



## 29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” - Mk 10:43-45

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### **MASS:**

**Wednesday 9:00 a.m.**

**Sunday 9:00 a.m.**

### **Parish Pastoral Council:**

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## *An Opportunity Missed*

Although I am not sure what I would have been doing on September 23, 1968, it's a safe bet I would have had no awareness of the death that day of the best-known and most-loved Catholic priest in the world at the time.

At 18, I was just beginning college and, despite having graduated from a Catholic high school, I don't recall ever having heard more than a passing reference to Padre Pio, known since 2002 as St. Pio of Pietrelcina, the stigmatist and mystic I now pray to often.

In retrospect, it's no surprise that it took the Church only 35 years to canonize a man often described as a saint within his lifetime. Numerous books have been written about him, but even the best of the biographies can scarcely begin to capture his astounding spiritual influence upon millions around the world, both before and since his death.

When my wife and I were in Italy in 2016 for a wedding, we hoped to reach Pio's monastery at San Giovanni Rotondo, to pray at what many say was the most visited Catholic shrine in the world. It turns out she and I were within two hours of our destination, but in one of those ironies so prevalent in Italian life, we never got to our goal because the trains were on strike and Italy was at a standstill.

These days, my interest in the holy Capuchin priest is much stronger than it would have been had the trains been running and not left us disappointed. So many elements of Pio's life fascinate me: the way his own order treated him harshly for decades after he received the five wounds of Christ in his body; the fact that his Masses often lasted four hours, so deeply would he be in prayer during them; his documented ability on many occasions to bilocate; his ability to "read" souls when penitents would not tell him the truth about their sins in confession; his ongoing struggles with demons.

Looking back, what a different life I might have had spiritually if I had known of Padre Pio in 1968 and sought to imitate through the decades even a tiny fraction of the depth of his love for the Lord. That's why I have so much catching up to do for the years when, God forgive me, I never gave a thought to Padre Pio or much of anything else spiritual. Padre Pio, pray for me. Pray for us.

— Lou Jacquet

## *Election Day Bake Sale*

Bakers and workers are needed for an Election Day Bake Sale on Tuesday Nov. 5, with proceeds to benefit St. Brendan Parish.

All types of baked goods are acceptable, and need to be dropped off on Monday Nov. 4 at Maxwell Hall between 5-7 p.m.

Anyone able to help with the actual sale on Nov. 5, please call Tony Winterburn at 330-540-1531.

## *Soup Sale Deadline Tomorrow*

St. Brendan's is offering Chef Christopher Bonacci's Potato or Wedding soup for \$9 per quart.

The order deadline is tomorrow, Oct. 21. Pick up is Sunday Oct. 27 after the 9 a.m. Mass. Bring check (payable to St. Brendan's Parish) or cash to rectory, 2800 Oakwood Ave., between 8:30-1:30. Orders cannot be taken via text. Questions? Andrea, 330-770-4297.

## *Drive-Thru Turkey Dinner Offered*

St. Brendan's will offer a Drive-Thru or Dine-In Turkey Dinner on Sunday, Nov. 3 after the 9 a.m. Mass. Chef Christopher Bonacci will prepare the meal which includes turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, sweet potatoes, corn and dessert. A freewill offering will be asked.

The parish is currently seeking volunteers to bake desserts and help with distribution of the meal.

### **Sunday, October 20**

**9:00 a.m.** David and Brian Patrick by Family

### **Wednesday, October 23**

**9:00 a.m.** Levi and Imelda Lachapelle  
by Lorraine Alarcon

### **Sunday, October 27**

**9:00 a.m.** Father Bill Loveless by Sue Desko

### **Please Pray For Our Sick**

**Phil Conti, Tiffini Joy, Mary Pavlak, Beverly Detate, Sr. Marjorie Haidet, Frank Lightner, Michelle Smith, Ken Mains, David Deihl, Barbara Bonninsegna, Mary Beth Celio, Fr. Richard Brobst, Charles Slivkoff, Harold and Debra Brown, Rita Thomas**

### **Pray for the Faithful Departed**

**Mary Rose Morley**



## *Fall Faith Formation Series Kicks Off*



**Father John Jerek, pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows, St. Brendan and St. Christine parishes, speaks Oct. 9 during the first of six evenings in the 2024 Fall Faith Formation Series held at St. Christine's. Topic for this series is "The Cross and the Flag: The Unfolding story of the Catholic Church in the United States of America."**

**The series continued Oct. 16 and will include evenings on Oct. 23, 30, Nov. 6 and 13. Each begins with 6 p.m. Solemn Evening Prayer in the church followed by Supper and Father Jerek's presentation with questions and discussion. More than a dozen St. Brendan parishioners attended the first evening. Photo by Lou Jacquet**

## *Sunday's Scriptures: Love Means Drinking The Cup*

Today's readings for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time are from Isaiah 53: 10-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Gospel of Mark 10: 35-45.

Love is an often misunderstood and overused word. Our culture presents us with books and movies billed as love stories. They have taught us to intertwine love with romance. Love becomes a feeling rather than an act of the will.

Today's readings show us God's definition of love: "God so loved the world that He gave us his only begotten Son..." (John 3:16). God's view of love is self-giving and sacrificial.

Isaiah describes the cost of Jesus' love: "If He gives his life as an offering for sin...the will of the Lord will be accomplished through him...through his suffering, my servant shall justify many and their guilt he shall bear." On the cross, Christ bore our guilt, took on our sins. His suffering and death justified many.

In our Gospel passage, James and John ask a request of Jesus. In glory, they want to sit at

His right and His left, the positions of greatest honor. Jesus explains that these positions are not His to give.

Jesus then asks them a probing and soon to be prophetic question: "Can you drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized? They said to him, 'we can.'" As the years go by and their love and zeal for Jesus are tested, they do indeed drink the cup of Christ's blood. They shed their blood and give their lives for love, love of Jesus Christ.

Over the centuries many saints have taken up the challenge of the cup and gave their lives to win the battle of good over evil. The cup of Christ's blood which is our nourishment in the Eucharist presents us also with the challenge to be ready to sacrifice the ordinary for the extraordinary, all-consuming love of Christ. Do we love Him with all our mind, heart, and strength?

— Geri Jacquet

## *McCauley Speaker for 11/3 Event*

Brendan McCauley will be the speaker on "What Does It Mean To Be Human?" 6 p.m. Nov. 3 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica (St. Joseph Hall, below the church), [343 Via Mt. Carmel Way, Youngstown.](#)

The talk, presented by Men and Women United for Life, is based on Pope St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body. It is intended for ages 14 and up.

## *Altar Servers Needed*

Anyone who may be interested in becoming an Altar Server at our 9 a.m. Sunday Mass, please call Fred Merlo at 330-509-8179.

This invitation is for children and adults who have made their First Communion.

## *Incontinence Items Available*

Anyone in need of Incontinence Items from the parish pantry please contact Fred or Shirley Merlo at 330-509-8179.

## *Prayer to St. Anthony Claret*

"O God, who for the evangelization of peoples strengthened the Bishop St. Anthony Claret with admirable charity and long-suffering, grant, through his intercession, that, seeking the things that are yours, we may earnestly devote ourselves to winning our brothers and sisters for Christ. Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever."

Feast Day: Oct. 24; died 1870

## **Your Sacrificial Offering**

Amount needed monthly to meet expenses

For October 2024 **\$29,440.00**

### **Week of October 13, 2024**

Sunday Collection	\$3,012.00
Increased Operating Exp.	\$50.00
Rentals	\$1,050.00
Maint. Support	\$1,110.00
Total	\$5,222.00

**2 week total \$10,420.00 toward the goal of \$29,440.00**

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**Mass 9 a.m. 10/13– 77**



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*Wednesday 9:00am*





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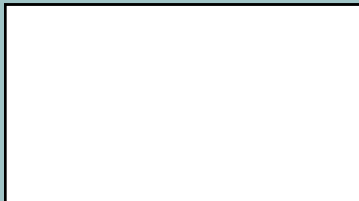
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