

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF September 20 2026
Twenty-Fifth Sunday Of Ordinary Time
Catechetical Sunday

Please note that all daily masses will be held in the chapel unless otherwise noted. In the event of a funeral mass there will be no (8:30 AM) daily mass.

<u>Monday 8:30AM:</u>	NO MASS	
<u>Tuesday 8:30 AM:</u>	NO MASS	
<u>Wednesday 8:30 AM:</u>	NO MASS	
<u>Thursday 8:30 AM:</u>	NO MASS	
<u>Friday 8:30 AM:</u>	Tom Wambaugh (B'day)	By: Dayna & Kim Wambaugh

26th Sunday In Ordinary Time:

<u>Saturday 6:00 PM:</u>	Claudine Plush	By: The Plush Family
<u>Sunday 8:00 AM:</u>	Ada Will (Anniv)	By: Greg Will and Family
<u>Sunday 10:30 AM:</u>	Ronald Castillo	By: Dorothy Castillo

Sanctuary Candle: By:

Mass Readings for the Week:

Monday:	Feast Of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13/PS Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5/Matthew 9:9-13
Tuesday:	Memorial Of St. Igantius of Santhia, Capuchin Priest Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13/PS Psalm 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/ Luke 8:19-21
Wednesday:	Memorial of St. Pius Of Pietrelcina, Priest Proverbs 30:5-9/PS Psalm 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 (R/.105)/Luke 9:1-6 Galatians 2:19-20/PS Psalm 128:1/Matthew 16:24-27
Thursday:	Ecclesiastes 1:2-11/PS Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc (R/.1)/Luke 9:7-9
Friday:	Ecclesiastes 3:1-11/PS Psalm 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Luke 9:18-22
Saturday:	Optional Memorial Of SS. Cosmas And Damian, Martyrs Optional Memorial Of The Blessed Virgin Mary Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8/PS Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 (R/.1)/Luke 9:43b-45 Wisdom 3:1-9/PS Psalm 126:5/Matthew 10:28-33
Sunday:	26th Sunday In Ordinary Time Ezekiel 18:25-28/PS Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Matthew 21:28-32

"Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near." — *Isaiah 55:6*

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Mass Schedule:

Mon: No Mass Tues: 8:30 AM Wed - Fri: 8:30 AM Sat: 6:00 PM (Vigil) Sun: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Secretary Office Hours:

Mon :8:00 AM-3:00PM Wed :8:00 AM-3:00PM Thurs :8:00 AM-3:00 PM Fri :8:00AM –3:00 PM

Baptism: Arrange in advance for pre-baptismal instructions.

Confessions: Saturday 5:00 – 5:45 PM

Holy Communion:

Low Gluten hosts will be available for anyone with a low gluten tolerance. If you have a low gluten tolerance, please tell the priest before mass so a low gluten host can be placed in a pyx for you.

Matrimony: Arrange nine months in advance. Couples expected to participate in pre-marriage preparation program

Parish Mission Statement

St. John the Baptist Parish is a Catholic Christian Community centered in rural New Baltimore, Pennsylvania. As members of the Body of Christ, we seek to live as entrusted stewards using God’s gifts responsibly, intelligently, prudently, and gratefully to bring about His kingdom. As stewards of our time, talents, possessions, and faith, we are called to put our lives in proper focus and to live in accord with one another giving love and caring support, to accept Christ’s challenge as related in the Gospels- to serve one another.



St. John’s News & Upcoming Events:
The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Catechetical Sunday

Catechetical Sunday:
Today (September 20th) is Catechetical Sunday. Catechetical Sunday offers an opportunity to recall that all the Baptized have roles in handing on the faith in their daily life, families, work, and church involvement. This year’s theme is from the words of Matthew 11:28; “Come to me all you who labor and are burdened”. This year's theme reminds us of the invitation we receive from the Lord Jesus to follow Him and the promise that He doesn’t want to add to our burdens; he wants to lighten them. The role of the Catechist is, first of all, to be a disciple and one who draws close to Jesus in the Eucharist, and then to be a witness to others and a companion as they too come to know Jesus and to encounter him in the sacraments. May we who aspire to be effective catechists, have unwavering faith in the real presence of Christ, that we lead others by teaching and example to encounter Jesus with us at the Eucharistic table.

A Catechist’s Prayer:
Father of all families, you have called me to serve the family in truth and love as a catechist. May I be faithful to this call, rooted in your Word, and open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit. May I use these gifts, especially the gifts of faith, hope, and love, to serve the family as a witness to you, who are love and life and the source and destiny of all families. Let your Spirit enlighten my mind and strengthen my heart so that I can be a path of Christ’s love to families, especially those in need, the homebound and aged, the disabled and disheartened. Through the intercession of Mary and Joseph, I pray for the Church, the Bride of Christ, whose mission to build a civilization of love passes through the family. Amen.

DID YOU KNOW ? The word, "catechetical" comes from the root word, "catechesis," which is a Greek word meaning "to echo, or resound." Catechesis is the act of resounding or bringing the Church's teachings to the world. A catechist is one who teaches in the name of the Church

Diocesan Priests’ Medical Care & Retirement Special Collection: They’ve been there for us. Now let’s be there for them. Next weekend (September 26th and September 27th) we will be taking up at all our masses a special collection for medical and retirement needs of our active and senior diocesan priests. Contributions are managed by the diocese’s Medical Retirement Plan Commission to help keep our parish share of priests’ benefits at manageable levels. Your generous response will provide relief to the men who bring us closer to Christ through worship, service, and community. Please use the special envelope attached to this weekend’s bulletin or donate online through the diocese’s website at www.dioceseaj.org. Thank you.

Christian Mother’s Meeting:
The Christian Mothers meeting for the month of September will be Saturday, September 26th at 4 pm in the church basement, with rosary to follow at 5:25 pm in the church. All catholic ladies who would like to pray for and support the children of our parish are welcome to attend.

Women At The Well:
There is a Women At The Well group forming here at St. John’s. Come and learn how to pray Lectio Divina – praying with that Sunday’s Gospel. We meet Monday morning at 9:00 AM in the Church Basement. For more information please contact Lindsay Hankinson at (814) 233-8786. We would love to have you join us.

Catholic Ministries Drive Update:
Thank you to all who have participated in our Catholic Ministries Drive here at St. John’s. To date we have received \$4075.00 towards our goal of \$20,000.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Per the Cemetery Guidelines-
All seasonal decorations are to be removed from the cemetery by October 19th. American and Military flags will remain on graves until after Veterans Day.

PRAYER LIST

John Andzelik, Abby Barnes, Lori Barnes, Fr. William Barron, Debbie Brady, Delmas Brick Jr., Cindy (Miller) Bearer, Jane Beyer, Theresa Beyer, Tom Bezila, Tonya Brown, Mark Bruck, Tim Bruck, Macy Burke, Doug Burkett, Max Bulger, Sara Cairo, Larry Clarr, Deb Cornell, Randy Clites, Denis Crum, Lee Crum, Andrew Davenport, Sara Davenport, Michael Davis, Velma Davis, Larry DeArmitt, Alice Deitz, Donna Dennison, Kathy Diamond, Peg Diehl, Tracy Dickey, Dorothy Dittmer, Joyce Dively, Tara Dively, Lisa Easter, Chris Edes, Rick Earley, George Faidley III, Connie Fake, Tim Felten, Debbie Fisher, Tabitha Flick, Bradley Fochtman, Harry Fochtman, Mike Fochtman, Mark Frankenfield, Myrna Fries, Becky Foor, Carol Ann Gallagher, Brian Gardill, Patty Ann Gardner, Jarrett Gowatty, Paisley Goetzl, Helen Greenway, Kelsey Grove, Grayson Gumbert, Larry Habinyak, Sam Hall, Ron Hagens, Nellie Hall, Eugene Hankinson, Phyllis Harris, Mary Jo Harrington, Aaron Hay, Paisley Hay, Bob Jenkins, Elizabeth Heider, Nickole Herdman, Sandra Herzing, Ida Mae Hillegass, Lisa Hillegass, Missy Hillegass, Tara Hillegass, Amy Jo Hoffman, Phyllis Hoppert, Jeff Horn, Tina Hoover, Pete Innis, Mary Janachovski, Martha (Lewis) Kalbach, Matt Karns, Bob Kemerer, Jason Kinzer, David Krieie, Fr. Robert Kaylor, Katie Koontz, Todd Kline, Eric Knott, Virginia Lambert, John Lancaster, Bill Lankey, Eli Lankey, Kelly Legarski, Ralph Leister, Bruce Leonard, Carol Leppert, Gordon Leppert, Chase Lester, Emma Luteri, Kaitlyn Lewis, Barry Leydig, John Lynch, Norma Jean Lynch, Toots Maddy, Ron Makarun, Martha Marker, Susan Martin, Tim Martin, George Maser, Angie Matey, Joseph Matey, Brooks May, Janet Michael, Tony and Janet Miele, Linda McCahan, Shirley McVicker, Betty Meslovich, Terry Metevier, Erica Miller, Ray & June Miller, Tara Miller, Abe Mills, Mike Montreal, Reed Morgan, Tracey Mowry, Carol Murphy, Kai Musselman, John Myers, Ashley Nail, Eugene Nickelow, Elissa Nunamaker, Tina Maddy Ostravich, Donna Otto, Rick Otto, Michael Price, Sabina Restly, Karissa Riberdy, Tara Ritchey, Cindy Robb, Katherine Rosenbaum, Debbie Rowan, Teri Schreiber, Nancy Schrock, Barb Sarver, Shirley Sechler, Greg Seeley, Jordon Seville, Sandra Shaffer, Terry Shaffer, Harold Shannon, Tom Shippy, Daniel Smith, Eddie Smith, Edith Smith, Kayleigh Smith, Shaun Smith, Oscar Speicher, Linda Stiffler, Riley Grace Sweeney, Rosalie Swingle, Leo Suhrie, Sherry Suttmiller, Carol Taylor, Janet Valentine, Michael Valentine, Shirley Varchetti, Julianne Viselli, Gail Wade, Tom Warren, Jr., Staci Weaver, Aaron Weiss, Dee Werline, John & Doris Werner, Christina Whetstone, George Whipple, Logan Weyand, Alyssa Will, Charlotte Will, Jan Will, Pat Will, Tracy Williams, Lucy Wright, Angie Wolfhope, Gary Wolfhope, Dorothy Wolfhope, Ron Wolfhope, Steve Wolfhope

If you added a person’s name to the prayer list and they have since recovered, please call to remove their name from our prayer list.

Table with 3 columns: Sunday Loose: \$574.00, Sunday Adults: \$2705.00, Total Sunday: \$3279.00. Includes Local Needs: \$20.00, Catholic University: \$305.00, and a note about food collection.

25th Sunday In Ordinary Time A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar:
Today Jesus is saying to us: “Why are you idle? Go into my vineyard.” Family, where “the last will be first,” is the “vineyard” entrusted to us in today’s gospel. Successful families are constructed by “laborers,” who work hard on family relationships, and not by couch potatoes.

The Pope’s Prayer Intention For September
For the care of water
Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Section with a sheep icon, text 'WE LOVE HAVING YOU AS PART OF OUR FLOCK', and contact information for Baltimore Catholic flocknote.com.

Diocesan News & Upcoming Events:

HOLY NAME PARISH, EBENSBURG:

On **Monday, September 21st at 7:00 P.M.** in collaboration with the **Catholic Speakers organization, Independent Catholic Foundation, and St. Benedict Parish, Carrolltown, Holy Name Parish** is sponsoring from the **Archdiocese of Miami, Fr. Rafael Capo**. He is known as the “bodybuilding priest” and has connected with countless young people through speaking engagements across the U.S. and around the world. Ordained in 1996, he has served as a teacher, high school president, campus minister, vocations director, and outreach leader for street children and immigrant youth. He currently serves as vice president of Mission at St. Thomas University in Miami Gardens.

Pennsylvania March For Life:

The Bedford County Citizens Concerned for Human Life has contracted a Bollman Charter bus to take them to the Pennsylvania March For Life at the PA State Capitol in Harrisburg, PA on **Monday September 21, 2026**. The bus will leave from the Wal Mart Parking Lot at **9:00 AM. Bring Bagged Lunch- Will Not Stop To Eat On The Way Back. To reserve your seat please call (814) 494-1847. The cost is \$20.00 Adults and \$10.00 Students. Make checks payable to BCCCHL and mail to Pam Lucas, 262 Zion Road, Everett, PA 15537.** The rally will begin at 11 AM and the March will be at 12 noon. The 14th Amendment: “No state shall . . . deprive any person of life.” The overturn of Roe puts our Fight for Life into the hands of our state lawmakers.

Bedford County Life Chain:

Please join us on **Sunday October 4th between 2:30 PM and 3:30 PM** for a silent, peaceful, and prayerful witness for life on **National Respect Life Sunday. Register And Get Your Sign Between 2:00 PM and 2:30 PM at the Bedford Elementary School Parking Lot.** The chain will begin at Bedford Elementary and align Old Route 220/ North Richard Street to St. Thomas Catholic Church.

Hearing God’s Voice Workshop:

Jonna Schuster, nationally known speaker, author and Director of Catholic Revival Ministries will be leading the “Hearing God’s Voice” Workshop, on Saturday October 24th, from 9am to 3:30pm at St. Catherine, Duncansville. The workshop will include Jonna’s keynote addresses, group discussion, Adoration-Holy Hour, praise and worship, and lunch will be provided. Free will offering. Students are free. The workshop is a collaborative effort of Holy Spirit Ministry, the Altoona-Johnstown Cursillo Movement, OMOS Prayer Ministry, Railroad City Catholics, and St Catherine’s. All ages are welcome! To register email at holyspiritministry20@gmail.com or call 814-207-9110. Jesus said, “My sheep hear my voice.” Many Catholics desire greater confidence in recognizing God’s voice. This workshop offers practical, biblical guidance for growing in confidence and intimacy with the Lord.

Stewardship Reflection September 20th- The 25th Sunday Of Ordinary Time

Though we can never fully grasp the infinite perfection of God and His ways, a basic knowledge of Scripture reveals that God’s logic and priorities often differ from worldly logic and priorities. What does this mean for us who call ourselves His disciples and stewards? It means that our way of life should look decidedly different from a “worldly” way of life. In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus offers us a glimpse of the “Godly logic” of the Father through a parable of a landowner hiring workers for his vineyard. The landowner finds workers throughout the day, but pays them all the same at the end. This angered the laborers who had worked longest and they grumbled against the landowner. But those laborers were relying on human logic, and not thinking as God does. This can happen to us Christian stewards as well. We can grumble and complain when we compare ourselves to others and sense that not everyone is contributing as much as we are to the parish, the neighborhood, within our family, at work, and so on. At those moments, we need to think bigger! We must remember that it is a great privilege to have been called by the Father to work in His vineyard. The more time we are given to do His work, the greater the gift.

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord."

Religious Education News:

Religious Education Teacher Needed:

A Religious Education Teacher is needed for the **Confirmation Class which consists of 9th, 10th, and 11th grade.** If interested in teaching please contact the office ASAP so you can get setup for Clearances and Virtus Training. The person teaching must have both Clearances and Virtus completed before the start of Religious Education on Sunday September 20th.

Religious Education Teachers:

Please contact the office **ASAP!** if you **DO NOT** plan on teaching this year so a replacement can be found. **All teachers must have both Clearances and Virtus completed before the start of Religious Education on Sunday September 20th.**

Office Of Youth Protection- “Empowering God’s Children Lessons For Youth:

Youth protection Lessons for students in our Religious Education Programs will need to be completed and turned into the Office **NO LATER THAN December 31, 2026 (For All Grades)** which then will be recorded ONLINE!! Unless they are recorded online, they are considered incomplete. Year after year, many are not completing these until the last minute and we are chasing around students up to the end of their session. **Since both St. John The Baptist Catholic Church and the Diocese Of Altoona-Johnstown** gets either an in-person or paper audit **EVERY** year, this information is needed in order to get it prepared for the reports. The lessons will be emailed to the parents for each child (s) grade level in the upcoming weeks. The email address that is on file for religious education will be the email the lessons are sent to. If you don’t receive these lessons please call the office to ensure correct contact information is on file.

2026-2027 Confirmation Retreat Schedule for Grades 9 to 12:

Praying With Scripture	3 Zoom Sessions	December 6, 9, 13, 2026
Praying With Scripture	3 Zoom Sessions	March 7, 10, 14, 2027
Gifts And Fruits of the Holy Spirt	3 Zoom Sessions	Oct 18, 21, 25, 2026
Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit	3 Zoom Sessions	Jan 10, 13, 17, 2027
Living The Discipleship And Mission Of Jesus Christ	3 Zoom Sessions	November 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 2026
Living The Discipleship And Mission Of Jesus Christ	3 Zoom Sessions	Feb 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 2027
Living The Discipleship And Mission Of Jesus Christ	3 Zoom Sessions	Apr 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 2027

Students need to attend one zoom session for each retreat. Final registration needs to be sent from the parish office at least **2 weeks** before retreat begins to Sr. Suzanne Thiabult. There is no cost to the student as it will be covered by the parish. All retreats are conducted via Zoom by Sr. Suzanne Thibault of Bethany Youth Retreat Center. Sr. Suzanne Thibault has been presenting youth retreats since 1986. She is best known for the ability to engage students and adults on retreat. For more information call Sr. Suzanne at 814-263-4177 or by email BethanyYouthCenter@gmail.com

Spaghetti Dinner:

The Knights of Columbus of St. John's Parish in New Baltimore is sponsoring a **DINE IN OR TAKE OUT Spaghetti Dinner today Sunday September 20th from 10:30AM to 1:00 PM.** The dinner includes spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread and dessert. Adults (12 and over) **\$10**, Children (5 -11) **\$5** Under 4: **FREE**. WALK-INS are also welcome! All proceeds are donated to local food banks and local charities!

Country Store Chairperson(s) Needed:

With much consideration, Christopher and Brittany Clark have informed the church of their decision to step down from overseeing **The Country Store** at future Fourth of July celebrations. Chris and Brittany are deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve alongside members of our congregation over the last nine years. As Chris and Brittany step down, **a new chairperson will be needed ASAP** to lead The Country Store so this cherished part of our celebration continues to thrive in the years ahead.

Rosary Group:

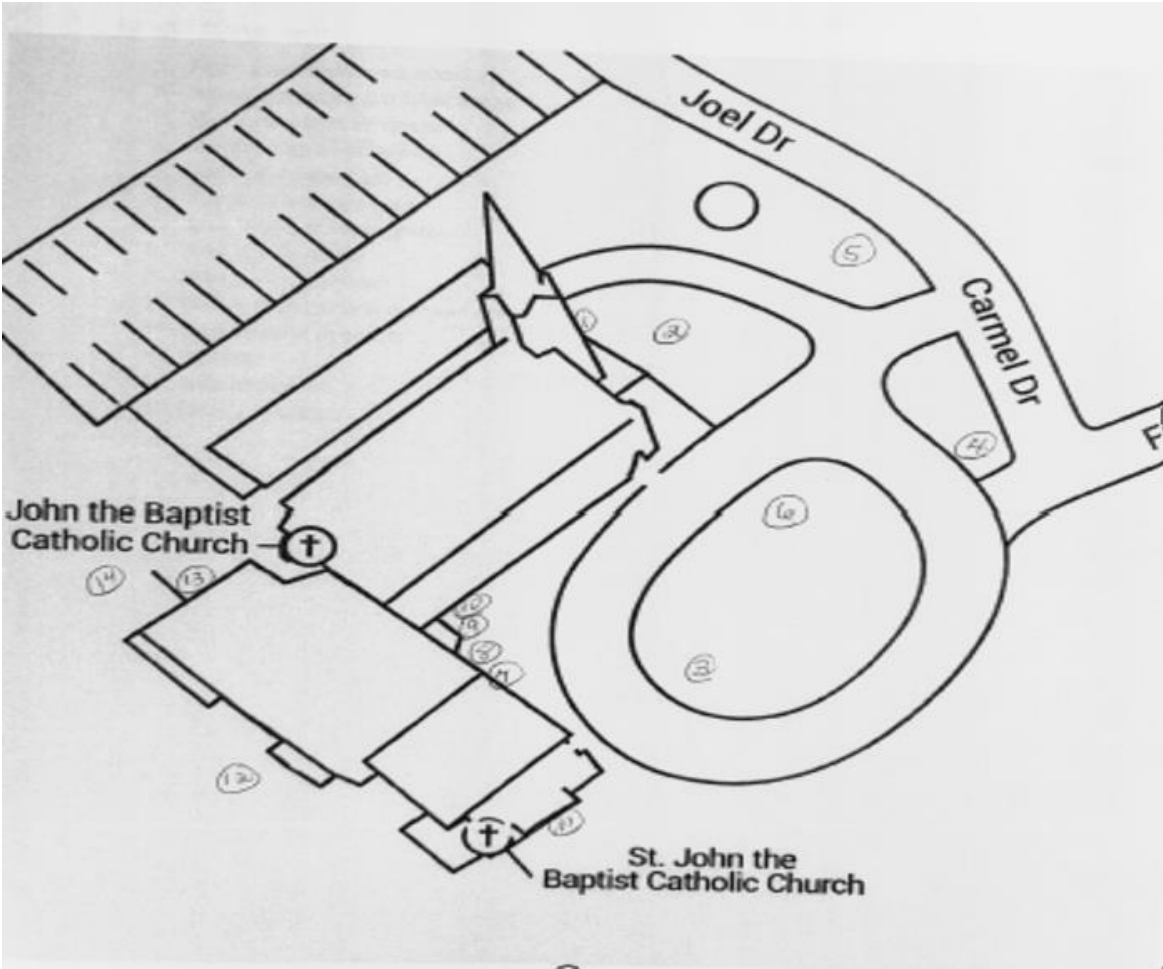
On **Friday September 25th at 6pm** our parish Rosary group will hold a potluck dinner to join in fellowship and prayer. Please join us for friendship, good conversation, and the Rosary.



BIG 50 BINGO!
Will be played in the parish hall here in New Baltimore **Sunday September 27th beginning at 1pm**
(Doors open at 11:30 AM Admission is **\$30**. Payouts: Regular Games-\$50 Specials-\$100
Refreshments available.

Volunteers Needed:
We are looking for volunteers interested in the care of our flower gardens. This could be one person or a group of people committed to keeping the designated area free of weeds. You would provide your own supplies. We have an area where weed debris can be disposed. We would like to start this fall so we can prepare for winter and be ready for spring. Contact Tracey May at 814-279-8847.

- Church Flower Beds:**
- 1. Right side main front door
 - 2. Stone cross bottom front steps
 - 3. Statue at circle driveway
 - 4. Planter sign at entrance
 - 5. Second retreat sign
 - 6. Circle driveway pipes
 - 7. Area 1 – left of rectory door
 - 8. Area 2 – left center
 - 9. Area 3 – right center
 - 10. Area 4 – right side basement door
 - 11. By screened in porch
 - 12. Fire Pit
 - 13. Side of Portico
 - 14. Front of Portico



A Reflection for the Week:
God’s generosity is not measured in hours worked, accomplishments achieved, or worthiness earned. It is poured out simply because **He loves**, and His love is always more than we expect. The late-arriving workers remind us that it is never too late to turn toward the Lord. The early workers remind us that discipleship is not a competition. All of us stand together in the same vineyard, receiving grace we could never earn.

A Prayer for Today:
Lord, teach us to rejoice in Your generosity. Free our hearts from comparison and envy. Help us to see Your blessings in our own lives and to celebrate Your goodness in the lives of others. Make us faithful laborers in Your vineyard, grateful for every gift You give. Amen.

Saint Of The Week:
St. Pius Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
Feast Day: September 23rd



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. Pope John Paul II canonized Padre Pio of Pietrelcina on June 16, 2002.

Padre Pio Quotes:

“Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer.

“Have courage and do not fear the assaults of the Devil.”

“Today’s society does not pray. That is why it is falling apart.”

“Prayer is the best weapon we possess, the key that opens the heart of God

“Love our Lady and make her loved; always recite the Rosary and recite it as often as possible.

“The Lord is a Father—the most tender and best of fathers.”

“Cling to the Cross; it is the anchor of salvation.”

St. Pius Pietrelcina, Pray For Us!