

CHURCH OF NOTRE DAME

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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 2020



13th Century Icon of Christ

Public Mass Resumed at Notre Dame

There is still no obligation to attend.

All precautions must be taken:

- Masks must be worn.
- Social distancing (6 ft) is a must.
- No physical contact - (for peace sign, Holy Communion received in hand)
- Frequent use of hand sanitizer
- Please enter and exit only through the side door nearest

Schedule for the Church of Notre Dame

SUNDAY MASSES: 10:00 A.M. (French/Français), 11:30 A.M. (English)
1:00 P.M. (Spanish/Español) NO 5:30 P.M. Mass
Saturday Vigil 5:30 P.M.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Mon.-Fri., 12:05 P.M. & 5:30 P.M., Sat., 12:05 P.M.

NATIONAL HOLIDAYS—ONE MASS (church & rectory closed after Mass.)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND ROSARY: (M-F and first Saturday) following the 12:05 P.M. Mass

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: by appointment—please call the rectory

EVENING PRAYER: Daily, following the 5:30 P.M. Mass

SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM AND MATRIMONY: by appointment

OUR LADY OF LOURDES NOVENA: Tuesdays, following 12:05 P.M. Mass

CHURCH IS OPEN: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 A.M.- 6:30 P.M.; Sat. -7:30 A.M.-
6:30 P.M., Sun. 8:00 A.M.-6:30 P.M.

Fr. Michael's Sunday Homilies Online

www.youtube.com/c/FrMichaelKHolleran

www.michaelkholleran.org www.facebook.com/frcarthusian

Archdiocese of New York -Accessing Mass wherever you are

Mass is available via the Catholic Faith Network. For times and locations, visit: catholicfaithnetwork.org/masses

Mass from St. Patrick's Cathedral available on the Catholic Channel, Sirius XM 129 at 7:00 & 10:00 A.M.

For information visit: siriusxm.com/thecatholicchannel

Mass Livestreams:

St. Patrick's Cathedral -YouTube, Facebook
stpatrickscathedral.org/live

St. Patrick's Mass Schedule

Mon.-Fri. 7:00 A.M., Saturday 8:00 A.M., Sunday 10:15 A.M. (English)

4:00 P.M. Misa Domenical (En Español) at: UnivisionNuevaYork.com

Eucharistic Adoration: Mon.-Sat. 12:00 P.M. -1:00 P.M.

Mass Intentions Twenty-fifth Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 19, Vigil

5:30 P.M. Oliver Alberto Diaz+

Isaiah 55:6-9

Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Matthew 20:1-16

Sunday, September 20

10:00 A.M. (French) Archangels and Celestial Army

11:30 A.M. For the People

1:00 P.M. (Spanish) Susana Romero+

Monday, September 21 St. MATTHEW, APOSTLE

Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13

Matthew 9:9-13

12:05 P.M. Debra Kloby

5:30 P.M. In Thanksgiving to St. Matthew

Tuesday, September 22

Proverbs 21:1-6,10-13

Luke 8:19-21

12:05 P.M. Pilgrims to Notre Dame

5:30 P.M. Abbi Vierstra (Birthday)

Wednesday, September 23 St. PIUS OF PIETRELCINA

Proverbs 30:5-9

Luke 9:1-6

12:05 P.M. Brian Vierstra (Birthday)

5:30 P.M. Special Intention for Aunt Helen

Thursday, September 24

Ecclesiastics 1:2-11

Luke 9:7-9

12:05 P.M. Katherine, Michael & Family

5:30 P.M. Special Intention for David & Melissa

Friday, September 25

Ecclesiastics 3:1-11

Luke 9:18-22

12:05 P.M. Infant Jesus of Prague

5:30 P.M. Intention of the Priest

Saturday, September 26 Sts. COSMAS AND DAMIAN Ecclesiastics 11:9 -12:8

12:05 P.M. Romulo Segura Martinez+

Luke 9:43-45

Sanctuary Vigil Candles burn in loving memory of Martin Stuart

The Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist

Levi was his original name. When Jesus called him to be an apostle, He conferred on him the name, Mattija "gift of Yahweh." Tradition says that Matthew was born either a Galilean or Syrian and although he was a Jew, they shunned him because he was a tax collector for Herod. When Jesus called Matthew, He used two words, "Follow Me." Matthew, who was sitting at his station, arose and followed Jesus. Pope Benedict XVI speaking about St. Matthew, said that following Christ means "leaving behind, sometimes at great cost, everything that is incompatible with true discipleship and embarking upon a new life.") Matthew held a dinner in his house for Jesus and among the guests were tax collectors and sinners. The Pharisees criticized Jesus for sitting and eating with those people. In reply, Jesus said: "I came not to call the just, but sinners". Matthew was with Jesus up to the Passion, was a witness of His Resurrection and was among the apostles present at the Ascension of Jesus. St. Matthew's Gospel was written in Aramaic, the language spoken by Jesus. He begins his Gospel with the human genealogy of Christ and in his Gospel, he tried to portray Christianity as consistent with Jewish tradition and a continuation of it. He attempted to convince the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah, whom the prophets had foretold. Tradition says that the apostle traveled and preached in Egypt, Ethiopia and in the East, and lived until his nineties. Patron of accountants, customs officers, security guards, stockbrokers and tax collectors.

Memorial of St. Pius of Pietrelcina

He was born in southern Italy on May 25, 1887. At the age of 16 he entered the novitiate of the Capuchin Friars and took the name, Brother Pio. In 1910, he was ordained a priest but because of ill health, lived at home with his family until 1916 when he was sent to the friary of San Giovanni Rotondo. His life was filled with the love of God and neighbor and his greatest devotion was to the Eucharist. In September 1918, he received the stigmata, the visible marks of the crucifixion. The blood from his stigmata had the fragrance of flowers. Padre Pio had many mystical gifts including the ability to read the consciences of penitents. He would spend hours in the confessional. Among his gifts were bilocation, levitation, and healing by touch. He died on September 23, 1968 at the age of 81. At his death the stigmata was gone and there was no scarring. Pope John Paul II canonized Padre Pio on June 16, 2002.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Today’s readings, particularly Our Lord’s parable in today’s gospel (Mt.20:1-6) are among the most challenging in biblical literature. Human expectations are turned upside down; natural concepts of fairness are shaken; society’s standards of success are questioned. Our nation’s much-touted ideal of “the good life” is redefined. Anyone who has ever been tempted to dismiss the Bible as naïve and fanciful is faced with defeat today. These passages are so real, so down to earth, and so completely demanding, that they leave no room for naïveté or fancy. This is the life, the “ordinary time” of the committed Christian. What do the prophet Isaiah, St. Paul and Our Lord say that is so difficult? Put simply, they tell us that we must let God be God. Much as we might wish it were so, God does not play by our rules. God’s thoughts are as high above our thoughts “as the heavens are above the earth.” In Today’s first reading (Is 55:6-9) Isaiah reminds Israel that redemption and forgiveness are at hand solely because of God’s generosity. Nothing the Israelites might do, nothing we might do, “earns” God’s forgiveness; it is a gift freely given. In our second reading (Phil 1:20-27) St. Paul, writing from prison and facing, the possibility of death, voices his conviction that both life and death are desirable since living means working for Christ and dying means union with Him. Our Lord’s parable of the workers in the vineyard can cause even the most devoted of us to cringe. We even sympathize with the grumbling all-day workers, not because the owner doesn’t value their work, but because we think he “owes” them more than the others. For all of us, the parable presents the opportunity to search our hearts and discover whether we really love one another deeply enough to rejoice in God’s universal generosity.

Thank you for your generosity.
Sept. 13, 2020
Weekly collection \$1,203.00 Poor Box \$145.00

SECOND COLLECTION
St. Joseph’s Seminary
The Annual Archdiocesan collection for St. Joseph’s Seminary will be taken up **Next weekend September 26th and 27th.** The formation of future priests is most important for all of God’s people. Your generosity and your prayers for priests and for an increase in vocations will be appreciated.

Special Collections
Oct. 11 – Pontifical Good Friday Collection
(postponed earlier because of pandemic)
Oct. 18 - World Mission Sunday
Nov. 22 - Catholic Charities
Dec. 13 - Retired Religious
Please note: For those, who do not receive weekly offering envelopes- Special Collection Envelopes are available at the church exits 1-2 weeks prior.

WeShare -During this time, WeShare is available to everyone and we ask that all who can, to please make your contributions though WeShare. Your help is much appreciated. **WeShare** at: www.ndparish.org and click on WeShare.

This Week at Notre Dame...
CENTERING PRAYER
Monday, 9/21 7:30 P.M. Grotto
OUR LADY OF LOURDES NOVENA
Tuesday, 9/22 after Exposition
CENACLE OF LIFE
Wednesday 9/23 After the Rosary, and offering prayer, second Rosary
DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART -Fri., 9/25
Following 12:05 P.M. Mass & Rosary

FORMED
The Catholic Faith on Demand
To get connected, email:
Formed@archny.org

Catholic Relief Services /CRS
Donate by Phone:
1-877-435-7277;
mail: CRS Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21203.

Pope’s Prayer Intention for September
That the planet’s resources will not be plundered but shared in a just and respectful manner.



CARDINAL’S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL Notre Dame’s Goal: **\$31,000**
Pledged: \$15,045 (49% of goal)
By now you should have received a letter from Timothy Cardinal Dolan asking for your support. Please show your support by making your pledge today. A pledge allows you to: be kind to your budget, make the most of your generosity, provide timely income to the Archdiocese, and make your fulfillment of a large gift manageable. The Appeal provides support for needy parishes and schools, works of charity, academic and spiritual formation, preparing the clergy, assisting retired priests and religious, and providing other specialized services. We thank all who have already given, and ask those, who have not, to please show your support by making a pledge this week. Envelopes are available at the doors of the church.

Notre Dame’s Religious Education Program -English
All children in our Parish of Notre Dame, who have not received Communion or Confirmation and who are not involved in a religious education program should register for Notre Dame’s program. Baptism preparation is also available. Whether classes will be in person or by remote is still being discussed. To register online, go to the link on the parish website: www.ndparish.org or at: <https://forms.gle/LoLVpYfvPFuzo9a9>

Give Your Child the Gift of a Catholic Education
Register online for Catholic Elementary Schools in The New York Archdiocese
Admissions are open for the 2020-21 School year. Scholarships are available. *Each family that enrolls will receive a credit on tuition for the full amount of registration fees.*
Online application at: www.CatholicSchoolsNY.org or by calling 646-794-2885 for assistance.

40 Days For Life - Sept. 23 - Nov. 1
Life-saving prayer campaign - For more info, go to: archny.org/ministries-and-offices/respect-life/get-involved/40-days-for-life/

Catechetical Sunday, Sept. 20, 2020
Theme: *“I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you.”*
It is an opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith. (USCCB)

Quarterly magazine of the Archdiocese of NY
Fall 2020 Archways
Available at: archny.org/archways
Features the stories of **Saints/Heros of New York** - homegrown and immigrant - among them, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Mother Cabrini, Pierre Tousaint and Dorothy Day and the dedication of contemporary Catholics, who are following in their footsteps, priests, nuns, health care professionals and community members. Elsewhere in the issue are stories such as **“Vows of Distance”**-nuns in the Bronx turning isolation into a source of blessings: **“A Gift from Children”** art and poetry from this year’s CYO Virtual Art and Essay Contest

- Return to Public Worship and Sacramental Celebrations**
- Some General Principles
1. Obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended
 2. Those at higher risk for COVID-19 (elderly, underlying health conditions) are urged not to come to Mass.
 3. All parishioners and visitors must wear face covering.
 4. Social Distancing to be practiced. Every other row used; singles 6’ apart, couples together, but 6’ from neighbor, families together in rows designated for families
 5. Attendees are to sanitize hands at sanitizer station at doors
 6. Holy water fonts are empty.
 7. All social gatherings remain suspended including coffee after French Mass.
 8. Offertory procession and the sign of peace are omitted.
 9. Hosts are to be received in the hand, not on the tongue. Step to the side to consume.
 10. Collections will resume but parishioners are urged to use *WeShare*.
 11. No greeting of people after Mass
 12. Confession available by appointment.

September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows-The story of Mary’s suffering together with Jesus, is embedded in tradition, the 2000-year memory and life of the Church. The lives of mother and Son were interwoven in the salvation of the world. St. Ambrose spoke of Mary as a sorrowful yet powerful figure at the cross. The seven sorrows of the Blessed Virgin are 1) the prophecy of Simeon during the presentation in the temple, 2) the flight into Egypt, 3) the loss of Jesus when He was twelve, 4) the meeting of Mary and Jesus on the road to Calvary, 5) the Crucifixion, 6) the taking down of Jesus’ body from the Cross, and 7) the burial of Jesus. In “Salvifici Doloris,” No. 25, John Paul II describes these shared sufferings by Christ’s Mother, particularly at the foot of the cross, as reaching an “intensity which can hardly be imagined from a human point of view, but which was mysteriously and supernaturally fruitful for the redemption of the world.”