

Day of Retreat for Married Couples

(With Fr. Pio Mandato and Sr. Theresa May CN)

March 23, 2019 (Saturday)

St Bede the Venerable Parish

1071 Holland Road

Holland PA 18966

Theme:

Appealing to the grace of the Sacrament of Marriage can overcome any difficulties

—St. John Paul II

9:30am: Gathering for continental breakfast (Cafeteria)

10am: Conference (Church)

My grace is sufficient for you, my power is made perfect in weakness
(2 Corinthians 12: 8)

11:30am: Mass (Church)

Conference: The Sacrament of Marriage and Spiritual Intimacy
(renewal of vows service)

12:15pm: Lunch (Cafeteria)

1:30pm: Exposition (Church)

Conference: Grace and Victory Over difficulties

2:30pm: Conference:

Levels of Intimacy

Confession - Adoration - Benediction

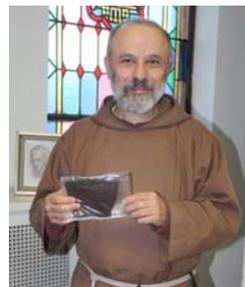
3:30pm: Conclusion

Fr Pio Mandato is a Capuchin priest who, in some ways, has followed in the footsteps of his relative, Padre Pio. Fr. Mandato was named after the saint and, like Padre Pio, traces his roots back to the sun-baked, dusty village of Pietrelcina in southern Italy.

Fr Mandato received his first Holy Communion from Padre Pio before he and his family migrated to America in 1964. At 17 Fr. Mandato entered the Capuchins. After his ordination in 1985 he became involved in hospital chaplaincy and developed a reputation for devotion to the sick, not unlike Padre Pio who founded two hospitals in San Giovanni Rotondo: the Civil Hospital of St Francis and the House for the Relief of Suffering. Fr Mandato also worked with homeless people in New York. His mother wrote a memoir, Padre Pio: Encounters With a Spiritual Daughter From Pietrelcina. The book was originally written in Italian and Fr Mandato translated it into English.

In 1998, after serving for 13 years as a Capuchin, Fr Mandato began to lead a life of prayer and solitude as a missionary hermit in the Diocese of Scranton, Pennsylvania, under Bishop Joseph Bambera.

He now takes breaks from the eremitical life to travel around preaching and offering healing Masses for the sick, which draw huge crowds.



Sister Theresa May C.N. (Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth)

- A native of Brooklyn, NY, Sr. Theresa May entered the Franciscan Missionaries of the Infant Jesus in 1969. After spending two years in formation in Assisi, Italy, she returned to the US to begin teaching in various grade schools in 1973. She completed her teaching degree and certification in 1983, when she was again sent to Rome for various courses on religious life. In 1985, she was assigned as principal of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School in Highlands, NJ, where she worked until 1988. She then left to work with the poor in the South Bronx area. In 1994, she went to New Bedford, Massachusetts, where under the auspices of Bishop Sean O'Malley, she helped begin a new community of Sisters devoted to prayer and poverty. The Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth is an apostolic contemplative community presently located in Tunkhannoc, PA under the jurisdiction of Bishop Joseph Bombara D.D. The sisters live a life of prayer and have a small ministry of preaching retreats, parish missions, and youth work.



Registration: \$30 per couple

For more information or to register, contact Darell and Natalie Linder at 215-860-8108 or dlinder1@comcast.net