one who has the power to bring peace to all things. Indeed, the apostle to the Gentiles, Saint Paul, declares: "Jesus is our peace" (Ephesians 2:14).

Now, we can understand the meaning of this peace that Jesus wishes to offer us. It is, of course, the Spirit who dwells in the depths of our hearts, transforming us and our understanding of peace. Moreover, he says it clearly: "Not as the world gives, do I give it to you." (John 14:27) What peace does the world offer? The absence of noise despite inner conflicts. The absence of words despite wounds that are invisible to the naked eye. Such is the peace offered to us by worldly governments.

The Peace of Jesus is different. It dwells within us and makes us steadfast in the face of the changes of this time. True peace is the Spirit who makes us his home, a peace that endures. And when we have this inner peace, nothing can disturb us. King David experienced it during his life when he sang: "Though a thousand fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, near you it shall not come." (Psalm 91:7). Even amid turmoil, the believer is at peace and fears nothing. Such is the peace given by the presence of the Spirit within us.



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:**

June 4, 2025

July 2, 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, Boone Bautro, Justin Bellusci Peggy Beninati Gary Bertonazzi, Jacob Bocchicchio, Miriam Brimlow Robert Bubel, Stanley "Lee" Burke, Shanna Lamcken-Capelli 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 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, Trinity Ruga, Jessica Flaim- Salerno, Bill Semus, Dorothy Smaniotto Paula Smaniotto, Sharon Speziali, Gloria Ventura, Maryann Walz Christopher Waxmonsky



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

<u>Navy:</u> 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

Parish Report



5/09/2025/Total Raised: \$52,967.00 / 55.3%

Easter Duty Obligation: After they have received their First Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the Obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This Precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, March 9, 2025 to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, June 15, 2025.

Sanctuary Lamp/St. Mary's Sanctuary Lamp/OLP In Loving Memory of Joseph Sorantino, Sr. Requested by Carol & Jack Gribble St. Padre Pio Candle Flowers in front of the Holy Family In Loving Memory of Ronald Franceschini In Memory of **Ruth McMahan &** Requested by Mary McMahan Loving Wife Marie & Family Requested by The McMahan Family SAVE THE DATE St. Padre Pio Festival Planning Meeting Wednesday May 28, Rosary Hall, 7:00PM We are always in need of volunteers. If you volunteered in 2024, we look forward to seeing you again this year.

Festival Date: September 21st

Volunteer sign-up sheets will be available in June, however, if you wish to sign up now, you may call the Parish office M-F 9AM til 5PM 856-691-7526

2025 VILLA ROSSELLO RAFFLE

The 2025 Villa Rossello 20-Week Raffle is in progress. The proceeds from this fundraiser are indispensable for us to meet our daily expenses and help us support our ministries and missions in our outreach to the very poor in the true spirit of Mercy handed down to us by our Foundress, St. Mary Joseph Rossello.

The 1st drawing will take place on June 8th. Tickets are available and can be obtained by calling 856-697-2983 or at dmraffle@yahoo.com.

The Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy are appreciative of your support and assure you of their prayers. Thank You.

<u>CCD Registrations 2025-2026 School Year</u> Scan QR code to register! Paper copies available in church rectory Children going into 1st grade-8th grade <u>Cost:</u> \$90 first child / \$140 for two children / \$200 for three or more children -May 1-August 1:Regular Price After August 1-September 30th: late fee of \$20 <u>per</u> <u>child</u>!

NO ONE accepted after 09/30/2025!





The Sacrament of Confession

will be available before the 9AM &11AM Masses the 1st Sunday of the month.

STITCHING MINISTRY

Come join us as we knit & crochet together Fridays 10AM til 12PM Old Convent / 741 Union Road, 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 wick-edness 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

MASSES: All Masses are at 11:00AM unless noted otherwise ADULT CHOIR REHEARSALS: Tuesdays at 7:00PM/Conclude at 8:15PM (8:30PM) unless noted otherwise **CANTORS:** Rehearsal after choir as needed **CHOIR MASSES** 06/01: Mass 11:00AM/OLP

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

Donations of protein/snack bars, cereal, pasta, & personal care products: shampoo, toothpaste & toothbrushes, deodorant. Sturdy adult backpacks. Please leave donations in the Rectory vestibule. For additional information contact Carol DeBello at (609) 805-2693



The Missing Man Table

A Memorial Day Tribute "To all our fallen heroes, your legacy lives on forever in the memory and heart of the nation. This Memorial Day, let us pay tribute to the heroes who gave everything for our nation. Their courage and sacrifice will always be remembered.

Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifices." President Harry S. Truman

"Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it. It flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it." Unknown

"In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends." Martin Luther King, Jr.

OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish office will be closed on Monday, May 26th and will reopen on Tuesday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day



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

Support the South Jersey Scholarship Fund's Spring Sprint for Scholarships Appeal now running through June 30th

Last year the fund provided scholarship assistance for 165 Catholic school students in the Diocese of Camden. For many of these families, this support enabled them to continue sending their children to Catholic school.

> For more information or to contribute, visit southjerseycatholicschools.org/springsprint. To donate offline, please send payment to : South Jersey Scholarship Fund 631 Market Street, Camden, N.J. 08102



O Jesus, Eternal Priest, keep your priests within the shelter of Your Most Sacred Heart, where none can touch them. Keep unstained their anointed hands which daily touch Your sacred body. Keep unsullied their lips daily tinged with Your precious Blood. Keep pure and unworldly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of the

priesthood. Let Your holy love surround and protect them from the world's conta-

gion. Bless their labors with abundant fruit, and may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation here, and their everlasting crown in eternity.

Collection totals for: 5/18 Weekly Collection: \$7,575.00 Total Monthly Collection: May(In Pew): \$23,951.00 Weekly Collection Goal: \$10,000.00 Total Monthly Collection Goal: \$40,000.00 Candles: \$196.00

PARISH MEETINGS & EVENTS CALENDAR

St. Vincent de Paul / Place all donations in blue box in Rectory vestibule Bingo Support Preparation Team, Tuesdays, Rosary Hall, 10:00AM

06/11/25: K of C Membership Meeting, Rosary Hall, 7:00PM 06/17/25: St. Joseph's Society, Membership Meeting, Rosary Hall, 7:00PM 07/09/25: K of C Membership Meeting, Rosary Hall, 7:00PM 07/15/25: St. Joseph's Society, Membership Meeting, Rosary Hall, 7:00PM 08/13/25: K of C Membership Meeting, Rosary Hall, 7:00PM 08/19/25: St. Joseph's Society,, Membership Meeting, Rosary Hall, 7:00PM



May 30, 2025 St. Padre Pio Parish Rosary Hall

BINGO

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

Father's Day Remembrance Mass

If you would like your father, living or deceased remembered at the Masses on Father's Day, please mail or drop off your envelopes to the Parish office **no later than Wednesday, June 11th** For inclusion in the bulletin insert **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

Supporting the Catholic Communications Campaign provides a unique opportunity to help your neighbors and people across the country connect with Christ.

When you contribute to this campaign, half of all money received goes to support the national communication programs of the bishops of the United States, while the other half stays right in our own diocese to support local communication initiatives.

Effective social media outreach is essential for any communications strategy, especially in being able to share the Gospel with the world. Social media trends continually evolve, and dynamic content such as short videos are becoming more popular than graphics and photos to engage people online.

There will be a 2nd Collection at all Masses the weekend of June 1st.



Catholic Communication Campaign

Recommended Reading

The Trouble with Children (According to Cat) By Katie Weaver

The family cat has a lot to get off her chest. Because, well, living with children can be....challenging. From attempted bathing incidents to stealing her yarn, this cat has had enough! Will Cat find there are sweet moments to be cherished amidst the chaos. A hilarious and heartwarming book that celebrates the bond between our furry friends and their humans. (Ideal for children 3-8)

> The Donkey That No One Could Ride By Anthony DeStefano

This book brings together colorful illustrations and charming rhymes that bring the timeless story of the donkey who carries Jesus into Jerusalem to a joyful finish. An inspiring and encouraging story of faith for young children.



Congratulations to our Friday Night Bingo Progressive Jackpot winner Carol McCann



Knights of Columbus Council #6621 presents Fr. Dimitri with a check for the Haitian Community Ministry. Pictured with Fr. Dimitri are Grand Knight: Steve Kammerdiener Financial Secretary: John Weber Chaplin: Fr. Joseph Ganiel



Baptism

This week we welcome Francesca Veronica Hoelscher to the Church and our St. Padre Pio parish family.



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