



St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

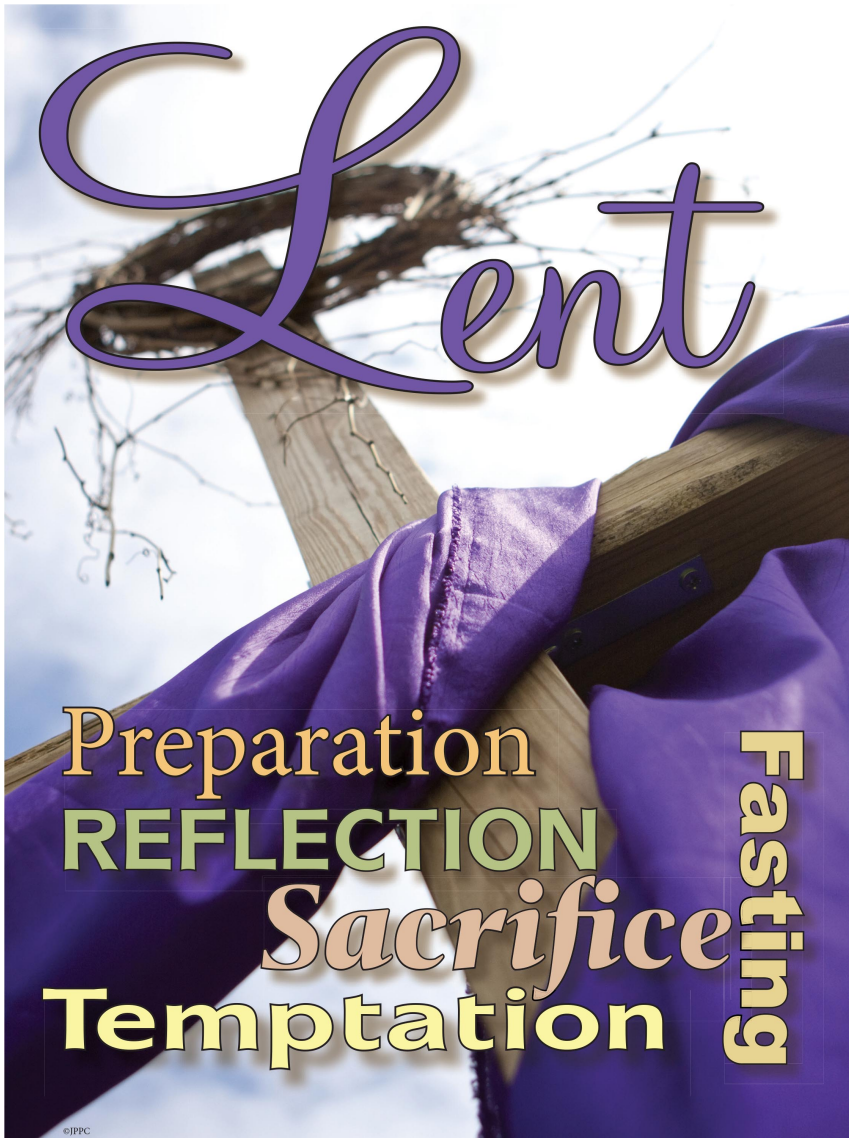
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Third Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2020



*"No eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the heart of man conceived of
what God has prepared for
those who love Him"*

Join us for our
100 Year Anniversary
Parish Mission
with
Fr. Pio Mandato, FMHJ
and Sr. Veronica
March 30th - April 1st

Fr. Pio is a Capuchin who was
baptized by St. Padre Pio and
named after him. He follows the
charism of St. Padre Pio. He will
preach at all masses on March
28th and 29th.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday: 5:15PM Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM, 6:00PM

Children's Liturgy of the Word: at 9:30AM Mass

Daily, Monday to Friday: 7:00AM, 9:00AM

*Special Schedules for Holy Days

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Open 24 Hours, 7 Days a Week, 365 Days a Year

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 4:00 to 5:00PM

Confessions will also be heard upon request.

Please call the rectory to make an appointment.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Sunday—CLOSED

Monday– Friday 9:00AM—4:00PM

Saturday—CLOSED



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Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

**7:30AM Deceased Members of the Kirsch Family
 (The Lantzy Family)**

9:30AM Giuseppa Covello (The Covello Family)

11:30AM Joseph Hassan (Jean M. Maxian)

6:00PM All Living and Deceased Parishioners

Monday March 16, 2020

7:00AM Frances Reedman (Lee Smith)

9:00AM Richard Hassan (Jean M. Maxian)

Tuesday March 17, 2020

7:00AM Robert Murphy (Marion Murphy)

9:00AM Patricia Ann Trigg (The Trigg Family)

Wednesday March 18, 2020

**7:00AM Hane and Sarkis Fahd
 (The Abinader Family)**

9:00AM Kevin Clark (Charismatic Prayer Group)

Thursday March 19, 2020

7:00AM Michael Healy (Janet Celini)

9:00AM Isabel Mahan / living (Family)

Friday March 20, 2020

**7:00AM Chafica and Antoon Eladm
 (The Abinader Family)**

9:00AM Frank Moore (Kathy and Richard Moore)

Saturday March 21, 2020

**5:15PM Thomas and Ruth Humphrey
 (Tom and Lorraine Humphrey)**

Sunday March 22, 2020

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

7:30AM James Murphy (Marion Murphy)

9:30AM Patrick Joy (Lee and Kevin Joy)

**11:30AM Charles and Erne Hofelder
 (Raymond Hofelder)**

6:00PM Lauren Nicole Young (The Young Family)

Reading I: Exodus 17: 3-7

The lack of drinking water brings down on Moses the wrath of his people. After asking for His help, Moses obeys the Lord and strikes a rock with his staff. That in turn brings forth water aplenty and revives Moses' standing.

Reading II: Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8

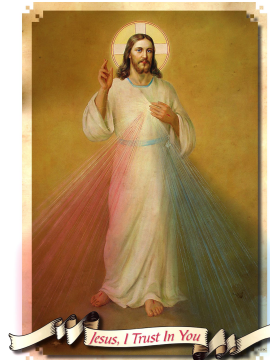
Paul asserts that God's love is the blessed assurance of salvation for his brothers and sisters in the community. It is also his belief that "hope does not disappoint."

Gospel: John 4: 5-42

It was unheard of for a rabbi to speak in a familiar way with a woman in public, but even worse for a Jew to request water of a Samaritan. For Jesus, who does precisely both, He prefers to speak to the woman about "living water." By that He meant "divine vitality, revelation and wisdom."

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Church Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Janet and Gene Flahive requested by Mariann and John Flahive.



**DIVINE MERCY
 HOLY HOUR**

Won't you join us on Sunday, April 19th at 3pm for a Eucharistic procession, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Gospel/ Homily, Rosary and Benediction. Deacon Mike Cibenko will preside.

Kindly, check the bulletin for Confession times as you are not required to confess on the Feast day. Confessing before the Feast day and receiving Holy Communion in the state of Grace on the Feast day fulfills Jesus' request.

Immediately following (approximately 4pm) you are invited for lite refreshments in our School Cafeteria. If you are able, please bring a lite snack or dessert to share. All are welcome. Bring a friend. Hope to see you there!

MINISTERIAL STAFF

Rev. Andrew C. Brownholtz, Pastor	215-493-3377
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Whether it's your first time here or you have been coming to Mass here for years, we welcome you to join our parish. Please contact the rectory to register.

BAPTISM



The Sacrament of Baptism is normally administered on Sundays at 12:45PM. Pre-Jordan class, for the first child only, is required for parents. Class is held on the first Monday of the month at 7:00PM in room 2B on the 2nd floor of the Meeting Center. Parents, please call the rectory to register for the class or for a Baptism.



St. Ignatius of Antioch

Catholic Cemetery
& Columbarium

Our Outdoor Columbarium Niches, located in the memorial circle in the center of our cemetery, are now available for sale. Double granite front niches are intended to be used for the cremated remains of two persons behind a marble shutter. If you have any questions, or are interested in purchasing a niche, please visit our parish website at www.stignatius.church or call the Rectory at 215-493-3377.

RCIA

Information is available for those who are considering becoming a member of the Catholic Faith. Please contact the Director of Religious Education, Annmarie Flanagan, at 215-493-5204 or 215-370-5701.

WEDDINGS

Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance. Please call the rectory to make an appointment with one of the priests.



Parishioners are encouraged to let the rectory know when they are in the hospital, nursing home, or other medical care facility. Please contact the rectory if you or anyone you know might be ill, a shut in or unable to attend Mass on a weekly basis. The Holy Eucharist will be brought to anyone homebound.

FISCAL CORNER



We would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to all of our parishioners who contributed to this year's annual appeal. We had 381 families contribute \$155,185 and have exceeded our goal of \$150,000! This year, we are going to save the cost of mailing out individual thank you cards and thank everyone in the church bulletin, on Facebook and on our parish website. Once again, we could not accomplish the great things here at St. Ignatius without your help! THANK YOU!!!

Weekly Collection

	<u>3/10/2019</u>		<u>3/8/2020</u>	
Sunday Offering	\$15,122.00	361	\$14,523.00	335
Online Parish Giving	\$ 5,248.51		\$ 6,520.11	
Total Weekly Contribution	\$20,370.51		\$21,043.11	

We are thankful for your consistent stewardship. ©JPPC



Join us!

2020 Events

Parish Mission

with Father Pio Mandato
3/30/2020-4/1/2020
7:00PM each night

40 Hours Celebration

10/11/2020-10/13/2020
7:00PM each night

Closing Mass

Concelebrated with
Former Assistants
9/26/2020 at 4:00pm
Parish Picnic to follow

LEGACY OF LIFE BOTTLE DRIVE MARCH 14th and 15th

- This weekend please take a bottle to fill and help change a life. St. Ignatius supports the Legacy of Life Foundation, which funds two crisis pregnancy centers, one located in Bristol and one in Philadelphia Pennsylvania serving over 500 families struggling to provide simple baby supplies for their children. In 2019, with your help and God's grace, over 350 women have been saved from the pain and scars of abortion at our centers!
- Many of the women who come through our doors believe they have no other choice but abortion. They may feel scared, alone, and totally overwhelmed, not sure what to do, and have no one to talk to. Our centers provide free services such as pregnancy testing, counseling, ultrasounds, and advocacy, as well as material and financial support for women so they can receive the truth about their choice and be freed from fear. But our support does not stop there! Our program goes on to empower women through advocacy and mentoring programs throughout their pregnancy, and for at least three years after their babies are born. Since we opened our doors 10 years ago, over 2500 women and babies were saved from the pain and scars of abortion. In 2017, 420 women chose life at our centers, 332 in 2018 and 350 chose life in 2019!! THANK YOU for your prayerful and generous support!
- We are asking that you take a bottle home and fill it with coins, cash, or checks, then bring it back when you come to church by March 21-22. Volunteers will be available to answer any questions. Checks should be made payable to Legacy of Life Foundation. Thank you for your prayerful and generous support!

FAMILY *faith*
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Please
P R A Y
*for the sick of our parish and
 those that care for them*

**Lord hear our prayer for the
 sick in our community that they
 return to the comfort of good
 health:** Loretta Amerine, Sabrina

Amerine, Marie Brady, Baby Brianna, Patricia Broderick, Ruthann Carroll, Harris Carvel, Stephanie Carvel, Brynn Clare Connor, Cliff Conway, Evelyn Conway, Mary C. Crawford, Barry Deacon, Nancy Donnelly, David Fry, Colleen Gallagher, Sherry Golden, Tom Golden, Rose Ann Grall, Jonathan Grubb, Madeline Guarnieri, Cathy Hammeke, Charles Jacobson, Ryan Law, Chuck Kane, Michael Katwicky, Andrew Kelly, Monica Kenney, John Kerper, Betsy Keys, George Kinsley, James Malley, Amy Margulies, Sean Marriott, Toni McConnell, Scott McDowell, Dorothy McMullen, Tracey Meaney, Kathleen Merlo, Christine Nassar, Nabil Nassar, Teresa O'Neill, Ernest Pellegrino, Ryan Rocha, Carolyn Rupprecht, Irene Schuka, Walter Shimp, Darwin Stout, Catherine Torres, Edward Torres, Ann Warchol



Brian Basheda, Daniel Basheda, Matthew Bauer, Melissa Bishop, Christian Blaydon, Erik Bresnahan, Sara Brill, Mark Buckley, Michael Joseph Buckley, Brad Bullman, Evan Cumming, Brent Cummings, Kevin O'Brien Darby, Staten DeTample, Andrew Dill, Ronald Ernst, Anthony Fuscarello, Rick Fuschetti, Jessica Garcia, Shane Gibbons, Stephen Greene, Jonathan Grubb, Edward Hill, David & Christine (Kawoczka) Krueger, Matthew Krall, Justin Kumor, Daniel LaMorte, Thomas LaMorte, Marty Alexie Leonard, Nels Alexie Leonard, Matt Leonardo, James Limer, Matthew Listner, Michael Lowe, W. Kyle Magrisi, Joseph Marchand, Greg Marolo, Matthew McGurk, Phil Melandez, Chris Merrick, David Morgan, Kevin Nash, Stephen Neder, Fred Olivari, John O'Rourke, John Parente, J.C. Peabody, Laura Perazzola, Gregory B. Procaccini, Jason Propst, Matthew Rieser, Luke Stapleton, James Tams, Scott Toro, John Worman.

JOURNEY
 OF
Faith

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

God our Father, Thank you for calling Griffen Schlaepfer, Andrew Lane, Michael Lewis, Philip Cheung, and Erik Reyes to prepare for priesthood.

Grant them the grace to grow closer to You through daily prayer. Help them form their personalities as credible witnesses to others. Bless them while they study Your word and the teachings of the Church, and give them generous hearts to serve Your people. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our great High Priest. Amen

To learn more about our seminarians visit
<http://heedthecall.org/poster/>



VOCATION OFFICE FOR THE
 DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD
 ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
HEED THE CALL



Pray for our beloved deceased especially, those who have no one to pray for them, and the Holy Souls in purgatory.



Seasons change and so do our open adoration hours! The following hours are now open: Sunday 1am, and 2 p.m., Monday 1am, Tuesday 3 a.m. 9a.m. , 11a.m. and 2 p.m. Wednesday 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

If you are interested in becoming a substitute or adoring during one of our open hours weekly, kindly call Marianne Kloc at 267-346-0152.

To sign up for the school's hour (Saturday 4pm - 5pm), please sign up at :

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/10c0f45a4af2fa6fb6-holy>.

A friendly reminder to call the chapel hotline at 215-493-6245 extension 221 before you travel for your hour if weather becomes an issue. Thank you!

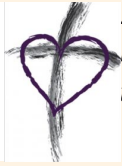


We will collect our usual items for Mary's Pantry on the second

Sunday of each month. Please bring your canned and boxed items, paper goods and baby needs to Mass and place them in the designated places.



St. Ignatius of Antioch School
"A Community of Faith,
Academics and Service"



As we continue our Lenten Journey, let us remember that even if you feel no different while praying, believe that you are delighting Jesus by your presence. He enjoys being with you. Pray each day this week: "Jesus, May I thirst for you as you thirst for me."



We offer congratulations to the following students who were recognized for their achievements:

Knights of Columbus Alcohol and Drug Prevention Poster Contest

First Place – Nicholas Bentz and Gavin Fleming

Disciples of the Month – recognized for practicing the Virtue of Honesty
Evelyn Kloc, Henry Aschenbrenner, Malory McCarthy, Connell Cahill, Molly Murphy,
Jacob Dlugosz, Alexa Malaty, Connor Schafer, Domenic Monaco, Eloise Fronheiser,
Haley Schlieben, Lucas Soccia, Catherine Gallagher, Tyler Mahamitra, Ruari Cahill,
Sophia Miniter, Mia Falkenstein, and Nick Bontempo

Coming Events:

Monday, March 16 – NO School

Thursday, March 19 – Feast of St. Joseph – 9:00 Mass – students will attend
First Communion Retreat – 12:00 – 3:00

Friday, March 20 – Terra Nova testing begins
2:00 Stations of the Cross – Grade 6 reads
Report Cards distributed



THE FAMILY MINISTRY

Free dinner - Church auditorium @ 6
Stations of the Cross - Church @ 7



Join us for a fun night with many food options, activities for the kids, fellowship, & a specifically family oriented Stations of the Cross.

All are welcome, but RSVP is required for dinner.

Search:

YARDLEYFAMILYMINISTRY@gmail.com on
Sign Up Genius to RSVP by 3/23.



PASSION PLAY

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2020

Advertise your business or support your favorite cast member by placing an Advertisement or Cast Message in the Passion Play program, please contact:

Nancy Patrick
patrickfamily96@gmail.com | 904-535-4869

ADULT Faith FORMATION

We meet every month on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM on the second floor of the Antioch center. We have been offering many types of programs for over 20 years. As a committee, including our own

members, many adults have not had any education or formation of their faith since leaving high school (if they attended a Catholic HS). Many are inundated with information, possibly to the contrary, and certainly to the secular world daily on news, TV, radio, and social media. We try to identify topics of current life, culture and interest and use various types of social media... live speakers, DVD's, and movies to teach, expound and stimulate conversation and faith sharing. One particularly successful program we have in the past year was on miracles and to the surprise of the over 30 people in attendance were pleased to hear of several personal miracles that had occurred to those in attendance.

Many of our topics have to do with morality and ethics and the pressing questions that confront each of us in daily life. Some of these questions deal with birth; some with suffering; some with death; some with 'what Is truth?'; some with relativism; some Bible study; some faith sharing; some on miracles, evil, suffering, evil possession, some with bible timelines and many, many others.

Join us at a meeting to help us pick topics for next year; join us at one of our programs. In fact, we have one more this 'season' on Sat. March 28 with a viewing of the "Unplanned: the Movie" on a factually based story of Abby Johnson and her experience with Planned Parenthood and her conversion. St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.

Respect



"To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life... In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ" (The Gospel of Life 84).

If we know anything from Bible history, biology, or even general knowledge in philosophy, human life begins at fertilization/conception; humans have intellect and free will differing them from all other created species; humans are created in the image and likeness of God. It seems that removing God from prayer in schools, from public places, from life events is an attempt to 'kill God'; He has already been 'killed' once as we Christians know from the Good Friday approaching; He will not be killed again unless we kill Him in our hearts. A famous quote paraphrased states that 'if God is not in your life, it is not He who left but you'. This Lent let us turn around and seek Him as He has been seeking us since the Garden and all we have to do is say 'yes' to His call; He is right behind you.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

Intercessory Prayer: May all who have been wounded by abortion be filled with the hope that does not disappoint, and be healed by Christ; We pray to the Lord:

Rose of Life: For all who embrace life; may they stand up for life, Jesus did!



STATIONS of the CROSS

Fridays at 2:00PM and 7:00PM on
March 13th, 20th, 27th, April 3rd
(2pm only)

PASSION PLAY - Friday, April 3rd
7:00PM

A NIGHT OF HEALING FORGIVENESS Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday, April 7th, 7:00 PM

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday
Lord's Passion
Vigil 5:15PM
Palm Sunday:
7:30AM, 9:30 AM,
11:30AM, 6:00 PM

Palms are blessed at all Masses.

Holy Thursday
Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:00PM



9:00 AM Celebration of
Morning Prayer
3:00 PM Solemn Liturgical Service
including Holy Communion



HOLY SATURDAY

1:00 PM Mid-day Prayer
7:30 PM Easter Vigil Mass of the
Resurrection

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM
(There will not be a 6PM Mass on
Easter Sunday)



Religious Education

From the Religious Education Office ... The PREP office is open from Sundays (after the 9:30 a.m. Mass) through Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. on.

FIRST COMMUNION: Our First Communion Retreat is scheduled for Thursday, March 19, from 12:15 to 3:00 p.m. All students should eat their lunch before coming to the retreat. All schools have been notified

about this day.

First Communion Day is Saturday, April 25. The 9:30 a.m. Mass is for St. Ignatius School and Wednesday PREP children. The 12:00 noon Mass is for Sunday and Monday PREP children.

CONFIRMATION: The Confirmation Retreat is scheduled for Thursday, April 16, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in the auditorium. All schools have already been notified of this event. Lunch will be provided during the retreat day.

Bishop Joseph F. Martino will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, May 2, 2020, at a 10:00 a.m. Mass.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CAMP: Our VBS program this year is Rocky Railway – Jesus' power pulls us through. Our school and PREP children have received registration brochures. The fee is \$50 per child, and the children receive a snack every day, a music CD, Bible Buddies, etc. This year, our Vacation Bible School Camp is scheduled for June 22 to June 26, 2020 for those children who will be entering Grades K to 5. We need some volunteers – adults and kids from age 12 and up – to help us out. Please consider volunteering. It is a great week!

PREP REGISTRATION for the 2020 – 2021 school year is coming soon. Early PREP Registration Night will be in the PREP entrance lobby (by the blue doors), on Thursday, March 26, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) is for children in Grades K to 8. There is no increase in tuition this coming year. There is a special discount for those families who register before June 30, 2020.

Special Needs: Parents, are you aware that we have a PREP class for students with special needs? This class meets on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. If we could help to give your child a religious education in a small group environment, please call Annmarie at 215-493-5204.

Eighth Grade Students: Parents, please encourage your 8th graders to continue their study of God and his Church. Confirmation is not graduation from learning about God; that's a lifetime commitment.

Seeking 100 Haikus or More

After your wearing of the green, it's a good day to write your haiku for the April 7 deadline. Remember all the services you have attended in this parish and the many friends you have made here. Recall your blessings.

*So vivid in sleep,
Vanishing in early dawn.
Who produces dreams?*

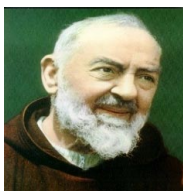
*Distance apart tests
The level of love you have.
So value the miles.*



We would like to congratulate the following students on receiving honors at:

Conwell Egan Catholic High School
First Honors: Sarah Baker, John Moyer
Second Honors: John Brennan, Emilia Kulak, Helena Sims

Archbishop Wood High School
First Honors: Braeden Choo



**ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH PARISH
ONE-HUNDRED YEAR ANNIVERSARY
PARISH MISSION**

Fr. PIO MANDATO, FMHJ./ Sr. VERONICA

MARCH 30th-31st; APRIL 1st

THEME

***“ No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived of what
God has prepared for those who love Him”***

Mon. 3/30: 9 AM Mass-Homily on Faith; Evening 7PM: Conference on Judgment; Sacrament of Reconciliation available; Sacrament of Anointing of Sick

Tues. 3/31: 9 AM Mass- Homily on Hope; Conference on Dignity of Women: teaching of St. JP II; Evening 7PM: Healing service with adoration;Conference on Death and Hell; adoration; blessing with glove of St. Pio

***Wed. 4/1: 9 AM Mass-Homily on Faith; Conference by Sr. Veronica on Prayer
Evening 7PM: Lenten liturgy with dedication of parish to Our Lady with Marian devotion; Homily on Heaven***

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***Benediction/Exposition of Blessed Sacrament each evening; Free Will Offering
Join us; bring a friend; spread the word.***

Biography of Fr. Pio Mandato

Pio Francesco Mandato, F.M.H.J., was born in Italy in 1956 to Graziella and Andre Mandato. His family lived in Pietrelcina, the same town where Padre Pio was born and raised. Pio Mandato's family and extended family, including his great-grandfather, received many graces through the years from their spiritual father, Padre Pio.

When Graziella's baby boy arrived on July 6, 1956, she was delighted that he shared not only Padre Pio's baptismal name, Francesco, but also his name in religion, Pio. Padre Pio sent his blessing as well as a medal with the Blessed Virgin on one side and St. Michael the Archangel on the other.

Pio Francesco Mandato was four years old when his grandfather, Paris, took him for the first time to see Padre Pio in his cell. Padre Pio blessed little Pio Francesco and embraced him. Little Pio came just up to the middle of Padre Pio's waist. Afterward, he told his mother, "Padre Pio has perfume on his tummy." Graziella told her son that Padre Pio did not wear perfume. The fragrance was a spiritual gift that the Lord had given him, one among many gifts. It was a sign of grace for those who perceived it.

Seven- year old Pio Francesco and his younger brother Vincent received their first Holy Communion from Padre Pio on October 3, 1964, on the feast of the Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi (the feast of the death of St. Francis of Assisi). Afterward Padre Pio said to the young boys, "I pray that your last Holy Communion will be even more beautiful than your first." Pio Francesco remembers the solemnity and the great devotion with which Padre Pio celebrated Mass. Although his Mass was long, the time seemed to pass very quickly.

Pio Francesco Mandato was ordained to the priesthood in Hoboken, New Jersey in 1985. He and his family made a trip to Italy so that he could celebrate his first Mass in Pietrelcina at the Madonna Della Libera altar (Our Lady of Liberty), at Our Lady of the Angels parish. It was the very same church and altar where Padre Pio had celebrated his first Mass on August 14, 1910.

Today, Father Pio Francesco Mandato, F.M.H.J., belongs to the Franciscan Missionary Hermits of St. Joseph and lives in Eastern Pennsylvania. He continues to live out his priestly vocation in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi. He feels that Padre Pio is still guiding him and helping him on his spiritual journey. "More than anything else, I remember Padre Pio as a very loving man, like a loving father," Father Pio Francesco said.

The words that Padre Pio said to his mother so many years before remain a consolation to him, "Tell Graziella that I always have her present in my prayers and I am united to her whole family." Father Pio Francesco Mandato continues to carry on the work of the Lord.

"God is our place. . .It takes a lifetime to realize fully that God is our place, that God is truly enough, that God alone is all we need and alone can bring us the peace and meaning we long for in life."