

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

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To all who are tired and need rest; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are friendless and need friendship;
to all who are discouraged and need hope; to all who sin and need a Savior; and to whomsoever will,
THIS CHURCH OPENS WIDE ITS DOOR IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS!



**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 20, 2020**

SERVED BY:

Very Rev. Father James F. Spera, V.F., Pastor
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Rev. Father Carmine Rizzi, Priest-in-Residence

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EUCCHARIST:

Saturday Evenings: 5:30 pm

Sundays: 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 Noon

Weekdays: Monday - Saturday, 8:00 am

Holy Days of Obligation:

8:00 am and 7:30 pm

Novenas:

St. Jude after the Saturday 8:00 am Mass

St. Anthony, prayers with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Tuesday, 7:30 pm, September thru June

Confession:

Saturday afternoon from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

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Turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. — Isaiah 55:7b

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PRAYER FOR A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



Prayer List: (In alphabetical order) To have someone placed on or removed from the sick list please call the Rectory. We invite you to clip out this section each Sunday. Perhaps you could put it near a prayer book, in your Bible, or in your pocket or purse. It is a good thing when we pray with and for one another. Thank you and God bless you!

Altagracia Alvarez, Kathy Barz, Fred Boyne, Florence Carosella, Christine Conrad, James Desiderio, Naomi Desiderio, Ronald Fellner, Nicholas Fusco, Bonnie Greer, Joseph Gregory, Cynthia and Thomas Ingman, A.M.J., Elizabeth Knych, Zchantell McDonald, Eleanor Morehouse, Tanina Naccarato, Carol Fellner Nasta, Jeanette Noto, Louis Noto, Monica Quigley O'Brien, Lily Rita Procopio, Roseann Santanna, Frank Sillito, Nancy Sillito, Ann Sisalli, Anthony Spadora, Antonio Spano, Gabrielle Spano, Lynn Tumblety, Joanne Vallone, Tony Wargacki, Ella Zsampar

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY, September 19: St. Januarius: Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM **Rose & Edward Donohue**
(From: Betty & Tony Santora)
5:30 PM **Stasia Klucinikas 1 yr. Anniversary**
(From: Spera Family)

SUNDAY, September 20: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM **Emily & Louis Ciechacki**
(From: Emily & Jack Kaulfers)
10:30 AM **For the Parishioners**
12:00 Noon **Walter O'Connell**
(From: The Nitche Family)

MONDAY, September 21: St. Matthew

8:00 AM **Rev. Sebastian J. Chiego - 4th Pastor 1943-73**

TUESDAY, September 22

8:00 AM **In Honor of St. Padre Pio**
(From: Ella Manfre Bambaci)
7:30 PM **St. Anthony & St. Kolbe Novena**

WEDNESDAY, September 23: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

8:00 AM **Rafael Lacayo**
(From: Cindy Campbell)

THURSDAY, September 24

8:00 AM **Michael Casa**
(From: Dave & Linda Farrell)

FRIDAY, September 25

8:00 AM **Michael Casa**
(From: Suzanne Covine)

SATURDAY, September 26: Sts. Cosmas & Damian: Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM **Mike Casa**
(From: K of C #3240)
5:30 PM **Joseph S. Tortoriello**
(From: Janet Landis)

SUNDAY, September 27: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM **For Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society**
10:30 AM **Concetta "Katie" Guercio**
(From: Mary)
12:00 Noon **For the Parishioners**

* Please note: All listed Masses, Services and Events are subject to change depending on further information.



St. Padre Pio will be remembered throughout the Universal Church on Wednesday, Sept. 23. We are privileged to have an image of St. Padre Pio in our Church. Padre Pio was one of eight children in a poor peasant family in the small Italian village of Pietrelcina. His parents named him Francesco in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. Francesco was very devout even as a child, and at an early age felt drawn to the priesthood. He became a Capuchin novice at the age of sixteen, and took the name Pio in honor of Pope Saint Pius V, the patron Saint of Pietrelcina. and after seven years of study was ordained a priest. Padre Pio's love for the Eucharist was experienced as a burning fire; He said, "it would be easier for the earth to carry on without the sun than without Holy Mass."

On September 20, 1918 Padre Pio was kneeling in front of a large crucifix when he, like his namesake, St. Francis, received the marks of the crucifixion on his hands. The doctor who examined Padre Pio could not find any natural cause for the wounds—they neither healed nor became infected, but would ooze blood continually until his death fifty years later.

The wounds of the stigmata were not the only mystical phenomenon experienced by Padre Pio. The blood of his stigmata had an odor described by many as similar to that of perfume or flowers. Padre Pio had the ability to read the hearts of the penitents that came to him in the confessional in ever-increasing numbers. He, like St. John Vianney, heard confessions for ten or twelve hours a day. Sin caused Padre Pio great suffering, as he realized its horror and how it offended God. Often when he absolved a penitent from mortal sins, his face would become contorted in great pain; afterward, the grave sinner who had just been absolved would sometimes feel as though he were literally walking on air or floating.

When asked if the stigmata were painful, Padre Pio replied, "Do you think that the Lord gave them to me for a decoration?" So why did the Lord give Padre Pio the stigmata? At Padre Pio's canonization Mass in 2002, Pope Saint John Paul II said, "The life and mission of Padre Pio testify that difficulties and sorrows, if accepted with love, transform themselves into a privileged journey of holiness, which opens the person toward a greater good, known only to the Lord." And to quote Padre Pio himself, "The life of a Christian is nothing but a perpetual struggle against self; there is no flowering of the soul to the beauty of its perfection except at the price of pain".

May the example and intercession of Padre Pio help us in our suffering, which is a share in the sufferings of Christ, may we know his love for service and for the

poor, may we know his love of the Eucharist and the Blessed Mother and his perseverance in prayer, for the Glory of God and Salvation of Souls.

Fr. Jim

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.

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Catholic University Collection	\$ 659

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MARY'S GROTTO

We are happy to announce "We are Back!" Mary's Grotto will be opened after all Masses on Sundays. Come in, say hello, look around and find something you would like to bring home!

Ladies of the Rosary Society
Church of the Assumption

FORGIVENESS

Nearly ten years before, a son and father had parted ways when the business they shared went bankrupt. The son blamed the father. They did not speak to each other again.

Then the father became seriously ill. The mother called the son and told him he had better come soon. The son walked sheepishly into the hospital room. The father motioned his son to him and whispered: "Did you ever think you could do anything that would keep me from loving you?"

Resentment and anger are foul things, the first reading from Sirach tells us. Remember the last things. Stop hating. Live by the commandments. As St. Paul writes to the Romans, we are to live for the Lord and die for the Lord.

Jesus' parable in today's Gospel reminds us of God's compassion. The immense sin of humanity has been forgiven and stricken from the record. We are to forgive others in the same way.

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In Loving Memory of Michael B. Spano 17th Anniversary in Heaven with God. Michael we Love You and Never Forgotten

Requested by Rose & Antonio Spano- Love, Mom & Dad

Donation of Hosts, Candles & 2 Tabernacle Flowers



*From Death
to New Life*

Please pray for the repose of the souls of the recently deceased:

**+Kenneth L. Graves Jr.
+Christina Sosianakos
+Ann Marie Bonassisa**

Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13;

Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9;

Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc;

Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4;

Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17;

Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5];

Mt 21:28-32

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Turn to the LORD who is generous in forgiving (Isaiah 55:6-9).

Psalm — The Lord is near to all who call upon him (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — Live your lives in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a).

Gospel — The last will be first, and the first will be last (Matthew 20:1-16a).

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The Rectory Office Hours

We ask that you follow the recommendations for social distancing and the wearing of masks.

Regular business hours will begin on Tuesday, September 8, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For an emergency please call the Rectory 908-245-1107 for forwarding information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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St. Matthew
Feast Day
September 21st

Matthew, the Evangelist who wrote the Gospel that appears first in the New Testament, was different from the other Apostles. Matthew worked for the Romans as a tax collector. The Romans ruled Palestine and the Jewish people in the time of Jesus. They forced the Jewish people to pay taxes to them. Many of the tax collectors cheated the people by charging more taxes than required and keeping the extra money for themselves. The Jews considered the tax collectors traitors. Jesus knew in his heart that Matthew was not a sinner or a cheat.

Matthew wrote his Gospel for Jewish people who had become followers of Christ. He wanted his audience to know that Jesus was the Messiah that God had promised to send to save all people. Matthew's Gospel makes clear that Jesus is the fulfillment of everything said by the prophets in the Old Testament.

Matthew is also the only Evangelist who shares the eight Beatitudes with his readers. His Gospel faithfully reports how Jesus described who will be truly blessed by God in the Kingdom and the attitudes and actions that are required for those who follow the new Law Jesus came to bring. After Jesus' Ascension, Matthew preached the Gospel, as Jesus asked his disciples to do. It is believed that he established Christian communities in Ethiopia and other sections of the continent of Africa. Tradition tells us that he died as a martyr. St. Matthew is the patron saint for accountants, bankers, bookkeepers and tax collectors.

HUMILITY

No human being is too big to be humble, but some human beings are too small.
 —Anonymous

FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry has been very busy with the increased need in our community.

We are in need of donations for the following items:
Soup, Canned Vegetables, Tuna, Fruit, Cereal, Mac and Cheese, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Potatoes, Rice and Pasta.

If you can, please drop-off your items in the back of the church during the regular weekend Mass schedule, or you can bring them to the Annex on Thursdays, between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m.

**Knight's Corner (Council #3240)**

The Knights of Columbus (Council #3240) of the Church of the Assumption would like to invite any interested Parish men, that wish to learn more about the Knights of Columbus to fill out one of the cards located in the front of the Church and place it in the collection basket. The Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus is currently conducting a membership drive. Please be sure to "like" our Facebook page: Knights of Columbus - Msgr. Loreti Council #3240

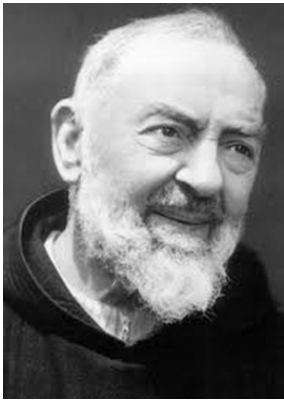


SAINT PIUS OF PIETRELCINA (1887-1968)
September 23

Did the World War II American flyer really see Padre Pio in midair, preventing the bombing of his village below? Did Pio actually "bilocate" in Italy, the Holy Land, even America, as countless witnesses testified? Or "read hearts" before penitents spoke? What of the *stigmata*, Christ's wounds imprinted on Padre Pio's hands, feet, and side? John Paul II, who as a young man visited Pio, never mentioned these extraordinary elements at the canonization. Instead, the pope spoke of "trials accepted with love," referring perhaps to sanctions restricting Pio's faculties for hearing confessions and celebrating public Mass, imposed because of criticism, later discredited, sent to the Vatican; of Pio's offering his sufferings in union with Jesus' passion for a suffering world; of his continual availability to sinners seeking direction and absolution; of Padre Pio's prayer that blossomed in charity, especially through his House for the Relief of Suffering, a healthcare facility that anticipated by decades today's holistic partnering of medical science and spirituality. Finally, how comforting for us ordinary Christians, this extraordinary saint's most frequent advice: ***"Pray, hope, and don't worry!"***

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PLEASE!!! DO NOT leave articles outside the clothing bins. If they are full, please return another time. I realize that this might inconvenience you, but articles left outside the bin are **ILLEGAL** and are a threat to have the bins **REMOVED**. We have received complaints regarding the articles left outside the bins. It is as much an act of charity and respect to return, as it is to offer a donation. Disregarding the directions regarding leaving articles outside is **SELFISH** and disrespectful. A number of parishioners left articles outside the bin after the 5:30PM Saturday Mass last week. We should know better.



St. PADRE PIO

Padre Pio, also known as Saint Pio of Pietrelcina (Italian: Pio di Pietrelcina), O.F.M. Cap. (May 25, 1887 – September 23, 1968), was a friar, priest, stigmatist, and mystic, now venerated as a saint of the Catholic Church. Born Francesco Forgione, he was given the name of Pius (Italian: Pio) when he joined the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin.

Padre Pio became famous for exhibiting stigmata for most of his life, thereby generating much interest and controversy. He was both beatified (1999) and canonized (2002) by Pope John Paul II.[2]

St. Padre Pio Prayer for Healing

Heavenly Father, I thank you for loving me.
 I thank you for sending your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, to the world to save and to set me free.
 I trust in your power and grace that sustain and restore me.
 Loving Father, touch me now with your healing hands, for I believe that your will is for me to be well in mind, body, soul and spirit.
 Cover me with the most precious blood of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ from the top of my head to the soles of my feet.
 Cast anything that should not be in me.
 Root out any unhealthy and abnormal cells.
 Open any blocked arteries or veins and rebuild and replenish any damaged areas.
 Remove all inflammation and cleanse any infection by the power of Jesus' precious blood.
 Let the fire of your healing love pass through my entire body to heal and make new any diseased areas so that my body will function the way you created it to function.
 Touch also my mind and my emotion, even the deepest recesses of my heart.
 Saturate my entire being with your presence, love, joy, and peace and draw me ever closer to you every moment of my life.
 And Father, fill me with your Holy Spirit and empower me to do your works so that my life will bring glory and honor to your holy name.
 I ask this in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 Amen.

"When you gossip about a person it means that you have removed the person from your heart. But be aware, when you remove a man from your heart, Jesus also goes away from your heart with that man." Padre Pio



Saints Cosmas and Damian

Little is known of the lives of these two saints except that they suffered martyrdom in Syria during the persecution of the Emperor Diocletian. Devotion to the two saints spread rapidly in both East and West, and a famous basilica was erected in their honor in Constantinople. Their names were placed in the Roman Canon probably in the sixth century.

Legend says that they were twin brothers born in Arabia who were both skilled doctors. They were among those who are venerated in the East as the "moneyless ones" because, purportedly, they did not charge a fee for their services.

Prayer to Saints Cosmas and Damian

Oh Saints Cosmas and Damian, we honor and venerate you with all the humility and interior affection of our hearts.
 We invoke you, glorious martyrs of Jesus Christ, who during life exercised the art of healing with admirable charity and sacrifice, curing the incurable and ministering to dangerous illnesses, not so much with the aid of medicine and skill, but by the invocation of the all powerful Name of Jesus Christ.
 Now that you are more powerful in heaven, graciously bestow your merciful glance upon us miserable and afflicted souls; and at the sight of the many ills which oppress us, the many spiritual and corporal diseases that surround us, hasten your help.
 Assist us, we pray, in every distress.
 We do not ask for ourselves only, but for all our relatives, families, friends, and enemies, so that, restored to health of soul and body, we can give glory to God, and honor to you, our saintly protectors.
 Amen.

September Special Intentions of Pope Francis

**Dear Lord,
 We pray that we would not plunder the resources of this planet which you have entrusted to us. Help us share in a just and respectful way all of the blessings and resources that you've given to us.**

Do you Remember?

Baltimore Catechism Revised Edition 1941 (Continued...)

16. What do we mean when that God Is all-present?

When we say that God is all-present we mean that He is everywhere.

Whither may I go from thy spirit, or whither may I flee from thy face? (Psalm 138:7)

17. If God is everywhere, why do we not see Him?

Although God is everywhere, we do not see Him because He is a spirit and cannot be seen with our eyes.

God is a spirit; and they that adore him must adore him in spirit and in truth. (John 4:24)

18. Does God see us?

God sees us and watches over us with loving care.

Be not solicitous therefore, saying: "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "Wherewith will we be clothed?"

For after all these things do the heathens seek. For your heavenly Father knoweth that you have need of all these things. (Matthew 6:31:32)

19. What is God's loving care for us called?

God's loving care for us is called Divine Providence.

Cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you. (I Peter 5:7)

20. What do we mean when we say that God is almighty?

When we say that God is almighty we mean that He can do all things.

For nothing shall be impossible with God. (Luke 1:37)

21. Is God all-wise, all-holy, all-merciful, and all-just?

Yes, God is all-wise, all-holy, all-merciful, and all-just.

The Lord is just in all his ways, and holy in all his works. (Psalm 144:17)

22. Can we know by our natural reason that there is a God?

We can know by our natural reason that there is a God, for natural reason tells us that the world we see about us could have been made only by a self-existing Being, all-wise and almighty.

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and injustice of those men that detain the truth of God in injustice; because that which is known of God is manifest in them. For God hath manifested it unto them. (Romans 1:18-19)

23. Can we know God in any other way than by our natural reason?

Besides knowing God by our natural reason, we can also know Him from supernatural revelation --that is, from the truths, found in Sacred Scripture and in Tradition, which God Himself has revealed to us.

All scripture, inspired of God, is profitable to teach, to reprove, to correct, to instruct in justice. (2 Timothy 3:16)

23a. What do we mean when we say that God has revealed these truths to us?

When we say that God has revealed these truths to us we mean that He has made them known to certain persons, to be announced to their fellow men as the word of God.

23b. What is the Bible?

The Bible is the written word of God, committed to His Church for the instruction and sanctification of mankind.

23c. What do we mean when we say that the entire Bible is inspired?

When we say that the entire Bible is inspired we mean that its principal author is God, though it was written by men whom God enlightened and moved to write all those things, and only those things, that He wished to be written.

23d. How is the Bible divided?

The Bible is divided into the Old Testament, written before the coming of Jesus Christ, and the New Testament, written after His ascension into heaven.

23e. Are all the passages of the Bible to be understood according to our modern manner of expression?

No; some of the passages of the Bible are not to be understood according to our modern manner of expression, since they contain certain figures of speech, parables, and literary forms used by the people of ancient times but not employed in the present.

23f. How can we know the true meaning of the Bible?

We can know the true meaning of the Bible from the teaching authority of the Catholic Church, which has received from Jesus Christ the right and the duty to teach and to explain all that God has revealed.

In these epistles there are certain things difficult to understand, which the unlearned and the unstable distort, just as they do the rest of the Scriptures also, to their own destruction. (II Peter 3:16)

23g. Are Catholics encouraged by the Church to read the Bible?

Yes; Catholics are encouraged by the Church to read the Bible, especially the Gospels, which tell about the earthly life of Jesus Christ, the Son of God made man.

23h. What is the chief message of the New Testament?

The chief message of the New Testament is the joyful announcement of our salvation through Jesus Christ.

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing, you may have life in His name. (John 20:31)