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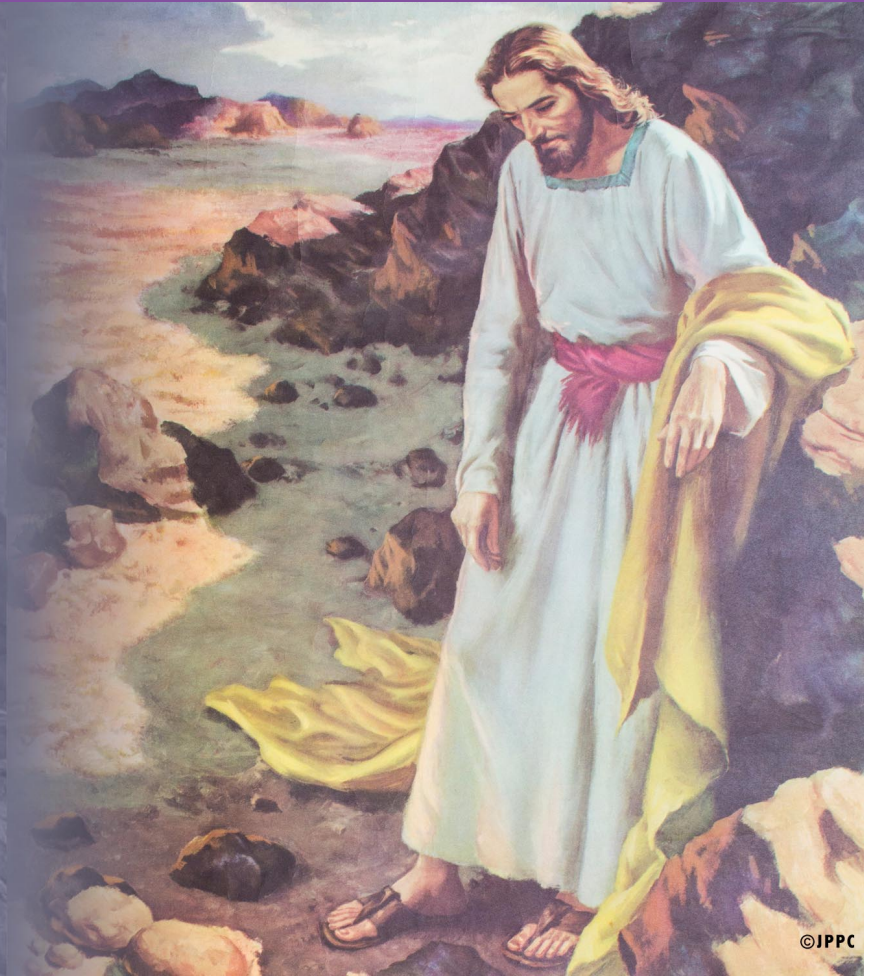
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First Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2021

“
THE KINGDOM
OF GOD IS AT
HAND. REPENT,
AND BELIEVE IN
THE GOSPEL.
”

MARK 1:15



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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday: 5:15PM Vigil Mass
Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:30AM (Livestreamed),
11:30AM, 6:00PM
Daily, Monday to Friday: 9:00AM
*Special Schedules for Holy Days

PERPETUAL ADORATION

The chapel will remain closed at this time for Perpetual Adoration. Please see page 4 regarding Eucharistic Adoration in our main church.

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
(*Please see details on page 2)



Sunday February 21, 2021

Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-4, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

7:30AM All Living and Deceased Parishioners

9:30AM Richard and Marie Green

(Jean Green and Ray Wilhoft)

11:30AM John-Warrio Jimenez (The Young Family)

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

Monday February 22, 2021

1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Mt 16:13-19

7:00AM Joe Cardone / living (The Cardone Family)

9:00AM Sean Hagan (Tom and Berndatte Cislo)

Tuesday February 23, 2021

Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15

7:00AM Anthony DiPalma (Al and Janet Celini)

9:00AM Dennis J. DiSantis and Kathleen Long

(The LaMantia Family)

Wednesday February 24, 2021

Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

7:00AM Legacy of Life Staff / living (Lee Smith)

9:00AM Bob Rais (The Charismatic Prayer Group)

Thursday February 25, 2021

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

7:00AM Irene Schuka / living (Marie)

9:00AM Hank Johnson (The Charles Family)

Friday February 26, 2021

Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26

7:00AM Joseph and Teresa Donadieu (The Baker Family)

9:00AM Stefan Faber (Jana Ilkovic)

Saturday February 27, 2021

Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

5:15PM George Kneier (The Madden Family)

Sunday February 28, 2021

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

7:30AM The Hnot Family / living
(Joesph and Lesia Pryor)

9:30AM All Living and Deceased Parishioners

11:30AM Josephine Espinosa (Maggie Fuschetti)

6:00PM Paul Robert Kern

(Tina and David Klucsik)

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Church Sanctuary Candle burns for all living and deceased parishioners.



February 21, 2021

The First Sunday of Lent

Reading I: Genesis 9: 8-15

God's surmounting promise after the devastating flood was never again to bring another one to the earth. The sign of this new covenant was to be "the rainbow in the clouds."

Reading II: I Peter 3: 18-22

The great flood in Genesis "prefigured baptism." These later sacramental waters bring salvation for us through the death of Christ.

The Gospel: Mark 1: 12-15

The testing of Jesus by Satan in the water-less desert and the summary of His teaching lead to Our Lord's power soon to be on display in Galilee.

RECTORY HOURS

The rectory office is open Monday through Friday from 9AM until 4PM. All other times will be by appointment only. For your protection, and the protection of the staff, we ask that all persons over the age of 2 wear a mask while in the rectory. Please do not hesitate to contact us at 215-493-3377 or contact@stignatius.church before you stop by as most things can still be accomplished with a phone call.

The First Sunday of Lent
February 21, 2021

First Reading
Gn 9:8-15

God said to Noah and to his sons with him:
“See, I am now establishing my covenant with you
and your descendants after you
and with every living creature that was with you:
all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals
that were with you and came out of the ark.
I will establish my covenant with you,
that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed
by the waters of a flood;
there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth.”
God added:
“This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come,
of the covenant between me and you
and every living creature with you:
I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign
of the covenant between me and the earth.
When I bring clouds over the earth,
and the bow appears in the clouds,
I will recall the covenant I have made
between me and you and all living beings,
so that the waters shall never again become a flood
to destroy all mortal beings.”

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

R. (cf. 10) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.
Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me your paths,
Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my savior.
R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.
Remember that your compassion, O LORD,
and your love are from of old.
In your kindness remember me,
because of your goodness, O LORD.
R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.
Good and upright is the LORD,
thus he shows sinners the way.
He guides the humble to justice,
and he teaches the humble his way.
R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Second Reading
1 Pt 3:18-22

Beloved:
Christ suffered for sins once,
the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous,
that he might lead you to God.
Put to death in the flesh,
he was brought to life in the Spirit.
In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison,
who had once been disobedient
while God patiently waited in the days of Noah
during the building of the ark,
in which a few persons, eight in all,
were saved through water.
This prefigured baptism, which saves you now.
It is not a removal of dirt from the body
but an appeal to God for a clear conscience,
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
who has gone into heaven
and is at the right hand of God,
with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

Verse Before the Gospel
Mt 4:4b

One does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of
God.

Gospel
Mk 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert,
and he remained in the desert for forty days,
tempted by Satan.
He was among wild beasts,
and the angels ministered to him.

After John had been arrested,
Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:
“This is the time of fulfillment.
The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

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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.

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.



Exposition will be held Monday thru Friday from 10AM to 8PM. The restrictions for church attendance such as social distancing and wearing of masks apply. To assist with church sanitizing we are designating the front 3 pews for this devotion. We hope to resume 24/7 Perpetual Adoration in the Chapel when it is advisable. In the meantime, let us pray for each other and may God continue to bless you and your families. For information on chapel closings/openings, please call 215-550-5638 and listen to the message.



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

As you know, we are using Parish Giving for our online e-giving program. They are the leading provider of secure, user-friendly online giving systems specializing in religious and charitable organizations. St. Ignatius has been very fortunate to have so many parishioners participating in the program.

Those participating in online giving have found the program to be more convenient and allows them to maintain full control over their account.

As a reminder, you can generate a giving report from the Parish Giving website to view all of your online contributions.

Our online giving program is a great success and our hope is that more parishioners will enroll. You may do so by going to the St. Ignatius of Antioch website at <http://www.stignatius.church> and clicking on the Parish Giving logo. For those participating in our Parish Giving program, you may print a participation receipt from the parish giving website to place in the weekly collection basket. Thank you all for your generosity towards our parish with your Sunday Gifts!

Weekly Collection

	<u>2/16/2020</u>		<u>2/15/2021</u>	
Sunday Offering	\$ 13,798.00	321	\$ 9,368.00	142
Online Parish Giving	\$ 5,831.28		\$ 8,759.21	
Total Weekly Contribution	\$ 19,629.28		\$ 18,127.21	
 Aging and Infirm Priests	 \$ 1,508.00		 \$ 815.00	

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ST. IGNATIUS SCHOOL SERVICE PROJECT

As part of Catholic Schools Week, St. Ignatius of Antioch school students collected items for the Code Blue Shelter, which houses the homeless in lower Bucks County on cold winter nights. The Code Blue Shelter is run by the organization Advocates for the Homeless and Those in Need, and operates from December 1st--March 31st at Calvary Baptist Church in Bristol.

The Shelter opens when the temperature dips 26 degrees or below, and is run by volunteers. St. Ignatius students collected many items needed for the Shelter, including water bottles, snacks, coffee, hand warmers, and belts, phone chargers and earbuds for the guests.

In all, 3 carloads of items were delivered to the Code Blue Shelter-- pictured are volunteers at the Shelter with items delivered.



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, Dennis Brown, Lorraine C., Ruthann Carroll, Harris Carvel, Stephanie Carvel, Brynn Clare Connor, Evelyn Conway, Stacie Crane, Mary C. Crawford, Kathleen Geiger, Rose Ann Grall, Jonathan Grubb, Lou Gunkel, Charles Jacobson, Brenda Jones, Nathan Kilgore, Michael Kotwicki, Dave Maclay, Sean Marriott, Toni McConnell, Pam McGrath, Dorothy McMullen, Baby Eva McNamara, Roberta Mooney, Kevin Murphy, Christine Nassar, Nabil Nassar, Joan O'Toole, Ellsworth Robbins, Carolyn Rupperecht, Irene Schuka, Walter Shimp, Baby Simon Shamar, Darwin Stout, Kyle Stout, Catherine Torres, Edward Torres, Baby Carson Joseph Vice, Anne Warchol.



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



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 DeTemple, Andrew Dill, Ronald Ernst, Anthony Fuscarello, Rick Fuschetti, Jessica Garcia, Shane Gibbons, Stephen Greene, 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, Brett Ryan, Luke Stapleton, James Tams, Scott Toro, John Worman.



Kinsley is a 16-year-old girl who came to our center in the midst of the COVID pandemic and was being pressured by her father to have an abortion. After intense counseling, Kinsley said she would keep the baby if she

had HELP! Kinsley had no one else to turn to and it is because of families like these that we ask for YOUR help.

St. Ignatius of Antioch parish supports the Legacy of Life Foundation's Baby Bottle Drive Fundraiser. Last year your parish raised just over \$4,000 to help women in crisis. Although our fundraising looks different this year with envelopes, women in crisis still need your help! Thank you for your caring and generous support! Please make checks payable to the Legacy of Life Foundation, write your information on the envelope and bring it back to church the following week or just mail it in. Or you can donate online at www.legacyoflifefoundation.org

The Legacy of Life Foundation funds two crisis pregnancy centers, one in Bucks County and one in Philadelphia. We serve over 500 families struggling to provide baby essentials for their children in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

~ Our Mission ~

To save lives and transform families by providing -

- Free pregnancy tests, counseling, and ultrasound sessions
- Free life skills classes for three years!
- Free basic baby essentials for three years!
- Free ongoing counseling and support

We can't do any of this without YOUR generous support!

THANK YOU all for your dedication to saving lives and transforming families!



**PRAY FOR OUR
 SEMINARIANS**

God our Father, Thank you for calling Griffen Schlaepfer, Andrew Lane, Philip Cheung, Erik Reyes, Anthony Albanese, and Juan Builes, to prepare for the 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/>



~A Legacy of Faith and
Family~

Telephone: 215-493-3867

St. Ignatius of Antioch School, a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence in 2007, is a small private Catholic school founded by the Sisters of St. Francis in 1958. As part of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, we provide an academically rigorous, core curriculum, faith-based education to the families of St. Ignatius of Antioch parish and the surrounding area. We emphasize academics,, and the latest in classroom technology including SMART boards in all the classrooms. We achieve a close family environment where students are committed to Christian values, high academic skills and a desire to serve others.

Mr. John Schrenk, Principal- mrschrenk@sischool.org

Mr. Jake Wild, Assistant Principal- mrwild@sischool.org



Religious Education

From the Religious Education Office ... The PREP office is open from Sundays through Thursdays. Annmarie is in the office during the day from Monday through Thursday and in the Antioch Center (old rectory) on Sundays and week-day evenings.

PREP REGISTRATION: PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) is for children in Grades K to 8. PREP classes are being held remotely at the present time. Parents can find the lessons on the parish website. (Go to www.stignatius.church, and then click on PREP. The grade levels will come up, so click on the level you want. Finish up by completing the Interactive Session Review and send results to Mrs. Perini's email – lperini@stignatius.church). Each class's lesson will be available for 3 weeks only. Then the next lesson will replace it. Registered families can communicate with the teachers by email. If you missed registration, please stop in our office or call us (215-493-5204) to receive the registration form by email.

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

8th Grade Students: Our program this year is Matthew Kelly's Decision Point. Parents, please encourage your 8th graders to continue their study of God and his Church. Confirmation is not graduation from learning about God; this is a lifetime commitment.

SACRAMENTS:

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION: If you missed the informational Parent Zoom Meeting for First Penance/Holy Communion, and you would like to have the paperwork, please email me at aflanagan@stignatius.church. Please send in the \$25 Sacrament Fee as soon as possible. First Penance will take place on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. First Communion is scheduled for Saturday, April 17, 2021, at the 9:30 a.m. Mass and the 12:00 noon Mass.

CONFIRMATION: The candidate's paperwork, the sponsor's letter of eligibility, and the Confirmation fee is due NOW. Confirmation is scheduled for Saturday, April 24, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Mass and 1:30 p.m. Mass, with Bishop John J. McIntyre.

ADULT *Faith* FORMATION

The entrance antiphon for this Sunday is: ‘when He calls on me, I will answer him, I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him the length of days’. There is a very popular hymn that sings: “Here I am Lord, is it I Lord, I have heard you calling in the night; I will go Lord, if You lead me, I will hold your people in your heart”. Have you heard the call? Have you answered? Do you know what the Lord wants of you? This is the first Sunday of Lent. Fr. Henri Nouwen in his book ‘With burning Hearts’ tells us that we need to go through a ‘kenosis’, a dying to oneself followed by a ‘metanoia’, a change of one’s way of life from penitence or spiritual conversion. This Lenten season, we should all reflect on which part of ourselves, of our current life, that needs to ‘die’ or be gone. Jesus allowed Himself to die on the Cross for all of us. He gave every drop of blood within His body to wash away our sins. He yielded to His Father’s Will in so doing. So, the question for us is can we yield to the heavenly Father’s Will? Are we willing to allow ourselves to die from those things that bind us in this earthly, worldly life so we can arise anew and have a spiritual conversion? THAT is what this penitential season is about. Yes, you can give up chocolate or beer or TV or social media, there is nothing wrong with that and for many those ‘fastings’ may be sacrifice, but will those fasts change our lives going forward or will we revert back ‘to our old ways’ after Easter? He is calling each one of us; we will need to respond. We are all called to lead a Eucharistic life, a life of gratitude as Henri Nouwen tells us; resentment is the worst reaction any of us can have! Let us be grateful and rid ourselves of resentment and lead a life of gratitude.

St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.

Respect



“Prayer is the foundation of all that we do in defense of human life. Our efforts—whether educational, pastoral, or legislative—will be less than fully fruitful if we do not change hearts and if we do not ourselves overcome our own spiritual blindness. Only with prayer—prayer that storms the heavens for justice and mercy, prayer that cleanses our hearts and our souls—will the culture of death that surrounds us today be replaced with a culture of life.” (“Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities” United States Conference of Catholic Bishops).

As many of us are ‘trapped’ in the isolation and restrictions of this pandemic, anxiously awaiting our turn for vaccination (if so desired), we can have more time to spend in prayer and reading of Scripture. IF we can spend an average of 5 hours a day, or more, watching TV or on social media, we can take ONE of those hours, or more, in prayer and reading of Scripture. We are NOW in the season of Lent and typically the tradition is to fast from something; some even continue to fast from meat on Fridays. But, it is not just fasting that we are called to do. We are also called to do something positive, or extra-ordinary, something outside our normal routines. After all, isn’t that what Jesus did for us? Didn’t He give His life for us out of love so that we may have life. Isn’t that what women are called to do when they find themselves in the same situation as Mother Mary, pregnant with a child that they did not expect? So, those women in that situation are called to sacrifice themselves for the life of their child, as Mary did! And those of us not in that situation are also called to sacrifice to ‘walk with Jesus’ during this time as we prepare to celebrate His Crucifixion leading to the Resurrection.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

Intercessory Prayer: May every human person, from conception to natural death, be recognized as a temple of God, in whom the Spirit dwells; We pray to the Lord:

Rose of Life Intention: That all may recognize Jesus in others



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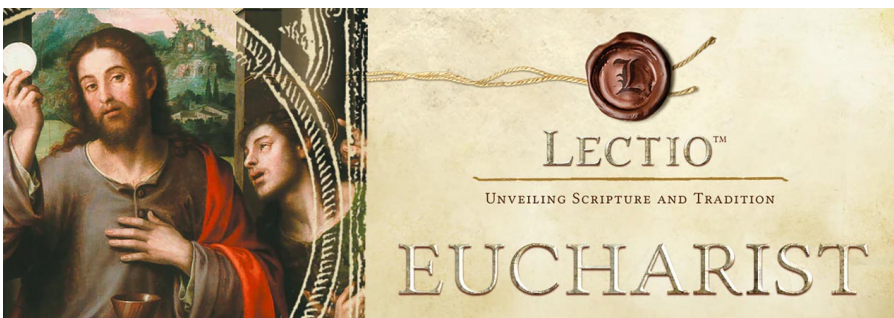
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Lectio: Eucharist: Discovering the Mass in the Bible
Acclaimed author and teacher Dr. Brant Pitre digs down to the biblical roots of the Eucharist, through its foreshadowing in the miraculous events of the Old Testament, the Gospels, and Apostolic teaching.



Mass Schedule

*Daily Masses
7:00AM, and 9:00AM
Monday through Friday*




*Saturdays 4:00pm—5:00pm
February 27th,
March 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th*

*Parish Penance Service
March 30th
7:00pm*



Fridays 2:00 pm & 7:00pm

*February 26th
March 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th*

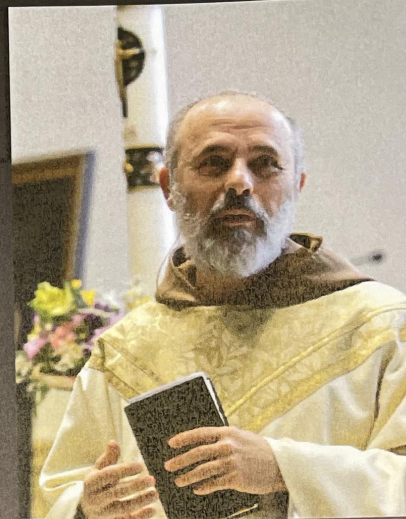


Join us for a Lenten Retreat
with Father Pio Mandato FMHJ

The hearts deepest longing is for Heaven

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

1 Corinthians 2:9



Monday, March 8th "Faith"

Anointing of the Sick after the 9am Mass

7:00 pm Exposition of the Eucharist and Benediction

Conference On Judgement - For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. (2 Cor 5:10).

Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available

Tuesday, March 9th "Hope"

Conference after the 9am Mass by Sr. Theresa CN on "The Dignity of Women: the teaching of St John Paul II"

7:00 pm Healing service with Adoration

Conference: on Death and Hell: "All men are appointed to die once, and after that face the Judgement (Hebrews 9:27).

Adoration and healing blessing with the glove of St Pio, that he wore over his stigmatized hand.

Wednesday, March 10th "Love"

7:00 pm Lenten Liturgy with dedication of the Parish to Our Lady With Marian procession

Homily on "Heaven". Scripture teaches: "now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is". 1 John 3:2.