Dear Friends,

Wednesday, September 23, is the memoria of Saint Padre Pio. Mass will be celebrated at 6.30 pm at our Church.

All are welcome!

Padre Pio followed this path of the Lord for us and for his beloved Jesus.

Sometimes persons are so familiar and well known that their first name is sufficient. Two saints of this last century are like this: Padre Pio and Mother Theresa. Even the prefix Saint is not needed! They were indeed saints all of their lives.

The humble beginnings of Padre Pio allowed him to enter into familiarity. He grew up a humble young man near the dirt on a farm in Italy! This allowed him to be one with all. The beginnings can influence the rest of our lives. This certainly was the case with Padre Pio.

Christ desired him to be a priest and a Capuchin. This is what happened. As a priest, he showed forth Christ the good shepherd. He had a great love for those who were lost: the sinner, the poor, and the sick because he identified with them. His holiness was not in his ability to stand aloof from his people but in willingness to enter into their sufferings and the sufferings of his Lord Jesus Christ.

Soon after he was ordained a priest he had an experience in prayer before the cross. At first, this prayer was filled with extreme peace and even pleasure. But, soon pain came to his hands, his feet, and his side. These areas of his body began to bleed and would the rest of his life. He was literally pinned with Christ on the cross. He received the grace of the cross, the stigmata.

He had a great love of the sacraments especially the Eucharist and Penance. In these rituals, he met his Lord and his people. He found solace in celebrating Mass and in bringing mercy and reconciliation to the sinner. He established a hospital by the monastery where he lived his entire life. It still stands today as a model for holistic healing.

The last time he celebrated Mass on September 22, 1968, the stigmata disappeared. He died the next day. He was canonized in 2002. Pope John Paul II had the privilege as a young priest to celebrate the sacrament of Confession with him. John Paul claimed that Padre Pio told him he would be Pope! What can we learn from Him?

A desire for Prayer... He spent intimate times in deep prayer with Jesus. Through prayer he allowed Jesus to take control of his life.

A Compassionate life... We need to meet Christ in the suffering.

A Spirit of Hope... Nothing, rejection, suffering, even death can interfere with our union and destiny with the Lord.

So we with Saint Padre Pio can say: Pray Hope and don’t worry!

I want to thank Father Anthony Marshall and all of you for participating in our mission last week. God bless you for the time spent with the Lord.

Rev. Kevin C. Sheehan

---

One Minute With God

Cast all your anxiety on the Lord, he cares.

So the LAST will be FIRST
and the FIRST LAST.

Matthew 20:1–16
The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 20, 2020

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
Macedonia, Ohio

The Liturgy of The Word

*1st Reading: Isaiah 55: 6-9

Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call him while he is near.
Let the scoundrel forsake his way,
and the wicked his thoughts;
let him turn to the LORD for mercy;
to our God, who is generous in forgiving.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
As high as the heavens are above the earth,
so high are my ways above your ways
and my thoughts above your thoughts.
The word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD.

*Psalm: Psalm 145: 2-3, 8-9, 17-18

The Lord is near to all who call on him.
I will bless you day after day,
and praise your name forever and ever.
The LORD is great and highly to be praised;
his greatness cannot be measured.
The LORD is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.
How good is the LORD to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.
The LORD is just in all his ways,
and holy in all his deeds.
The LORD is close to all who call him,
who call on him in truth.
The Lord is near to all who call on him.

*2nd Reading: Philippians 1: 20c-24, 27a

Brothers and sisters: Christ will be magnified in my body,
whether by life or by death.
For to me life is Christ, and death is gain.
If I go on living in the flesh,
that means fruitful labor for me.
And I do not know which I shall choose.
I am caught between the two.
I long to depart this life and be with Christ,
for that is far better.
Yet that I remain in the flesh
is more necessary for your benefit.
Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy
of the gospel of Christ.
The word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD.

*Alleluia Verse: (see Acts 16: 14b)
Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.
Jesus told his disciples this parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o’clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, ‘You too go into my vineyard,’ and did likewise. Going out about five o’clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ They answered, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You too go into my vineyard.’ When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.’ When those who had started about five o’clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day’s burden and the heat.’ He said to one of them in reply, ‘My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?’ Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

The Gospel of the Lord. PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.

*Homily: Reflection on The Word

*Profession of Faith The Apostle’s Creed

ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
(At the words that follow, up to and including “the Virgin Mary,” all bow.)
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

*Prayers of the Faithful
Response: Loving God, hear our prayer

*Dismissal
**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, September 21**
6:30 pm .................................................. All Souls

**Tuesday, September 22**
12:00 pm .................................................. All Souls

**Thursday, September 24**
12:00 pm ................................................ Richard Mates

**Saturday, September 26**
4:30 pm ................................................... People of OLG & All Souls

**Sunday, September 27**
8:30 am .................................................. All Souls & Tony & Sarah Artino
10:30 am ................................................ Charlie Noe

---

**Music Ministry News: ANTIPHONS**

Since this COVID-19 pandemic has struck and adhering to the recommended Diocesan guideline of no congregational singing, many people have been asking what is being sung during the Entrance and Communion Processions. They are the actual Entrance and Communion Antiphons straight from the Roman Missal; the Roman Missal is what governs the way we celebrate Mass. These antiphons (and their chants) were used straight up until Vatican II, however they were sung in Latin. After Vatican II, the use of hymns was substituted in place of these antiphons since, at that time, there were no English translations of them, so hymns and songs filled the void. Now, every time we sing a hymn or song in its place, we are replacing the antiphon that the Church intended to be sung.

Another question is “Are these antiphons always sung in chant style?” Currently, yes, but I believe that some Catholic music publishers are working on creating some contemporary versions of these antiphons (using the same text as the chant ones.) Remember that Scripture is prose, not rhymed meter, so the free-floating quality of Gregorian chant is well-suited for sung speech and delivering the scriptural texts without altering them. One interesting thing about this COVID-19 situation is that it has brought many parishes back to the use of these antiphons for Mass and utilizing the richness of these texts for which they were intended.

Will we ever return to singing hymns and songs at Mass? Yes, in due time (all depends on COVID-19.) But we will probably also see these antiphons remain in the celebration of Liturgy (either sung in chant or hymn/song style.)

---

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word**

Beginning this Sunday, Sept. 20, 2020- CLOW will be starting back up at the 10:30 mass. Children ages 4-9 are welcome to come and listen to the Gospel reading and participate in an activity that will help them understand the Gospel in a way that is unique and creative!

CLOW will also continue to be live on our Instagram page on Sunday mornings- follow us @ministryolgyouth

---

**Liturgical Minister - September 26/27, 2020**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Eucharistic Ministers</th>
<th>Lector</th>
<th>Servers</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Saturday</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4:30 PM</td>
<td>Jim &amp; Cathie Perusek</td>
<td>Michael Belanich</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8:30 AM</td>
<td>Anthony D'Angelo &amp; Karen Scolaro</td>
<td>Bridget Burke</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10:30 AM</td>
<td>Deacon Dave Govern, Gregory Knapik</td>
<td>Carl Ogle III</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**Collection Report**

**September 13, 2020**

Sunday Offering ........................................................... $6,247.00  
Vanco (EFT) General Offertory (9/7-9/13) .................. $1,933.00  
Total Offertory .............................................................. $8,180.00  

Rejuvenate, Replace, Repair ....................................... $1,871.00  
Vanco (EFT) RRR (9/7-9/13) .......................................... $451.00  
Total RRR donations .................................................... $2,322.00  

Total Collections:  $10,502.00  
158 Vanco EFT participants  
Thank you for sharing that which God has so generously shared with you!

Anyone wishing to enroll in EFT may do so by visiting donations.olg.cc

Monthly Diocesan Assessment:  $7,384.00  
Monthly Health Benefits:  $7,045.00  
Monthly Pension:  $1,871.40

**Youth Ministry**

Mark your calendars- Our first Youth Ministry event will be on Sunday, September 27 from 6:00pm-7:30pm in the field behind OLG. We are going to have a bonfire and live music. Come and roast a hot dog and smore over the fire while we praise God through song! Our youth ministry is for those in grades 7-12. Please let me know if any adults or recent HS grads would like to help with planning and helping with the event!

A group at St Barnabas prays the Rosary, open to all, at 6:30 PM each evening in front of the Blessed Mary Shrine weather permitting.  
Masks are worn.

The Knights Of Columbus will be collecting donations after all masses the weekend of September 26 & 27 to help people in the state of Ohio with developmental disabilities.

---

**September 20, 2020**

This week’s readings speak to us about God’s omnipresence and His great generosity. He is always right next to us waiting to provide assistance and guidance. Knowing that we are never alone, to face our problems, should bring us comfort, peace and joy. The Responsorial Psalm states “The Lord is near to all who call upon Him”, which means He is right next to us waiting for us to ask something of Him or just to talk with Him. However, it is our responsibility to call on Jesus. We must invite Him to be a part of our lives. It is through opening ourselves to God, that we are able to receive the fruits of the Holy Spirit. He will never force His will upon us.

God continuously provides us opportunities to turn from our ways and to follow Him. Jesus’s parable in the Gospel, explains how the kingdom of God is like a landlord who goes out seeking workers for his vineyard numerous times. The twist in the story is that it does not matter what time of day a worker accepts the landlord’s invitation and gets to work, the landlord gives everyone the same pay. Some may say it is unfair to those who labored all day. However, in God’s eyes the paradise of heaven is for all who follow Jesus. It does not matter if you are a cradle Catholic and followed Jesus your entire life or someone who converted on his or her deathbed, Heaven awaits you. In the book of Ezekiel chapter 33 God tells the prophet that He takes no pleasure in the death of a sinner, but rather in the life saved of one who converts and does His will. This is most evident when Jesus speaks to the good thief while on the cross, and He tells him he will be with Him in paradise. It is awesome that our loving God is always near and that He wants us to spend eternity with Him.

Today’s first reading from Isaiah and the Gospel indicates that we have a limited amount of time to make our choice to follow Jesus. Isaiah tells us to seek the Lord while He may be found and the landlord from the Gospel stops going out for workers in the evening. We do not know when Jesus will return or when our time on earth will end so we must turn to God today and promise to follow Jesus’ example.

**THINGS TO PONDER:**

1. Pay special attention this week and count how many times each day you have a choice “opportunity” to do something positive for God.

2. Don’t leave God just hanging around; invite Jesus into at least one situation or event this week.

Like us at: facebook.com/OLGChurch
To sign up for FREE, just visit us here: https://olgmacedonia.formed.org.

Parish code is... R6MHD8