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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in O. T.
Sept. 22, 2019

God . . . wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth.

— 1 Timothy 2:4

Our Lady of Fatima

Pleaded that we pray the Holy Rosary before Sunday Mass and privately from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm daily.

"Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer."

- Saint Padre Pio



Our Lady of Fatima Parish

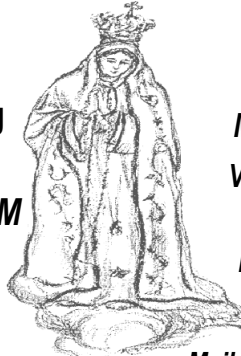
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Our Lady of Fatima Mass Schedule

Sunday: 10:30 AM - Holy Days: 6:00PM

Rosary: 10:05 AM - Rosary: 5:40 PM

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Very Reverend Alan E. Thomas, VG

Parish Secretary

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Reconciliation @ Cathedral: 7:00 PM Wednesday

12:30 PM Saturday

Religious Education @ Cathedral: Pre-K through 11

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First Communion

Confirmation

Sacramental Formation @ the Cathedral: Baptismal Prep

Marriage Prep

Christian Initiation

Hospital Visitation: Call the Cathedral: 944-4603

Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:
Patty Flanagan 942-0371 for arrangements.

Our Lady of Fatima Church is open
Monday through Friday: 9AM - 5PM
for visits before the Blessed Sacrament.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals will be held at Our Lady of Fatima.

Preparation for Baptism, and Weddings will be held at the Cathedral. 944-4603

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
Parishioners wishing to receive the sacrament of healing may call the Cathedral Parish Office to make arrangements. 944-4603

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Cathedral Eucharist:

Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil) Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil) Weekdays: 6:45 AM

8:00 AM 8:00 AM 12:00 Noon

10:00 AM 12:00 Noon

12:00 Noon 5:30 PM Saturday: 8:00 AM

5:00 PM 12:00 Noon

GOD IS ON THE SIDE OF THE POOR

Two of today's readings make it quite clear that God is on the side of the poor. Amos describes in detail the exploitation of the poor and needy. The psalm repeats that God acts to benefit the poor and lowly. But Luke turns things upside down, telling a tale of a conflicted steward, about to be fired, who demonstrates his cleverness and is rewarded. Like the community to whom Paul writes in Timothy, these readings are personal, directed to believers, members of the Jewish and Christian communities, who struggle to deal with personal choices about how to conduct their lives. They offer an outline for how God wishes us to live in a world as complicated and as confusing as our own.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Although June is the month most associated with weddings in the United States, September has become more popular in recent years. Wedding celebrations always require some savvy planning, and people who have a talent for hospitality in the mix. At the wedding feast at Cana, the mother of Jesus was recruited to deal with some of the details of the banquet, and when a very understandable crisis arose, she did what she could to rescue the party. Anyone who has ever run out of ice, dessert, or table settings knows the stress!

Slowly, the memory of Jesus Christ's blessing of this marriage feast led the Church to form a way to bless marriages. A thousand years ago weddings migrated from the family home to the doors of the church, where the celebration was held in public view. From this practice came a prayer called the "Nuptial Blessing," one of the most solemn prayers in our tradition. It is very much like the prayers by which baptismal water and chrism are consecrated, the ordination prayer over a priest, and the Eucharistic Prayers over bread and wine. Four hundred fifty years ago, weddings moved inside the church building. All of this gives married couples good reason to celebrate their anniversaries well, especially with the clinking of glasses filled with good wine.

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TIMING

It is never the wrong time to do the right thing.

—Anonymous

RE-DIRECTION

Love does not consist in gazing at each other, but in looking outward in the same direction.

—Anonymous

A PRAYER OF ST. PADRE PIO AFTER COMMUNION

Stay with me, Lord, for it is necessary to have You present so that I do not forget You. You know how easily I abandon You.
Stay with me Lord, because I am weak, and I need Your strength, so that I may not fall so often.
Stay with me Lord, for You are my life, and without You, I am without fervor.
Stay with me Lord, for You are my light, and without you, I am in darkness.
Stay with me Lord, to show me Your will.
Stay with me Lord, so that I hear Your voice and follow You.
Stay with me Lord, for I desire to love you very much, and always be in Your Company.
Stay with me Lord, if You wish me to be faithful to You.
Stay with me Lord, for as poor as my soul is, I want it to be a place of consolation for You, a nest of Love.
Stay with me, Jesus, for it is getting late, and the day is coming to a close, and life passes, death, judgment, eternity approach. It is necessary to renew my strength, so that I will not stop along the way and for that, I need You. It is getting late and death approaches. I fear the darkness, the temptations, the dryness, the cross, the sorrows. O how I need You, my Jesus, in this night of exile.
Stay with me tonight, Jesus, in life with all its dangers, I need You.
Let me recognize You as Your disciples did at the breaking of bread, so that the Eucharistic Communion be the light which disperses the darkness, the force which sustains me, the unique joy of my heart.
Stay with me Lord, because at the hour of my death, I want to remain united to you, if not by Communion, at least by grace and love.
Stay with me Jesus, I do not ask for divine consolation because I do not merit it, but the gift of Your presence, oh yes, I ask this of You.
Stay with me Lord, for it is You alone I look for, Your Love, Your Grace, Your Will, Your Heart, Your Spirit, because I love You and ask no other reward but to love You more and more.
With a firm love, I will love You with all my heart while on earth and continue to love You perfectly during all eternity. Amen.

September 22, 2019
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
10:30 AM

September 22, 2019 Scripture Reflections

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Readings: Am 8:4-7; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

Today's Intention - Vanessa Burr

Readings: Am 6:1, 4-7; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

September 29th, Twenty-Sixth Sun. In O.T.

Poor Souls in Purgatory, Anonymous

Cathedral Mass Intention

September 23, Monday: St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Readings: Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18

6:45 AM Bishop Joseph Adamec (Pat & Tom Forr)

12:00 PM Rev. Paul E. Turnbull (Dave & Maureen Hanekamp)

September 24, Tuesday: Weekday

Readings: Ezr 6:7-8, 12,14-20; Lk 8:19-21

6:45 AM Rose Hart (Rosemarie Fedeli)

12:00 PM Dorothy Berger (Kathy & Marge Moschella)

September 25, Wednesday: Weekday

Readings: Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

6:45 AM Benita Jorkasky (Elverda Holtz)

12:00 PM Kathleen Krug (Mary Schnaubelt)

September 26, Thursday: Sts. Cosmas & Damien, Martyrs

Readings: Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9

6:45 AM Betty Capouellez, Birthday (Family)

12:00 PM Alfred Rutolo, Birthday (Family)

September 27, Friday: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

Readings: Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22

6:45 AM Monica Gimo (Geraldine Rose)

12:00 PM Albert & Sara Ann Rhoa (M/M Dave Rhoa)

September 28, Saturday: Sts. Wenceslaus, Ruiz, Martyrs

Readings: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15; Lk 9:43-45

8:00 AM Loretta Zeth (Gail & Herb Tomlinson)

12:00 PM Rebecca Hoover (Thomas Sciabica)

Vigil: Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Readings: Am 6:1, 4-7; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

5:00 PM Joseph Pagliaro, Anniversary (Family)

The Liturgy's readings today challenge us to view our world through God's eyes. Paul's Letter to Timothy contains valuable advice worthy of deep reflection. Firstly, Paul calls on Timothy, and by extension us, to pray for our leaders so that we may live a peaceful existence. Secondly, Paul reminds us that God wills the salvation of all people: "God our savior, who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth." Finally, as Son of God and Son of Man, Jesus Christ is the only mediator between God and us. Jesus is the one to whom we owe sole allegiance.

The prophet Amos speaks out against those who oppress the poor. Because the poor have no voice, God becomes their advocate. God is the God of the poor.

The Gospel reading continues the prophet's stance as Jesus draws attention to the dishonest use of wealth. This parable is disturbing since at first it appears that Jesus is praising dishonesty when he says, "I tell you, make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth." A deeper look at the parable helps us discover its true meaning. The manager is a smart operator and to save his situation, he makes his master's debtors an offer they cannot refuse and acquires the money his master is owed.

Jesus uses this story of the dishonest manager to teach that just as those in our materialistic world work so hard and sacrifice so much, to attain material results that last only a few years, so Jesus' followers should work and sacrifice even more because they have as their goal eternal results. Nothing could be greater than the inheritance promised Jesus' followers so they should be dedicated and willing to sacrifice everything for it.

- What implications do you see in Paul's words that "God wills everyone to be saved?"

*Jesus, Son of the Living Father,
Have Mercy on Me a Sinner.*

Please pray for all of our parishioners, especially for those who have illnesses great and small and our seniors who are lonely and need comfort and care.

Boscov's Friends helping Friends are on sale now for \$5.00 in the vestibule. Please get your cards early and sell to family and friends. We only have a short window to sell them. Your \$5.00 stays with the parish!

SaveAround coupon books are here! The books are half the size with more variety of coupons and only \$20. a book. If you are traveling check out the website and get them for where you are going! Sample in the vestibule.

Farewell Father Alan Thomas would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Cathedral Parish and Our Lady of Fatima Parish for their kindness and patience with me during the last several months. I have been blessed to come to know so many good and faithful people, and I pray that your days ahead may bring growth and peace. I will continue to keep you in my thoughts and in my prayers. Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Alan Thomas.

Welcome Monsignor Stanley Carson. Monsignor Carson has had many years of experience as a priest and pastor. He has served admirably as Vicar General of our Diocese, and he has respect of Bishops, Priests, and Deacons. Please give him your prayerful support.

Arise

Arise Together in Christ is a 6 week, Catholic based, small group faith-sharing program that guides Christians to know God better, grow spiritually, meet new people, improve our relationship with Christ, and put our faith into action.

Season 3, "In the Footsteps of Christ" will focus on the key themes of Catholic social teaching. Please consider participating in this program beginning on Sunday, October 6th. Sign-up weekends will be held at the Our Lady of Fatima door today, September 15th. Please see sign up sheet in vestibule. We are in need of 1 or 2 leaders for Our Lady of Fatima classes. If you are interested please call Chris Laraia at 312-7314.

Confirmation Prep Class- Fall Session Sunday September 29th , ALL 10th graders will meet in the Cathedral Hall from 6:15-7:30 PM

F.I.R.E Classes Today, September 22nd, 6:15-8:15 PM. Cathedral Hall.

First Reconciliation Prep Students and parents will meet for the first session on October 2nd at 6:30 PM in the Seton Suite. Please call Chris Laraia, (814-312-7317) if you have any questions.

Hurricane Dorian Collection

There will be a special collection today, at all masses throughout the Diocese. Checks may be made payable to Catholic Charities. All contributions will be forwarded to Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Charities USA who will see that financial assistance will go to those in need.

Catholic Ministry Drive Goal = \$9,271.00 - Report for EOM Aug, 2019. - We received \$5425.00 in one time gifts and pledges. Still owing is \$3,846.00

Sept. 15th Weekly Collection \$1,811.25

BIRTHDAYS: Emma Summers, 10/3

St. Demetrius Parish in Gallitzin will hold its annual Chicken BBQ Dinner and Mini-Bazaar, Sunday, Sept. 29th in the parish Activity Center, 714 Foster St., in Gallitzin. Dinners for Adults: \$10.00; Children 6-12: \$6.00; Children aged 5 and under: free. Takeouts \$10.00. A flea market will also be featured, as well as baked goods, games, and baskets. Dinner will be served from 11 AM until -?



**OUR LADY URGES US TO PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY
FOR
PEACE AND OFFER
SACRIFICES BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!**

Sep 23 – St Pius of Pietrelcina (1887-1968) Padre Pio
23 September, 2012

The stigmata on Padre Pio's hands and feet became visible and a wound in his side bled for the rest of his life. Summary: Pio of Pietrelcina, Religious. Born on 25 May 1887 in Pietrelcina (Italy); died on this day in 1968 at San Giovanni Rotondo (Italy). Raised in a deeply religious rural home, Francesco Forgione became Padre Pio when he was ordained in the Capuchin order in 1910. A mystic who received the marks of the stigmata in 1918, a renowned holy man, and a charity worker who founded a hospital (the House for the Relief of Suffering). His ascetic life of pain led to special compassion for the suffering. Honoured as an extraordinary confessor and spiritual director.

Every day for fifty years from morning till evening Padre Pio heard confessions for the crowds who came to him, confronting and consoling. When he got the stigmata, the Church restricted his movements. But the crowds still came to him and many were cured. Patrick Duffy tells some of this holy man's remarkable story.

Early life and the stigmata

Francesco Forgione was born of agricultural worker parents in the village of Pietrelcina, northeast of Naples. He joined the Capuchins, taking the name Pius and was ordained priest in 1910. He began to experience pains and what he called "invisible stigmata". During military service in World War I, he was sent on convalescent leave. In 1918 he contracted double pneumonia and was sent to a monastery at San Giovanni Rotondo, near Foggia, where he stayed for the rest of his life.

The stigmata on his hands and feet became visible and a wound in his side bled for the rest of his life. The Capuchins made no attempt to hide his condition. The Vatican had him examined and he had to say Mass in private for a number of years.

At San Giovanni Rotondo

Pius would only say he was a mystery to himself. People for whom he prayed left donations. A new hospital complex was built and the place became a centre of pilgrimage and healing.

Bilocation

A story of his being in two places at the one time is told by his superior, Padre Carmelo da Sassano. There was a concert one evening in the monastery. During the intermission Padre Pio folded his arms on a chair in front of him and rested his head. No one disturbed him and when the intermission was over Padre Pio sat upright and gave his attention to the rest of the performance.

Next day Padre Carmelo called to see a sick villager. He found the patient fully recovered and the family delighted as Padre Pio, they said, had visited them the night before. Padre Carmelo said that wasn't possible, as Padre Pio had been at the concert. But the family insisted he had come and when asked at what time, Padre Carmelo recognised it was at the time of the intermission.

Confession

Penitents came from all over the world to confess to Padre Pio. It wasn't always a comfortable experience. Sometimes he would reveal hidden sins to them. And if he discerned that someone was not sincerely repentant, he would shout out at them to leave the confessional. This usually provoked a crisis for the penitent, who would later return to Padre Pio with true repentance.

His death

On the fiftieth anniversary of the day he received the stigmata, while Padre Pio was saying Mass, people in the congregation noticed that the stigmata had vanished. He died the next day.

Praise from Pope John Paul II

Pope John Paul II beatified him in 1999 and canonised him in 2002. He praised, not the "gifts" of Padre Pio, but "how he poured his charity like balm on the sufferings of his brothers and sisters."

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