



The Parishes of St. Monica & St. Peter Lithuanian

A Catholic Community of Welcome and Peace

**25TH
SUNDAY**
IN ORDINARY TIME



“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.”

Luke 16:13

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“No hay criado que pueda servir a dos
amos, pues odiará a uno y amará al otro,
o se apegará al primero y despreciará al
segundo. En resumen, no pueden ustedes
servir a Dios y al dinero”. Lc 16, 13

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ST. MONICA

Saturday September 20:
5:00 PM: Rev. James Lane
Sunday September 21:
10:30 AM: Rita & Michelle Driscoll
12:30 PM:
Wednesday September 24:
7:00 PM: People of the parish
Friday September 26:
9:00 AM: Msgr. Peter Martocchia
Saturday September 27:
5:00 PM: People of the parish
Sunday September 28:
10:30 AM: Walter & Roberta Ahern
12:30 PM:

ST. PETER

Sunday September 21:
9:00 AM: People of the parish
10:30 AM: Vytas Siska
Thursday September 26:
9:00 AM: Geneva Freeman
Sunday September 28:
9:00 AM: People of the parish
10:30 AM: Bizinkauskas & Karunelis Families

CONFESSION TIMES

Saturday: 4:00 PM St. Monica
Wednesday: 6:00 PM St. Monica
Sunday: 8:00 AM St. Peter



Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

St. Timothy urges "...supplication, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone. . ." Pay attention as you hear the prayers offered throughout Mass and how the prayers give expression to all that St. Paul describes in our second reading. Our individual prayer is the same. Perhaps at some time you learned ACTS - the acronym used to describe the different forms of prayer: Adoration, Contrition, Thanks, Supplication. What form does your daily prayer take – that of supplication or petition, sorrow or contrition, thanksgiving or gratitude? Often, prayer flows out of situations in our personal lives or from what we see happening in the world and no matter the reason, God never tires hearing your prayer. So have confidence that whether your prayer is one of thanksgiving or petition, sorrow or adoration, God is listening and is with you.

Online Giving

If you would like to make contributions online, please go to our webpage: [HTTPS://sbscatholic.org](https://sbscatholic.org) and click on the Give button. You will then have an opportunity to donate to St. Peter Church, St. Monica Church, St Monica Food Pantry, St. Monica Good Samaritan Ministry and the 2025 Catholic Appeal.

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Si desea hacer contribuciones en línea, vaya a nuestra página web: [HTTPS://sbscatholic.org](https://sbscatholic.org) y haga clic en el botón Donar. Luego tendrá la oportunidad de donar a la Iglesia de San Pedro, la Iglesia de Santa Mónica, la Despensa de Alimentos de Santa Mónica, el Ministerio del Buen Samaritano de Santa Mónica y la Campaña Católica 2025.



September Special Collections:

September 21: Clergy Health & Retirement Trust

Please pray for our parishioners who cannot join us at Mass.

Ann Ford, Veronika Gavelis, John Healy, Kathleen Kenny, Bernadette Moss McGowan, Alice Ruseckas, Florence Zaleskas, Helen Suprin

Religious Education - Class Registration

Our sacramental preparation classes will meet at St. Monica's Church Hall the second and fourth Sunday of the month. Please register during the whole month of September, starting September 7th. Because of Indigenous People's Day (Columbus Day), classes will begin on October 5th, 2025. Registration forms will be available at the back of the church. You may also contact Philomène Péan or Deacon Alejandro after Mass. Thank you.

Educación Religiosa – Inscripción a Clases

Las clases de preparación sacramental se llevarán a cabo en el Salón Parroquial de la Iglesia Santa Mónica los segundos y cuartos domingos de cada mes.

La inscripción estará abierta durante todo el mes de septiembre, comenzando el domingo 7 de septiembre. Debido al Día de los Pueblos Indígenas (Día de Colón), las clases comenzarán el domingo 5 de octubre de 2025.

Los formularios de inscripción estarán disponibles en la parte trasera de la iglesia. Para más información, puede comunicarse con Philomène Péan o el Diácono Alejandro después de la Misa.

Gracias, ¡esperamos darle la bienvenida!

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass (10/26)

All couples celebrating their 10th, 25th, or 50th wedding anniversaries or another special milestone are invited to a celebratory Mass on Sunday, Oct. 26th at 3:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston. Couples will renew their marriage commitment and receive a special blessing. Family and friends are invited to attend. To register, visit <https://bit.ly/WeddingAnniversaryMass2025>. For more information, please email Emily Elliott at marriageprep@rcab.org or call 617-746-5756.

Misa Anual de Aniversario de Bodas (26/10)

Todas las parejas que celebran su 10º, 25º o 50º aniversario de bodas o algún otro hito especial están invitadas a una misa celebratoria el domingo 26 de octubre a las 3:00 PM en la Catedral de la Santa Cruz, Boston. Las parejas renovarán su compromiso matrimonial y recibirán una bendición especial. Se invita a familiares y amigos a asistir. Para registrarse, visite <https://bit.ly/WeddingAnniversaryMass2025>. Para más información, por favor envíe un correo electrónico a Emily Elliott a marriageprep@rcab.org o llame al 617-746-5756.

Mass for Homeschoolers

Archbishop Richard Henning invites homeschooling families to the Pastoral Center in Braintree for Mass and refreshments on Monday, September 29th from 11 AM – 1:00 PM. The archbishop will begin with Mass in the Bethany Chapel followed by a time of fellowship. Please RSVP at bit.ly/homeschoolersmass.

Convalidation Ceremony: 14 February 2026

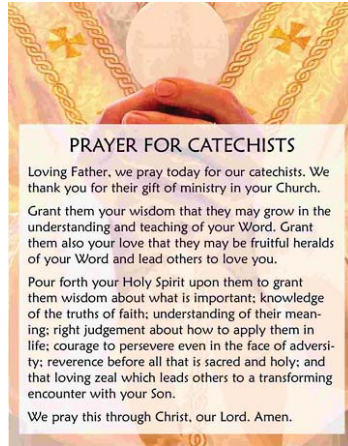
If you and your spouse desire holy matrimony in the Catholic Church, you are invited to convalidate your marriage through your parish or at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston during World Marriage Week on Sat. February 14, 2026 at 6 PM with Bishop Mark O'Connell and Bishop Cristiano Barbosa. A celebration of convalidation is an opportunity for couples married outside of the Church to enter a marriage covenant in the Catholic tradition. The Cathedral ceremony will be available in the various languages of the couples present. Visit bit.ly/convalidation2026 for more information or call Emily Elliott in Family Life at 617-746-5756.

Ceremonia de Convalidación: 14 de febrero de 2026

Si usted y su cónyuge desean el santo matrimonio en la Iglesia Católica, están invitados a convalidar su matrimonio a través de su parroquia o en la Catedral de la Santa Cruz, Boston durante la Semana Mundial del Matrimonio el sábado 14 de febrero de 2026 a las 6 PM con el Obispo Mark O'Connell y el Obispo Cristiano Barbosa. Una celebración de convalidación es una oportunidad para que las parejas casadas fuera de la Iglesia entren en un pacto matrimonial en la tradición católica. La ceremonia en la Catedral estará disponible en los diversos idiomas de las parejas presentes. Visite bit.ly/convalidation2026 para más información o llame a Emily Elliott en Vida Familiar al 617-746-5756.

READINGS & OBSERVANCES 2025 YEAR C	
25 TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME Sept 21	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 Sept 22	Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18
TUESDAY Sept 23	<i>Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest</i> Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21
WEDNESDAY Sept 24	Ezr 9:5-9/Tobit 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6
THURSDAY Sept 25	Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a+9b/Lk 9:7-9
FRIDAY Sept 26	<i>Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs</i> Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4/Lk 9:18-22
SATURDAY Sept 27	<i>Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest</i> Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/ Lk 9:43b-45
26 TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME Sept 28	Am 6:1a, 4-7/Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10/1 Tm 6:11-16/ Lk 16:19-31

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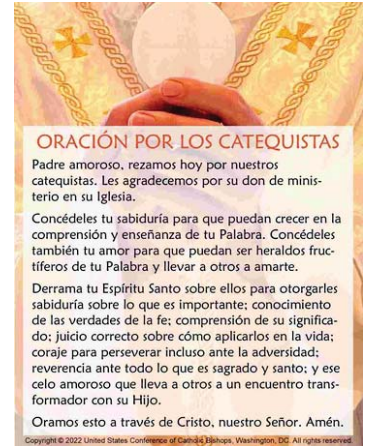
PRAYER FOR CATECHISTS

Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church.

Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you.

Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important: knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son.

We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



ORACIÓN POR LOS CATEQUISTAS

Padre amoroso, rezamos hoy por nuestros catequistas. Les agradecemos por su don de ministerio en su Iglesia.

Concédeles tu sabiduría para que puedan crecer en la comprensión y enseñanza de tu Palabra. Concédeles también tu amor para que puedan ser heraldos fructíferos de tu Palabra y llevar a otros a amarte.

Derrama tu Espíritu Santo sobre ellos para otorgarles sabiduría sobre lo que es importante: conocimiento de las verdades de la fe; comprensión de su significado; juicio correcto sobre cómo aplicarlos en la vida; coraje para perseverar incluso ante la adversidad; reverencia ante todo lo que es sagrado y santo; y ese celo amoroso que lleva a otros a un encuentro transformador con su Hijo.

Oramos esto a través de Cristo, nuestro Señor. Amén.

Santo Mateo, Apóstol

Uno de los Doce Apóstoles, que era recaudador de impuestos, es llamado Mateo en un Evangelio (Mt 9:9) y Levi en dos otros (Mc 2:14 y Lc 5:27). Los eruditos en Escrituras creen que se refieren a un mismo hombre ya que su llamado y su compartir alimentos con Jesús son similares en las tres narraciones. A veces se le acredita el haber escrito el Evangelio de Mateo pero la mayoría de los eruditos piensan que no fue así. Y no hay evidencia alguna en las tradiciones de la Iglesia que Mateo evangelizó en Judea, Partia o Etiopía, o que fuera martirizado en Persia.

En aquel tiempo, Jesús vio a un hombre llamado Mateo, sentado a su mesa de recaudador de impuestos, y le dijo: "Sígueme". Él se levantó y lo siguió. Después, cuando estaba a la mesa en casa de Mateo, muchos publicanos y pecadores se sentaron también a comer con Jesús y sus discípulos. Viendo esto, los fariseos preguntaron a los discípulos: "¿Por qué su Maestro come con publicanos y pecadores?" Jesús los oyó y les dijo: "No son los sanos los que necesitan de médico, sino los enfermos. Vayan, pues, y aprendan lo que significa: Yo quiero misericordia y no sacrificios. Yo no he venido a llamar a los justos, sino a los pecadores".

- Mt 9, 9-13



SIGLO I
DÍA DE FIESTA—21 DE SEPTIEMBRE

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Saint Matthew, Apostle

One of the Twelve Apostles, this tax collector is called Matthew in one Gospel (Mt 9:9) and Levi in two others (Mk 2:14 and Lk 5:27). Scripture scholars believe they are the same man because the call and shared meal with Jesus are similar in all three accounts. He sometimes is credited with writing the Gospel of Matthew, but most scholars think this unlikely. And there is no evidence for early church traditions that Matthew evangelized in Judea, Parthia or Ethiopia, or that he was martyred in Persia.

As Jesus passed by, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the customs post. He said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. While he was at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat with Jesus and his disciples. The Pharisees saw this and said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" He heard this and said, "Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. Go and learn the meaning of the words, I desire mercy, not sacrifice. I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."

- Matthew 9:9-13



FIRST CENTURY
FEAST DAY — SEPTEMBER 21

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“Para el Padre Pío la fe era la vida: quería y hacía todo a la luz de la fe. Estuvo dedicado asiduamente a la oración. Pasaba el día y gran parte de la noche en coloquio con Dios. Decía: 'En los libros buscamos a Dios, en la oración lo encontramos. La oración es la llave que abre el corazón de Dios'.”

—Servicio de Noticias del Vaticano

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“For Padre Pio, faith was life: he willed everything and did everything in the light of faith. He was assiduously devoted to prayer. He passed the day and a large part of the night in conversation with God. He would say: 'In books we seek God, in prayer we find him. Prayer is the key which opens God's heart.'”

—Vatican News Service

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Lithuanian Community

Sunday, September 14th, Rev. Jude Anyanwu presided at the 10:30 Mass at St. Peter's Lithuanian Parish. The lectors were Audra Avizonis and Nomeda Girnius Cunningham. Nancy Dilba was Eucharistic Minister. Zilvinas and Nomeda Cunningham were altar servers. Jack McGowan and Kovas Moore were ushers. Maryte Bizinkauskas led the congregation in singing the hymns. Daiva Navickas accompanied on the organ.

In his homily on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross Fr. Jude noted that in the first reading the Jewish people who were bitten by the snakes while wandering in the wilderness were cured by looking at a bronze snake on a pole. Fr. Jude pointed out that in Hebrew the word for the snake on the pole was Nahash Nahashet which can mean snake of snakes. The snake of snakes was feared and dangerous to other snakes and could destroy the power of their poison. The crucifixion parallels this action. Jesus is lifted up on the cross. He takes on the pain of our sins and we are cured. Jesus is the medicine for our weaknesses and failures that hold us down. Fr. Jude encouraged the congregation not to be discouraged by struggles and failures, but to remain faithful in the Lord. God's ever-present mercy lifts us up.

After Mass there was a piano and flute concert by Boston Symphony Orchestra pianist, Vytas Baksys, and recording artist flutist, Linda Bento-Rei. The program included pieces by Ciurlionis, Bach, Blaz Pucihar, Joseph Jongen and Peter Schickele. For their encore they played and invited everyone to sing "Lietuva Brangi." Vytas Baksys and Linda Bento-Rei are currently recording a new CD. Kudos to both exceptional performers for taking the time to play at St. Peter's Lithuanian Parish. And Kudos to Milda Richardson, sister of Vytas Baksys, and Aldona Lingertat who organized this concert.

The "kavute" after Mass was provided by the Ruta Brickus-Moore and family. Visiting from out of town was Charlotte McGowan's son, Douglas McGowan, from Los Angeles. In addition, Aldona Turauskyte had recently arrived from Lithuania





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Saint Pio of Pietrelcina "Padre Pio"

1887-1968

FEAST DAY — SEPTEMBER 23

Francesco Forgione was born in the Italian farming village of Pietrelcina on May 25, 1887. He was one of seven children. By age five, Francesco had already dedicated his life to God. He helped take care of his family's flock of sheep until age ten. Then, as a requirement for joining the Capuchin order, he received private tutoring, to make up for the time he had spent shepherding, rather than in school. At age fifteen, he joined the Order of Friars Minor, taking the name "Pio."

As a Capuchin Franciscan friar, he experienced both physical illness and spiritual battles, but persevering, he was ordained a priest in 1910. Due to poor health, he stayed mostly with his family until 1916, when he was required to return to the friary.

During World War I, he was drafted to serve in the Italian army in the medical corps in 1914/5, and again in 1917. Both times, illness prevented him from continuing in the service; the second time, he was given a permanent discharge. When he left the service, he returned to the friary of San Giovanni Rotondo, where he remained for the duration of his life.

Friar Pio became known to many as Padre Pio. He bore the stigmata, or wounds of Christ, invisibly from the time of his ordination in 1910 and visibly from 1918. The Vatican investigated the authenticity of his stigmata, and his ministry of prayer and healing, beginning in 1921. As his renown grew, so did persecution. In 1922, various restrictions were placed on his ministry, including being forbidden from giving blessings to the faithful. In 1931, he was forbidden from publicly celebrating Mass, hearing confessions, and receiving visitors. This ban was lifted by the Pope Pius XI in 1933, and Padre Pio was allowed to gradually resume public ministry.

Padre Pio is known for being a gifted confessor, his efficacious intercessory prayer, and other mystical gifts associated with his religious life. Under the direction of Padre Pio, in 1947, construction began to build a hospital to treat patients at San Giovanni Rotondo, using science along with faith and prayer. Shortly before his death in 1968, the stigmata disappeared. He was canonized in 2002 by St. John Paul II. Pope Francis has called Padre Pio an "apostle of the confessional."

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San Pio de Pietrelcina "Padre Pio"

1887-1968

DÍA DE FIESTA — 23 DE SEPTIEMBRE

Francesco Forgione nació el 25 de mayo de 1887, en Pietrelcina, un pueblo italiano dedicado a la agricultura. Él fue uno de siete hijos. A los cinco años, Francesco ya había dedicado su vida a Dios. Hasta los diez años, ayudó a su familia cuidando al rebaño de ovejas. Luego, como requisito para ingresar a la orden de los capuchinos, él tuvo que recibir una tutoría privada para compensar el tiempo en el que estuvo pastoreando en vez de asistir a la escuela. A los quince años, ingresó a la Orden de Frailes Menores tomando el nombre de "Pio". Como fraile franciscano capuchino, experimentó enfermedades físicas y batallas espirituales pero, perseverando, fue ordenado sacerdote en 1910. Debido a su delicada salud, él pasó la mayor parte de su tiempo con su familia hasta 1916, cuando se le pidió que retornara al convento.

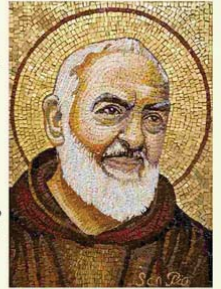
Durante la I Guerra Mundial, Francesco fue reclutado para servir en el cuerpo médico del ejército italiano en 1914/5 y, nuevamente, en 1917. Ambas veces, una enfermedad no le permitió continuar en el servicio; la segunda vez, él recibió un licenciamiento permanente. Cuando dejó el servicio, regresó al Convento de San Giovanni Rotondo, en donde permaneció por el resto de su vida.

Al fraile Pio muchos lo llamaban Padre Pio. Él llevaba los estigmas, o heridas de Cristo, invisibles desde el momento de su ordenación en 1910 y, luego, visiblemente desde 1918. Empezando en 1921, el Vaticano investigó la autenticidad de su estigma y su ministerio de oración y sanación. A medida que su renombre crecía, también crecía la persecución. En 1922, le impusieron varias restricciones a su ministerio, incluyendo la prohibición de dar bendiciones a los fieles. En 1931, se le prohibió celebrar públicamente la Misa, escuchar confesiones y recibir visitas. Esa prohibición fue levantada por el Papa Pio XI en 1933, y al Padre Pio se le permitió reanudar gradualmente el ministerio público.

El Padre Pio fue conocido por ser un confesor talentoso, por su eficaz oración de intercesión y por otros dones místicos asociados con su vida religiosa. En 1947, bajo la dirección del Padre Pio, se empezó la construcción de un hospital para tratar a pacientes en San Giovanni Rotondo utilizando la ciencia junto con la fe y la oración. En 1968, poco antes de su fallecimiento, los estigmas desaparecieron. En el 2002, el Padre Pio fue canonizado por san Juan Pablo II. El papa Francisco ha llamado al Padre Pio "apóstol del confesionario."

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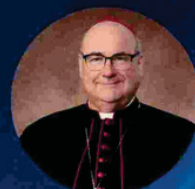
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