



## Forgive and Forget?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

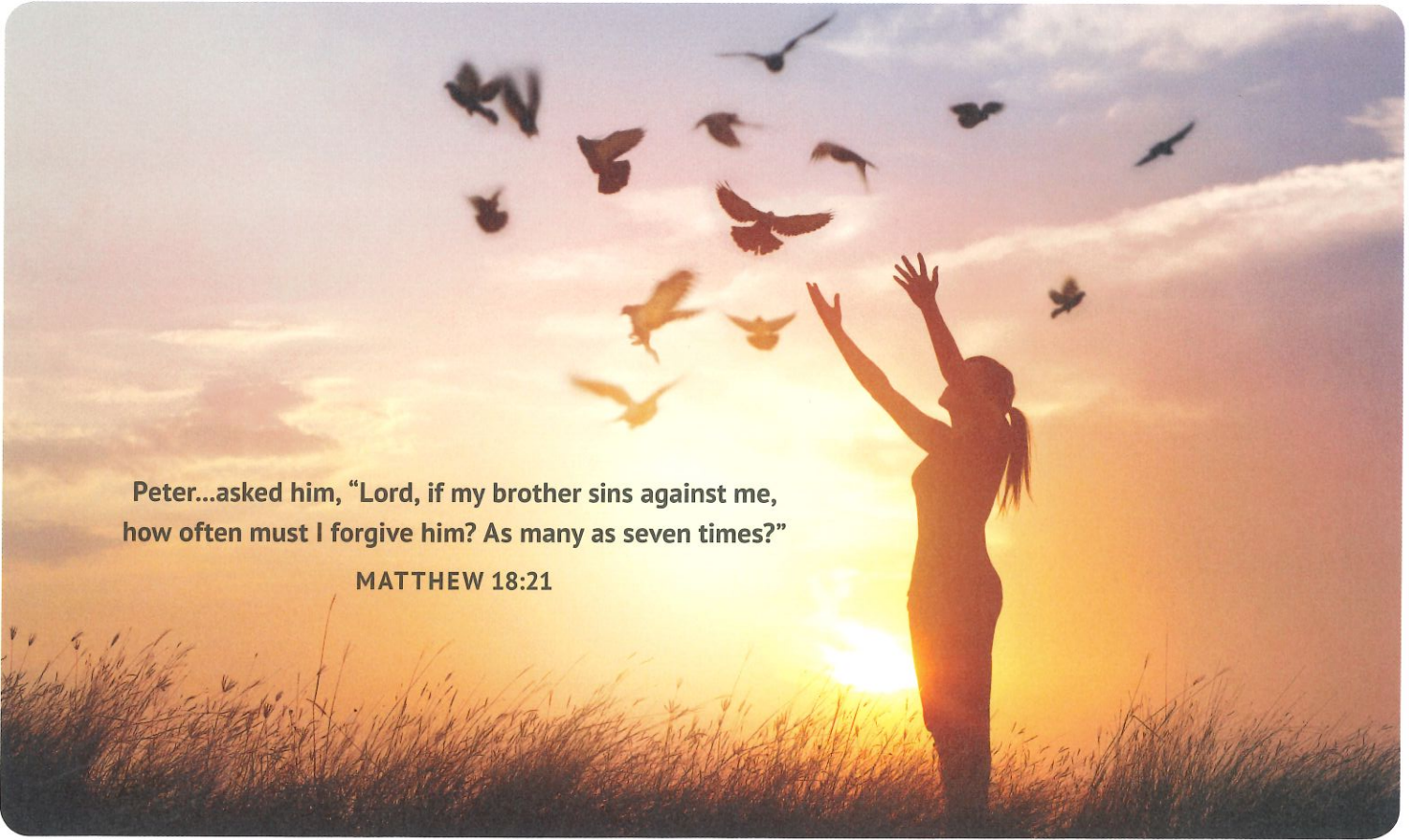
**T**erry Anderson was an American reporter in Lebanon when he was abducted by terrorists in 1985. He was held captive by them until his release in 1991. After his release he was asked if he forgave his captors. His response? “I’m a Christian and a Catholic, and it’s really required of me that I forgive, no matter how hard that may be.”

It’s been said that forgiveness is the most difficult thing we have to do, simply because all too often we do not feel like forgiving. Nor is forgiveness about overlooking the injury as if to say, “Oh, that’s OK. Don’t worry about it.” Forgiveness may not even mean being able to be nice. Sometimes the pain may be too much. Forgiveness as Jesus lived it is a choice one makes to care about the other. It is the gift of wanting what is best for the other even at times in the midst of our own pain. “Forgive and forget” is not always possible. At times the pain not only lingers but also throbs as if the wound continues to ooze and weep. Then we cannot forget. Yet it is possible to make the choice to care.

What do we do if we cannot even bring ourselves to do that much? Perhaps then we can at least ask God to bring goodness into that person’s life. And if that seems too difficult, then ask God to do what we cannot. That simple choice may very well be the seed that eventually sprouts into healing and peace in our own spirit. ●

### Reflect

*When have you been able to forgive even though memory of the pain lingered?*

A large photograph showing the silhouette of a person standing in a field of tall grass, with their arms raised towards a sky filled with many birds in flight. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow.

Peter...asked him, “Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?”

MATTHEW 18:21



# Catholic Communities



## Our Lady of Mercy

409 E. Main St.  
Fayette, OH 43521

### MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:30 a.m.  
Thursday 9:00 a.m.

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Ron Eisel  
Pat Eisel  
Ray Hollstein  
Mike Burkholder  
Traci Maginn  
Barbara Roby

Clothing items can be donated via our drop off site on the east side of the building. Our store is open on Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Contact Rhonda Monahan at 517-306-7986 for information.



Parish Pastor  
**Rev. William Pifher**  
419-446-9288

## OLM PARISH OFFICE

P.O. Box 429  
Fayette, OH 43521

**Phone:** 419-237-2441

**Hours:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Tuesday and Thursday

### PARISH STAFF

**Secretary:** Sherry Renner  
[OLOMFayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:OLOMFayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com)

#### Bookkeeper

Ron Baker  
[OLOMBookkeeper@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:OLOMBookkeeper@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com)

#### Youth Leader/CRE

Anita Van Zile

Website (bulletin online)  
[stpeterarchbold.com/our-lady-of-mercy](http://stpeterarchbold.com/our-lady-of-mercy)



## St. Peter

614 N. Defiance St.  
Archbold, OH 43502

### MASS SCHEDULE

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of month 8:30 a.m.  
Saturday 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday 10:30 a.m.  
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.  
Friday 9:00 a.m.

### Parish Secretary

Kim Garrow 419-446-2150  
[email-stpeter@rtexpress.net](mailto:email-stpeter@rtexpress.net)

### Religious Ed

Deb Herring  
Parish Council President  
Stephen Bernath

### SACRAMENT INFORMATION

- **Baptism:** Please call Father Pifher at 419-446-9288 to make arrangements for Baptism. A month's notice would be helpful.
- **Reconciliation:** Father will be available for confessions **starting 30 minutes before Mass each week.**
- **New Parishioners:** A warm welcome as you enter our Parish Community! You are asked to register at the parish office or see the pastor as soon as possible. If you are moving from the parish, please inform the office so we may remove your name from our parish records.
- **Anointing of the Sick:** Those who can participate: Anyone who is seriously sick or suffering a grave illness (not a cold, or flu) which is treated or medicated for by a doctor. Also for those of old age which often brings morale or depression factors (body, mind, or spirit). Please make arrangements with Father or call the parish office.
- **Matrimony:** Please contact the Parish Office *six months* ahead of your planned wedding date, for Marriage Preparation and scheduling.
- **RCIA :** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a series of classes designed to bring new members into the Catholic church. Weekly sessions begin in September. People who have not been baptized, who have not been practicing or who have been raised in another faith are all welcome to register. Parishioners are encouraged to invite interested family members and friends. There is no obligation to join the church. This is simply an opportunity to learn more about the Catholic faith. Contact Fr. William Pifher at 419-446-9288.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Please note that the bulletin deadline is Tuesday, Noon. Please either call, email at [ourladyofmercyfayette@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyofmercyfayette@gmail.com) or put in the collection basket any announcement for the following week's bulletin



# SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

## 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Ordinary Time

ROSARY WILL BE PRAYED SUNDAY'S AT 8 A.M.

### OUR LADY OF MERCY FEAST DAY & FESTIVAL

Our Lady of Mercy will be celebrating our Feast Day and Festival on September 24, 2023. Come and enjoy a day of fun & food. Starting the day is a very Special Celebration of Holy Mass followed by a light breakfast, silent auction, special activities and ending with an Our Lady of Mercy Festival dinner (served approx. 11:30 a.m.).

### SPECIAL CELEBRATION

We have a special reason to rejoice as the faith community at Our Lady of Mercy, next weekend as we celebrate our **Feast of Our Lady of Mercy**. As part of the celebration at the 8:30 a.m. Mass, we will be receiving into Full Communion with the Catholic Church, Barb Bruggeman who has long served in the music ministry and been part of our faith community.

### PREPARATION FOR OUR LADY OF MERCY FEAST DAY

Our Lady of Mercy will be open starting September 15, 2023 (Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows) through September 23, 2023 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. for your spiritual needs, during the Novena leading up to our celebration of Our Lady of Mercy's Feast Day.

**September 21, 2023 there will be Adoration & Blessings, with the Rosary and The Chaplet of Divine Mercy starting at 7 p.m.**

### SILENT AUCTION – FESTIVAL BASKETS

Anyone wishing to donate a basket for the Festival's Silent Auction, please see or call Pat Eisel, 419-630-6534.

### OFFICE HOURS CHANGED

The office will be closed on Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2023. It will be open on Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2023 9:00 a.m. – 3 p.m.

### PREVIOUS WEEKS BULLETINS

For your convenience, the previous weeks bulletin will be on the back table.

### THE WISDOM OF THE SAINTS – Introduction by Matthew Kelly

"Every day that passes, I fall more desperately in love with the mountains... I am ever more determined to climb the mountains, to scale the mighty peaks, to feel that pure joy which can only be felt in the mountains." - *Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati*

### Do Something Beautiful for God – The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa

**Sept. 17** – We learn humility through accepting humiliations cheerfully. Do not let a chance pass you by. It is so easy to be proud, harsh, moody, and selfish, but we have been created for greater things. Why stoop down to things that will spoil the beauty of our hearts?

**Sept. 18** – Confess your sin and be finished with it. God's mercy is greater than your sin. Don't be afraid, scrupulous, or anxious. You are a sinner full of sin when you go to Confession, and when you come out you are a sinner without sin. But always, before everything else and after everything else, you are a child of God.

**Sept. 19** – What are you hiding? What do you do in secret? Doing things in secret, hiding, these things are the beginning of lying.

**Sept. 20** – Forgiveness is at the heart of healthy relationships. Excuse rather than accuse. Forgive and ask to be forgiven. Forgiveness is a beautiful gift to give to those who hurt us.

**Sept. 21** – In the West you have another kind of poverty, spiritual poverty. This is far worse. People do not believe in God, do not pray. People do not care for each other. You have the poverty of people who are dissatisfied with what they have, who do not know how to suffer, who give in to despair. This poverty of heart is often more difficult to relieve and to defeat.

**Sept. 22** – Joy is very infectious. We will never know just how much good a simple smile can do. Be faithful in little things. Smile at the people who cross your path. You have a beautiful smile. Smile everywhere you go. Smile at everyone you meet.

**Sept. 23** – Money? I never give it a thought. It always comes. We work for Jesus. It is His work and He will provide. He has always taken care of us. If He wants something to be done, He will give us the means. If He does not provide us with the means, then it shows that He doesn't want that particular work. So, I forget about it.

**Prayer chain-ANYONE wishing to submit prayer requests can email Anita Van Zile at [vanzilejn@hotmail.com](mailto:vanzilejn@hotmail.com) or call Pat Eisel at 419-737-2163.**

**Privacy Issues for Parish Office: IMMEDIATE FAMILY** – must contact the parish office for all prayer requests to be posted in the parish bulletin. Please submit with the exact verbiage requested. Contact Sherry Renner at the parish office at 419-237-2441, no later than Thursday at noon. By law, the parish office does not divulge private information we receive from hospitals.

### ST. PETER NEWS

#### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Tuesday starting at 8 a.m. ending with Mass at 7 p.m.

*Did you know that Deacon Larry Zachrich is also available for Baptisms and Weddings? Contact Larry at 419-966-7091.*

### FAYETTE/SURROUNDING AREA COMMUNITY EVENTS

---May 6 – Oct. 28 – Farmer's Market @ Fayette Opera House Parking Lot – Saturday's 9 am – 1 pm

---Sept. 20 – Community meal – Fayette Methodist Life Center – 5 – 6 p.m.

---Oct. 13 & 14 7 p.m. Fayette Opera House – Films by Jay Perdue

If you know of any Fayette Community events, please either call or visit the office or email to [OLOMFayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:OLOMFayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com)



## Vote NO on Issue #1 Nov. 7

An extreme amendment is on the Ohio ballot in November that threatens the health and safety of women, the rights of parents and the lives of pre-born babies up to 9 months.

Your help is essential! Here's what you can do:

- Pray daily with all pro-life people in Ohio at 7:14am and 7:14pm
- Pray a 54-Day Rosary Novena beginning Friday, Sept. 15 with all Catholics in Ohio. Sign up for a daily email reminder with novena at [pray54ohio.org](http://pray54ohio.org).
- Vote No On Issue 1
  - The deadline to register is Oct. 10
  - Early voting begins on Oct. 11.
  - Election Day is Nov. 7

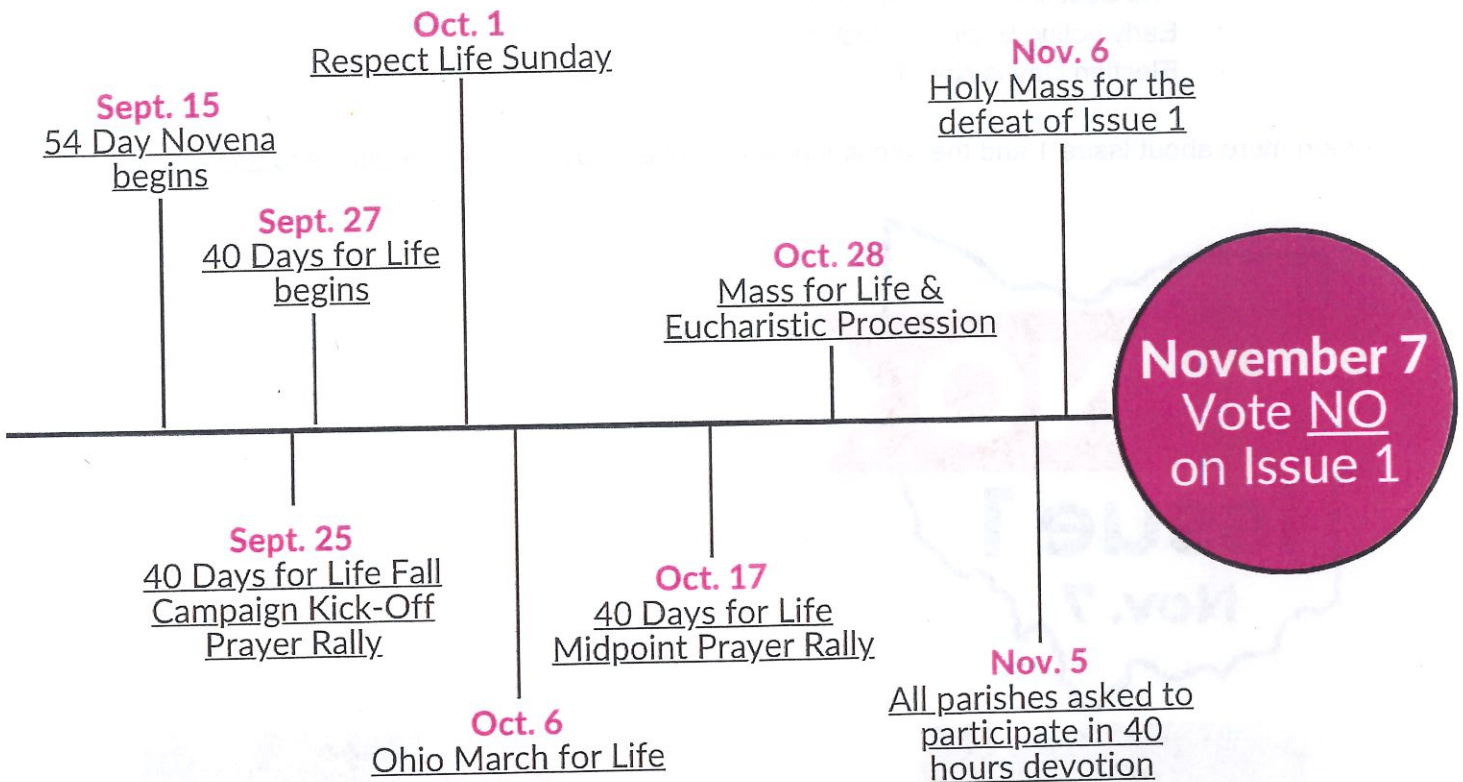
Learn more about Issue 1 and the upcoming pro-life events by visiting [toledodiocese.org/voteno](http://toledodiocese.org/voteno)





Join the Office for Life & Justice of the Diocese of Toledo and thousands of individuals in Northwest Ohio who are willing to stand up for society's most vulnerable.

# UPCOMING EVENTS



Get the details at [ToledoRespectLife.com](http://ToledoRespectLife.com)

**LIVES ARE ON THE LINE THIS NOVEMBER**



We need you to get involved in the most important 8 weeks in Ohio History



# Saints of the Day (www.morningoffering.com)

Week of September 10– September 16

**Sunday, Sept. 17–St. Hildegard von Bingen** - St. Hildegard von Bingen (1098–1179) was born to a large and noble German family. She began to have mystical visions at the age of three which continued throughout her life. Her parents, promising her to the service of God, sent her to be educated at the Benedictine Abbey by an anchoress when she was about eight years of age. At the age of fourteen she became a consecrated nun attached to the Abbey, where she lived a quiet life of prayer for many years. At the age of 38, after the anchoress' death, she was chosen as the new leader of a growing group of nuns. Hildegard led a remarkable and unusual life for a woman of her day. She was an avid composer of sacred music and liturgy, in addition to poems and plays. She also wrote heavily on theology, natural medicine, and natural science. At the age of 42, at the command of God, Hildegard began writing down what she saw in her visions. Her works were widely read, even by the Pope, and leaders around the world sought her council. Her fame as a mystic and prophetess grew, earning her the name "Sibyl of the Rhine." More nuns flocked to join her, causing Hildegard to establish a new monastery at Rupertsberg. She wrote proficiently on the harmony of created nature and man's need to live in balance with it, especially in virtue, morality, and the love of God, which led Pope Benedict XVI to declare her the fourth female Doctor of the Church in 2012 alongside Teresa of Avila, Catherine of Siena, and Thérèse of Lisieux. Her feast day is September 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Monday, Sept. 18 –St. Joseph of Cupertino** - St. Joseph of Cupertino (1603-1663) was the son of a poor Italian carpenter. His father died before he was born, leaving his mother destitute. As a result Joseph was underfed and often sick. He was an intellectually dull child who constantly found himself the worse off in every situation. He was awkward, absent-minded, unintelligent, and difficult to be around. Many people thought he was good for nothing—including his own mother, who treated him harshly and considered him a burden. Added to the scorn he received from everyone, at the age of eight he began receiving ecstatic visions for which he was also ridiculed. At the age of seventeen Joseph found work with the Capuchin Franciscan friars, eventually joining their order once they recognized his holiness beneath his irritating demeanor. His ecstasies became more pronounced, and he would often levitate or float as they happened. These ecstasies could be triggered easily through the mention of anything heavenly, or by any mortification. These occurrences became a spectacle and disturbance to others and caused Joseph much suffering; they were a cross he would bear his whole life. For example, as a priest he could not celebrate Mass publicly due to his distracting ecstasies. He was even reported to the Inquisition for fear he was involved in witchcraft. Yet St. Joseph lived a life of deep prayer and severe penance through continual fasting, subjecting himself every year to seven Lents of forty days each. Sometimes called "The Flying Saint," St. Joseph of Cupertino is also the patron of air crews and aviators. His feast day is September 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Tuesday, Sept. 19– St. Januarius** - St. Januarius (d. 305 A.D.), also known as San Gennaro, was the Bishop of Benevento, Italy. Little is known of his early life. He was arrested and imprisoned for his faith while visiting other Christians in jail during the persecution of Roman Emperor Diocletian. Many attempts were made to kill him, but one after another they failed. He was thrown into a fiery furnace, but he came out unscathed. He was then thrown to wild beasts in the amphitheater, but they did not attack. He was finally beheaded, and his blood was collected by Christians and kept in a sealed glass vial for veneration. The vial of blood is still kept today in the Naples cathedral, and it has continually demonstrated miraculous properties for which no scientific explanation has been offered. St. Januarius' blood liquefies and becomes fresh on particular occasions throughout the year, especially his feast day, for which the saint has become famous. This phenomenon has been occurring with regularity for centuries, and is one of the "blood miracles" that is historically well-documented among the relics of certain saints. He is the patron saint of blood banks and the city of Naples, Italy. St. Januarius's feast day is September 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Wednesday, Sept. 20– St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon** - St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon (1821-1846) was born to a noble family in Korea, and was baptized at the age of 15 after his parents converted to the Catholic faith. Andrew's father, great-grandfather, and great-uncle were martyred during the government's staunch persecution against Christianity, leaving the remaining family in poverty. Andrew was later chosen to travel over 1,000 miles to the nearest seminary in China to be trained for the priesthood. He was ordained in Shanghai as the first native Korean priest in the Church's history of evangelizing in that country. He returned to Korea in secrecy to avoid detection by the authorities. Once back in his hometown, he worked to catechize the faithful until his bishop summoned him to Seoul to help smuggle French missionaries from China into Korea, with the aid of Chinese fishermen. During this operation he was caught and imprisoned by the border patrol, and charged as a traitor to his country. He was tortured and beheaded on



**(St. Andrew Kin -Tae-gon cont.)**

September 16, 1846, at the age of 25. Pope John Paul II canonized Fr. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, along with 102 other Korean martyrs, on May 6, 1984. St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon is the patron saint of Korea. His feast day is celebrated on September 20th.

**Thursday, Sept. 21 - St. Matthew the Apostle** - St. Matthew the Apostle (1st c.) was a Jew who also went by the name of Levi. He was from Galilee and served in Capernaum as a tax collector for Herod Antipas before becoming a disciple of Jesus. It was in the home of St. Matthew that Jesus dined with the "sinners and tax collectors." Under Jesus' influence St. Matthew was led to repentance for the evil he had done as a tax-collector, a position despised by his fellow Jews. He repaid those he cheated four-fold, sold all his possessions, and followed Christ as one of the twelve Apostles. St. Matthew preached among the Jews for fifteen years following the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus. He is the author of the Gospel that bears his name, which he wrote to convince the Jews that Jesus Christ was the Messiah promised to Israel. According to tradition, St. Matthew the Apostle brought the Gospel to Syria, Media, Persia, Parthia, and finished his preaching in Ethiopia with a martyr's death. He is the patron of guards, bankers, accountants, security forces, and stock brokers. His feast day is September 21st.

**Friday, Sept. 22- St. Ignatius of Santhia** - St. Ignatius of Santhia (1686-1770) was born in Italy to an upper-class family. He received his early education from a devout priest, a relative of his mother, who inspired him to join the priesthood. He studied philosophy and theology, and after his ordination served as a diocesan priest for six years. St. Ignatius earned a reputation as an excellent preacher of retreats and missions, and he had a promising future within the diocese. His family and parishioners were surprised and disappointed when he decided to join the Capuchin Franciscans in Turin as a poor, humble friar. However, St. Ignatius flourished in the poverty and simplicity of the Franciscan way of life. He became well-known for his wisdom and sanctity, and many people from all walks of life came to him for confession and spiritual direction. He had a great devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and prayed the rosary faithfully. He served God with humble obedience and inspired this virtue in the Franciscan novices over whom he had charge. He spent his last years on a sickbed where he continued to hear confessions and give direction to his visitors. St. Ignatius of Santhia's feast day is September 22nd.

**Saturday, Sept. 23- St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina** - St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina (1887-1968) was born to peasant farmers in southern Italy. By the time he was 5 years old he practiced a life of penance and made the decision to give himself completely to God. He grew up working in the fields, and at the age of 19 joined the Capuchin Franciscan friars. His Franciscan spirituality was characterized by a life of poverty, love of nature, and charity to those in need, especially to those who were his "spiritual children." St. Padre Pio had many spiritual gifts and was a great miracle-worker. These were well-documented from multiple reliable sources and included bilocation, levitation, reading souls, and physical healing by touch. Word of his holiness spread and people both pious and curious flocked to see him, especially to have him hear their confession. He is the first priest known to have received the stigmata, for which he suffered suspicion and investigation. Because of the unusual supernatural phenomena surrounding his life, he is considered one of the great visionaries and mystics of the Church. Padre Pio died in 1968 at the age of 81. He was canonized by Pope St. John Paul II in 2002. Because of the many miracles he performed during his life, he is commonly invoked as a healing saint for various ailments. His feast day is September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

# Please join us for the 2023 Our Lady of Mercy Silent Festival Dinner

**Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**

At Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church  
409 E. Main Street, Fayette, Ohio



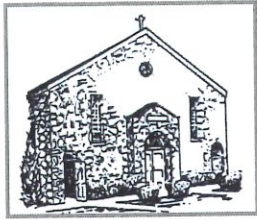
## **Events:**

8:30 – Mass

9:30 – Light Breakfast, Silent Auction and  
Events Open

11:30 – Festival Turkey Dinner Begins





# Our Lady of Mercy Parish



SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church is united by our commitment to minister to the physical and spiritual needs of our rural families and steward the resources entrusted to us. We value the diversity within our Catholic community and invite all to walk with us on our journey of faith.

### THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Church	Intention
Sun. Sept. 17	8:30 a.m.	OLM	Mike Dwyer
	10:30 am	SP	For the People
Tues. Sept. 19	7 p.m.	SP	For the People
Wed. Sept. 20	9:00a.m..	SP	For the People
Thurs. Sept. 21	9:00a.m.	OLM	For the People
Fri. Sept. 22	9:00a.m.	SP	For the People
Sat. Sept. 23	8:30a.m.	SP	NO MASS
	4:30p.m.	SP	Mike & Joyce Britenriker
Sun. Sept. 24	8:30a.m.	OLM	Giovanni Stella
	10:30a.m	SP	For the People

### UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- Sept. 15 – Sept. 23 – Church open 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Sept. 20 – Rel. Ed. 6:45 p.m. Elem. & HS
- Sept. 21 – Finance Council 5:30 p.m. Pastoral Council - 6:00 p.m.
- Sept. 21 – Adoration & Blessings 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 24 – Our Lady of Mercy Feast Day & Festival starting with 8:30 a.m. Mass
- Oct. 1 – Altar Rosary meeting after Mass

### SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT

Reported for September 10, 2023

SUNDAY OFFERTORY (16 envelopes) \$ 1,246.00  
 LOOSE OFFERINGS \$ 172.00

**BUDGET** \$ 1,747.00  
 Over/(Under) (\$ 329.00)

**OTHER COLLECTIONS**

Assumption of Mary	\$ 15.00
Maintenance	\$ 105.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 75.00
CPC jar	\$ 20.00
Altar Rosary Dues	\$ 5.00
Religious Ed. Donation	\$ 10.00
Catholic University	\$ 5.00
Silent Festival	\$ 100.00
<b>TOTAL COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$ 1,753.00</b>

**SILENT FESTIVAL TOTAL** \$ 100.00

### NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS

September 24, 2023

Reader	Pat Eisel
Servers	Kennedy Kunkle Maeve Maginn
Greeters/ Gifts	Joyce Bonin Marge Crowell
Ushers	Ron & Pat Eisel
Ministers of the Eucharist	Until further notice
Money Counters	Barb Bruggeman Terry Kovar

### Word(s) of the week (from Merriam-Webster online dictionary)

**FORGIVE** – to cease to feel resentment against (offender)

**FORGIVENESS** – the act of forgiving

“Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?”

Matthew 18:21



# Dear Padre,

## Why are churches doing away with the confessionals?

In many churches, when it is feasible, the traditional confessional box is modified or even replaced by a more spacious, less darkened reconciliation room. In 1974, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops decreed that “small chapels or rooms of reconciliation be provided in which penitents might choose to confess their sins through an informal face-to-face exchange with the priest, with the opportunity for appropriate spiritual counsel.” Later, a further elaboration recommended austere furnishings and decoration in this space, “with nothing superfluous in evidence beyond a simple cross, table and Bible. The purpose of this room is primarily for the celebration of the reconciliation liturgy; it is not a lounge, counseling room, etc. The word ‘chapel’ more appropriately describes this space.” If a reconciliation chapel does not provide a fixed screen or grille between the penitent and confessor, it must be offered elsewhere, according to canon law. “The purpose of this norm is...to afford the penitent anonymity if he or she desires and to make certain that there is no suspicion of impropriety in the confessor-penitent relationship” (Code of Canon Law, 964 commentary).

Ideally, the environment of the reconciliation chapel helps the penitent and confessor feel they are “on holy ground” (Exodus 3:5) in encountering God in this sacrament. It offers an inviting sacred space to celebrate a powerful expression of God’s mercy and unconditional love. ●



PASQUALE SENATORE / SHUTTERSTOCK

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
September 18 Weekday 1 Tm 2:1-8 Lk 7:1-10	September 19 Weekday 1 Tm 3:1-13 Lk 7:11-17	September 20 Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs 1 Tm 3:14-16 Lk 7:31-35	September 21 St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Mt 9:9-13	September 22 Weekday 1 Tm 6:2c-12 Lk 8:1-3	September 23 St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest 1 Tm 6:13-16 Lk 8:4-15	September 24 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:6-9 Phil 1:20c-24, 27a Mt 20:1-16a

### Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?

Since 1964, the Redemptorists’ *Scrupulous Anonymous* free monthly newsletter has ministered compassionately to those struggling with scrupulosity. To subscribe, visit [ScrupulousAnonymous.org](http://ScrupulousAnonymous.org).



### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*As I was celebrating Mass, I paused, touched by a phrase... from the book of Sirach.... “Remember the end of your life, and cease from enmity.” A beautiful phrase! Think of the end! Think that you will be in a coffin...and will you take hatred there? Think of the end, stop hating! Stop the resentment.*

ANGELUS, ROME, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020