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Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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## MASS SCHEDULE

**Weekends:**

Saturday - 4 p.m.

Sunday - 8 a.m., 10 a.m.

**Weekdays:**

Monday - Friday 8 a.m.

Holy Days: 8 a.m., 7 p.m.

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION: DOING AS ASKED

Today's Gospel passage gets one thinking about the elements that truly determine the success of an endeavor. Have you done a thing successfully because you have finished it? Because it has made you money? Because people are talking about it? Does real success demand one or all of these criteria be fulfilled?

Mozart never finished his *Requiem*, and Chaucer left a few of *The Canterbury Tales* unpened. You can raise children well without making any money from it. So, is it notoriety that spells success?

*"Master, we have worked hard all night and caught nothing."*

Peter felt he had failed. You can hear it in his voice.

But consider this: the Gospel passage simply doesn't work without his wasted hours. If he had not spent a whole night pulling empty nets onto his boat, doubting himself, growing ever more tired and ever more discouraged, the whole impact of the next day's catch would have been lost.

Praise God for Peter's unsuccessful night. Praise God for his empty nets. Praise God that he had enough trust in something other than his own ability to try one more time.

How is success defined? That is a question for the last day, when all our actions and undertakings will be laid bare by the only One who knows everything. Perhaps the best answer when the time comes will be: "I don't know. But I did as You asked."

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman (edited excerpt)



<b>FEB. 5</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
4:00 p.m.	<b>Semon Prado†</b> <i>Pamela &amp; Robert Lantz</i>
<b>FEB. 6</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
8:00 a.m.	<b>Harry &amp; Veronica Morgan†</b> <i>The Gordon family</i>
10:00 a.m.	<b>Pat Kleinedler†</b> <i>Bob and the kids</i>
<b>FEB. 7</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>
8:00 a.m.	<b>Semon Prado†</b> <i>Tex &amp; Theresa Reynolds</i>
<b>FEB. 8</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>
8:00 a.m.	<b>Frank &amp; Jenny Novel†</b> <i>Bob &amp; Theresa (Novel) Baker</i>
<b>FEB. 9</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>
8:00 a.m.	<b>Phan Do</b> <i>Tony Thang</i>
<b>FEB. 10</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>
8:00 a.m.	<b>Martha Tuyet Hoa</b> <i>Cecile Vo</i>
<b>FEB. 11</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
8:00 a.m.	<b>Harry &amp; Veronica Morgan†</b> <i>Carolyn Gordon</i>
<b>FEB. 12</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
4:00 p.m.	<b>For the People</b>
<b>FEB. 13</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
8:00 a.m.	<b>Annalyn Liette</b> <i>Randy, Kathy, &amp; Grant Swift</i>
10:00 a.m.	<b>Shad Fromhart†</b> <i>Joyce Fromhart</i>

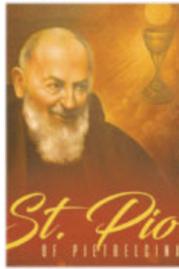


**WE WILL BE TAKING UP** next week a special collection for Missions within the United States.

**THIS WEEK'S SAINTS**

St. Agatha, St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita, St. Scholastica  
<https://www.catholic.org/saints/>

*Favorite Saints Series*



**A Letter From St. Pio and God's Will**

*Continuing our idea to use ordinary time to learn about saints, we begin our Favorite Saints Series, where parishioners share with us the stories of the saints they most treasure and why.*

**By Mary Britt**

The members of my family have a special relationship with St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, Italy. He was born May 25th, 1887 to parents who were peasant farmers. Born Francesco Forgione, he was given the name of Pius (Italian: Pio) when he joined the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin. By the time he was five years old, he had already decided to dedicate his entire life to God.

His advice on the practical application of theology is often summed up in his now famous quote: "Pray, Hope, and Don't Worry." He directs us to recognize God in all things and to desire above all things to do the will of God.

Padre Pio became famous worldwide for exhibiting the stigmata (the five wounds of Christ) for most of his life, thereby generating much interest and controversy. Many people who heard of him traveled to San Giovanni Rotondo to meet him and confess to him, ask for help, or have their curiosity satisfied. My mother wrote to Padre Pio in the early to middle 1960s. She told him she was a nurse (Padre Pio

had founded a hospital) and her husband was an accountant and asked should they move from America to Italy to live and work in his community. Family lore has it that Padre Pio wrote back and the message was "No, stay in America and do God's will." (By the time I was told this story the letter was long gone, and it is not clear who actually wrote it.)

The course of my life was very affected by Padre Pio. If we had moved to Italy, I am sure that I would have never met and married my husband, had my son, or moved to Moundville! And I would be speaking Italian! I wish my son, Andrew, a happy Feast Day every year on Padre Pio's Feast Day, Sept. 23, and remind him he would not be here except for this great saint.

St Padre Pio, pray for us.

*Mary is best known for leading Bible study classes at our parish for many years. Thanks to her for sharing her Favorite Saint story.*

*Do you have a favorite saint story to share? Contact Father or the parish office as soon as possible! We want to hear about your favorite saint.*



*Our heartfelt condolences to Paula Whitwam on the passing of her mother, Donna.*

*Prayer REQUESTS*

**Homebound:** Rachel Kerekes, Doris Murphy, Phyllis Prado.

**Nursing Homes:** Hazel Markey, Katie Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Alma VanSyoc, Ron Flading, Barb Meyer, Raymond Pennybacker, Mary Yanen.

**Recently Sick:** Joseph Grampa, Bobby Kleinedler, Anna Mae Veronis Holliday, Sami Wilson, Kathryn Ferrera, Danielle Wilson, Loretta Saporito, Mary Stees, Judith Harbert, Megan Freeland Roskovensky, Annalyn Liette, Mike Gardill, Sandina Leonard, Deanne Ferraro, Celeste Evans, Ted Scarbin, Debbie Hand, Georgia Pettit, Lida Schellhase.

**CALENDAR**

Wednesday Feb. 16 6:30 p.m.	<b>PARISH COUNCIL MEETING</b> Church Hall
Ash Wednesday (March 2)	<b>LENTEN FISH FRIES BEGIN</b> Xavier Hall
Wednesday morning March 9	<b>EXODUS: CALLED TO FREEDOM</b> 10-week Bible Study Church Hall
Thursday evening March 10	<b>DEADLINE FOR SIGNUPS - FEB. 20</b>
<b>DIOCESAN SCHOOLS COMMON APPLICATION DEADLINES</b> Feb. 11 - New Parishioners Feb. 18 - General Public  Find More Information Here: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/2p8nd8c6">https://tinyurl.com/2p8nd8c6</a>	
Wednesdays 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	<b>LINE DANCING WITH LOTTIE</b> VFW Moundsville

**SCHEDULES FEB. 12 & 13**

**LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

4:00 p.m. **D. Prado / J. Fecat**  
 8:00 a.m. **L. Remke / P. Remke**  
 10:00 a.m. **L. Niemiec / J. Klug**

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Attendance	208

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**SFX LENTEN FISH FRIES ARE STARTING** on Ash Wednesday, March 2, and will run all Fridays during Lent. The Knights of Columbus continue to be sponsors, and they are asking for donations and volunteers!

Volunteers are most needed to prepare and serve meals. Donations of pop, water, foil, sandwich bags (zipped or folded) are must-haves, and baked goods especially are needed to make the fish fries a success. You can drop off your donations at the church office or the gym on Friday mornings.

Please contact **Chuck Taskalines** at 304-845-7326 if you have questions and to tell him you can help the Knights continue this longstanding Lenten tradition!

**THANKS TO GOD**

and a nun named Sr. Cecilia, Father enjoyed a merry band of children



and emerged unscathed after trying his hand at wrangling



these unusually cuddly, smiling crocodiles! Father's travels are never dull or boring! We are glad you are home safely from your latest adventure, Father.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):**

Sat. 3:30 p.m. or upon request.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:**

By appointment. Contact the parish office at least six months before the date of the marriage. Pre-Cana is required.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PSR):**

Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. Grades 1-12.

**WE ARE HAVING A VALENTINE'S FAMILY DANCE & PIZZA PARTY**

**SHOW UP - ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Bring your friends, family, and especially your Valentine to celebrate St. Valentine, who is not just the patron of love but happy marriages and young people.

**When:** Saturday, Feb. 12  
 from 5 - 7 p.m.

**Where:** Xavier Hall

The parish will provide pizza—all we ask is that you call our office at 304-845-1593 to let us know how many slices. You may also bring a side dish—just come out of your groundhog's hole and celebrate love! Oglebay Institute's Bob Tomlinson will lead family dances.

**BIBLE STUDY EXPLORES STORY OF EXODUS**

Exodus is very often seen as the defining moment in Israel's history, when God called Israel out of slavery in Egypt to freedom. The story of Exodus isn't only Israel's story, however - it's also our story.

St Francis will begin a ten-week Bible study **Exodus: Called to Freedom** Wednesday morning March 9th or Thursday evening March 10th in the church hall. **Please sign up by Feb. 20.**

The cost is \$15 for the workbook. There is a discussion of the homework followed by a DVD presentation each class. For more information and to register pick up a form in the parish office, in the church, or on the parish website. **For questions call or text Mary: 716-207-9146.**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

By appointment. The diocese requires instructions beforehand for parents or guardians. Contact the parish office.

**REGISTRATION, CHURCH SUPPORT:**

Parishioners should be properly registered at the parish office. Please be sure to update your information when you move or change phone numbers.



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