



GRADUAL REOPENING SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

Corpus Christi: 4:00 PM

St. Angela Merici: 4:30 PM

SUNDAY

St. Patrick: 8:30 AM

St. Robert Bellarmine: 9:30 AM

St. Angela Merici: 11:00 AM

WEEKDAYS

St. Angela Merici:

Monday–Friday 8:30 AM

MASSES AND PRAYER SERVICES AT ST. ANGELA WILL CONTINUE TO BE LIVESTREAMED THROUGH A LINK ON OUR WEBSITE

www.marymotherofgod1.org

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursdays, 5 – 6 p.m.
at St. Angela Parking Lot
Saturdays, 12 – 1 p.m.
at St. Robert Parking Lot.

*All those confessing must wear a mask.
Thank you!*



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Are you envious because I am generous?” Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.” - Mt 20:15-16

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SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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1640 Fawcett Ave.
White Oak, PA 15131

Corpus Christi
2515 Versailles Ave.
McKeesport, PA 15132

St. Patrick
310 32nd Street
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SACRAMENTS

Please contact the parish office as to the following sacraments:

Sacrament of Baptism

Prior to having your child baptized, both parents must attend a pre-baptismal seminar.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Arrangements should be made at least six months prior to your wedding date. A date will be set only after contacting the priest.

Sacrament of the Sick

(You may also see a priest after Mass)

Holy Communion for Shut-Ins

R.C.I.A

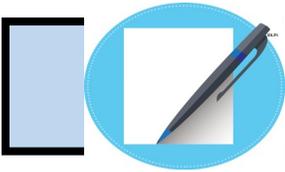
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Mass Readings and Intentions

Saturday, September 19	<u>Weekday; Saint Januarius, Bishop, Martyr; BVM</u> 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14 [14]/Lk 8:4-15
4:00 pm CC 4:30 pm St. A	Bruno Balawajder by: Wife and Children / Sylvester Kwiecinski; Alexis & Annette Troll by: Diane Pizzuto Edward Poprocky by: Poprocky Family
Sunday, September 20	<u>TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</u> Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a
8:30 am St. P 9:30 am St. R 11:00 am St. A	Mary Shatlock by: Ted and Kathy Erkman / Living and Deceased or our Parish Donald Vitous by: Karen (Traeger) Shaffer Mary DiMartino and Lena Caione by: Assunta Tyskiewicz
Monday, September 21	<u>SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST</u> Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13
8:30 am St. A	The Steimer and Gecan Families by: B.D. Moore and Family
Tuesday, September 22	<u>Weekday</u> Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 [35]/Lk 8:19-21
8:30 am St. A	Stephen Lugarich by; Rick and Mary Ann Tatarzyn
Wednesday, September 23	<u>Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest (Padre Pio)</u> Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 [105]/Lk 9:1-6
8:30 am St. A	Howard W. Grimm by: The Keller Family
Thursday, September 24	<u>Weekday</u> Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc [1]/Lk 9:7-9
8:30 am St. A	Gary Jackson by: Mrs. Gerry Jackson
Friday, September 25	<u>Weekday</u> Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 [1]/Lk 9:18-22
8:30 am St. A	Matthew McWilliams by: Family
Saturday, September 26	<u>Weekday; Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs; BVM</u> Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 [1]/Lk 9:43b-45
4:00 pm CC 4:30 pm St. A	Robert Squires by: wife, Irene and Children / William Benick by: Family Trudy Idzkowski by: Jean and Walt Baer
Sunday, September 27	<u>TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</u> Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32
8:30 am St. P 9:30 am St. R 11:00 am St. A	Bill Beck by: wife, Emma / George P. Gerdich by: Rose Hadzima Living and Deceased of Our Parish Eugene Eremia by: father, Anthony



FROM FATHER TERRY

J+M+J

“Are you envious because I am generous?” (Mt 20:15) Today we are given the Parable of the Good Employer. A landowner hires laborers at various times of the day and, at the end of the day, they all receive the same wage. It seems that those who worked longer hours should have been given a greater wage. However, all the workers were paid the “usual daily wage.” (13) The good employer did not cheat them of payment but was merely being generous. The parable points to the extreme generosity of God.



For our part, we never want to fall into envy when it comes to God’s generosity. He asks each of us, “Are you envious because I am generous.” Envy is one of the seven deadly sins. To combat any envy in our lives, we want to do two things. First, we need to rejoice in God’s generosity towards us. May we start with the person in the mirror. God is so generous to each of us. Do we believe this? I hope so. May we take some time to reflect upon all of God’s blessings in our lives, both large and small. Secondly, we need to rejoice in God’s generosity towards others. Isn’t it wonderful to see our brothers and sisters be the recipient of God’s blessings? Their blessings do not take away from us in the least. In fact, their blessings add to making the world around us a better place. May we stay clear of envy in our lives and we will by rejoicing in God’s generosity.



Today the church celebrates Catechetical Sunday. On this day, catechists are formally commissioned for their various ministries at our parish. This special day is a great opportunity to reflect on every baptized person’s call to hand on the faith and witness to the Gospel. We

are all catechists! Thus, along with those who have official ministries, we will extend a blessing upon everyone. This year’s theme is “I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you.” How blessed we are with the gift of faith. May we enthusiastically share our love for Jesus with all those we encounter.

Our “To Go Burger Bash” is quickly approaching. There was a taste test the other day and they are great burgers! The deadline for ordering is September 22. I hope you can be a part of this fun day.



OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

September 13, 2020

Offertory	\$	15,432.00
Monthly Maintenance	\$	1,941.00
Parish Share*	\$	1,572.00
All Saints	\$	50.00
World Mission	\$	15.00
Bishop's Education Fund	\$	868.00
Holy Land	\$	316.21

*We have collected \$108,797.00 towards our goal of \$181,258

“To Go” Fish Fry Results

Income:

Dinners \$9,098.00

Credits:

French Fries 41.78

Shrimp 251.28

Total Income: \$9,391.06

Expenses:

Curtze: - 3,300.50

Cellone's - 293.70

Jordan - 301.60

Total Expenses: \$ 3,895.80

Total Profit: **\$5,495.26**

Thanks to your generosity, \$320.00 was raised to help feed the hungry. This money was divided between the following local food banks:

- The Intersection
- Ma's Pantry
- Sonshine Ministries
- Sampson Mills Cupboard.



In addition, 70 extra fish dinners were prepared and sent to the Intersection for them to serve to those in need of a warm meal.



Please remember in your prayers :

L. James Auberle, Andrew Larson, Anna Mae Oleyar, Elda Polidora, and Harry Schmidt

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Sanctuary Light

Burns before the Blessed Sacrament the week of September 20 in loving memory of:



St. Angela Church

Donald and Gary Jackson by: Jackson Family

Corpus Christi Church

Stanley Brzek by: Family

BISHOP'S EDUCATION FUND

The annual second collection for the Bishop's Education Fund will be taken this weekend; **September 19 -20**. Since the fund was established in 1995, more than \$25 million has been raised. In the past 25 years, approximately \$20 million in assistance has been given to nearly 50,000 students from nearly every parish in the diocese. Many students in our diocese want a Catholic education, but a number of those students can only do so with financial assistance. Many students at Mary of Nazareth School benefit from this fund. Please be as generous as possible to this very important collection.



LIVESTREAM SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20

Daily Mass	M—F	8:30 A.M.
Weekend Masses:	Saturday	4:30 P.M.
	Sunday	11:00 A.M.
Holy Hour	Wed. 9/23	7:00 P.M.
Rosary	Thu. 9/24	7:00 P.M.





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



We are looking for volunteers to help with our “To Go” Burger Bash at Saint Robert Church on Sat., Sept. 26 from 2:00PM—6:00PM.

Helpers are needed during the following times:

- Fri. 9/25, 6:00PM at St. Robert’s kitchen to help prep food and help with setup.
- Sat. 9/26, Noon—6:00PM at St. Robert’s to help as order fillers, grillers, fryers, plus all around helpers.

If you can spare some time, we’d appreciate the help! Please call:

- Susie Litzinger: 412-965-6702
- Noreen Dodds: 412-334-1967
- Joann Dorazio: 412-780-4810



We are in need of Church Cleaners and Monitors. If interested, please call the office at 412-672-9641 or email secretary@marymotherofgod1.org



Saint Clare Ministry

Have you ever dreamed of being in television? Do you have an interest in film? Do you have photography skills you would like to share with your parish family?

Then consider joining our new St. Clare Ministry. Interested volunteers would be responsible primarily for filming and livestreaming our Masses, Holy Hours and Rosaries. Daily and weekend opportunities available. Call the office at 412-672-9641 or email your contact information to: secretary@marymotherofgod1.org

St. Clare was designated as the patron saint of television by Pope Pius XII, because when St. Clare was very ill, she could not attend Mass and was reportedly able to see and hear it on the wall in her room.



Ladies of Charity
Diocese of Pittsburgh

Mary, Mother of God Ladies of Charity would like to acknowledge three of our members for receiving the 25 Year Service Award. The recipients are: BETTY SWANK, MILDRED FARLEY and PAULINE FILIANO, all from St. Patrick Church. We thank you for all the charitable works that you have performed on behalf of our organization. You have served in simplicity, humility and charity. Thank you for your dedication and commitment!

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

We will hold our annual Blessing of Animals in the main center parking lot of St. Robert Church on Saturday, October 3 at 1:30 pm. We do this in honor of St. Francis of Assisi whose actual feast day is October 4. St. Francis had a great love for animals and all of God’s creation. All are welcome to bring their pets for this special blessing. Please remember to wear a mask and maintain social distancing.



SAFE ENVIRONMENT



It is the policy of the Diocese that **all** volunteers must complete the Safe Environment process before beginning a ministry or activity in any Parish.

Please contact Krista Sudyk, our Safe Environment Coordinator at ksudyk@marymotherofgod1.org.

PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN

If you suspect any child is being abused or neglected call 1-888-808-1235. If you suspect a child is in imminent danger from abuse please call 911 immediately.



BULLETIN DEADLINES

All bulletin articles must be submitted in writing by Monday at noon. Articles can be delivered to the office at 1640 Fawcett Ave., White Oak or emailed to : secretary@marymotherofgod1.org Thank you!



Pro-Life



- **40 Days for Life** takes a determined, peaceful approach to showing local communities the consequences of abortion in their own neighborhoods, for their friends and families.
- The most visible component of **40 Days for Life** is a constant prayer vigil outside a place where children are aborted. It is a prayerful witness to the clinic's patients and employees, and to the entire community, that evil is in our midst and that with God's help, it will be defeated.
- **Mary, Mother of God's Respect Life Committee** would like to invite you to participate in a **vigil in front of the Planned Parenthood abortion clinic**, located at **933 Liberty Avenue**, downtown Pittsburgh on **Wednesday, September 30th any time between the hours of 1:00 P.M and 5:00 PM**

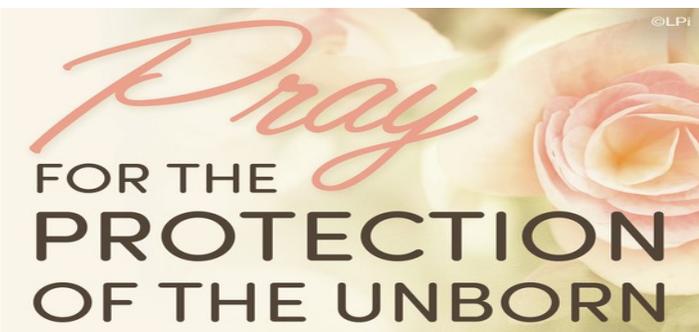
For additional information please contact Helen Cindrich (412) 398-9667, Joe Krol (412) 751-5493, Mike Kochman (412) 678-5992, or the Parish Office (412) 672-9641.



September 23 - November 1 **40 DAYS FOR LIFE**®

From September 23rd to November 1st, you're invited to join other Christians for **40 Days for Life**—40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40 day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 933 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, and to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information—and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact:

- Campaign Director, Nikki Bruni at: nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com



LIFE CHAIN

Our annual LIFE CHAIN will take place on Sunday, October 4 from 1:00—2:00 pm on both sides of Route 30 in East McKeesport near the intersection of Route 30 and Route 148, but NOT on the sidewalk at the GetGo Station. This is a silent, prayerful event. The police will know we are there. Signs will be provided. If you have questions, call Helen Cindrich at 412-823-8150 or Joe Krol at 412-751-5493.

Join us as we **KICK-OFF** our 40 days prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood on Wednesday, September 23rd at either (or both) of these amazing events:

1. **6:00 am Sunrise Mass at Epiphany Church, followed by Eucharistic Procession to Planned Parenthood!** Yes, Jesus Himself will be on the sidewalk to begin our vigil!!! Principal Celebrant, Fr. Chris Donley. Homily by Fr. Jason Charron.
2. **6:00 pm Evening Praise and Testimony Event at the Ark & Dove Retreat Center in Gibsonia!** *Sue Thayer, former abortion worker, currently working as Director of Outreach for 40 Days for Life, will share her amazing story of conversion!* Praise & Worship music by Deacon William Strathmann. **THIS IS AN OUTDOOR EVENT, SO PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN LAWN CHAIR!** **NOTE:** *In case of rain, alternate location will be the Church of the Assumption in Bellevue.*

MA'S PANTRY

Ma's Pantry serves residents of North Versailles and East McKeesport with free food distributed twice every month. Food is distributed from Broadway Alliance Church, 1000 Broadway Street, East McKeesport from 9:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. on scheduled Saturdays.



First time applicants must bring:

- Proof of residence in East McKeesport or North Versailles.
- A current, government issued photo ID
- Amount and source of income
- Names and birthdates of household family members

The next distribution date is **September 26**

CAREGIVER NEEDED

Thomas Regina of Duquesne, PA is looking for help a few hours a day showering and dressing his elderly mother. You will be paid for your assistance daily. Contact numbers: 412 667-0526 / 412 466-4068.



A piece of jewelry was found on the grounds of St. Robert Church. Please call the rectory at 412-627-9641 to claim.

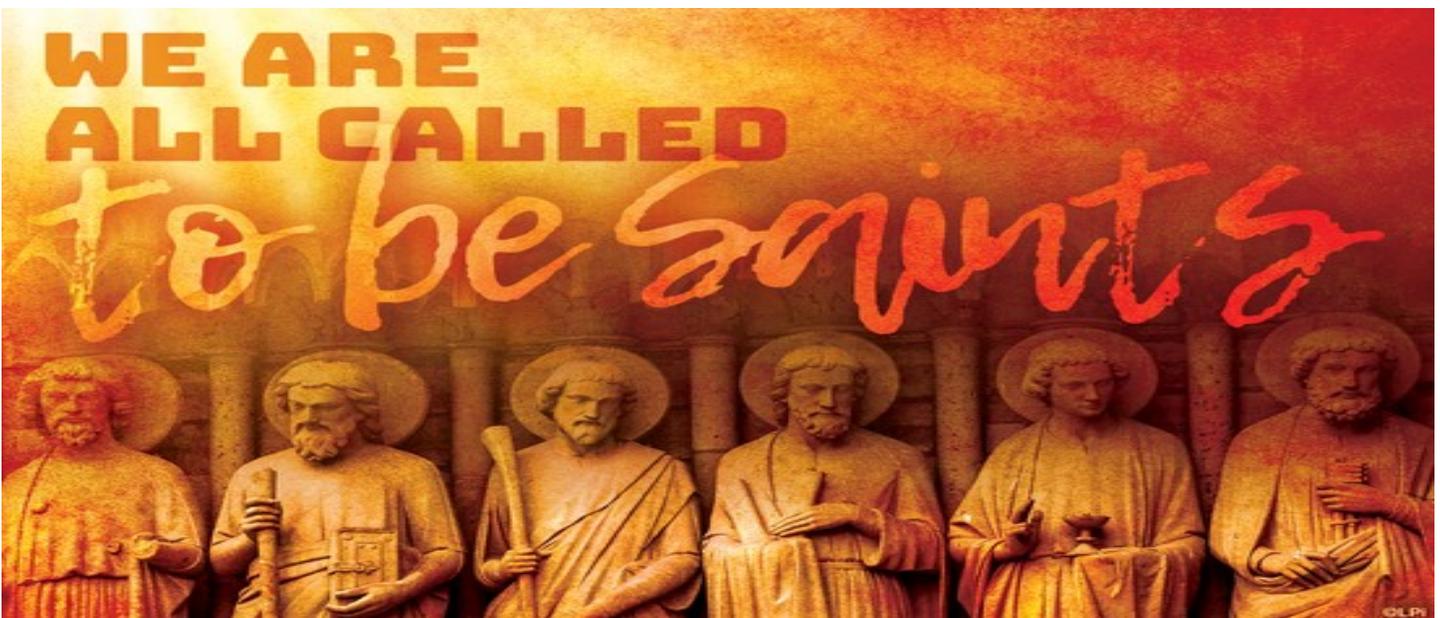
NEW RCIA PROGRAM

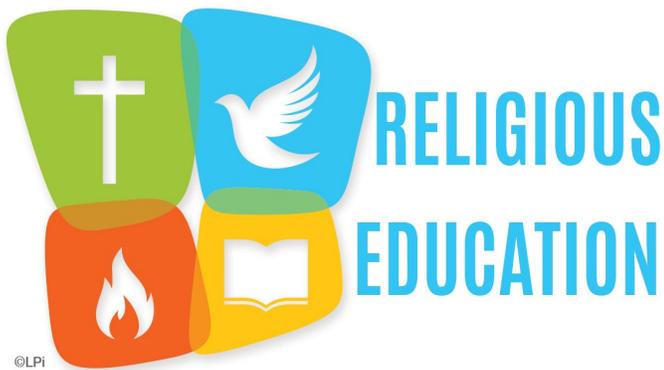
We are excited to launch our new RCIA program. In prior years, joining with surrounding parishes, we held classes on Sunday mornings at Corpus Christi Hall. As a newly formed parish, we are happy to announce that we are sponsoring our own RCIA program. Deacon Reynold Wilmer will be leading our new RCIA program on Thursdays at **St. Patrick Parish Center** at 7:00 P.M. We will have a variety of presenters teaching the classes.

The Rite of Christian Initiation

For Adults (RCIA) is a process for adults to either become Catholic or for Catholics to receive the rest of their Sacraments of Initiation. Have you ever thought of becoming Catholic? Are you Catholic but still need First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation? Is there someone you would like to invite to learn more about becoming Catholic? Are you a fully initiated Catholic but would like to learn more about the faith? Simply put, coming to know Jesus changes everything!

If you would like to discuss RCIA further, please contact Deacon Reynold at 412-849-1235 or by email: rwilmer754@gmail.com





Dear Families,

We hope you are staying safe and enjoying the summer!

After MUCH deliberation we have come up with a schedule for the Faith Formation Year! ALL programs will be meeting twice per month this year! We have read your surveys and met with the Faith Formation volunteers to come up with the following changes and options. PLEASE choose the option that fits best for your family!

Registration fees:

\$50 per child

\$90 for two children

\$120 for 3+ children

Please send check to:

Mary, Mother of God Parish/Emily Belchick

1640 Fawcett Avenue

White Oak, PA 15131

**REGISTER ONLINE BY CLICKING ON THE
FAITH FORMATION TAB @**

www.marymotherofgod1.org

If you have any questions please e-mail or call the office!

THANK YOU!

Emily and Krista

Option A: IN PERSON Faith Formation

Family Program Grades Pre-K-5th with family

*Meets in person twice per month

*At home lessons using bibles and tangible resources.

*Sacramental Prep with parents in person once per month (2nd grade only)

EDGE Middle School Program Grades 6th-8th students only

*Meets in person twice per month Sunday evenings

*Sacramental Prep with parents once per month (8th grade only)

PLEASE NOTE that all programs will be following the state guidelines on social distancing and the serving of food. MASK ARE REQUIRED for all! If the state moved to a red phase everything will be moved to ZOOM.

Option B: AT HOME Faith Formation

Family Program Grades Pre-K-5th with family

*Completes monthly lessons at home as a family

*Joins in monthly ZOOM call for whole family once per month

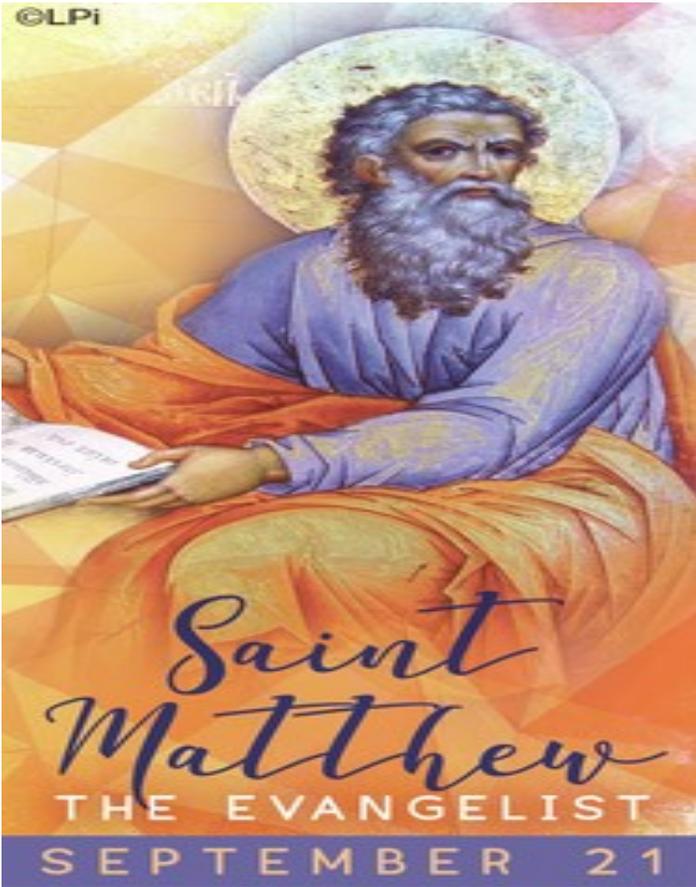
*Parents teach Sacramental Prep Program and complete packet (2nd grade only)

EDGE Middle School Program Grades 6th-8th grade students only

*Watches pre-recorded talks at home on Youtube

*Small group discussion with family and completes google form

*Parents teach Sacramental Prep Program and complete google forms for each lesson (8th grade only)



The Beatitudes

BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT,
FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN,
FOR THEY WILL BE COMFORTED.

BLESSED ARE THE MEEK,
FOR THEY WILL INHERIT THE EARTH.

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR
RIGHTEOUSNESS,

FOR THEY WILL BE FILLED.

BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL,
FOR THEY WILL BE SHOWN MERCY.

BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART,
FOR THEY WILL SEE GOD.

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS,
FOR THEY WILL BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD.

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED
BECAUSE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS,
FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

matthew five: three - ten

Matthew, the Evangelist who wrote the Gospel that appears first in the New Testament, was different from the other Apostles. He was not a popular man. Many people felt that he was unworthy to be a chosen as a follower of Jesus. 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 tax collectors to be traitors.

In Chapter 9 of his Gospel, Matthew tells a story about how Jesus called him to follow him and how the Jewish people felt about tax collectors. You can read it in Matthew 9:9-13. In this story, the Pharisees, a group of Jews who strictly followed all the laws of their religion, call tax collectors "sinners." 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.

The symbol for Matthew's Gospel is a man with wings. Matthew wrote about Jesus' Incarnation and his Gospel makes clear that Jesus was true God and true man. Matthew is the patron saint of bankers, because he dealt with money as a tax collector. But anyone who reads Matthew's Gospel knows that money was not important to him. What was important was believing in and living as a follower of Christ. Matthew helps us to remember that it is our faith in Jesus that makes us truly rich!

St. Matthew is the patron saint of accountants.
<http://saintsresource.com/matthew-the-apostle/>

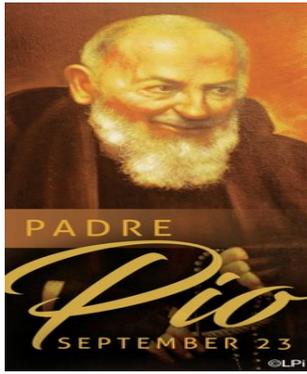
Saint Pio of Pietrelcina's Story

In one of the largest such ceremonies in history, Pope John Paul II canonized Padre Pio of Pietrelcina on June 16, 2002. It was the 45th canonization ceremony in Pope John Paul's pontificate. More than 300,000 people braved blistering heat as they filled St. Peter's Square and nearby streets. They heard the Holy Father praise the new saint for his prayer and charity. "This is the most concrete synthesis of Padre Pio's teaching," said the pope. He also stressed Padre Pio's witness to the power of suffering. If accepted with love, the Holy Father stressed, such suffering can lead to "a privileged path of sanctity."

Many people have turned to the Italian Capuchin Franciscan to intercede with God on their behalf; among them was the future Pope John Paul II. In 1962, when he was still an archbishop in Poland, he wrote to Padre Pio and asked him to pray for a Polish woman with throat cancer. Within two weeks, she had been cured of her life-threatening disease.

Born Francesco Forgione, Padre Pio grew up in a family of farmers in southern Italy. Twice his father worked in Jamaica, New York, to provide the family income. At the age of 15, Francesco joined the Capuchins and took the name of Pio. He was ordained in 1910 and was drafted during World War I. After he was discovered to have tuberculosis, he was discharged. In 1917, he was assigned to the friary in San Giovanni Rotondo, 75 miles from the city of Bari on the Adriatic.

On September 20, 1918, as he was making his thanksgiving after Mass, Padre Pio had a vision of Jesus. When the vision ended, he had the stigmata in his hands, feet, and side. Life became more complicated after that. Medical doctors, Church authorities, and curiosity seekers came to see Padre Pio. In 1924, and again in 1931, the authenticity of the stigmata was questioned; Padre Pio was not permitted to celebrate Mass publicly or to hear confessions. He did not complain of these decisions, which were soon reversed. However, he wrote no letters after 1924. His only other writing, a pamphlet on the agony of Jesus, was done before 1924. Padre Pio rarely left the friary after he received the stigmata, but busloads of people soon began coming to see him. Each morning after a 5 a.m. Mass in a crowded church, he heard confessions until noon. He took a mid-morning break to bless the sick and all who came to see him. Every afternoon he also heard confessions. In time his confessional ministry would take 10 hours a day; penitents had to take a number so that the situation could be handled. Many of them have said that Padre Pio knew details of their lives that they had never mentioned.



Padre Pio saw Jesus in all the sick and suffering. At his urging, a fine hospital was built on nearby Mount Gargano. The idea arose in 1940; a committee began to collect money. Ground was broken in 1946. Building the hospital was a technical wonder because of the difficulty of getting water there and of hauling up the building supplies. This "House for the Alleviation of Suffering" has 350 beds.

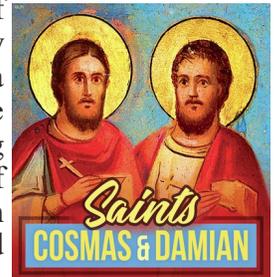
A number of people have reported cures they believe were received through the intercession of Padre Pio. Those who assisted at his Masses came away edified; several curiosity seekers were deeply moved. Like Saint Francis, Padre Pio sometimes had his habit torn or cut by souvenir hunters.

One of Padre Pio's sufferings was that unscrupulous people several times circulated prophecies that they claimed originated from him. He never made prophecies about world events and never gave an opinion on matters that he felt belonged to Church authorities to decide. He died on September 23, 1968, and was beatified in 1999.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-pio-of-pietrelcina/>

Saints Cosmas and Damian's Story

Little is known of the lives of these two saints except that they suffered martyrdom in Syria during the persecution of the Emperor Diocletian. Being prominent practitioners of medicine, it would have been hard for them to have remained unnoticed.



A church erected on the site of their burial was enlarged by the emperor Justinian. 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.

Nine centuries later, Francis of Assisi rebuilt the dilapidated San Damiano chapel outside Assisi.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saints-cosmas-and-damian/>



“TO GO” BURGER BASH

Mary, Mother of God Parish “To Go” Burger Bash event is fast approaching.

Mark your calendars for:

Saturday, September 26, 2020 2:00 PM—6:00 PM

St. Robert Bellarmine Church

Dinners are **PICK UP ONLY** due to the current Covid 19 restrictions.

You must pre-order.

Phone and email orders will be taken

Friday, September 11 through Tuesday, September 22

412-672-2220 / 412-215-9857 (Noon—7:00 P.M.)

marymotherofgodtogo@gmail.com

Please provide, name, phone number, order and time for pick-up

“To Go” Burger Bash Menu

Special 1/3 LB. Black Angus Burger Dinners \$9.00

- 1) Plain Burger / Fresh Cut Fries
- 2) Cheeseburger / Fresh Cut Fries
- 3) Swiss Mushroom Burger / Fresh Cut Fries



Additional items available:

- St. Robert Church Famous Pizza Fritas! (Sugar Fried Dough)
1/2 Dozen: \$5.00 / 1 Dozen: \$10.00
- Corpus Christi Church Homemade Potato Pierogies
1 Dozen Frozen Pierogies: \$10.00

CASH ONLY

We appreciate your patronage.

Order #: _____

Customer Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Pick Up Time: _____

September 26, 2020 - 2PM to 6PM
St. Robert Bellarmine Church
McClure St., Upper Parking Lot
North Verailles, PA 15137

2 Easy ways to order:
1.) Call 412-672-2220 or 412-215-9857
2.) Email: marymotherofgodtogo@gmail.com

PICK UP ONLY

CASH ONLY

Volunteer Inits: _____

1/3 LB. BLACK ANGUS BURGER DINNERS (No Substitutions Please)

Qty.	Entree	Cost	Total
	#1 Plain Hamburger / Fries	\$9.00	
	#2 Cheeseburger / Fries	\$9.00	
	#3 Mushroom-Swiss Burger / Fries	\$9.00	

(Please circle)

Ketchup Mustard Mayo Carmelized Onions

Qty.	Additional Items for Sale	Cost	Total
	Pizza Fritas (Sugar Fried Dough)		
	1/2 dozen	\$5.00	
	dozen	\$10.00	
	Potato Pierogi (Frozen) - dozen	\$10.00	

Qty.	If Requested	Cost	Total
	Extra Fries	\$2.00	
	Extra Onions	\$1.00	

Total		
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How to Select and Wear a Mask

- Wear masks with two or more layers to stop the spread of COVID-19
- Wear the mask over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin
- Masks should be worn by people two years and older
- Masks should NOT be worn by children younger than two, people who have trouble breathing, or people who cannot remove the mask without assistance
- Do **NOT** wear masks intended for healthcare workers, for example, N95 respirators



Do NOT wear a mask



Around your neck



On your forehead



Under your nose



Only on your nose



On your chin



Dangling from one ear



On your arm

DO choose masks that



Have two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric



Completely cover your nose and mouth



Fit snugly against the sides of your face and don't have gaps

DO NOT choose masks that



Are made of fabric that makes it hard to breathe, for example, vinyl



Have exhalation valves or vents, which allow virus particles to escape



Are intended for healthcare workers, including N95 respirators or surgical masks

Special Situations: Children



If you are able, find a mask that is made for children



If you can't find a mask made for children, check to be sure the mask fits snugly over the nose and mouth and under the chin



Do NOT put on children younger than 2 years old

Special Situations: Glasses



If you wear glasses, find a mask that fits closely over your nose or one that has a nose wire to limit fogging



GOSPEL

Whether you work for God your whole life, or whether you just got started, God will reward you in heaven. God doesn't want you to compare yourself with other people. God just wants you to love him with your whole heart.



PRAYER

God, help me to be ready when you ask me to work for you.



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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 20:1-16a