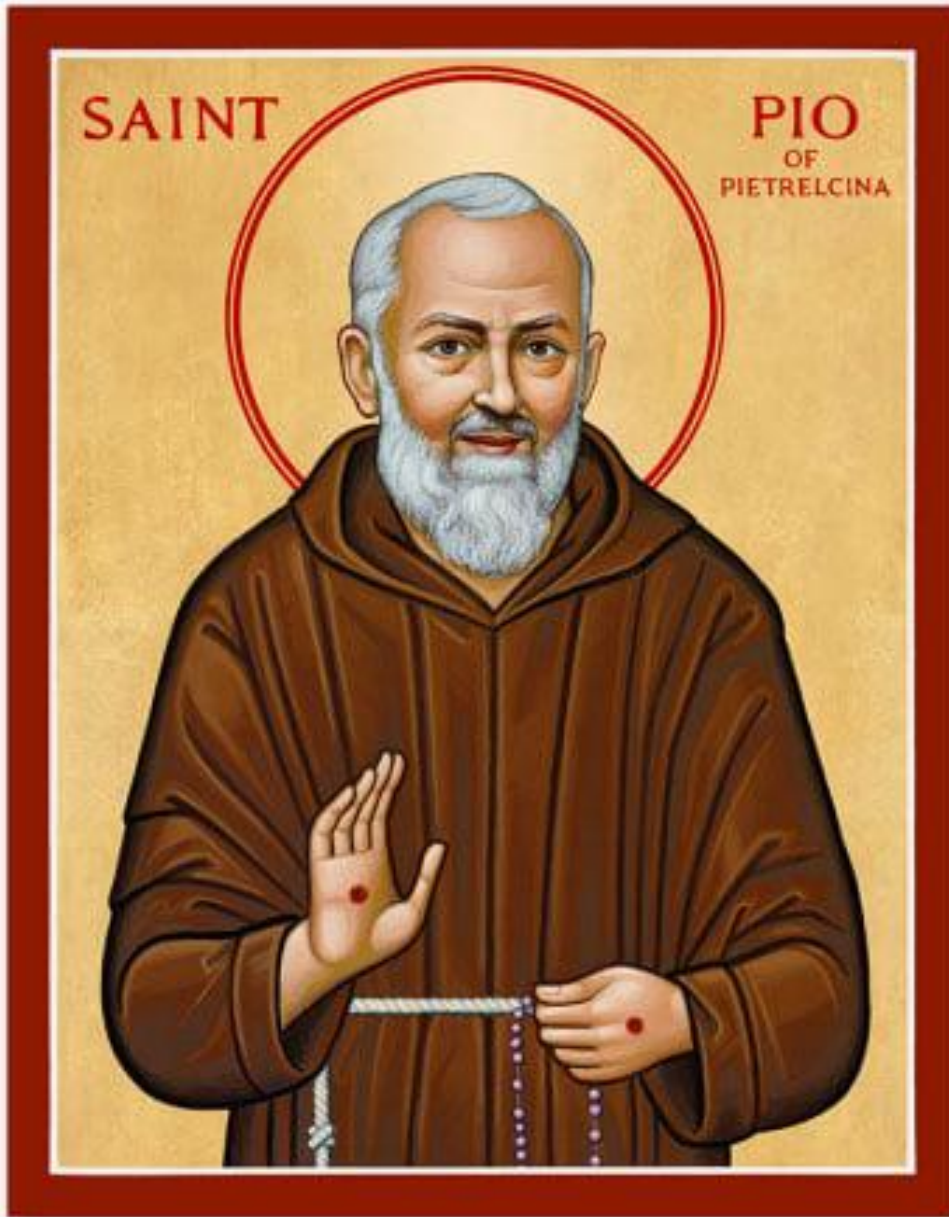


Saint Pius of Pietrelcina - Father Padre Pio, OFM Cap. (1887 - 1968 AD)



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Saint "Padre Pio" - faithful son of The Church, beloved Priest, gifted Confessor, dedicated to Eucharist and Stigmatist

Saint Father "Pius of Pietrelcina is renowned as a Stigmatist, a "living Image of CHRIST suffering and risen" (Saint Pope John Paul II). The Capuchin Friar first received The visible Wounds of CHRIST in 1918, after offering himself in response to Pope Benedict XV's call for prayer to end World War I.

For fifty years he carried on his priestly ministry at San Giovanni Rotondo, saying Mass and hearing confessions, sometimes for up to eighteen hours. Afflicted himself by many physical ailments, he established the Homes for the Relief of Suffering, and prayer groups to sustain them spiritually..

Padre Pio was a man of sorrows. He participated daily in the physical suffering of The Wounded CHRIST." Fr. Padre Pio, "In the humiliation and rejection of The spurned CHRIST, and in the endless labors of The servant CHRIST, for The Sake of those Whom CHRIST redeemed through The Cross.

And his reward was to rejoice in the triumph of The Cross. At great cost to himself, Padre Pio devoted himself especially to the personal and sacramental work of Penance, that all sinners might know and receive The Mercy that flows upon us from The Cross of CHRIST." *

PSALM 123:9

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=40YFg2IZB64&list=RDvjlf3_z_mU&index=1

[O LORD,] Let Thy priests be clothed with righteousness; and let Thy saints shout for joy.

ROMANS 6:4

Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as CHRIST was raised up from the dead by The Glory of The Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

"Almighty ever-living GOD, Who, by a singular Grace, gave the Priest Saint Pius a share in The Cross of Your Son and, by the means of his ministry, renewed the wonders of Your Mercy, grant that through his intercession we may be united constantly to The Sufferings of CHRIST, and so brought Happily to The Glory of The Resurrection. Through our Lord JESUS CHRIST, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in The Unity of The HOLY SPIRIT, GOD, for ever and ever!" * AMEN.

*["Saint Pius of Pietrelcina." The Magnificat, 9/23/2021. Memorial, p 321. Commentary, p 318. Collect, p 321. Commentary, p 326.]