



# Saint Mary's Catholic Church of Piscataway



**13405 Piscataway Road, Clinton, Maryland 20735-4564**

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**Pastor:** Rev. Samuel I. Plummer (#101)  
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**Permanent Deacon:** Dcn. George B. Ames, Jr. (Ret.)

**Permanent Deacon:** Dcn. Stephen McKimmie (Ret.)

**School Principal:** Miss Lysie K. Reavis (#131)

**Director of Music/Liturgy:** Dr. Eran Lupu (#106)

**Parish Administrative Assistant:** Ms. Michèle Fulk (#100)

**Parish Bookkeeper:** Ms. Claudette Kim (#107)

## Weekend Masses

Saturday ~ 4:00 p.m., Main Church

Sunday ~ 8:00 a.m., Our Lady's Chapel

9:30 a.m., & 12:00 p.m., Main Church

## Weekday Masses

Monday through Friday; ~ 8:15 a.m.

First Saturday: ~9:00 a.m.

## Holy Day Masses

Please refer to the bulletin prior to the Holy Day for the schedule.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Saturday ~ 2:30 to 3:45 p.m. in the Main Church Sunday~ before 9:30 & 12:00 Masses or by appointment



**Founded in Colonial Catholic History in 1640**  
+  
**Canonically Established in 1830**

*Welcome to our new parishioners and visitors!*

**Be sure to introduce yourself to our pastor after Mass. Registration forms are available in the gathering area of the Church, at the Parish Office, and on our website.**

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR CHILDREN

—Infants: Newborn children of at least one Catholic parent should be baptized as Catholics shortly after their birth. Parishioners with newborns should complete a Baptismal preparation form (available online or hard copy) and call Fr. Plummer at the Parish Office to schedule a preparation class.

—Children younger than 7: are baptized “as infants.” See above.

—Children 7 and older: if unbaptized, these typically receive Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the annual Easter Vigil, after preparation. Contact Fr. Plummer at the Parish Office to arrange preparations (301) 292-0527 #101.

## SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

For a valid marriage, a Catholic must marry in the Catholic Church before a Priest or Deacon and at least two witnesses, unless he or she receives a dispensation from the Church. The bride or groom must be a parishioner of St. Mary's. Call Fr. Plummer at least 6 months in advance to arrange preparation classes. As Catholics, we are bound to observe the Rite of Marriage as prescribed in the Roman Ritual, and to observe additional diocesan and parish policies. Weddings typically do not take place in Lent. Musical arrangements must be made with our Music Director, Dr. Eran Lupu at (301) 292-0527 #106.

## FUNERALS

If a Vigil service for the deceased is desired, please arrange for a viewing or wake at the funeral home of your choice. A priest or deacon will gladly come to the funeral home and celebrate the Vigil Service. There are no viewings or wakes in the Main Church or Our Lady's Chapel at St. Mary's.

To prepare a Funeral Mass in either the Main Church or Our Lady's Chapel, please call the Parish Office [(301) 292-0527] in order to arrange an appointment with a priest. As Catholics, we are bound to observe the Order of Christian Funerals as prescribed in the Roman Ritual, and to observe additional parish policies.

For burial arrangements in our parish cemetery, please call the Archdiocese of Washington Office of Catholic Cemeteries at (301) 932-1766. A representative will meet with you at our Parish Office.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

This is required for unbaptized adults who wish to become Catholic, non-Catholic Christians who wish to be received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church, baptized Catholics who wish to receive Confirmation and/or Eucharist, as well as any other inquirers are welcome. Call Fr. Plummer at (301) 292-0527 #101 to discuss your situation.

## PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)

All parish families' children in grades K-8 who do not attend Catholic school should enroll in this program. Weekly classes begin in September on Sundays from 10:40 a.m.—11:50 a.m.. Please call Fr. Plummer at (301) 292-0527 #101 to register.

## HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

To arrange for a home “Communion call” contact the Parish Office.

## EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION/ADORATION WEEKLY TIMES

We are always in need of more adorers to make a “Holy Hour” before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady's Chapel. Contact Anne Marie Ramsey (202) 368-7189, to “sign-up” for an hour within the following times:

Wednesday ~ 8:45 a.m. Mass to 7:00 p.m.

Thursday ~ 8:45 a.m. Mass to 7:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet, 6:30 p.m.

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mondays thru Fridays~ 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

(Closed on most Federal Holidays)

# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL OF PISCATAWAY

## 24 Hour Eucharistic Exposition

First Friday, October 7th to

Saturday, October 8th

9:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Main Church

Friday 8:15 a.m. Mass followed by Devotions

Saturday 9:00 a.m. Mass (*Followed Anointing of the Sick*)

**SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE IN THE MAIN CHURCH NARTHEX THIS WEEKEND**

**We need two adorers per slot. Thank you.**



**St. Mary's Choir**—Do you enjoy singing? St. Mary's Liturgical Choir is looking for new choristers to sing at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays. No previous musical experience is necessary, only a love of singing (in tune). Singing is praying to God twice!

**Next Practice: On Hiatus until back in the Main Church.**

Contact Dr. Eran Lupu at: [eranlupu@icloud.com](mailto:eranlupu@icloud.com)

**O.C.I.A. (formerly called R.C.I.A.) continues Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Come and be fed mentally and spiritually! Are you interested in becoming Catholic, or haven't received the Sacrament of Confirmation, or just want to refresh your faith. All are invited! Bring a friend!**

**Altar Servers Wanted!**—Calling all youth who are interested in helping make our Weekend Masses special. The only prerequisite is having received First Holy Communion. The Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex of Our Lady's Chapel. Thank you for your interest in Serving the Lord, and the Body of Christ. For any questions, please contact Father Plummer at [plummers@aqdw.org](mailto:plummers@aqdw.org) or 301 292-0527 x 101.



## FLOCKNOTE REGISTRATION OPEN TO ALL PARISHIONERS!

We will be using Flock note to send day to day information instead of emails. So far, we have 96 families signed up. Our goal is to have everyone sign-up. Just copy and paste the link, below, into your browser, go to the page, fill in some information, (I will be notified of your registration and approve it), then you are good to go. Remember your passwords. Thank you!

<https://stmarvspiscataway.flocknote.com/dashboard>

## St. Mary's Piscataway Parish School of Religion (PSR)

**Parish School of Religion 2022-2023 Registration is continuing!**—Help your children grow closer to Jesus, learn more about the Catholic Church, and stay on track for receiving the Sacraments. Children from Kindergarten through 8th grade who do not attend a Catholic School should be registered.

Registration will occur this weekend after all Masses, and every weekend until the first day of class, September 18. Classes will be in the School classrooms and will run from 10:45 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. This accommodates PSR families who come to either the 9:30 a.m. Mass before class or the 12 noon Mass after class. At time of registration please bring Birth certificates, & Baptism Certificates and/or First Holy Communion Certificates if the Sacrament(s) were not here at St. Mary's Church of Piscataway. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.



## Eucharistic Exposition Wed. & Thurs.:

† Exposition is in Our Lady's Chapel after Mass (Approx. 9:00 a.m.) until 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, and Thursday (Devotions and Benediction).

† We need to be sure to have adorers the whole time the Lord is exposed. At least two people at a time would be ideal.

† Save Eucharistic Exposition through your commitment to be in the presence of the Lord for a full hour of adoration.

† We cannot provide this devotion without your participation.

† Please contact Anne Marie Ramsey, at (202) 368-7189, to sign up for an hour. Please, continue wearing your masks and use the hand sanitizer provided. Thank you.

## COME SPEND TIME IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD!

We Need Adorers to cover empty spots!

Every Wednesday: 11-12 noon, 4-5p.m., or 5-6p.m.

Every Thursday: 10-11 a.m., 3-4 p.m., 4-5p.m., or 5-6p.m.

**Friday Faith Formation**—"Real Freedom: Virtue and the Freedom to Love"—Dr. Edward Sri., September 16th. This event begins with food and fellowship at 6:45 p.m. and the event starts at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Hall. All are invited!

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## Around the Archdiocese



**Retrouvaille**—Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped many couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on September 2nd-4th, please visit our website [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org), call (443) 400-7017, or email: [3015@HelpOurMarriage.org](mailto:3015@HelpOurMarriage.org)



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(Archdiocese of Washington)



October 23

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**World Missions/Propagation of the Faith** - these funds are distributed in the Pope's name by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for pastoral and evangelizing programs and needs of more than 1,150 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands and remote regions of Latin America. For further information

<http://www.propfaith.net/onefamilyinmission/default.aspx>

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# TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

Parish Week Events:		Current Week's Mass Schedule—Ordinary Time	
<b>Sunday, Sept. 18</b> <b>Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <i>Catechetical Sunday</i>	8:00 a.m., (OLC)	<b>Mon., Sept. 19</b>	<i>St. Januarius</i>
	9:30 a.m., & 12:00 p.m. Masses, (OLC) Litany of Prayers for Priests before 9:30 Mass PSR Registration Weekend (Sat/Sun) Catechetical Sunday—9:30 a.m. Mass PSR Classes—10:45-11:50 a.m. (Classrooms)	8:15 a.m.	Bègin & Fromont Families (+)
<b>Monday, Sept. 19</b> <i>St. Januarius</i>	Morning Mass—8:15 a.m., (OLC) School: Picture Day	<b>Tues., Sept. 20</b>	<i>St. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn &amp; St. Paul Chŏng Ha-sang &amp; Companions</i>
<b>Tuesday, Sept. 20</b> <i>St. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn &amp; St. Paul Chŏng Ha-sang &amp; Companions</i>	Morning Mass—8:15 a.m., (OLC) (Confessions after) O.C.I.A. Session—7:00 p.m., (Parish Hall)	8:15 a.m.	Zitem Chukwura—BD
<b>Wednesday, Sept. 21</b> <i>St. Matthew</i>	Morning Mass—8:15 a.m., (OLC) Eucharistic Exposition—9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., (OLC)	<b>Wed., Sept. 21</b>	<i>St. Matthew</i>
<b>Thursday, Sept. 22</b> Weekday	Morning Mass—8:15 a.m., (OLC) Eucharistic Exposition—9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., (OLC) Liturgical Latin—7:00 p.m. (Parish Hall) Choir Practice—7:15 p.m., Main Church?	8:15 a.m.	Mary Nwandu Agboli (+)
<b>Friday, Sept. 23</b> <i>St. Pius of Pietrelcina</i>	Morning Mass—8:15 a.m. (OLC) (Confessions After) Social & Event at 7:00 p.m. (Parish Hall)	<b>Thur., Sept. 22</b>	Weekday
<b>Saturday, Sept. 24</b> <i>BVM</i>	Confessions—2:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., (MC) Vigil Mass—4:00 p.m., (OLC)	8:15 a.m.	Evelyn Umawam (+)
<b>Sunday, Sept. 25</b> <b>Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	8:00 a.m., (OLC) 9:30 a.m., & 12:00 p.m. Masses, (OLC) Coffee and Donuts—After 8 & 9:30 Mass, (PH) PSR Registration Weekend (Sat/Sun) PSR Classes—10:45-11:50 a.m. (Classrooms)	<b>Fri., Sept. 23</b>	<i>St. Pius of Pietrelcina</i>
		8:15 a.m.	Rodney K. Brown (+)
		<b>Next Weekend's Mass Schedule</b>	
		<b>Sat., Sept. 24</b>	<i>Sunday Vigil</i>
		4:00 p.m.	St. Mary's Parishioners
		<b>Sun., Sept. 25</b>	<i>Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
		8:00 a.m.	Susan Ritchie (+)
		9:30 a.m.	All Souls in Purgatory (+)
		12:00 p.m.	Victor Malabayabas (+)

The names listed next to a specific Mass indicate an act of love for a living or deceased member of a family or a friend. If you would like to schedule a Mass for a specific date, or intention, please contact Michèle Fulk, in the parish office at (301) 292-0527, or [parish@stmaryspiscataway.org](mailto:parish@stmaryspiscataway.org).

*Mass intentions are filled on a first come, first served, basis.*

**Customary Donation: Mass Intention—\$10 per Mass.**

**SANCTUARY LIGHT:** For the week of *Sunday, September 18, 2022 to Saturday, September 25, 2022*

The Sanctuary Light will burn this week in the Main Church for the Intentions of the Ukrainian People and the Conversion of Russia.  
The Sanctuary Light will burn this week in Our Lady's Chapel for the Repose of the Souls of the Ukrainian People.

**EXPOSITION CANDELABRA:** For the week of *Sunday, September 18, 2022 to Saturday, September 25, 2022 Wed., Thurs.*

The Left-side Candelabra will burn this week in Our Lady's Chapel for the intentions of all families of unborn babies.  
The Right-side Candelabra will burn this week in Our Lady's Chapel for the repose of the souls of all unborn babies.

**Customary Donation: Sanctuary Light or Adoration Candelabra—\$10 per Week**

**MEMORIAL FLOWERS: THANK YOU TO ALL VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE PROVIDED FLOWERS TO DECORATE OUR LADY'S CHAPEL.** (Due to the closing of Sharper Florist, we now ask that you order and pay for your arrangements directly with your chosen florist. We ask that you contact the parish office to discuss the dates.)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:** Mary Allen, Brian Ashby, Catherine Beck, Ed Bednar, Brendamarie Smith-Bottorf, Fr. Michael Bryant, Harry Burton, Leonard Carter, Paul Carter, Jr., Steven Carter, Myrtis Cline, Scot Cuzzo, Darlene Davis, Dawn De Chance, Nancy Cyr, Shari Deeb, Michael L. DeMoulin, Anju Diggs, John Diggs, Brice Ewing, Justin Faulkner, Ernestino Figueroa, Jr., Anita and Joe Foley, Theresa Fox, Bill Gates, June Gates, Harry Gorman, Amy Gray, Cathy Gwiazda, Mable Henson, Carol Hickey, Rusty Hickey, Merrill Horner, Normita Ijadunola, Soddy Johnson, Carol Kapitan, Karl Athanasius Kim, Enid King, Steliana Kruer, Jerry Laguilles, Jr., Frank Loeffler, Jr., Felis Luña, Judy Manion, Ruth Mararac, Bill Maxwell, Mary McNeice, Diane Miles, Janet Miller, Joseph Murphy, Jules Olive, Wendy Onsted, Melanie Pedri, Carmelita Penaflor, Walter Raley II, Eric Randall, Shanda Reecks, Jim Ritchie, Marco Rodriguez, Heather Rosales, James Rudasill, Michael Russell, Azucena Santiago, Greg Scheirer, Leanne Marie Schiliro, Grace Schlosser, Gabrielle Sellers, Michael Sellers, Joseph Sienkiewicz, Eric Simon, Priscilla Simms, Katherine Smith, Shirley Smith, Lorraine Thompson, Thelma Tilman, James Conrad Townes, Gil Vigneault, Kim Walls, Rena Walzel, Paul Watson, John Weaver, Donna Webb, Samuel Willett, Marie C. Williams, Joyce Windsor, Beverly Woods. and those with the Coronavirus. *Names will remain on the prayer list for at least 60 days.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DEAD:** We are honoring the anniversary of all of our beloved dead who died in the month of September, from 1999-2022. Felician D. Ariola, (86); Josefina Alfiler Borbon, (77); Anna Marie Brown, (93); Elmer T. Bugayong, (37); Pauline L. Carlstead, (89); Joseph Edward Conner, (85); Lucille Agnes Crockett, (81); Alfred Paul Fidrocki, (62); Karen Stephanie Fitch, (71); Gladys Elizabeth Fregly, (80); Marjorie C. Gates, (70); Pamela Lucille Ghattas, (73); Joseph Americo Giovannoni, (63); Anita Mary Holland, (74); Margaret M. Schuster Hornsby, (98); William P. Hornsby, (71); Helen "Ma" Thorne Grimes Houser, (92); Jennifer Jones, (52); Constance Jeannette Kerr, (82); Margaret Estelle King, (81); Anna Lincoln, (87); Thelma Mae Marshall, (60); Leo John Morawski, (71); Marie Fannie Munson, (77); Henry Stanley Pieknik, (77); Del. James Edward Proctor, Jr., (79); Cristeta Perez Ricasa, (67); Anna Oertly Ryan, (84); Mildred Serado, (86); Emily Estelle Skotta, (82); Genera Munson Smith, (86); Betty Ann Stevanus, (71); Susan Francisco Tabion, (61); David Michael Tilch, (57); Michael William Tierney, (48); Teresita Valerio-Nifalar, (75); Shirley May Washington, (81); Edith Whelan, (96); Henry E. Willett, (77); & Marie Witter. **NOTE:** All of the names that were here originally, are now on the Prayer List Page on our website <https://saintmaryspiscataway.net/prayer-list>.

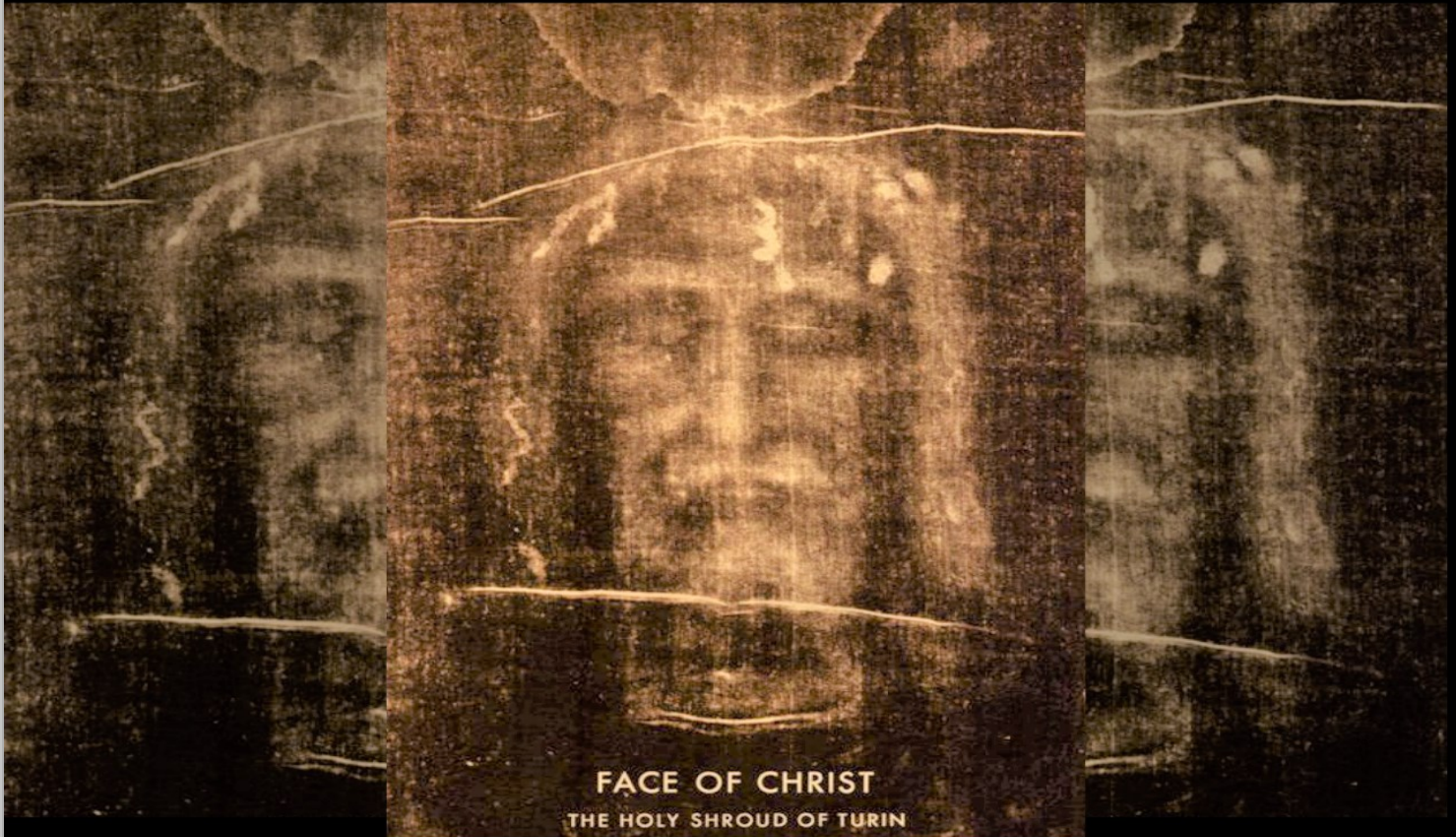
**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY HERE & AWAY:** PFC Eric Bean, U S Army; Staff Sargent Brandon Fournier, USAF; LT. Laura Carts Hills, USCG; CPO Mary Patton, USNR; CWO2 Christopher Ramsey, USMC; and Major Stephen Voglezon, US Army. Please contact us if you have relatives in the military serving overseas.



*Join us for :*

**THE NOVENA MASS AND HOUR OF REPARATION  
TO HONOR  
THE MOST HOLY FACE OF JESUS**

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"Contemplate My Face and you will enter into My Heart's abyss of sorrow. Console Me and search for souls who sacrifice themselves with Me for the salvation of the world. Now, if there will still be those who will not recognize that this is truly My work, it is because they close their eyes." He also said "you will know my disciples by their works", so we ask you to please persevere in helping others to know of this devotion of love and mercy.

**CELEBRANT: FR. SAM PLUMMER**  
**WHEN: EVERY LAST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH**

**NEXT NOVENA MASS: SEPTEMBER 30TH**

**TIME: 7:30 PM**

**WHERE: SAINT MARY'S OF PISCATAWAY** **OUR LADY'S**  
13405 PISCATAWAY RD. **CHAPEL**  
CLINTON, MD 20735-4564



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## Participant Materials:

*Full of Grace Book, Study Guide,  
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## Study Location:

**St. Mary's Church of Piscataway  
13401 Piscataway Rd., Clinton, MD  
Parish Hall**

## Dates/Times:

**From October 2022 to May 2023**

**First Saturdays:**

**9:00 a.m. 1st Sat. Mass, followed by  
"Full of Grace" Study, until 12:00 p.m.**

**Third Saturdays: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
For More Information:**

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## WEEKLY PRAYER

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

- Sunday:** Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13
- Monday:** Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday:** Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21
- Wednesday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13
- Thursday:** Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc/Lk 9:7-9
- Friday:** Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22
- Saturday:** Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45
- Next Sunday:** Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

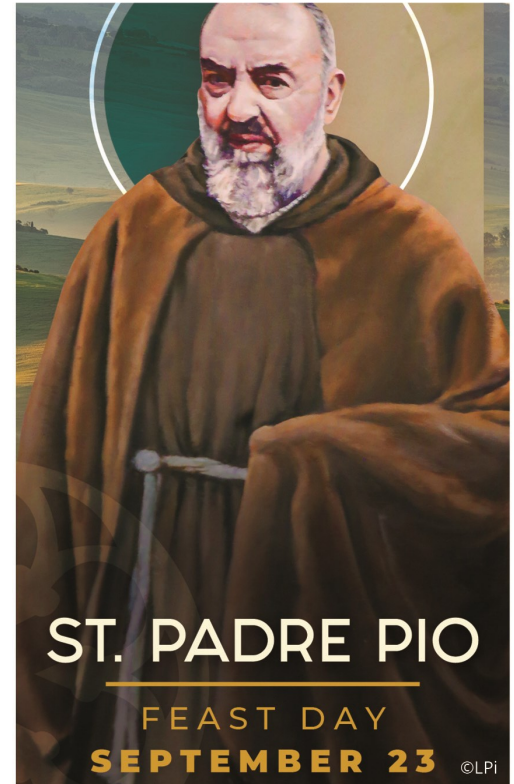
### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

- Sunday:** 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
- Monday:** St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
- Tuesday:** Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs
- Wednesday:** St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
- Friday:** St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
- Next Sunday:** 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; National Migration Week

### LIVE THE LITURGY

#### Inspiration for the week

Human beings are often very clever when managing money and making a profit. Sometimes, we place so much of our sense of security in money that we lower ourselves to deceit and fraud. Our need to produce a profit can easily lead to economic injustice and exploitation. Money is necessary to conduct the business of our lives. However, it cannot become the god we serve. Being smart, savvy, and creative with financial wealth can be good. Being smart, savvy, and creative with living out our relationship with God is even better. Our hearts have to find a home somewhere. Jesus reminds us of a choice we must make: God or mammon. We need to be cautious about “selling our souls” to what cannot fully satisfy us and falling into the traps of lust, gluttony, pride, and greed. Instead, we can better direct our efforts and our talents to the management of God’s kingdom, which in the end is the only thing that matters. Any ideas on how we can use the talents and skills God gave us to make for a better world?



### SAINT OF THE WEEK

Best known as Padre Pio, St. Pius was born Francesco Forgione in 1887 in Pietrelcina, Italy. As a young boy he suffered many illnesses including typhoid. He joined Capuchin Franciscans at 15 and took the name of Pius or “Pio” in honor of Pope Pius I. He was ordained in 1910, and at this time he received the marks of stigmata, the wounds of Christ, but they eventually healed. Frequent illnesses continued to plague him as a young man.

Padre Pio served in the Italian Medical Corps during World War I, but he was discharged early because of illness, which was likely tuberculosis. He was assigned to the friary in San Giovanni Rotondo. In 1918, while continuing to serve at the friary, the stigmata appeared again, and this time remained until his death.

Many faithful came to see him at the friary, his days were long, beginning with Mass at 5 a.m. then hearing confessions all day with breaks to bless the sick. A simple man, content to do God’s will on earth and with the ardent desire to serve the sick and poor in whom he saw Christ, he urged a hospital, Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza (House for the Relief of Suffering), to be built in San Giovanni Rotondo. It opened in 1956.

Padre Pio died at the age of eighty-one in 1968 and in 2002 Pope John Paul II proclaimed him “St. Pio of Pietrelcina.”





## FIRST READING

Hear this, you who trample upon the  
needy  
and destroy the poor of the land!  
(Am 8:4)



## PSALM

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.  
(Ps 113)  
Or Alleluia.



## SECOND READING

This is good and pleasing to God our  
savior,  
who wills everyone to be saved  
and to come to knowledge of the truth.  
(1 Tm 2:3-4)



## GOSPEL

"No servant can serve two masters.  
He will either hate one and love the  
other,  
or be devoted to one and despise the  
other.

You cannot serve both God and  
mammon." (Lk 16:13)

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## WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"You cannot serve both God and mammon." Merriam-Webster defines mammon as material wealth or possessions, especially having a debasing influence. While God does not take issue with our need to use money for the business of our lives, there can be a problem with the attitudes we bring to it. We can easily become so preoccupied and obsessed with money that it becomes the real "god" we worship. Do we serve mammon instead of God? In their book, *Wealth, Riches and Money*, Craig Hill and Earl Pitts outline symptoms of mammon's influence in our lives. Some of these are worry and anxiety over money, money mismanagement, fear over "never having enough," an "I can't afford it" mentality, impulse buying, stinginess, greed, debt, and discontent.

Many of the things on that list can consume us to the point that we are distracted from what we really need to be doing. Many people spend an inordinate amount of time worrying about money and it becomes the source of their worst fears. If we are honest with ourselves, we need to admit that we place far more emphasis on our material securities than we ought. In fact, we have actually convinced ourselves that we cannot live without it. Are we that certain about the presence of God? Many of the world's problems, especially those involving inequity and injustice, result from conflicts about money. Many equate money with happiness. Those successful in accumulating large amounts of it quickly realize just how wrong they are.

"Your ultimate allegiance is not to the government, not to the state, not to nation, not to any man-made institution. The Christian owes his ultimate allegiance to God, and if any earthly institution conflicts with God's will it is your Christian duty to take a stand against it. You must never allow the transitory evanescent demands of man-made institutions to take precedence over the eternal demands of the Almighty God (Martin Luther King, Jr.)." This is the point Jesus is trying to make. Unfortunately, when we look around our man-made kingdoms are far more prevalent than God's kingdom. When we start seeing greater evidence of justice, equity, dignity, respect, opportunity, gentleness, holiness, solidarity, honesty, simplicity, care for creation, and a decrease in ambition, then we will know that God's kingdom is being served. We will be doing what we are supposed to do.



## LITURGICAL LIFE

# RESPONDING *to the Call*

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

#### Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

##### Fixing the Scales

Most people don't intend on being selfish. The reality of selfishness usually lies in the grey shades of our decision-making. We would never go out of our way to kick a homeless person begging by the highway exit. We would never steal money from our parish collection plate.

But would we drive past the homeless person without even extending a thought or a prayer toward his need? Would we justify stinginess in time, talent, and treasure because of our own comfort? We all have been guilty of transgressions such as these in the past. We will fall again in the future.

Most of the evil in this world can be traced back to a feeling of entitlement that lurks deep within each of us — a frantic concern for our own good that we find difficult to shake. The same instinct that compelled Eve to reach for the fruit that would give her the knowledge of good and evil still compels people to focus on what they are owed, on what they have “earned,” on what they have “coming to them.” We are so tempted to fix the scales. We are so tempted to keep score.

We would do well to remember that our God is not a God who keeps score. He is not a God who acts entitled or who tacks on extra dues, taking as much as He can get. He is a God who seats the lowly with princes. He is a God who seeks avenues for reconciliation and mercy.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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### WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

#### Question:

Why do we celebrate Catechetical Sunday?

#### Answer:

The mission of the church reflects the mission of Jesus to teach, preach, heal, and forgive. Through these acts, Jesus shares the good news of salvation and invites all people to share in the life and love of God. The church continues this mission in all its ministries, but especially, and perhaps most importantly, through catechesis.

Catechetical Sunday is celebrated on the third Sunday of September. The task of handing on the Gospel is entrusted to the whole community, who by word and example, form young and new members in the way of the Gospel. Parish programs assist parents in teaching the basics of faith through liturgical experience, instruction, and faith formation. This ministry is essential for the parish to grow, for individuals to develop as believers, and for the ongoing spiritual formation of the whole community. It reminds the church that preaching the Gospel and growing in faith are essential to our sacramental practice and our liturgical prayer.



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**"For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon."**

**- Lk 16:8b, 13**

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## **LITURGICAL LIFE**

### **QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

**Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture**

#### **First Reading**

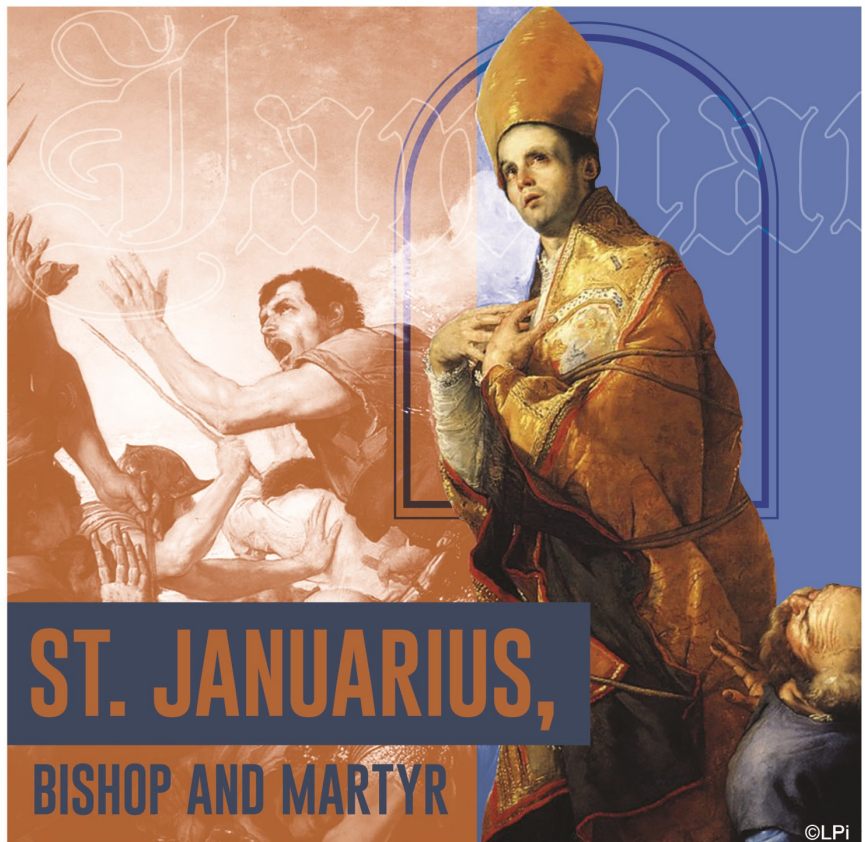
The prophet Amos warns those who exploit the poor and the vulnerable will be harshly condemned by the Lord. In what ways do you defend those marginalized in our society?

#### **Second Reading**

Paul teaches Timothy to be open, generous, and inclusive in his prayer life. How would you find this spiritual advice a challenge in your life?

#### **Gospel Reading**

In the parable of the dishonest steward, Jesus praises the steward for resolving his dilemma, in the end, with prudence. With his parable, Jesus teaches his disciples an important lesson on the dangers of monetary wealth. How do you avoid the trap of choosing money over God?



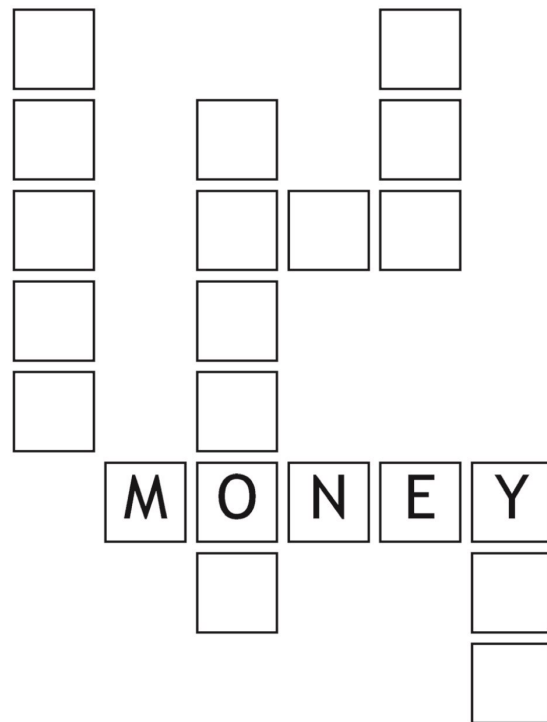
### **25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



## KIDS CORNER

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

**You cannot serve God and money.**



### SHARING THE GOSPEL

Jesus wants you to be honest. When you tell lies, your friends will not be able to trust you. Tell the truth. If you find a wallet, bring it to the police station. If you see someone drop some money, pick it up and give it back to them. If someone left a jacket or toy on the playground, don't take it.

Turn it in to "lost and found."

When you are honest with small things, people will see that you can be trusted with bigger things, too.

### PRAYER

Dear God, help me to be honest.

### MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Ask your parents to tell you ways that they choose to be honest with their work, their money, and with God.

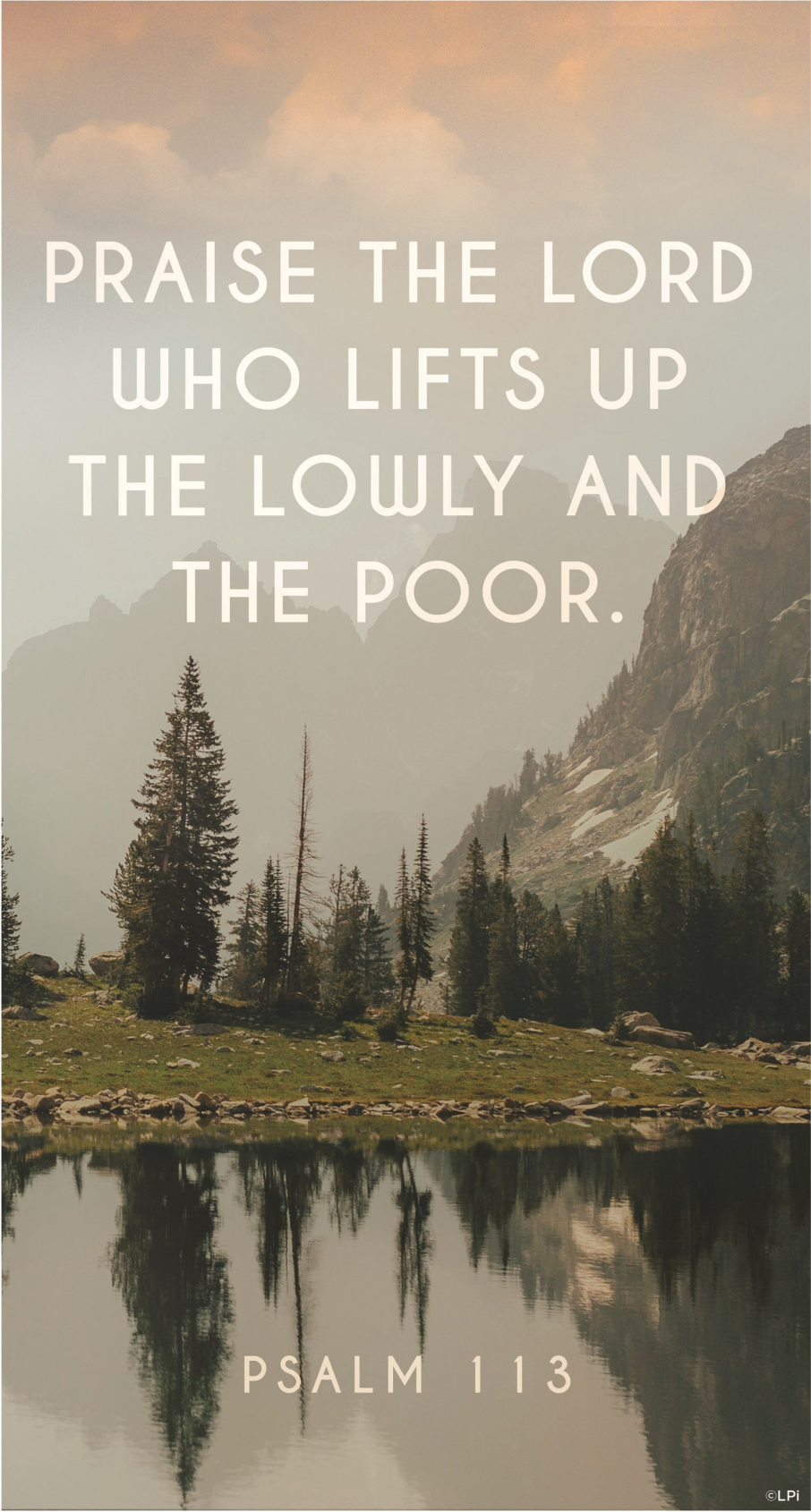


"CATECHISTS ARE PEOPLE WHO KEEP THE MEMORY OF GOD ALIVE; THEY KEEP IT ALIVE IN THEMSELVES AND THEY ARE ABLE TO REVIVE IT IN OTHERS."

- POPE FRANCIS







PRAISE THE LORD  
WHO LIFTS UP  
THE LOWLY AND  
THE POOR.

PSALM 113

*“The person who  
is trustworthy  
in very small  
matters is also  
trustworthy in  
great ones; and  
the person who  
is dishonest  
in very small  
matters is also  
dishonest in  
great ones.  
If, therefore,  
you are not  
trustworthy  
with dishonest  
wealth, who will  
trust you with  
true wealth?”  
- Lk 16:10-11*

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