



St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

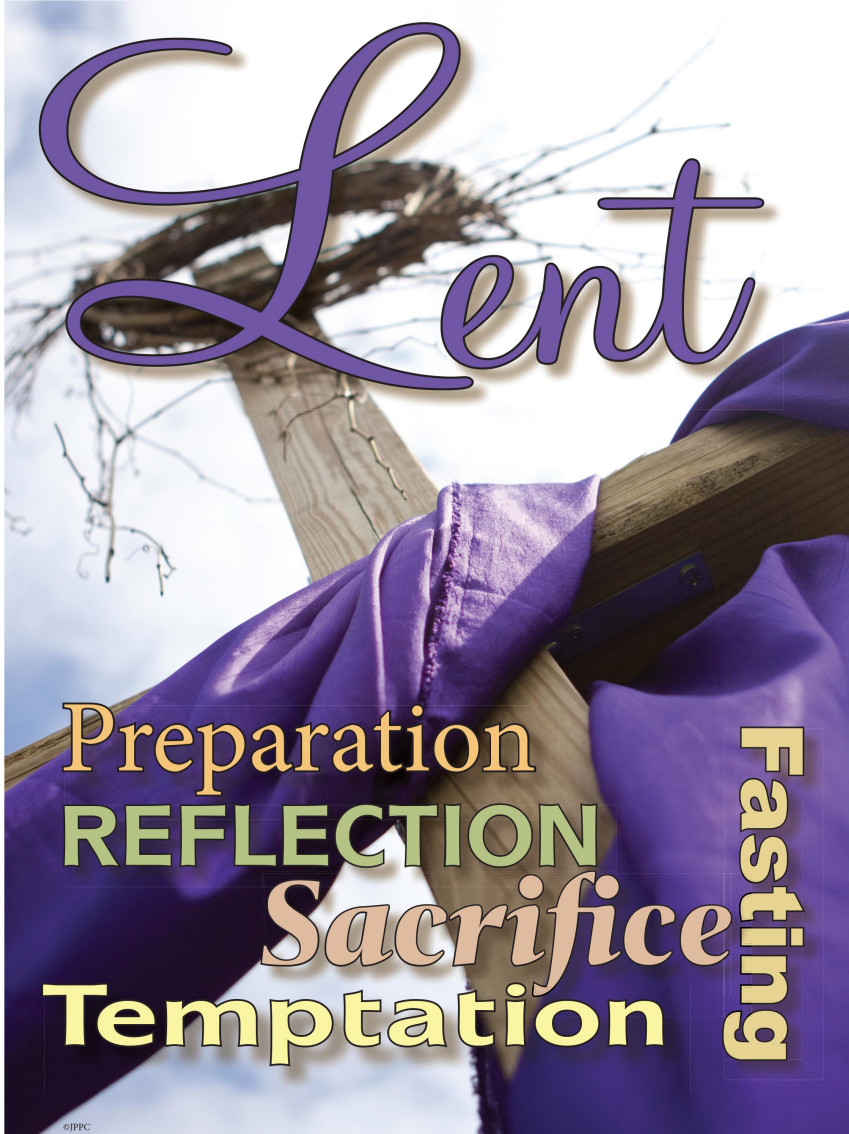
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Second Sunday of Lent

March 8, 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

Daily Readings and Mass Intentions

Sunday March 8, 2020

7:30AM Holy Souls in Purgatory (Friend)

9:30AM All Living and Deceased Parishioners

11:30AM Michael Herlihy (Margaret Herlihy)

6:00PM Francis Petruzelli (Christina Mahan)

Monday March 9, 2020

7:00AM Anne Wildey (Lee Smith)

**9:00AM Michael Katwickski / living
(The McGovern Family)**

Tuesday March 10, 2020

**7:00AM Thomas Cancannon
(The Abinader Family)**

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

Wednesday March 11, 2020

**7:00AM Maroun and Eugenie Eladm
(The Abinader Family)**

9:00AM Sheila Dempsey (Jack Dempsey)

Thursday March 12, 2020

**7:00AM Paul and Samia Jordens
(The Abinader Family)**

**9:00AM Christopher Whalen / living
(Kathleen Monaghan)**

Friday March 13, 2020

7:00AM Scott Storjohan (The Koerner Family)

9:00AM Robert Dalton (The Costa Family)

Saturday March 14, 2020

**5:15PM John J. Roache
(Regina Gibney and Family)**

Sunday March 15, 2020

**7:30AM Deceased Members of the Kersch Family
(The Lantz Family)**

9:30AM Giuseppa Covello (The Covello Family)

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

6:00PM All Living and Deceased Parishioners

March 8, 2020 Second Sunday of Lent

Reading I: Genesis 12: 1-4a

Yahweh initiates a call to Abram, now 75 years old. He is to make a complete separation from his pagan past; leave his home and migrate to a land of God's choice. As a reward, he and his descendants will receive divine blessings in perpetuity.

Reading II: II Timothy 1: 8b-10

Salvation is God's gift, independent of our deeds. This is all part of the divine plan to save us all through Christ.

The Gospel: Matthew 17: 1-9

A unique scene here, perhaps more theological than historical. Moses represents the Law, and Elijah the same for the prophets. They converse with Jesus about His upcoming Passion and Death. This incident serves as encouragement for the Church on her Lenten journey.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Church Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Frances and Bernard Gaiser 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
Rev. Charles J. Kennedy, In Residence	215-493-3377
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BECOMING A PARISHIONER

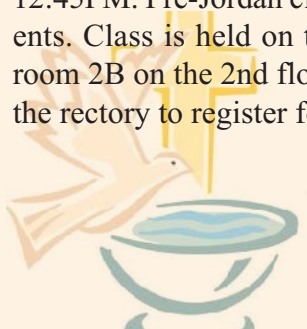
Whether it's your first time here or you have been coming to Mass here for years, we welcome you to join our parish. Please contact the rectory to register.

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.

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.



WEDDINGS

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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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.



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.

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!!!

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

	<u>3/3/2019</u>		<u>3/1/2020</u>	
Sunday Offering	\$14,546.00	343	\$14,944.50	354
Online Parish Giving	\$ 4,780.69		\$ 5,535.85	
Total Weekly Contribution	\$19,326.69		\$20,479.85	

We are very grateful for the support of our parish!



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

KNIGHTS FREE THROW CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the winners to everyone who took part in the Basketball Free Throw and to our winners:

Lynzy Abitz, Sofia Blessing, Karly Falkenstein, Xyle Mangapit, Liam O'Brien, Michael Schafer, Christian Henn Rustic Cahill, Jack DeLuca

Congrats also to Lynzy, Xyle, Liam, Michael, and Ruari on winning the District Championship!

DRUG AND ALCOHOL AWARENESS POSTER CONTEST

The Knights of Columbus are happy to announce Gavin Fleming and Nicholas Bentz as the winners of its Drug and Alcohol Awareness Poster Contest. We would also like to thank all the great artists who participated this year!



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



REMEMBER TO

Pray FOR OUR TROOPS

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.



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.



PERPETUAL ADORATION

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. and 2 p.m. Wednesday 4am, 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!

FOOD COLLECTION

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 begin the second week of Lent, let us remember that it is not selfish to set aside time to be with Jesus. You are not running away from problems when you take time to pray. Say each day: "Lord, I love you and want to make time for you every day!"

Students will have a busy week with the following activities:

Tuesday, March 10 – Camden Aquarium visit

Wednesday, March 11 – 7th Grade High School Visitation Day

Thursday, March 12 – 8th Grade to see play at Notre Dame High School

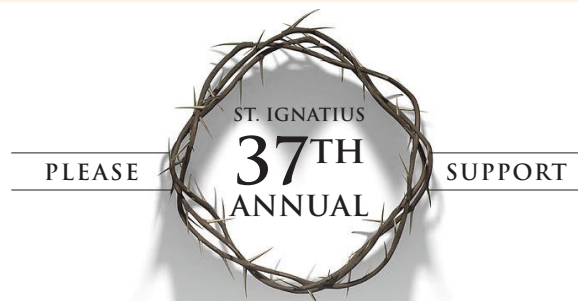
Friday, March 13 – Yearbook pictures

2:00 Stations

3:15 Passion Play Practice

Second Trimester closes

Monday, March 16 NO School



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

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.

LEGACY OF LIFE BOTTLE DRIVE **MARCH 14th and 15th**

St. Ignatius supports mothers and babies through the Baby Bottles for Life Fundraiser for the Legacy of Life Foundation. The Legacy of Life Foundation funds two crisis pregnancy centers, one located in Bucks County and one in Philadelphia serving over 500 families in Pennsylvania and New Jersey who struggle to provide simple baby supplies for their children. Many of the women who come through our doors believe they have no choice but abortion. They may feel scared, alone, and totally overwhelmed, and have no one to turn to. Both centers provide free services such as pregnancy testing, counseling, ultrasounds, and advocacy, as well as material and financial support for women so that they can receive the truth about their choice and be freed from fear. But our support does not stop there! We not only provide support and advocacy for women through their 9 months of pregnancy, we mentor and guide the women for at least three years after their babies are born. Since we opened our doors 10 years ago, nearly 3000 women and babies were saved from the pain and scars of abortion. In total 332 women chose life at our centers in 2018, and 350 women chose life to include 8 sets of twins and 1 set of triplets in 2019! THANK YOU for your prayerful and generous support!

ADULT *Faith* FORMATION

As mentioned, the 25th anniversary of Evangelium Vitae (Gospel of Life) is on the feast of the Annunciation on March 25. The most significant theme of this encyclical is the inherent and inviolable dignity of the human person and that the life of each person then needs to be protected from harm. Life is presented as a good coming from God. This elevated view of human life is found in Scripture and in Tradition of the Church. St. JP II saw human life as facing a series of threats in the contemporary world. These threats arise because many in human society view human beings as being radically autonomous and having only a material existence. St. JP II wanted to develop a culture of life in which life is valued and sheltered from harm. Other themes include abortion, euthanasia, death penalty, and ultimately morality. The encyclical is an easy read and a good read. It is no small coincidence that St. JP II revealed this encyclical on the feast of the Annunciation when Mary was invited to be the Mother of the Son of God as a teenage Jewish unmarried Virgin who did not know man, and, yet, she said yes and we are being asked to also say yes despite any 'circumstances' that surround the question of life and death. St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.

Respect



"We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the "culture of death" and the "culture of life". We find ourselves not only "faced with" but necessarily "in the midst of" this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life" (The Gospel of Life 28). While many are complacent and cannot 'understand' why many pro-lifers are praying/marching/protesting/lobbying and praying again, complacency is not accepting one's responsibility. Our Constitution, emanating from a Judeo-Christian substrate impelled in the name of religious freedom, states that the right to 'life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness' is 'guaranteed'; without life, there is nothing! If you didn't have life, you would not be here, neither would your spouse, your children, your family, however, you WOULD have eternal existence in the Kingdom of God. We are all created for a reason- God does have a plan. As we proceed through Lent, let us fast, abstain, pray and offer alms and do good works in repentance for our nation not accepting life.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

Intercessory Prayer: For those nearing the end of life: May they be given the grace to persevere in faith and place their trust in God, as they prepare for eternity with Christ; We pray to the Lord:

Seeking 100 Haikus or More

Sometimes we take things for granted and do not always recognize the efforts other have put into making our lives easier. There are so many people in this parish who have worked to make our parish life better. Can we remember them in a haiku?

Who was Pastor for
Twenty plus years? Monsignor
Shoemaker. Bless him.

As youngsters--no sins.
But weekly trips to confess.
Wonder what has changed?

CARING FOR FRIENDS (formerly Aid for Friends)

LOOKING FOR A WORTHY CHARITY? PLEASE CONSIDER CARING FOR FRIENDS...

Caring for Friends provides free meals for the elderly, ill and homebound in the greater Philadelphia area. Our next meeting to assemble meals will be held on Thursday, March 12th from 9 am – noon in the church auditorium kitchen. We are truly blessed, but more helping hands are always needed and welcome. If you can't stay to help assemble the meals, a main dish or starch can be delivered on the morning of the meeting or a donation can be given to help us buy supplies. Your gifts and talents are always appreciated. If you would like additional information on how you can help, please call Kathy, 215-321-0116 or Jayne, 215-321-5739. See you on March 12th!

"For it is in giving that we receive."
–St. Francis of Assisi



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.

SACRAMENTS:

FIRST PENANCE/RECONCILIATION: Congratulations to our 2nd grade students in PREP and School who received the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation for the first time this past Tuesday, March 3. Let's pray that these children will always appreciate this great gift of God's forgiveness by receiving the Sacrament regularly.

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.

CONFIRMATION: A few Confirmation Candidates still need to get the sponsor's letter of eligibility. Please get this in as soon as possible.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CAMP: Look for information coming soon about our Vacation Bible School Camp scheduled for June 22 – 26, 2020 for those children who will be entering Grades K to 5. Any volunteers out there?

PREP REGISTRATION for the 2020 – 2021 school year will begin in April. More information will follow.

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.

LENT / EASTER SCHEDULE 2020

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

PARISH LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Tuesday, April 7th, 7:00 PM

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2020

Vigil of Palm Sunday: 5:15 PM Palm Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM, 6:00 PM

Palms are blessed at all Masses.

HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper and Procession to the Repository

GOOD FRIDAY

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

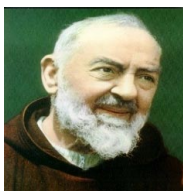
HOLY SATURDAY

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)



**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."