



Assumption Catholic Church

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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 21, 2025



You cannot serve both God and mammon. LUKE 16:13



May you find Christ here...may you take Christ to the world!

Mass Schedule:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, 12 noon
Friday, 9:00 a.m.

Confessions:

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.
Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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Monday - Thursday
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Sunday Reflection: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

What is the point of Jesus' parable of the rich man and the steward (Luke 16:1-13)? Jesus did not praise the steward for his dishonest behavior but for his shrewd foresight in relieving the debts of others who he believed would, in turn, treat him as a friend and show him mercy, kindness, and generosity in his time of need and great want. Jesus immediately followed this parable with an exhortation to his followers to make use of the world's material goods, including "tainted money", to relieve those who are indebted to us for the material and physical help we give them in their time of need and want. In the Scriptures generous giving is connected with alms giving - the sharing of our financial and material resources with those in need (Luke 12:33). Those who receive alms become our friends because we are merciful to them in their time of need. And God who sees all, rewards those who are generous in helping others.

What is the enemy of generosity? It's greed, the excessive desire for personal gain and security. However, we do not need to be afraid for true generosity because it does not impoverish the giver, but enriches that person a hundredfold! Our money, time, and possessions are precious resources and gifts from God. We can guard them jealously for ourselves alone or allow the love of the Lord to guide us in making good use of them for the benefit of others, especially those in need. Ask the Lord to fill our heart with a spirit of generosity and joy in sharing what we have with others. Let us pray: Lord Jesus, all that I have is a gift from you. May I love you freely and generously with all that I possess. Help me to be a wise and faithful steward of the resources you put at my disposal, including the use of my time, money, health and possessions.

Readings for Next Sunday,

September 28, 2025

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

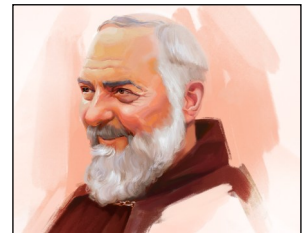
1 Timothy 6:11-16

Luke 16:19-31

Saint of the Week... St. Pius of Pietrelcina

Born Francesco Forgione in 1887, St. Pius (or more familiarly known as "Padre Pio") grew up in a family of farmers in southern Italy. At the age of 15, he entered the novitiate of the Capuchin Order. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1910 and was drafted during World War I. He was discharged in 1917 after being diagnosed with tuberculosis.

In 1948, Padre Pio heard the confession of a young Polish priest, Father Karol Wojtyła, who 30 years later would ascend the throne of Peter, taking the name John Paul II. Many years later while still an archbishop in Poland, Fr. Wojtyła wrote to Padre Pio and asked him to pray for a Polish woman with throat cancer. Within two weeks, she had been cured.



Feast Day: September 23

On September 20, 1918, as Saint Pio of Pietrelcina was making his thanksgiving after Mass, Padre Pio had a vision of Jesus. When the vision ended, he had the stigmata in his hands, feet, and side. Life became more complicated after that. Medical doctors, Church authorities, and curiosity seekers came to see Padre Pio. In 1924, and again in 1931, the authenticity of the stigmata was questioned; Padre Pio was not permitted to celebrate Mass publicly or to hear confessions. He did not complain of these decisions, which were soon reversed.

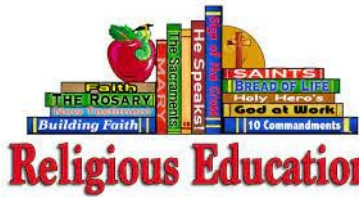
Padre Pio died on September 23, 1968 at the age of 81. He was canonized in 2002 by Pope John Paul II in one of the largest such ceremonies in history. More than 300,000 people braved blistering heat as they filled St. Peter's Square and nearby streets. They heard the Holy Father praise the new saint for his prayer and charity. "This is the most concrete synthesis of Padre Pio's teaching," said the pope. He also stressed Padre Pio's witness to the power of suffering. If accepted with love, the Holy Father stressed, such suffering can lead to "a privileged path of sanctity."

Source: franciscanmedia.org



Jan Biser, Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, Kara Breedlove, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Raymond Clark, Hailey Claire, Linda Davis-Kyle, Gloria DeMasi, Palma Devic, Marion Dorsey, Cam Duncan, Dave & Jean Dunn, Lucas Dupuis, Scott Furey, Marilyn George, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Donna Hanlin, Shawn Harbaugh, Jean Harber, Sue Harber, Shawn Hartman, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Joanne Knott*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Bill Lupis, Angelo Luvara, Rhonda Martin, Betty McAvoy, Cindy Mills, Steve Miner, Paul & Connie Murray, Wanda & Randy Nairn, Debbie Pappas, Cathy Pardee, Diane Parrish, Crystal Pollet, Susie Radcliffe, Katherine Revell, Carole Rhodes, Carla Riggelman, Jeff Roth, Charlotte Sanders, Helen Shallis, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Barbara Stanislawczyk, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Nathaniel Taylor, Shawn Whetzel, Becky Whitlock*, Barbara Willis.

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**CCD Classes
Begin Next Sunday!**

We are very excited to begin a new year of religious education in our parish!

The fall semester classes begin next Sunday, September 28. Classes are held from 9:30-10:30 am in St. Mary's Hall (the high school class meets at the Knights Hall).

The full class schedule was emailed to parents earlier this month and is also available on our parish website. Some special dates to remember:

- September 28 Youth Mass / First Class / Parent Meeting
- October 19 Youth Mass
- November 2 Living Rosary
- November 16 Youth Mass
- December 14 Youth Mass / CCD Christmas Program / Parish Christmas Brunch
- December 21 Last class of the semester

Today the Church celebrates Catechetical Sunday. This day gives us an opportunity to reflect on the role we each play in passing on our faith and to thank those who have answered the call of sharing God's word with the children of our parish:

Director of Religious Education

Kelley Kuhn

Pre-K and Kindergarten

Rebekah Rhodes

Grades 1 and 2

Jean Harber and Katie Kuhn

Grades 3 and 4

Sally Maybury

Grades 5 and 6

Alisha Dupuis

Grades 7-9

Kelley Kuhn and Joe Maybury

Grades 10-12

Jeff Kuhn

Youth Group Coordinator

Jill Blacka

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, September 20	4::00 pm	Soul of Joseph P. McCoy	Frances Rosedale
		Soul of Fred Selders	Cindy & Jim Alt
		Intentions of Sue & Jean Harber	Jeff & Kelley Kuhn
Sunday, September 21	8:30 am	Soul of Todd Myers	Mike & Robin McDowell
Monday, September 22	No Mass		
Tuesday, September 23	No Mass		
Wednesday, September 24	5:00 pm	Soul of Mark Randall Kuhn	Margaret McGee
Thursday, September 25	12:00 pm	Intentions of Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco and Margaret McGee	S & J
Friday, September 26	9:00 am	Souls of John & Hazel Coffman	Cindy & Jim Alt
Saturday, September 27	4::00 pm	Souls of Lorenzo & Barbara Grubbs	Karen & Howard Barrick
		Soul of Gwen DeMasi	Her loving family
		Intentions of Linda Marsh	Bob & Phyllis Harman
Sunday, September 28	8:30 am	Soul of Jordan Placka	Doug & Jane Placka

Join us to pray the Rosary 30 minutes prior to each weekday Mass.

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REMINDERS

A few reminders for everyone attending the parish picnic this Sunday, September 21!

- The location is Brookdale Farm (369 Georges Run Road, Keyser), approximately 20 mins from Keyser
- The picnic will be held at the indoor event venue, not the pavilion where it has been in the past
- Mass will begin at 3:00, outside (weather permitting)
- Dinner will be at approximately 4:00. The parish is providing the main dish (sliced ham) and dessert
- Each family is asked to bring a side dish of their choice to share, along with their own beverages
- The Mass at Brookdale Farm will satisfy the Sunday obligation
- If you attend Mass on Sunday morning at the church and also attend at the picnic, you can receive Holy Communion both times



Upcoming Meeting

The Ladies Guild will meet on Wednesday, October 1 at 9 a.m. at St. Mary’s Hall. We will start with a short meeting and then do a deep clean of the hall and take an inventory of supplies. Lunch will be provided.

Meatball Sale

The Ladies Guild and the Knights of Columbus are holding a meatball sale next month! Delivery to local businesses will be offered on Friday, October 17 and pick up by individuals on Saturday, October 18. An order form is available in the Vestibule or you can contact any member of the guild or Knight to place an order. All orders are due by October 13. Cost for a meatball sub is \$8 or a container of four meatballs with sauce is \$5. Thank you for supporting this fundraising effort which allows the Ladies Guild and the Knights to in turn support our parish and our community!

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, September 27

Lector: Logan Stanislawczyk
 Servers: Eric Hatfield & Eric Hatfield II
 EMs: Sue Harber, Eric Hatfield (c), Janet Corley (c)
 Cantor: Linda Marsh
 Greeters: Bill Lupis & Mary Wagoner

Sunday, September 28 (Youth Mass)

Lector: CCD students
 Servers: Celia & Evelyn Cole, Harper Newlin
 EMs: Jane Placka, Beverley Iser (c), Kelley Kuhn (c)
 Cantor: Mike Dupuis
 Greeters: CCD students

Saturday, October 4

Lector: Kerri Wittman
 Servers: Mike & Rosie Landis, Harper Newlin
 EMs: Mary Wagoner, Alan Taylor (c), Bill Lupis (c)
 Cantor: Julie Alt
 Greeters: Jean Harber & Diana Myers

Sunday, October 5

Lector: Geoff Newlin
 Servers: Tucker Newlin & Jude Barrick
 EMs: Dave Minnich, Nancy Starcher (c), Rosie Landis (c)
 Cantor: Linda Marsh
 Greeters: Doug & Jane Placka

Keyser Healthcare Center EM

September 25 Pam Williams
 October 4 Jean Harber, Bob Konka

Your Faithful Stewardship

September 13-14, 2025

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$2,600
Loose Donations.....	\$1,174
Repairs & Maintenance.....	\$60
Total.....	\$3,834

Attendance

Saturday, 9/13.....	75
Sunday, 9/14.....	125
Total.....	200

Upcoming Diocesan Collection

A second collection is scheduled for next weekend to support the Catholic University of America. Located in our nation’s capital, this research university helps students to serve the Church and nation as Catholic leaders of tomorrow.

