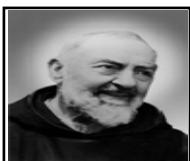


TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Sept. 23, 2017

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Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2010 12th Avenue

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Rector Office Hours:

Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Parish Office: 814-942-0371

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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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Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator
Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur

Parish Secretary

Carol Z. Smith

Secretary's Assistant

Ellen Kelly

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

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Our Lady of Fatima Church is open
Monday through Friday: 9AM - 6PM
for visits before the Blessed Sacrament.

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

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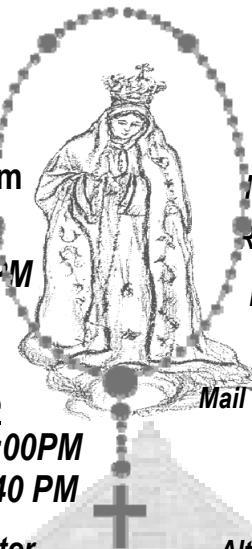
Preparation for Baptism, and Weddings will be held at
the Cathedral. 944-4603

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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

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH IS A RESULT OF THE
MERGER BETWEEN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES
OF SS. PETER & PAUL AND ST. LEO THE GREAT IN 1995.

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.



September 17, 2017

Forgive your neighbor's injustice;
then when you pray,
your own sins will be
forgiven.
— Sirach 28:2

Cathedral Church Office: 814-944-4603

One Cathedral Square

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop

Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur, Rector

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and Grieving - 944-4603

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Web: www.holytrinitycatholic.school

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Chris Laraia - Pre-K thru 8 - 312-7317

Jean Koury - 9 thru 12 - 949-2777

Religious Education Office: Sundays - 943-7424

Director of Music Ministry

Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO

Music Ministry Office - 944-2044

E-Mail: ltaylor@dioceseaj.org

Reconciliation @ Cathedral: 7:00 PM Wednesday
12:30 PM Saturday

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First Communion
Confirmation

Sacramental Formation @ the Cathedral: Baptismal Prep
Marriage Prep
Christian Initiation

Hospital Visitation: Call the Cathedral: 944-4603

Cathedral Eucharist:

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

8:00 AM 8:00 AM 8:00 AM

10:00 AM 12:00 Noon 12:00 Noon

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

5:00 PM 12:00 Noon

September 17, 2017
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, Priest, Stigmatic, Mystic, and the Miraculous Abilities Ascribed to Him
September 23rd, is the memorial of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, (1887-1968) better known as Padre Pio, the 20th century Capuchin priest, stigmatic and mystic, who during his lifetime, was a spiritual father to innumerable souls. He is the only priest in the history of the Church to receive the stigma — the divine marks of predilection — from our Lord's Passion and Death. For much of his priesthood, Padre Pio suffered the spiritual, emotional and physical anguish of Christ's holy wounds.

In addition, he was given the miraculous gifts of bilocation, transverbération, (a divine piercing of the heart indicating union with God) the odor of sanctity, the ability to read souls, the ability to see and communicate with spiritual beings, (i.e. guardian angels, demons, the departed) and the capacity to write and comprehend languages foreign to him. Moreover, his brother Chapuchins testified under oath that he levitated, healed by touch, and experienced divine ecstasies while praying, as well as, horrific nightly demonic manifestations, during which, he was beset by devils who would beat, torture and humiliate him.

St. Padre Pio was born Francesco Forgione in the farming village of Pietrelcina, Italy, and baptized the following day. His parents, Grazio and Maria Forgione, were deeply devout Catholic peasants. At the age of 5, Francesco dedicated his life to God. The Forgione family attended daily Mass and prayed continuously. Although Francesco's parents were illiterate, they memorized Sacred Scripture and taught its wisdom to their children. At 15, Francesco entered the novitiate of the Capuchin Friars in Morcone, taking the name Pio. His prodigious intellect and spiritual giftedness were apparent. Four years later, he made his first profession. On August 10, 1910, at the Cathedral of Benevento, he was ordained a priest.

St. Padre Pio Receives the Stigmata of Our Lord's Passion

Perhaps the most distinguishing mark of Padre Pio's holiness was bearing the stigmata, through which he shared in the suffering of Christ. Initially, our Savior's sacred wounds, though felt by Fra. Pio, were not visible. On the morning of September 20, 1918, after celebrating Mass in the Church of Our Lady of Grace next to the friary, Padre Pio retired to the choir stalls in thanksgiving. Kneeling in loving adoration before the outspread, bloodied figure of Christ crucified, he experienced a peacefulness which invaded his whole being, a peacefulness, that he later described as "similar to a sweet sleep". What happened next is recorded in a letter Padre Pio wrote barely a month later to fellow friar Padre Benedetto:

"It all happened in a flash. While all this was taking place, I saw before me a mysterious Person, similar to the one I had seen on August 5th, differing only because His hands, feet and side were dripping blood. The sight of Him frightened me: what I felt at that moment is indescribable. I thought I would die, and would have died if the Lord hadn't intervened and strengthened my heart which was about to burst out of my chest. The Person disappeared and I became aware that my hands, feet and side were pierced and were dripping with blood."

The stigmata would remain with Padre Pio for the rest of his life. Unbeknownst to many, he felt the crown of thorns pressing into his scalp and the agony resulting from Jesus' scourging. But by far, the most excruciating affliction he endured was the grievous shoulder wound from Christ carrying the cross. It bled constantly, causing him indescribable pain that could not be relieved. Padre Pio confided this torment only to his confessor and the future Saint John Paul II, Fr. Karol Wojtyla.

The humble Capuchin friar was renowned for his personal sanctity, miraculous interventions, and prayerful celebration of the Divine Liturgy. As word spread, Padre Pio himself became a point of pilgrimage for both the pious and the curious. Beginning in 1922, the Holy Office, (now the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith) began restricting Padre Pio's public ministry while the supernatural events surrounding his life were investigated. The future saint was forbidden from celebrating Mass in public and hearing confessions. In 1933, Pope Pius XI ordered the Holy Office to reverse its ban on the public celebration of Mass, saying "I have not been badly disposed toward Padre Pio, but I have been badly informed." Soon afterward, all of Padre Pio's faculties were restored in full.

In 60 years of religious life, spent at San Giovanni Rotondo, Padre Pio dedicated himself to prayer, and to the ministry of reconciliation and spiritual direction. Like Saint Francis of Assisi, his physical body testified to the selfless sacrifice and boundless love of God especially for the sick in body and in spirit. Padre Pio's daily activity centered on the sacraments of Confession and Mass. Holy Mass was the source and summit of his calling, the moment of closest communion with Christ. In the words of St. John Paul II: "[St. Pio] felt called to share in Christ's agony, an agony which continues until the end of the world."

From his youth, Padre Pio suffered from poor health. In the last years of his life, he declined rapidly. Early in the morning of September 23, 1968, Padre Pio died at age 81. He was canonized by St. John Paul II on June 16, 2002. His incorrupt remains lie in a crypt in the church of Saint Pio, located beside San Giovanni Rotondo.

"Almighty ever-living God, who, by a singular grace, gave the Priest St. Pio a share in the Cross of your Son and, by means of his ministry, renewed the wonders of your mercy, grant that through his intercession we may be united to the sufferings of Christ, and so brought happily to the glory of the resurrection."

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**September 17, 2017
10:30 AM**

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Readings: Sir 27:30—28:7, Rom 14:7-9, Mt 18:21-35

September 17th, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in OT

Today's Intention=Chuck Hennigan

Readings: Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24, 27; Mt 20:1-6

September 24, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in OT

Catherine Burr, (Geraldine Rose)

CATHEDRAL MASS INTENTIONS

September 18, Monday: Weekday

Readings: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 7:1-10

6:45 AM Thomas and Mary Irwin (Children)

8:00 AM Angela Cronin Chadwick (Koury Family)

12:00 PM Anna Ruth Thomas (Brian & Teresa Stayer)

September 19, Tuesday: Saint Junarius, Bish., Martyr

Readings: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17

6:45 AM Patrick Eberle (Jim and Mary Farrell)

8:00 AM Victims of Flight 93 (McNelis All-Stars)

***12:00 PM Lois Riley (Helen Force)**

September 20, Wednesday: Korean Martyrs

Readings: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35

6:45 AM Nicholas J. Moffa (Estate)

8:00 AM Lou Bettwy (Bob and Joan Lozniak)

12:00 PM Bernie McLucas (Family)

September 21, Thursday: Saint Matthew, Apostle, Evang.

Readings: Eph 4:1-7,11-13; Mt 9:9-13

6:45 AM Denver C. Schenk, Jr. (Peter & Barb Rossi)

***8:00 AM Esther Dorazio (Family)**

12:00 PM Julia Febbo (Cathedral Parish)

September 22, Friday: Weekday

Readings: 1 Tm 6:2-12; Lk 8:1-3

6:45 AM Bill Crouse (Joe and Kathy Koehle)

8:00 AM John Bauer (M/M Richard Tragon, Jr. Family)

12:00 PM Raymond Smith (Ruth and Family)

September 23, Saturday: Saint Pius of Pietrelcina

Readings: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49

8:00 AM Ventura Mincin, Birth (Daughter, Susan)

12:00 PM Herbert Kutruff (Bryce & Sue Cossitor Fam.)

Vigil: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24, 27; Mt 20:1-6

5:00 PM Edgar L. Johnston, Birth (Amelia and Family)

Remember Our Sick and Dying in your prayers.

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

*Our Lady of Fatima asks us to:
"Pray the Rosary daily for Peace."*

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

Scripture Reflection

God's mercy is infinite, but we can limit how much we receive. Israelite wisdom literature had long encouraged acts of forgiveness and mercy. Consider Psalm 37:8, which warns of the danger of rage: "Refrain from anger; abandon wrath; do not be provoked; it brings only harm." Sirach affirms the benefits of mercy: "Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the Lord?" In today's Gospel, Jesus reveals that our capacity to receive God's mercy is proportionate to the generosity we show with our own.

A careful study of today's parable yields lessons for discipleship. One is that forgiveness requires transformation. The king expected his mercy to change the future behavior of his servant. Specifically, the king expected his servant to do in the future as he himself had done. Second, forgiveness does not mean the restoration of some past state, even were that possible. The world is constantly changing. The king did not forgive his servant in an effort to get his money back. He simply accepted his loss and moved on (though one suspects that he did not continue to entrust this particular servant with any more of his money).

A third lesson comes from the size of the king's write-off. In the Greek, the phrase "huge amount" reads "10,000 talents," roughly 60 million days' wages. This was close to a third of the yearly expenditure on the Roman army. And yet the king felt he could be compassionate. He trusted that his other resources could help him rebuild his treasury. Just so, we must have similar confidence that divine grace will heal whatever damage we have suffered.

Such confidence will help us avoid the servant's fate. Unlike the king, who trusted that he could recover from his loss, the servant feared his own poverty. This fear drove him to violence against another over a trivial amount. The difference between the servant and the king, then, is one of trust. God's mercy is infinite. We who trust in God's grace will discover no limits to our own mercy. The converse is true as well: We who cultivate mercy will find an infinite store waiting for us when we meet God.

- How have you experienced mercy from God? From another person?

**ORDER
OF
CELEBRATING
MATRIMONY**

Liturgical Reflection...

During the Liturgy of the Eucharist at the celebration of Marriage, a commemoration of the husband and wife is provided in Eucharistic Prayers I, II, and III. The Church encourages the use of these special prayers that specifically name the newly married man and woman. All three follow the consecration and precede the Great Amen. The couple is invited to choose which commemoration they would like prayed at Mass. The Church gathers at the altar asking God to bless this bride and bridegroom. The whole Church celebrates their married love and commitment.

Order of Celebrating Matrimony, Numbers 71A, 202, 203, and 204.

2017, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648.

September 17 Mt. 18:21-35

Forgiveness is critical to a healthy life. By holding on to an injury, we are hoping for a better past which will never happen. Forgiveness recognizes that we were unjustly treated and that it will not be corrected. Forgiveness does not condone the injustice. It is a decision to not let the injustice control our lives any longer.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (September 17)

Those who practice stewardship see themselves as God's gifts. They are grateful and are eager to share their gifts out of love of God and one another.

2018 \$av-A-Round coupon books have arrived! The cost is still \$25.00 this year. Most coupons may be used from now until Dec. of 2018. Save all year long at 300,000+ locations across the USA! When you purchase your book you can download the App through App Store or Google Play. Use the Savings Pass Code on the front of the book. Each book has its own unique code. You can start saving around town, in the USA and Canada.

HEALING MASS... Monday, October 23rd at 7:00 PM at the Cathedral. Fr. Bill Kiel will be the celebrant. For all in need of physical, emotional or spiritual healing and those who support them. ALL ARE WELCOME!

BOSCOV'S, 25 % OFF SHOPPING PASS...

Please buy your pass early and from our parish. See Paul or call the rectory 942-0371.

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2017 Catholic Ministries Drive

*Our shortfall is now \$2548. WE can make this goal!
Please pray about giving and give what you can!*

September 2017 Contributions

Sept 10, 2017	Env Used	58 /150
Weekly		1474.10
Cmas Club		45.00
Votives		157.00
Children's		3.00
Shrine		5.00
Music		5.00
Cath. Univ. Am.		30.00
<u>Harvey Dis Coll</u>		<u>500.00</u>
Total Dep		2219.10

2017 Catholic Ministries Drive

Goal	\$10973.
Pledged to date	8425.
Short fall	\$2548.
25% participation	



09/23 Marci & Dickie Bradford



09/20 Emma Kowalski

09/23 Bill Bravin

09/23 Jill Watters

AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA ROSARY RALLY: On Saturday, October 14th at Noon at City Hotel Park at 10th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue in Tyrone, PA you are invited to pray for peace and for help for our nation as part of the 2017 Public Square Rosary Crusade. Each year, the Public Square Rosary Crusade sponsored by America Needs Fatima hold thousands of rosary rallies in cities all across the country. This year the goal is 20,000 rosary rallies. In the historic year of the Fatima Centennial, we ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. Rosary and prayers will be led by Father Jozef Kovacik, pastor of Saint Matthew Parish in Tyrone, PA . All those in attendance can provide prayer intentions . Chairs will be provided and refreshments will be served after the rally. This rally was initiated and organized by Sarah Zakrzewski, a junior at Bishop Guilfoyle High School, who will serve as the rally captain. If you have questions or need directions please contact her at 632-3070.

September Co-op Winners

09/01	860	Bryan Starr	\$50
09/02	868	Cooper, Scott	50
09/03	210	Ehgartner, Rose	50
09/04	532	Summers Herbert	100
09/05	368	Cruse, Grey	50
09/06	667	Douglass, Colleen	50
09/07	391	Cooper, Scott	50
09/08	800	Hencherrick, Diana	50
09/09	587	Shuma, Matthew	50
09/10	770	Smith, Carol	50
09/11	989	Clemens, Carole	100

MAY 13, 2017

100TH
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OF
OUR
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OF
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JUNE 29, 2017

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OUR LADY URGES US TO PRAY AND OFFER SACRIFICES
BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

is commemorating the

*Centennial of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima
by scheduling*

*Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
for two (2) hours
on the remaining dates of the original Apparitions:*

*Sixth and last Apparition
Friday, October 13th.*

Holy Hours are from 6 to 8 PM.

*Each holy hour will start with praying of the rosary for Peace in the World as Our Lady
originally requested and the time in between will be spent in quiet meditation.
All are Welcome!*