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Don Antonio LAURITA - Parish Priest

Mons. Rocco PIRO - Pastor Emeritus

Don Antonio MELIANTE - Parish Vicar

Don Giuseppe CALACE - Permanent Deacon

2018

Memory of Woman

On December the 7th in the S. Antony Abbot church we had the second episode of musical event “Memory of Woman” (2017/2018).

The main objective, as told by Rocco Corleto, director of parish choir, is to emphasize the female figure through noble artistic expressions like music, dance, and poetry, used as means of devotion and prayer to Mary Most Holy.

The event saw the participation of Pignola’s parish choir and the folk group Siauliai Gymnasium from Lithuania.

The unexpected union between our traditional choral singing and Lithuanian dances filled with grace and simplicity, revealed to be a winning choice, showing how different forms of artistic expression can contribute to a unique goal, that is to highlight Christmas’ values of reception, solidarity and sacrifice that are well represented by the female figure of Mary Most Holy.

The event was masterfully driven by Erberto Stolfi, who was focusing on the various aspect of woman in the Italian poetry.

Angela Maria Guma



Jan. 17 - Saint Anthony Abbot

As always in the past, on Jan. 16 in our town the "fanoja" (the traditional bonfire) has been ignited, and the day after we had the the race of horses, donkeys and mules to celebrate Saint Anthony Abbot.

As it is quite normal in this season, the weather has been inclement, with cold gusts of wind and some freezing rain; this may have cooled bodies, but certainly not the enthusiastic participation of citizens for such a centuries-old tradition, coming from the time the Saint was considered as the the only "veterinarian" to entrust the health of these quadrupeds, that were the the backbone of the Pignola's economy at that time.



Like the Emmaus disciples

The “40 hours” for our children preparing for the First Communion

The “40 hours” are a devotional practice consisting in the adoration of the Most Holy Sacrament for 40 continuous hours, remembering the 40 hours of Our Lord in the tomb. The symbolism of number 40, according to the Scriptures, means a period of purification and atonement to reach the deliverance: the Great Flood lasted for 40 days; Moses remained on Mount Sinai for 40 days before to receive the Tables of the Law; Jesus fasted for 40 days.

History says that during the 40 hours towns changed: shops were closed, the work in the fields were suspended, social barriers fell down and faith was blooming again.

In our Saint Anthony church, on Feb. 17 we had an hour of driven worship for the children which will receive the first communion. They come in small groups and sit on pews: they act with composure, so that the intermittent and murmured “silence” from catechists seem to come from a routine rather than a real need.

The parish priest begins; the two rows of pews become two choir of prayers, e some children less timid accept the priest’s invitation to be the readers of planned Bible passages.

The function is focused on the Gospel part where it is written that two disciples do not identify Jesus, despite the time they spent together. A proof come from a slide where there are some (unknown) children: when the priest asks “Do you know who they are?” they are disoriented, and somebody gives a furtive look at the nearest deskmate (*have you any idea?*).

But next slide relieves them: this time they well know the characters: it’s THEIR image, photographed last year, when they were following the catechism for the First Confession.

Then, when it comes the moment to remember “what Jesus did”, the images of the drawings they did during last days are projected, and it’s interesting to underline how they’ve been impressed by the episodes about loaves and fishes, healings of sick, and so on.

Later, everybody is requested to write down in a slip of paper a very short prayer for the neighbor, and initially there is some panic: how can we do that in a so short time and with no preparation ? But at the end the youthful spirit plus the past action of their catechists prevails, so they become going to put their prayer into the basket at the foot of the altar.

In the heat, someone forgets the recommendation from the catechist, and does not genuflect before to come back; but when he realizes that, goes back again to do it. Finally, they follow with curiosity and anguish the *Tantum Ergo* in Latin.

We believe this evening will stay in their hearts for a long time.

EASTER 2018



On March the 29th the community of Pignola suffered the death of Mario Bruno Albano, a man of undisputed value who hardly worked for the cultural development of our town.

As a teacher he left an indelible imprint on his students, which did a moving album of memories covering the main milestones of his teachings, not only the doctrinal ones but mainly those related to his humanity.

Rocco Spagnoletta mentioned him as a pioneer in enhancing our territory focusing on human resources and talents.

His friend and colleague Gerardo Acierno did an impassioned remembrance of their common social and politics battles, reminding the times when local branches of various parties were hosting positive and correct debates.

As well , the Major Ferretti mentioned his organizational value in promoting real cultural events which were focusing on our town, and also the press mentioned Bruno as the founder of “Il portale”, the Municipal Tourist Board in Pignola.

However, in each remembrance his human attitude came to light, and this aspect has obviously been underlined in the sermon by our parish priest don Antonio Laurita.

I've been really impressed by the touching words used by his wife, which confirmed to me that “behind a great man there is always a great woman”.

During last years I've been sharing her sufferings, and looking at her smile I was understanding if Bruno was going better or worse; and I really appreciate how she was confronting suffering, with high self-respect and never resignation, but always trusting in the grace of God.

Thus, I really feel this is the main teaching to all of us: a true conjugal love inspired to commonality and respect in good and bad times.

Angela Guma

April 28 - 1st Confession

So, also this year we reached the end: after a three years road, children are going to receive for the first time the sacrament of Confession. Among these years we've attempted to accompany them in discovering their friend Jesus and his father. The Confession is a sacrament to renew the baptismal promises and a commitment to follow the basic rules given by God to Moses.

Our children could discover that the fundamental spirit to become and grow as Christians is love.

The ceremony begins when children enter the church; while the chorus sings, their familiar appear to be excited. The parish priest is waiting for them on the altar, and they give him the white clothing they were wearing on the baptism day. After the mass, they receive back it, but now it's really "white".

We hope they will always continue to be willing to meet and love Jesus.

The catechists



Reconciliation

On Saturday 28 in our Main Church we had the celebration of the Reconciliation sacrament for 42 children.

Reconciliation is the absolution sacrament by God that always liberates, develops, and give us the capability to love.

The sin move us away from the main center of our life, God;

There are no sins that cannot be absolved by Father, so the confession is like a resurrection that makes us again his sons.

During the celebration there have been readings, songs, and prayers.

The catechists

May 13, 2018

Also this year 20 teenagers (12 – 13 years old) after a 2-years path received the gift of the Holy Ghost, by our bishop Salvatore Ligorio.

Through the Confirmation they are closer to the ecclesial community, so now on we have 20 “soldier of Christ” more.

It’s not just a case that the celebration took place on the Ascension Day: the day when Jesus told his apostles to go around the world to proclaiming the Gospel.

As well, being the 2nd Sunday of May, it is also the Mother’s day, so we think to the heavenly Mother that protects our town

The catechists

June 8 – First Confessions

Today, Friday 8th of June, children that next Sunday are going to receive the First Communion, accompanied by their catechists and despite the persistent rain went to the little church of S. Michele. Here, in this place of peace and meditation, they reconciled with God through the Confession Sacrament. They did it with enthusiasm, being aware that such a Sacrament is a time of healing and that whenever we confess God embraces us giving his unlimited love.

The catechists

June 10, 2018 – 1st Communion

Dear boys and girls, we arrived to the significant step of the mass for the first communion. Jesus, son of God, is inviting us to the table of His Body and His Blood, like He did with apostles, the friends who walked with Him.

We spent together four years learning to know Jesus; initially at the Caritas center, and continuing at the vicarage,

the house where many young people have grown and has been trained, like most of us little catechists.

So, 34 boys and girls accompanied in procession by don Antonio, went to our Main Church where they said “Yes, I want”, thus participating to the Eucharist to receive His Body and His Blood for the first time.

“Eucharist is God present near my way, bread in my Saddlebag ... and when Jesus will come upon my hearth I’ll tell Him about all of you that love me”

We want to thank you, children, because through your openness took us back to our childhood; thanks to you, parents, for trusting in these years: your “little scoundrels” will have a place in our hearts forever.

With great affection,
The catechists

June 16 – Restoration of S. Gerardo statue

S. Gerardo was born in Piacenza, in the noble La Porta family. Man of culture and compassionate, after his youth he went to southern Italy searching for solitude or to be near the boarding points used by Crusaders to reach the Holy Places. When arrived in Potenza, he decided to stay in that town, and here he founded a school. Through his apostolate he became pleasant to everybody thus, when the bishop died, both the clergy and the people wanted him as the successor. Just an year after his death (1119) the Pope Callisto II proclaimed him saint.

The event, launched and –as always- masterfully hosted by Erberto Stolfi, began with the mass, accompanied by the choir of our church, and celebrated following the old ritual used until 1964: in latin and with the priest pointed toward the altar, not the assembly.

Then, our major Gerardo Ferretti spent some words to express his pleasure to attend another event related to the restoration of a work of art, that are so many in our territory.

Prof. Mecca spoke about the historical events lonked with the different rituals of the mass during the centuries; immediately after, don Gerardo La Salvia presented his new book on S.Gerardo life

Finally we had the restoration curator, Antonella Malatesta, who told the assembly that the statue dates from 1500 and, with the help of some slides, showed how it has been “mistreated” in the past: there were lots of plaster, extraneous part added, and several layers of different colors.



As laymen, we can only image the patience and sensitivity required to refurbish the statue up to its original aspect.

The final result is clearly visible in the image depicting the statue “as it was” and “how it is now”: they seems two different things!



July the 2nd

In memory of Rosetta Scavone

At the sunset you've peacefully flown to the sky, after having spent your last days suffering but never surrendering.

Your life was a fully one: after renouncing your youth's ambitions, you dedicated it to your parents, that you loved so much.

I remember the elegance of your dressing, although never excessive, and the courteous behavior you used in your shop; the good smell coming from it was all around in the street, loved by everybody. Your nephews and nieces have always been close to you, avoiding you could feel alone..

So, another door will remain closed; and you cannot imagine how much I'm sorry for that. But we think that in heaven you'll be rewarded because of your true faith.

Ninetta Perone



06/01 - Gabriele Muro di Saverio e Anna
06/01 - Carmen Nella
06/01 - Dalia Molinari
06/01 - Domenico Rosa di Angelo e Monica
06/01 - Gabriele Muro di Saverio e Anna
06/01 - Lucia Chloe Ciliento
07/01 - Bianca Rita Mancino di Vito e Maria
22/01 - Sophia Falce
27/01 - Nicole Ciammella
03/02 - Lorenzo Santarsiero
10/02 - Kevin Telesca
18/02 - Alice Sarli
18/02 - Aurora Miele
18/02 - Giulio Palma di Vincenzo e Rosa
25/02 - Claudio Giuseppe Montagna di Michele e Rosaria
11/03 - Giuseppe Albano
18/03 - Carol Petraglia di Giuseppe e Valeria
18/03 - Denise Chirico
01/04 - Gerardo Buonansegna
01/04 - Arianna Marino di Carmine e Rosanna
08/04 - Donatello Gioia di Michele e Mariangela
08/04 - Giulia Milano
08/04 - Matteo Milano
08/04 - Mia Maria Brienza
15/04 - Chiara Enrica Geraldì
15/04 - Gabriele Faraldo
29/04 - Camilla Fasanella di Rocco e Gianna
05/05 - Claudia Villani
06/05 - Federica Dolce
06/05 - Francesco e Giosuè Pacilio di Laviero e Simona
06/05 - Maria Marino di Saverio e Angela
12/05 - Niccolò Larotonda
13/05 - Jason Cardillo
03/06 - Chiara Telesca di Nicola e Anna Rita
03/06 - Giulia Sarli di Gerardo e Rosy
03/06 - Martina Piro di Stefano e Irene

09/06 - Chiara Imbrogno
17/06 - Sara Coviello
17/06 - Pietro e Lorenzo Mazzeo di Giuseppe e Maura
24/06 - Gerardo Telesca di Donato e Linda
29/06 - Vittoria Caridi
30/06 - Luca Scavone
15/07 - Michele Marano
15/07 - Alice Rosa
26/07 - Nicole Cristiano di Savio e Rossella
29/07 - Dalia e Asia Azrak di Fatih e Mirella
29/07 - Emmanuel Maria Patrone di Nicola e Rocchina
05/08 - Elisa Suanno
05/08 - Lorenzo Nigro
05/08 - Matilde Maria Ungaro
11/08 - Valeria Pia Postiglione
12/08 - Azzura Lucia Laurita
16/08 - Caterina Colucci di Giovambattista e Rosanna
19/08 - Hernandez Santos Abel Adomis
19/08 - Tiago Briuolo
19/08 - Martina Lattuchella di Saverio e Marianna
25/08 - Wiliam Antonio Pavese
26/08 - Giulia Punella
26/08 - Alessia Cunsolo
26/08 - Alessandro Mecca di Emiliano e Maria Cristina
26/08 - Mattia Abbandonato di Michele e Annamaria
09/09 - Matteo Lombardi
09/09 - Raffaele Roma di Ferdinando e Sherry Ann
22/09 - Nora Carotti
23/09 - Andrea Pia Vista
23/09 - Gerardo Vista
30/09 - Giovanni Lonato
06/10 - Valerio Savino Albano di Paolo e Fabiana
14/10 - Gerardo Lotito
21/10 - Rocco De Stefano di Alessandro e Adele Lorena
08/12 - Marika Salvatore di Mario e Antonella
10/12 - Agostino e Sharon Argoneto di Gerardo e Debora
16/12 - Aurora Roma di Francesco e Carmela



June 10

Mariolina Aquino, Mattia Aquino, Salvatore Azzarino, Nicola Barbeta, Flavia Bellettieri, Anna Buonansegna, Manila Colucci, Cristiano Corleto, Chiara Di Iorio, Giada Diceste, Sabrina Falce, Marica Faretta, Francesco Femminini, Federico Giordano, Giuseppe Giuzio, Alice Lauria, Rossella Motta, Irene Muro, Luigipaolo Olita, Paola Olita, Michele Oliveto, Margherita Patrone, Sara Petraglia, Angelica Riviello, Angelo Rosa, Noemi Sambataro, Chiara Salvatore, Luigi Salvatore, Zaccaria Santangelo, Miriam Venetucci, Pasquale Vignola, Gerardo Vista, Maria Lourdes Vista, Teresa Vista



April 7

Francesco Blandino, Salvatore Destefano, Stefano Laturra, Antonio Laurino, Giusi Laurino, Francesca Laviano, Valerio Laviano, Fabiola Locaspi, Mattia Pio Mecca, Pasquale Melillo, Rossella Picerno, Carmen Roma, Raffaele Roma, Giuseppe Rosa, Rocco Rosa, Lidia Varlotta, Manuela Vignola, Giambattista Vaccaro

May 13

Mattia Biancone, Antonio Bollettieri, Barbara Claps, Francesco Matteo Corleto, Martina De Biase, Simona Faraldo, Samuele Galgano, Giusy Iannielli, Rosanna Lagrotta, Giada Mecca, Lorenzo Pio Mecca, Martina Melcore, Giada Perrone, Michele Pio Pietrafesa, Giusy Rosa, Luigi Rosa, Paolo Severino, Rocco Severino, Vincenzo Pio Severino, Giuseppe Summa

May 25

Alessia Arcieri, Pietro Bavuso, Francesco Gelsomino Cardellicchio,
Teresa Cardellicchio, Claudia Stella Cordasco, Daniele Datena, Gerardo De Stefano,
Antonella Ferretti, Gianluca Ferretti, Antonio Marino, Rosa Marino,
Rosa Miglionico, Aicha Moukhtari, Carmela Muro, Donato Onofrio, Benito Pisani,
Gerardo Pomponio, Antonietta Rosa, Gaetano Santangelo, Antonietta Scavone,
Michele Scavone, Gianpaolo Smaldone, Adriana Valluzzi, Vincenzina Vista,
Roberta Vitale



March 27

Rosa Fusco
Degree in Medicine and Surgery
University of Siena



April 30 - Donato Rosa e Carmela Corleto
June 2 - Leonardo Nardoza e Mariagrazia De Luca
June 23 - Massimo Rosa e Antonella Palorcia
June 30 - Walter Laurita e Paola Russo
July 12 - Silvio Manzi e Lucia Pepe
July 13 - George Grande e Marianna Sarli
July 14 - Enrico Vignola e Francesca Vignola
July 19 - Alberto Lovallo e Rocchina Quaratino
July 21 - Francesco Spagnuolo e Marilena Uva
July 21 - Canio Mecca e Margherita Vaccaro
July 25 - Antongiulio Sparviero e Maria Antonietta Carleo
July 28 - Alessandro Viola e Mariacarmen Telesca
August 3 - Carmine Santopietro e Filomena Rago
August 17 - Davide Salvatore Pergola e Marianna Colucci
August 18 - Marcantonio Claps e Rocchina Darimini
August 22 - Vito Telesca e Maria Luana Rita
August 24 - Francesco Lucia e Maria Santarsiero
August 25 - Francesco Lagrotta e Mariantonietta Vista
September 8 - Gerardo Pomponio e Tina Macchia
September 29 - Nicola Corleto e Anna Santarsiero
September 29 - Donato Colangelo e Rosa Di Bello
December 15-- Donato Claps e Caterina Santangelo



Carmine Corleto e Maria Rosa - Feb. 27
Gerardo Pietrafesa e Serafina Roma -July 4
Rocco Perito e Rosa Mautone – June 27
Michele Destefano e Dora Teresa De Stefano - Aug. 21
Genuario Miele e Maria Brigida Marsico – Aug 22
Giuseppe Brienza e Angelina Montagna – Aug 22
Donato Lorusso e Anna Pietrafesa – Aug. 26



Saverio Paciello e Serafina Argoneto – January 11



Funerale - Funeral



MARIA POSTIGLIONE	17-01-1918	12-01-2018
SAVERIO VIGNOLA	23-03-1934	21-01-2018
CARMELA DOLCE	02-01-1963	23-01-2018
NICOLA LAURIA	19-11-1941	30-01-2018
SAVINO ALBANO	16-09-1943	07-02-2018
ENRICO ALBANO	08-04-1939	10-02-2018
CARMELA SANTARSIERO	07-08-1948	14-02-2018
TERESA FALCE	03-11-1928	17-02-2018
MICHELE LAURINO	23-04-1938	07-03-2018
VITO LEONESSA	19-10-1929	18-03-2018
BRUNO MARIO ALBANO	03-12-1936	29-03-2018
ROCCO CARBONE	13-09-1932	30-03-2018
ALBERTO CARLO DATENA	09-10-1949	02-04-2018
GIUSEPPE SIESTO	11-04-1930	06-04-2018
VITO SANTARSIERO	02-10-1940	12-04-2018
PASQUALE LAURINO	13-07-1965	01-05-2018
FRANCESCANTONIO GERARDI	02-06-1929	06-05-2018
ROSA DESTEFANO	16-06-1930	10-05-2018
GIAMBATTISTA DAMIANO	23-06-1938	17-05-2018
MARIA GIUSEPPA VIGGIANO	06-08-1932	04-06-2018
FRANCA PIRO	14-03-1948	21-06-2018
PIERO ROSSETTI	26-06-1948	21-06-2018

GIUSEPPE DOMENICO D'AMORE	28-03-1954	27-06-2018
ROSA SCAVONE	17-05-1931	01-07-2018
ROCCO RIVIEZZI	14-03-1958	02-07-2018
MARIA DONATA PONTRANDOLFI	27-06-1933	02-07-2018
DONATA DIANO	16-01-1928	20-07-2018
SAVERIO DELUCA	05-06-1955	24-07-2018
EUGENIO EDOARDO CESARE FERRETTI	02-10-1927	07-08-2018
DOMENICO VIGNOLA	03-11-1944	07-08-2018
LUCIA GIRELLI	19-12-1931	13-08-2018
MARIA DONATA BUONANSEGNA	12-09-1919	04-09-2018
MARGHERITA MASI	21-07-1938	01-09-2018
MICHELE BRIENZA	23-05-1930	23-09-2018
PIETRO ROTUNDO	29-06-1950	25-09-2018
PINA MANCINO	01-02-1966	28-09-2018
ANNA CARMELA DE STEFANO	16-07-1942	03-10-2018
VINCENZA VIGNOLA	12-04-1930	08-10-2018
IGNAZIO PACIELLO	13-09-1933	22-10-2018
ANTONIA MONTANARO	16-12-1940	23-10-2018
MICHELINA FUSCO	20-10-1942	11-11-2018
LEONILDA FERRETTI	25-02-1932	11-11-2018
MICHELE LIGRANI	27-04-1928	20-11-2018
MARIA CATERINA LEONESSA	14-08-1925	09-12-2018
MARIA VICENZA	04-01-1928	15-12-2018
VITO VINCENZO MASI	17-03-1933	21-12-2018
ROSA MARIA LISTONE	24-12-1935	23-12-2018
ROSINA SABIA	09-03-1931	27-12-2018