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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday at 9am
Saint Alexander
 Saturday Vigil at 4pm
 (Preceded by Confessions at 3pm)
Saint Mary of the Bay
 Sunday at 8am, 10:30am and 6pm
Saint Mary of the Bay
 Monday-Friday 8am
Saint Mary of the Bay
 Holy Days as Announced



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Padre's Ponderings

Dear Parishioners,

Today, we welcome Fr. Bob Hawkins to Saint Alexander as the celebrant of our 9am Mass. As I have indicated before, Fr. Bob is a regular helper at Saint Mary of the Bay and will be part of the regular Mass rotation between both of our parishes in the future. Most of you have already met Fr. Bob, but for those who haven't, I know you'll be delighted to get to know him. He served most recently as pastor of Saint Luke's in Barrington and is keeping very busy as a retired priest, mainly helping parishes like ours. I have been blessed by his guidance, support and friendship throughout my time in Warren. Welcome, Fr. Bob, back to Saint Alexander!

Next weekend, we will have the opportunity to welcome a permanent deacon from the Diocese of Lexington, Kentucky, to speak to us about the important work that is being done there for the poorest of the poor. As you know, each year, we are able, through our participation in the Mission Co-Op Plan of the Diocese of Providence, to welcome a visiting missionary to share their experience with us and to invite us to participate in supporting their mission through prayer and treasure. I know you will be generous in welcoming our guest and I hope that we will be able to offer some financial support for the good work of the Church in Appalachia. As you know, that region has been struck recently with destructive flooding. Our support will be all the more needed and appreciated. Let's do our best.

Speaking of permanent deacons, another member of the clergy that you will get to know very soon is Deacon John Pryor. Deacon John serves with me at Saint Mary of the Bay, and I have been blessed by his guidance, his generosity of spirit and his friendship. Deacon John will be offering a Eucharistic Holy Hour at Saint Alexander on the second Wednesday of every month at 7pm, beginning on October 12. I want to give you fair warning now, so that you'll be able to plan on joining us. The Holy Hour will consist of: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the praying of the Holy Rosary, singing, preaching, and Benediction. Members of Saint Mary of the Bay have been attending these Holy Hours on the *first* Wednesday of the month there in the past, but will now be invited to join all of us at Saint Alexander's on the *second* Wednesday of the month moving forward. It will be a wonderful opportunity for our communities to pray together and to worship Jesus, present in the Eucharist. I hope that you can join us as we pray for the strengthening of our commitment to our Christian mission in the town of Warren!

Until next week,

Fr. Joe

☞ MASS INTENTIONS ☞

September 18, 2022

9am: John Mattos Sr.

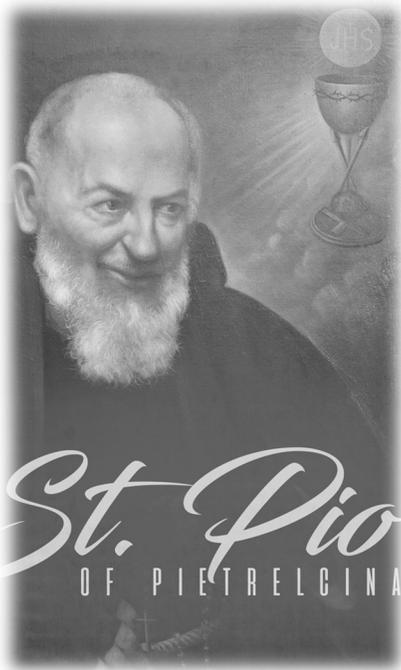
Requested by his son, John Mattos

September 25, 2022

9am: Nancy Threadgill

Requested by Anonymous

☞ SAINT OF THE WEEK ☞



Best known as Padre Pio, St. Pius was born Francesco Forgione in 1887 in Pietrelcina, Italy. As a young boy he suffered many illnesses including typhoid. He joined Capuchin Franciscans at 15 and took the name of Pius or "Pio" in honor of Pope Pius I. He was ordained in 1910, and at this time he received the marks of stigmata, the wounds of Christ, but they eventually healed. Frequent illnesses continued to plague him as a young man.

Padre Pio served in the Italian Medical Corps during World War I, but he was discharged early because of illness, which was likely tuberculosis. He was assigned to the friary in San Giovanni Rotondo. In 1918, while continuing to serve at the friary, the stigmata appeared again, and this time remained until his death.

Many faithful came to see him at the friary, his days were long, beginning with Mass at 5 a.m. then hearing confessions all day with breaks to bless the sick. A simple man, content to do God's will on earth and with the ardent desire to serve the sick and poor in whom he saw Christ, he urged a hospital, Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza (House for the Relief of Suffering), to be built in San Giovanni Rotondo. It opened in 1956.

Padre Pio died at the age of eighty-one in 1968 and in 2002 Pope John Paul II proclaimed him "St. Pio of Pietrelcina."

☞ LIVING THE SCRIPTURES ☞

Today's Readings:

Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/
Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

From today's First Reading:

Hear this, you who trample upon the needy and destroy the poor of the land! (Am 8:4)

Consider: **The prophet Amos warns those who exploit the poor and the vulnerable will be harshly condemned by the Lord. In what ways do you defend those marginalized in our society?**

From today's Second Reading:

This is good and pleasing to God our savior, who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth. (1 Tm 2:3-4)

Consider: **Paul teaches Timothy to be open, generous, and inclusive in his prayer life. How would you find this spiritual advice a challenge in your life?**

From today's Gospel:

"No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon." (Lk 16:13)

Consider: **In the parable of the dishonest steward, Jesus praises the steward for resolving his dilemma, in the end, with prudence. With his parable, Jesus teaches his disciples an important lesson on the dangers of monetary wealth. How do you avoid the trap of choosing money over God?**

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"No servant can
serve two masters."

LUKE 16:13