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PARISH ACTION APPEAL



Our Parish Action Appeal will be next week, September 24-25. This is a call to everyone in the parish to become more active and involved in the life of the Church. Over the past few weeks, we have highlighted many opportunities you could embrace in response

to this call: Reader, Communion Distributor, Server, Church Decorator, Sacristan, Usher, Cantor, Choir, Musician, Homebound Communion, Hospital Communion, Maintenance Volunteers, Hospitality Volunteers, and Evangelization Volunteers. Please remember that in addition to becoming involved in our parish, there are opportunities that exist outside our parish as well: *That Man Is You*, Knights of Columbus, St. Vincent de Paul Society, and the St. John Paul II Deanery Eucharistic Adoration Chapel.

Father Robertson Is Gone Father Robertson is in Washington DC for the wedding of his nephew Jordan. He will be returning on Tuesday.

Father Williams Is Here We welcome Father Williams who will be celebrating our Masses with us while Father Robertson is away.

Look Up As you may know, an oil lamp or wax candle, known as a Sanctuary Lamp, is continuously aglow above or near the tabernacle in every Catholic church as a symbol that Christ is present there. Recently, Father Robertson acquired a hanging Sanctuary Lamp and had it painted black to match the altar and other appointments in the sanctuary. It is hanging in the center of the sanctuary above the altar.

TMIY *That Man is You* will meet on Tuesday, September 20, at 6:00 a.m. in Dillenburg Hall. Join us for breakfast, a great presentation, and some discussion.

Gate of Heaven Cemetery Fall Clean-Up All grave decorations must be removed by October 1. Any items left after that date will be removed by staff. Since it is the family's responsibility to maintain headstones, family members must contact a monument service if they need assistance in repairs of maintenance. Now is also a good time to choose spaces before winter; call the Sexton at 715-486-2098 for more information.

Family Friendly Movie The Knights of Columbus will be showing the family friendly movie *The Song of Bernadette* (the story of Our Lady of Lourdes) on Sunday, September 18, at 2:00 p.m. in the Columbia Room at St. John's School. Everyone is welcome. Bring your own popcorn, snacks, and soda.

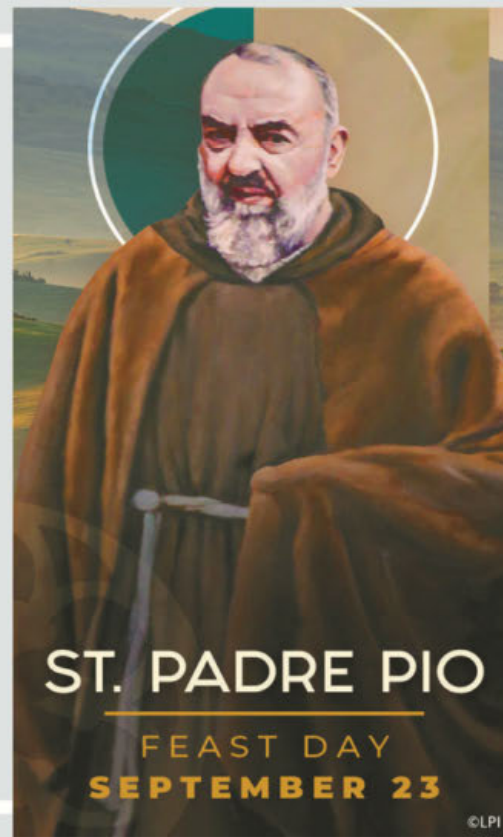
Second Saturday Suppers On Saturday, October 8, after the 4:00 p.m. we will have our first *Second Saturday Supper*, a potluck dinner for anyone who wishes to participate. Then, on the second Saturday of each month after the 4:00 p.m. we will have a potluck for anyone who wants to join in. Look for more information in next week's Bulletin.

Come Adore Jesus Holy Hours at Pope John Paul II Adoration Chapel are available on Sunday from 9:00-10:00 a.m. or Monday from 8:00-9:00 a.m. Please call Jean at 715-387-0571 or Deacon Ray 715-207-6085.



Columbus Corner Homecoming: We will celebrate homecoming the week of September 25, with the football game on Friday, September 30 and the dance on Saturday, October 1. **Alpine Holiday:** Mark your calendars for Alpine Holiday, November 11 and 12. We are currently

booking vendors for the Alpine Holiday Craft Boutique. Contact Krisann Mauritz at 715-387-2444 for details. **Employment Opportunities:** Opportunities for the 2022-23 school year including an evening janitor position at the High School and Middle School and substitute teachers. For more information please go to columbuscatholicschools.org or call 715-387-2444.



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."

GOSPEL MEDITATION

"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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday September 20th	8:00 AM	† Robert Zarada by the Zarada Family
Wednesday September 21st	8:00 AM	† George & Irene Schecklman by Michael & Annette Knutson
Thursday September 22nd	8:00 AM	† Arline Stangl by Gene Stangl
Friday September 23rd	8:00 AM	† Kroll and Johnson Families by Al and Shirley Kroll
Saturday September 24th	4:00 PM	† Dick Thomer by Joyce & Family
Sunday September 25th	8:00 AM	† Marilyn Burkart by Dave Burkart & Family
	10:00 AM	Our Lady of Peace Parish

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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.

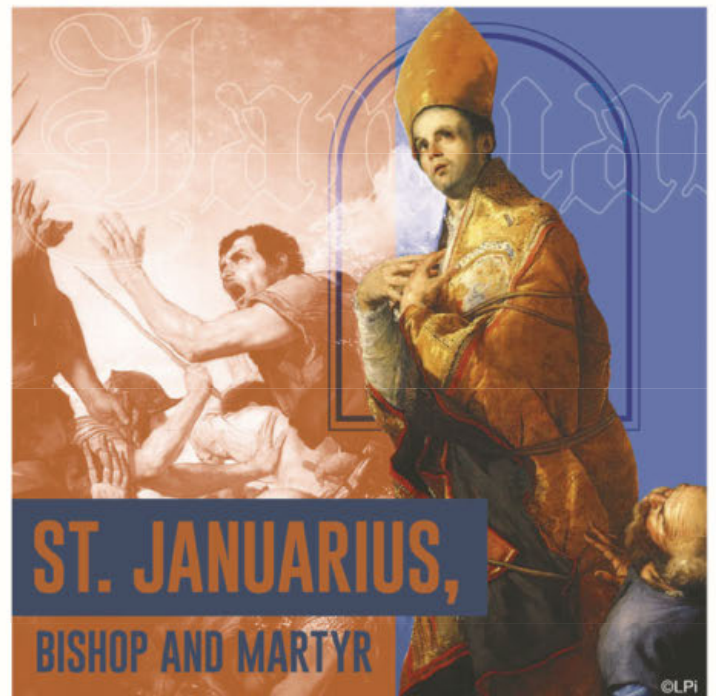
—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

WHY DO WE CELEBRATE CATECHETICAL SUNDAY?

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.



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?



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
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/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-5/Mt 9:9-13
Thursday:	Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-6, 12-13, 14 & 17bc/Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b & 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday:	Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-14, 17/Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday:	Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7-10/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

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