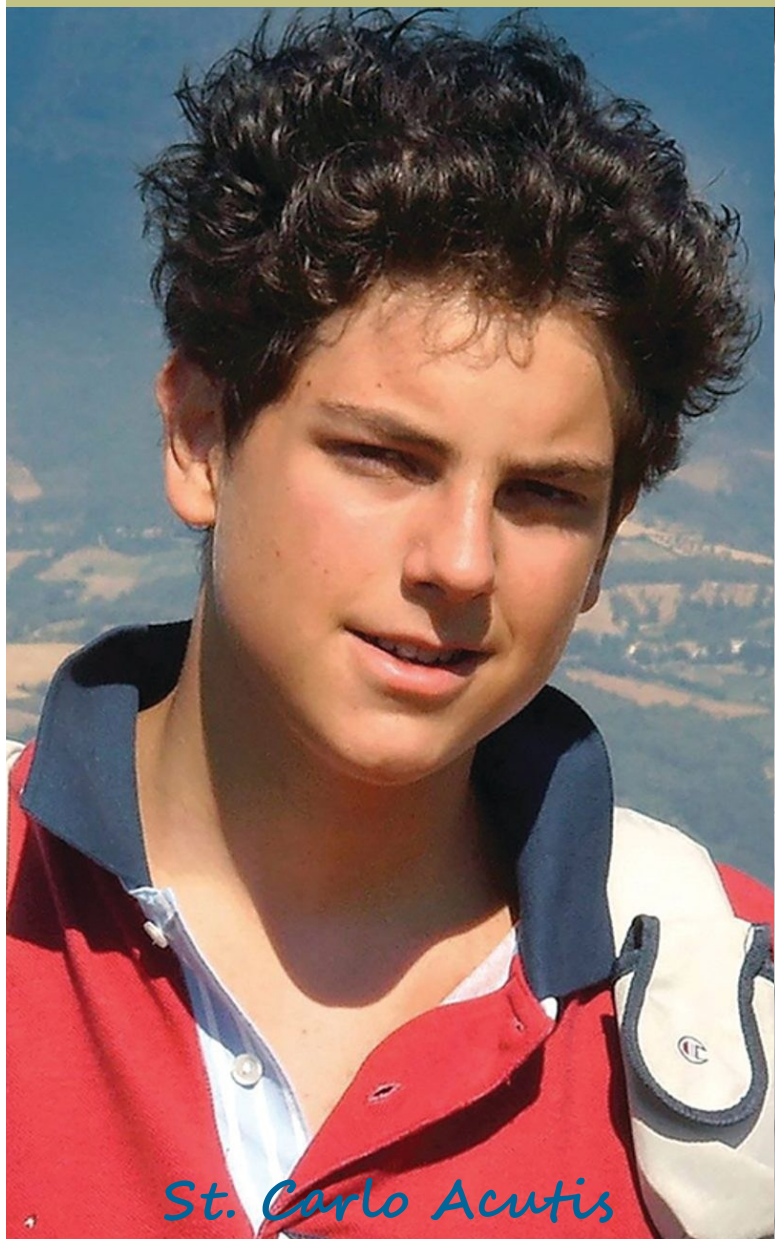


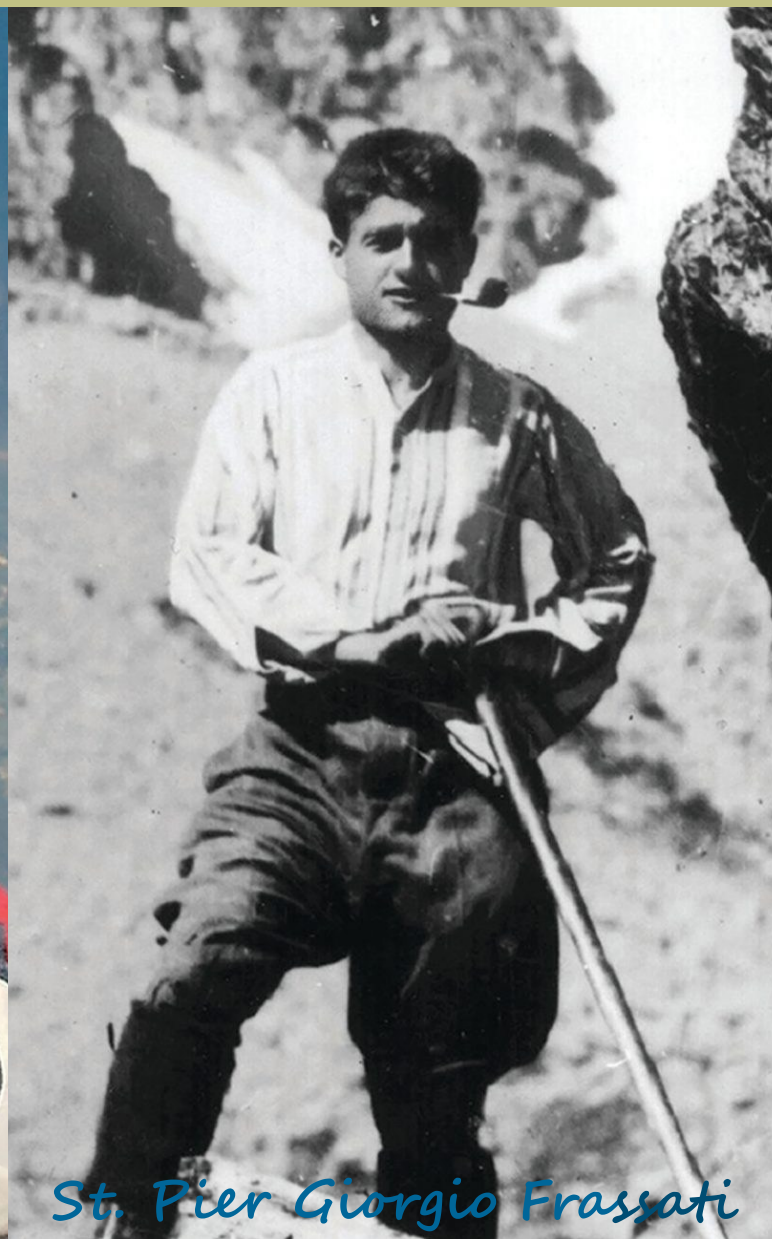
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St. Carlo Acutis



St. Pier Giorgio Frassati

SAINT FRANCIS CHAPEL

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SEPTEMBER 7, 2025—TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY

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SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 4:00PM,
5:30 PM, (en español)

Sun. 8 AM, 9:15AM, 10:30AM, 11:45AM,
1:15 PM (en español), 4:00PM, 5:30PM

Weekday Masses:

Mon.—Fri. 8:00AM, 12:05PM, 4:45PM

Saturday 9:00AM, 12PM

Confessions:

Mon.—Fri. 8:40 -11:40AM, 12:40-4:25PM;
After 4:45PM Mass by request

Saturday 9:40 - 11:40 AM, 12:40-3:30PM

Sunday By request in-between Masses

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon.—Fri. 8:30-11:50AM, 12:30-4:30PM

Saturday 9:30-11:30AM, 12:30-3:30PM

Gift Shop Hours:

Monday—Friday 11:00AM - 5:30PM*

Saturday 9:30AM - 6:30PM*

Sunday 8:30AM - 6:30PM*

(*Closed during Masses)

St Francis Chapel here in the Prudential Center has been staffed by the Oblates of the Virgin Mary (OMV) since 1983. It is truly a place of mercy and peace. People attend and visit from all over Boston, the USA and the world. They attend Holy Mass, Adore the Lord Jesus, light a candle and oftentimes take advantage of our OMV Charism of Mercy, "beginning again" in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Miracles occur in the confessional. In addition to this Chapel, the OMV serve at St Clement Eucharistic Shrine a few blocks from here, which is also our US Seminary, in Milton MA at our St. Joseph Retreat House as well as in Los Angeles, CA, Denver, CO, Alton, IL and Venice, FL. Additionally OMV priests and brothers minister in Italy, where we were founded in 1826, Austria, France, Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Nigeria, The Philippines and England. Learn more at OMVUSA.org.



Prayer Before Mass by Venerable Bruno Lanteri, Founder of the OMV

My God, I offer you this holy sacrifice to proclaim, honor and glorify your infinite greatness, and in recognition of the supreme dominion which, as the first principle and last end, you have above all created things. I give you this homage for all those who still do not know you or do not want to recognize you.

I offer this too in thanksgiving for the benefits that I and all the world have received and will receive from your infinite goodness; in satisfaction for my sins and those of the whole world; to implore the graces that are necessary for my eternal salvation and for all mankind. Oh, my God, I offer to you the merits of Jesus Christ; grant me at this Holy Mass a profound adoration of him.

My God, my Creator, I implore you to grant me the grace of final perseverance. I know by faith that I do not deserve it, nor can I deserve it, but your Divine Son deserves it for me with all his virtues and with all the wounds he shows you in his Most Holy Body, on behalf of my wounded love. Amen.

PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING AN OFFERING TODAY.

St. Francis Chapel is open 365 days a year. It exists thanks to the generous support of countless visitors and regular attendees. The Chapel's expenses are approximately fifty thousand dollars a month. Thank you for helping us continue this ministry which touches the lives of so many people every single day.



St. Clement Young Adult Group AMICIZIA CRISTIANA

Every Monday from 7-8:30 PM

St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine

1105 Boylston Street, Boston

Amicizia Cristiana (Christian Friendship) is a young adult initiative in collaboration with the Oblates of the Virgin Mary at Saint Clement Eucharistic Shrine. The name comes from the group that was so integral to the life of Venerable Bruno Lanteri, founder of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary.

Membership is limited to ages 20-29 to respect differences in practical life experience.

Reach out to stclementac@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 7, 2025

8:00 AM – Tim & Kathy Hubka

9:15 AM - +William Parker

10:30 AM - Maura Nolan

12:00 PM - +Fr. James Doran, OMV

4:00 PM - +Vito Cannella

5:30 PM - +In Honor of Sts. Carlo Acutis
& Pier Giorgio Frassati

Monday, September 8

8:00 AM - Dr. Robbie Platt—health

12:05 PM - +Frank & +Thomas
DeCrescenzo

4:0045M - +Patricia Wark

Tuesday, September 9

8:00 AM - Martin Howrylak—birthday

12:05 PM - +Ali Mansouri

4:45 PM - Joey Hipolito

Wednesday, September 10

8:00 AM - +Tim & +Ann Murphy-
Callahan

12:05 PM - +Jack Meehan

4:45 PM - +Romelia, +Alejandro &
+Sergio Norina

Thursday, September 11

8:00 AM - Tim & Kathy Hubka

12:05 PM - The Helpless Unborn

4:45 PM -Callahan & Murphy Families

Friday, September 12

8:00 AM - Carol Bush & Marsha Selley -
birthday

12:05 PM - Theresa Gilmore—health

4:45 PM - Healing after Abortion

Saturday, September 13

9:00 AM -Souls in Purgatory

12:00 PM -+Fr. Peter Polo

4:00 PM -+Raul, +Samuel & +Margarita
Mejia

5:30 PM - +Consuelo Torres de
Bustamante

Reflection by Fr. Jeremy Paulin, OMV

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ and the Saints!

Today, September 7, Pope Leo XIV Canonized two great Saints - The Italian, St. Pier Giorgio Frassati (1901 - 1925) and the British-born Italian, St. Carlo Acutis (1901 - 2006), the first millennial saint. Among many things, their lives were remarkable for their brevity and their love for Jesus and the Church and others. They are really worth any effort to get to know, and to take as your own patrons in your journey toward Heaven.

The miracles for the canonization of Bl. Carlo Acutis and Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati were the miraculous healings of two different individuals. St Carlo Acutis's miracle was the complete recovery of a young Costa Rican woman, Valeria Valverde, from a severe brain hemorrhage after a bicycle accident in 2022, following prayers by her Mother at Carlo's tomb in Assisi. Doctors had given her a very low chance of survival. She underwent emergency brain surgery and her mother prayed at Acutis's tomb. On the same day her mother visited the tomb, Valeria began to breathe on her own and soon after started to regain the use of her limbs and speech. Medical scans later confirmed her hemorrhage had completely disappeared.

Pier Giorgio Frassati's miracle was the healing of a seminarian in Los Angeles who suffered a life-altering injury to his leg. Father Juan Gutierrez, 38, then a seminarian at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo, California, tore his Achilles tendon while playing basketball with other seminarians in 2017. Concerned about the long and painful recovery and expenses, Gutierrez headed for the seminary chapel the day after getting an MRI "with a heavy heart." As he prayed, Gutierrez felt inspired to make a novena to Frassati. A few days into the novena, Gutierrez went into the chapel to pray when nobody was there. As he prayed, he recalled feeling an unusual sensation around his injured foot.

"I was praying, and I started to feel a sensation of heat around the area of my injury. And I honestly thought that maybe something was catching on fire, underneath the pews," Gutierrez recalled at a press conference on Dec. 16, 2024. He was not only touched spiritually, but he was also healed physically. Incredibly, he was able to walk normally again and no longer needed a brace.

Today we give thanks to God for the growing number of Saints in heaven, and for their assistance in our lives, recalling the words of the French Catholic novelist Leon Bloy: "The only real sadness, the only real failure, the only great tragedy in life, is not to become a saint."

Pier Giorgio, an athlete, died at 24 from an aggressive polio, likely contracted from his service to the poor. On a photograph of what would be his last mountain climb, Frassati wrote the phrase, "Verso L'Alto," which means "to the heights." This phrase has become a motto for Catholics inspired by Frassati to strive for the summit of eternal life with Christ. St Carlo, who died at 15 from Leukemia, was incredibly dedicated to the Eucharist and very gifted with tech and digital media and created a still popular website dedicated to Eucharist Miracles (See elsewhere in this bulletin). He said "Everyone is born as an original, but many people end up dying as photocopies."

With their prayers, my dear Brothers and Sisters, let's shoot for the heights of heaven and remain originals, transformed by the grace, love and mercy of Christ!

Mis queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo y los santos.

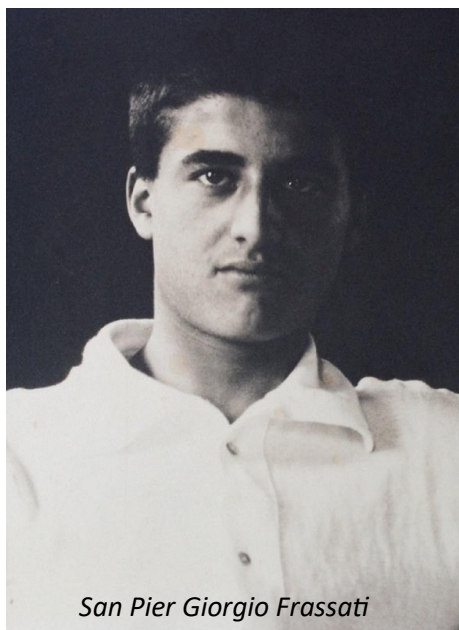
Hoy, 7 de septiembre, el Papa León XIV canonizó a dos grandes santos: el italiano San Pier Giorgio Frassati (1901-1925) y el italiano nacido en Gran Bretaña, San Carlo Acutis (1901-2006), el primer santo milenarista. Entre muchas cosas, sus vidas fueron notables por su brevedad y su amor a Jesús, a la Iglesia y a los demás. Realmente vale la pena cualquier esfuerzo para conocerlos y tomarlos como sus propios patrones en su camino hacia el Cielo.

Los milagros para la canonización del Beato Carlo Acutis y el Beato Pier Giorgio Frassati fueron las curaciones milagrosas de dos personas diferentes. El milagro de San Carlo Acutis fue la recuperación completa de una joven costarricense, Valeria Valverde, de una hemorragia cerebral grave después de un accidente de bicicleta en 2022, luego de las oraciones de su madre en la tumba de Carlo en Asís. Los médicos le habían dado muy pocas posibilidades de supervivencia. Se sometió a una cirugía cerebral de emergencia y su madre rezó en la tumba de Acutis. El mismo día que su madre visitó la tumba, Valeria comenzó a respirar por sí sola y poco después comenzó a recuperar el uso de sus extremidades y el habla. Las exploraciones médicas confirmaron posteriormente que su hemorragia había desaparecido por completo.

El milagro de Pier Giorgio Frassati fue la curación de un seminarista en Los Ángeles que sufrió una lesión en la pierna que le cambió la vida. El padre Juan Gutiérrez, de 38 años, entonces seminarista del Seminario de San Juan en Camarillo, California, se rompió el tendón de Aquiles mientras jugaba baloncesto con otros seminaristas en 2017. Preocupado por la larga y dolorosa recuperación y los gastos, Gutiérrez se dirigió a la capilla del seminario al día siguiente de hacerse una resonancia magnética "con gran pesar". Mientras rezaba, Gutiérrez se sintió inspirado a hacer una novena a Frassati. Unos días después de la novena, Gutiérrez entró en la capilla a rezar cuando no había nadie. Mientras rezaba, recordó haber sentido una sensación inusual alrededor de su pie lesionado. "Estaba rezando y empecé a sentir una sensación de calor alrededor de la zona de mi lesión. Y sinceramente pensé que tal vez algo se estaba incendiando debajo de los bancos", recordó Gutiérrez en una conferencia de prensa el 16 de diciembre de 2024. No solo fue tocado espiritualmente, sino que también sanó físicamente. Increíblemente, pudo volver a caminar con normalidad y ya no necesitó un aparato ortopédico.



San Carlo Acutis



San Pier Giorgio Frassati

Hoy damos gracias a Dios por el creciente número de santos en el cielo, y por su ayuda en nuestras vidas, recordando las palabras del novelista católico francés Léon Bloy: «La única verdadera tristeza, el único verdadero fracaso, la única gran tragedia en la vida, es no llegar a ser santo».

Pier Giorgio, un atleta, murió a los 24 años de una polio agresiva, probablemente contraída por su servicio a los pobres. En una fotografía de lo que sería su última escalada de montaña, Frassati escribió la frase, "Verso L'Alto", que significa "a las alturas". Esta frase se ha convertido en un lema para los católicos inspirados por Frassati para esforzarse por la cima de la vida eterna con Cristo. San Carlo, quien murió a los 15 años de leucemia, era increíblemente dedicado a la Eucaristía y muy talentoso con la tecnología y los medios digitales y creó un sitio web aún popular dedicado a los Milagros de la Eucaristía (Ver en otra parte de este boletín). Dijo: "Todos nacen como originales, pero muchas personas terminan muriendo como fotocopias".

¡Con sus oraciones, mis queridos hermanos y hermanas, apuntemos a las alturas del cielo y sigamos siendo originales, transformados por la gracia, el amor y la misericordia de Cristo!

