

## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 20, 2020

**TODAY IS CATECHETICAL SUNDAY AND THE BEGINNING OF OUR PSR PROGRAM.** This year's theme is taken from St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians, "I received from the Lord what I also hand on to you." Our PSR catechists give so much of their time and talent to instruct the young people of our parish in the Catholic Faith. It is a partnership with parents to share in the religious education of their children. All public school students from grades 1 to 12 will meet their teachers and begin instruction today at 11:00 a.m. in the school. Parents will have a short meeting in the school cafeteria to discuss our expectations and any of their concerns.

**CONFIRMATION.** Next Sunday, September 27th, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for 18 young people in the parish. Benedictine Abbot Gary Hoover OSB, from St. Andrew Svorad Benedictine Abbey in Cleveland will be the celebrant of the 12 Noon Confirmation Liturgy. We ask you to please keep our Confirmation candidates in your prayers that they may open their hearts and minds to the power of the Holy Spirit. We will have rehearsal and reception of the Sacrament of Confession on Thursday evening, September 24th at 7:00 p.m. for all candidates and their sponsors.

**ALTAR SOCIETY BENEFIT DINNER** schedule for October 4th has been cancelled.

**DID YOU KNOW** that Wednesday, September 23rd, is the feast day of St. Pius of Pietrelcina, better known as Padre Pio? Padre Pio was born on May 25, 1887. He entered the Capuchin Franciscans on January 6, 1903 and was ordained a priest on August 10, 1910. He lived in San Giovanni Rotondo from 1916 until his death on September 23, 1968. In 1918, as he prayed before the Crucifix, he received the wounds of Christ, the Stigmata, which he carried on his body until his death. He was known to be a miracle worker and was both a compassionate and challenging priest in the confessional. He was declared a saint of the Church on July 16, 2002.

**NEW SOCK AND UNDERWEAR DRIVE.** St. Mary and St. Vitus Holy Name Societies will have a new sock & underwear drive for Joseph House, near St. Vitus Church on St. Clair Ave. the weekend of October 3rd & 4th and October 10th & 11th. There will be special collection boxes by the doors of the church. There will also be a special second collection the weekend of October 10th & 11th since it would be more economical to purchase in bulk. Checks may be made payable to St. Mary Holy Name Society.

**Last Sunday's Offering: \$5,324.00**

**Church Needs:** In Honor of the 100th birthday of Marica Lavrisha: \$100 from Anton & Margaret Lavrisha, \$100 from Brni Lavrisha, \$100 from John & Terri Sabbath, \$143 from family members

**High School Scholarship Fund:** \$100 anonymous

**Your generosity to the Parish is appreciated!**

**PARISH COUNCIL SUMMARY.** Council met on Tuesday, September 8th at 7:30 p.m. Bob Frederico gave a report of plans for the upcoming clambake. Tables will be arranged to meet social distancing guidelines and all attending must wear masks when not seated at their tables.

There will be no Fall Festival because of Covid, nor will there be a Fall Festival Raffle since participation in the Summer Raffle was mediocre.

Council is looking into having a Split the Pot Winter Raffle in place of the Fall Festival. The cancellation of both the Summer Picnic and Fall Festival means a loss of income for the parish of approximately \$35,000.

Leaking rectory gutters were repaired and we are waiting for an estimate for replacing the concrete floors of the rectory window wells.

We are still waiting from the sign companies to finalize their designs for the church sign in front of the rectory.

Bertin Floors have been out to begin some preparation samples for the church floor crack repairs.

\$1,500. from the Catholic Education Endowment Trust was received for a parish Bible Study Program. Deacon David Kushner will oversee the implementation of the program.

Two high school scholarship grants were sent to the Catholic high schools where our two parishioners are attending.

Confirmation will be on Sunday, September 27th. Fr. Kumse lamented the fact at how little our young people know about even the basics of their Faith. It's not just here at St. Mary's. It's everywhere. For too many families, religious instruction, especially in the home, is seen as non-essential. It makes you wonder about the future of the Church.

PSR classes resume on Sunday, September 20th.

A council member brought up concern expressed by some women of the parish about few people wearing face masks during Mass. To the contrary, Fr. Kumse attested, as did council members who are also ushers at Sunday Masses that 99 percent of people attending Mass do wear masks. Some cannot because of either health or personal issues, but they tend to sit off by themselves properly socially distanced from others. Father stated that it would be better for everyone to use common sense, practice good hygiene, and show more concern about their own practices and less about reporting what they perceive others doing or not doing.

There will be no council meeting in October.

### TODAY'S PSALM RESPONSE:

**"The Lord is near to all who call upon him."**



**Masses for the Week of Sept. 21-27, 2020**

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>(9/21) ST. MATTHEW (Apostle &amp; Evangelist)</b>
7:45 a.m.	Drago Androjna (Pristava Pensioners)
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>(9/22) WEEKDAY</b>
7:45 a.m.	Deceased Members of Štepec and Jakomin Families (Family)
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>(9/23) ST. PIUS OF PIETRELCINA (Priest)</b>
7:45 a.m.	Mary Ferrazzoli (Son, Edward)
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>(9/24) BLESSED ANTON MARTIN SLOMSEK</b>
7:45 a.m.	Martin Merela (30 Day)
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>(9/25) WEEKDAY</b>
7:45 a.m.	Arthur Cafardi (Family)
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>(9/26) STS. COSMAS &amp; DAMIAN (Martyrs); BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>
7:45 a.m.	Parishioners
5:00 p.m.	Anton Gorshe (Family)
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>(9/27) TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
8:00 a.m.	Eugene Hudock and Rose & Tony Troha (Family)
10:00 a.m.	Marija & Valentin Ribič and Franc & Jelka Markovec (Milan & Breda Ribič)
12:00 noon	Parishioners

**Please Pray for Our Sick:** Rev. William Jerse, Zdravko Novak, George Rozman, Rita Morel, Tim Petric, Tom McNulty, Anna Kosir, Brenda Prebevsek, Ron Zagar

**BLESSED ANTON MARTIN SLOMŠEK** is honored by the Church on September 24th, the day of his death in 1862. He was born on November 26, 1800 in Slom pri Ponikvi, Slovenia and was ordained a priest on September 8, 1824, the Feast of the Birth of Mary. After serving as associate pastor in a number of parishes, he served as spiritual director for 9 years in the seminary of Celovec (Klangenfurt, Austria), and then returned to serve as pastor in Slovenian Štajerska. On July 5, 1846 he was consecrated bishop in Salzburg as the new bishop of the Lavantine Diocese of Sv. Andraž. In 1859 he moved the seat of the Lavantine Diocese to Maribor, to better solidify and centralize the work of the Church among the Slovenian population. He was beautified by Pope John Paul II on September 19, 1999 in Maribor. (Both Fr. Boznar and I as well as Cleveland's Korotan Singing Society were present for the Mass of Beatification. What began as a day of threatening weather, changed almost miraculously as Pope John Paul's airplane flew over Slovenia; all the church bells in the country rang out in celebration, a strong wind picked up and drove away the rain clouds and a gloriously bright, sunny autumn day followed for the outdoor Mass. Bishop Slomšek was a man of great humility, who was an ardent educator and defender of the Slovenian people, a poet, author of both religious books and textbooks, and a worker for reconciliation among Christian Churches. He promoted the use of the Slovenian language, especially in education and was responsible for a daily Slovenian newspaper, as well as the Society of Sts. Mohor and Hermagoras to publish books in the Slovenian language for the edification of all people. We continue to pray for his canonization.

**DANES JE 25. NAVADNA NEDELJA.**

**DANES JE KATEHETSKA NEDELJA IN ZAČETEK NAŠEGA VEROUČNEGA PROGRAMA.** Letos je tema vzeta iz pisma Korinčanom Sv. Pavla, "Kar sem jaz prejel sem vam tudi izročil." Naši veroučni kateheti dajo veliko svojega časa in talent, da poučujejo naše mlade katoliško vero v župniji. To je partnerstvo s starši da delimo v verski vzgoji njihovih otrok. Vsi učenci javnih šol od 1 do 12 razreda bodo srečali njihove učitelje in začeli pouk danes ob 11:00 dopoldan v šoli. Starši bodo imeli kratek sestanek v šolski dvorani, razpravljali bomo naše pričakovanje in tudi vaša vprašanja.

**BIRMA.** Naslednjo nedeljo 27. septembra bomo obhajali Zakrament birme za 18 mladih ljudi v župniji. Benediktinski Opat Gary Hoover, OSB od Sv. Andreja Svorada Benediktinskega Samostana v Clevelandu, bo maševal ob 12:00 opoldan birmansko liturgijo. Prosimo vas, imejte naše birmance v vaših molitvah, da bi odprli njihova srca in pamet v moč Sv. Duha. Imeli bomo vajo in sprejem Zakramenta spovedi v četrtek zvečer 24. septembra ob 7:00 uri za vse, birmance in njihove botre.

**ALI STE VEDELI,** da v sredo 23. septembra je god Sv. Pija iz Pietrelcine, bolj poznan kot Padre Pio? Padre Pio je bil rojen 25. maja 1887. On je vstopil k Frančiškanom-Kapucinom 6. januarja 1903 in bil posvečen v duhovnika 10. avgusta 1910. On je živel v San Giovanni Rotondo od 1916 do svoje smrti 23. septembra 1968. Od 1918, ko je molil pred Križem, on prejme rane Kristusa, Stigmata, katere je nosil na njegovem telesu do svoje smrti. On je bil poznan, da je čudezni delavec in je bil oboje, sočuten in izzivalen duhovnik v spovednici. On je bil razglašen za svetnika Cerkve 16. julija 2003.

**BLAŽENI ANTON MARTIN SLOMŠEK,** katerega Cerkev časti 24. septembra na dan njegove smrti 1862. Rodil se je 26. novembra 1800 na Slomu pri Ponikvi, Slovenija in je bil posvečen v duhovnika 8. septembra 1824 na praznik Marijinega rojstva. Kot kaplan je deloval po več župnijah. Potem je šel v Celovec, kjer je 9 let opravljal službo duhovnega voditelja bogoslovcev, potem se je vrnil in bil župnik v Slovenski Štajerski. 5. julija 1846 je bil v Salzburgu posvečen za škofa Lavantinske škofije pri Sv. Andražu. V letu 1859 je on prenesel sedež Lavantinske škofije v Maribor, da bolje centralizira in zgosti delo Cerkve med Slovenci. 19. septembra, ga je papež Janez Pavel II v Mariboru razglasil za blaženega. (oba g. Božnar in jaz in tudi pevski zbor Korotan smo bili navzoči pri maš beatifikacije. Dan je kazal za slabo vreme, skoraj čudežno se spremeni ko je papeža Janeza Pavla II avion letel čez Slovenijo, vsi zvonovi v deželi so zvonili za slavje. Potegne močan veter pobere in razpodi deževne oblake in čudovito jasen, sončen jesenski dan je sledil za mašo na prostem). Škof Slomšek je bil ponižen mož, bil je navdušen vzgojitelj in branitelj za Slovenske ljudi, pesnik, pisec obeh verskih in učnih knjig, in delavec za zedenjenje med krščanskimi cerkvami. On je bil odgovoren za dnevno izdajo Slovenskega časopisa, kakor tudi za Družbo Sv. Mohorja da tiskajo knjige v Slovenskem jeziku za izobrazbo vseh ljudi. Mi nadalje molimo za njegovo razglasitev za svetnika.

*Vsak človek ima svoj čas obiskanja. Doživi dneve ali vsaj ure, ko Bog s posebno močnimi milostmi trka na njegovo dušo.*

**ODPEV DANAŠNJEGA PSALMA JE:  
GOSPOD JE BLIZU VSEM, KI GA KLIČEJO.**