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September 18, 2011
dear Padre
Who was Padre Pio?

I'm making a pilgrimage to Italy, and I've been advised to visit Pietrelcina because it's the birthplace of someone named Padre Pio. Who is he?

Alfred

Dear Alfred,

Padre Pio is officially known as Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, OFM Cap (Capuchin Franciscan). He was born in Pietrelcina, Italy, on May 25, 1887. In 1903—at age sixteen— he entered the Capuchin novitiate, and in 1910 he was ordained a priest. In 1918, he received *stigmata*, the visible marks of the crucifixion.

But Padre Pio's most important gift was his ability to read people's hearts. Because he could read their hearts, he helped people consider the roots of their sins, and not just the *fruits*, and to let God's love heal the roots of sin through the sacrament. He was a gifted confessor who spent hours in the confessional bringing people closer to God by the forgiveness of their sins.

He died September 23, 1968, at age eighty-one. He was beatified May 2, 1999, and canonized June 16, 2002. Padre Pio was blessed with several mystical gifts, but he is a saint because of how he used his gifts as a confessor to bring people closer to God through the sacraments.

Padre Pio's stigmata were for him a constant meditation on the cross of Jesus. Jesus died on the cross to give his life for us and calls us to carry our own crosses in daily life. By doing so, we share in the cross of Christ in a manner similar to that of Padre Pio.

Patrick Keyes, CSSR

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For more information on Padre Pio, call 800-325-9521 or visit liguori.org.

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Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Holy Days at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

WELCOME!

If you are new in the Parish, please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at our Coffee Social or Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, both per the Calendar online or as announced inside the bulletin. We hope you will favor our Parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

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By appointment.

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Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

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The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes in your address, marital status, etc., so that we may update your records.

VISITATION TO THE SICK:

We are most anxious to help anyone who is not able to celebrate Mass with us in Church due to illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call 860-643-4466.

THIS WEEK

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 17th - 18th

Usher's Group II

Maintenance Collection

Coffee Social

KofC Tootsie Roll Drive

Blessing of the Catechists and Aides 10 a.m. Mass

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

5:00 p.m. Mass offered for +Joyce Bachl request of Mike & Arlene Giglio

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for + Agnes Murphy request of Anne Doyle

Chaplet of Divine Mercy after Mass

10:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Stanislaw Jablonowski & Michael Czercowy request of the Czercowy family

Blessing of the Catechists and Aides

5:30 p.m. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 NO MASS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

9:00 a.m. Mass

7:00p.m. SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Frank R. Murphy request of the Armstrong family

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon: Christmas Fair Group Parish Center



3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**ADORATION OF THE
BLESSED
SACRAMENT**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

9:00 a.m. Mass

FRIDAY, SEPT. 23 NO MASS

SATURDAY, SEPT. 24

Rosary before the 5 p.m. Mass

Readings for the Week of September 18, 2011

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

Last week's offertory \$ 3,960

Last year's offertory \$ 2,507

Whatever we have in this life, we have because God gave it to us. We may think that we get all the credit for our success, however, the reality is that we are only working with the gifts God gave us.

The St. Maurice Youth Group known as "The Disciples"

will be meeting on October 14th in the Parish Center from 7:00-9:00 PM. This is our first meeting this fall and all Grade 5 through Grade 12 students are welcome to attend. We will gather to watch the movie "Soul Surfer". This is a very popular inspirational story about a teenage girl who loses her arm in a shark attack. This movie is rated PG . We hope this opening meeting will bring our youth together as a strong faith community!

40 Days for Life

The 40 DAYS FOR LIFE campaign begins on September 28th and continues until November 6, 2011. This is the fifth consecutive year of running this round-the-clock prayer vigil to raise awareness for such a critical issue as ending abortion here in Norwich, CT. The prayer campaign will start off with a Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich at 7:00p.m. and will be followed by refreshments downstairs. It is the way to prepare for 40 Days and 40 nights of prayer, fasting and a peaceful vigil in front of Planned Parenthood at 12 Case St., in Norwich, CT.

You can get involved by pledging to pray for an hour by logging onto: www.vigilcalendar.com/norwich. Please bring a friend and come down and pray with us!

We pray for an end to abortion here in Connecticut and in our Nation. We ask that you prayerfully discern your personal role in this Fall's 40 Days for Life campaign.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

We are excited to announce that we are going to create a new pictorial directory of our church family. The directory will help us to connect names with faces. It will be an ideal outreach tool.

Please participate! All we ask is that you have your picture taken by the professional Photographer and meet with a portrait consultant at the parish hall. For the next few weeks, we will be making appointments before and after services and meetings at the church. Please sign up as soon as possible to get the best appointment to fit your schedule.

Every participating family/household that selects a pose for the directory will receive a free \$25 gift certificate to be used to purchase a photo or toward the purchase of a photo package. You will come to the parish hall only once for photography and for portrait viewing. The program is available at no cost to the church budget.

If someone in your family (who would ordinarily be in your family photo) is serving in the armed forces and you would like to have their photo included in the directory, please provide a photo of them to Kathy Perlitz, Sybil Bartone, or leave one in the office with Theresa Cison. The scheduled dates for photography and portrait viewing are:

Thursday 10/20; Friday 10/21; Friday 10/29...2:30pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday 10/22; Saturday 10/29...9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Committee photos: Saturday 10/29 at 4:15 pm

All dates will be at the Parish Hall.

We look forward to seeing your photo in the new directory because it just won't be complete without you! If you have questions or would be willing to volunteer an hour or two, please contact: Sybil Bartone at 860-643-0898

The Roman Missal.....cont.

Last week our topic was the Gloria and some of the word changes we can expect. This week and possibly for the next several weeks, we will touch on some of major changes in the Creed.

We have begun the Nicene Creed with the words "*We believe one God...*" The new translation, however is "*I believe in one God,*" and one might ask what is major about one word? The "I" unites us with the rest of the Catholic world by our use of the singular. The singular "I" makes the Creed more personal and challenges each individual to interiorize the faith. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church explains, "I believe" expresses "the faith of the Church professed personally by each believer." (CCC no.167)

This is what we do when we renew our baptismal promises during the Easter season or when we attend a baptism. The priest asks if we believe in the various statement of faith in the Creed: "Do you believe in God the Father Almighty....?" "Do you believe in Jesus Christ...?" "Do you believe in the Holy Spirit...?" Each individual answers for himself or herself, saying "I do." It is fitting that we will regularly make a similar personal act of faith by using the singular "I believe" whenever the Creed is recited in the Mass.

"*One in being with the Father*" is now "*Consubstantial with the Father.*" First reaction, why? While this change involves what some may see as arcane or technical theological language, it is important to be as precise as possible when speaking about the nature of God. The revised translation of the Creed aims at helping us more precisely profess a concept about the nature of the Son and his relationship with God the Father. The previous wording referred to Jesus as "one in being with the Father." We will now speak of Jesus being "consubstantial with the Father."

So what's the difference? Simply put, the new wording more closely reflects the theological language of the bishops at the Council of Nicea (A.D. 325) who wanted to safeguard that Jesus was acknowledged as the eternal Son of God, equal to the Father. At that time the council condemned the false teaching of a man named Arius who held that there was a time when the Son did not exist. According to Arius, God created the Son and then adopted him. He said the Son of God "came to be from things that were not" and the Son was "from another substance" than that of the Father. (CCC no 465)

The Council of Nicea taught that the Son is "God from God, light from light, true God from true God" and "of the same substance" as the Father. The Son was not created by the Father, but rather is a distinct divine Person who has existed from all eternity, sharing the same divine nature with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

The new translation of the Mass returns to this traditional rendering. Its use preserves the precise theological tradition of the Council of Nicea and invites us to reflect more on the divine nature of Christ and the mystery of the Trinity.



NEXT WEEK

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 24TH-25TH

Usher's Group III

First Session of Faith Formation 9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
breakfast available at 8:30 a.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

5:00 p.m. Mass offered for +Matteo & Vincent Quagliano

Altar Servers: Ally Cianci, Maria Cinea

Minister of the Word: Charles Luchini

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Wiley

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for +Agnes Murphy

Altar Servers:

Minister of the Word: Joel Cohan

Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

Chaplet of Divine Mercy after Mass

10:00 a.m. Mass offered for Special Intention for Michael Czercow

Altar Servers :Elizabeth Foran, LeeAnn Snuffer

Minister of the Word: Paul Brown

Eucharistic Minister: Kathleen Smythe

5:30 p.m. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 NO MASS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Ivan Dube, 6th Anniversary

7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Rolande & Clifford Mishio

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon: Christmas Fair Group Parish Center



Busy hands makes for a Happy Christmas. Come join us in making Happy happen. Coffee is always on. Conversation always great.....

3pm - 7pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

9:00 a.m. Mass

FRIDAY, SEPT. 30 NO MASS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

Rosary before the 5 p.m. Mass

Tried everything? Try God..... Call our prayer line. We don't ask questions we just pray for you. Carol 860-643-2837 or Barbara 860-643-2119



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