

# FEAST OF ST. PADRE PIO



Despite inclement weather large numbers of people from the metropolitan area came to the Church of St John the Baptist to commemorate the feast of St Padre Pio on Saturday, September 23.

An introductory floral procession began the liturgy, Fr. Michael Ramos OFM Cap presiding. A schola and 5 instrumentalists provided festive music under the direction of Thomas DeFrancesco.

In his homily, Fr. Richard Mattox OFM Cap spoke of the miracles attributed to this powerful saint, whose sole mission is to bring people closer to God. He concluded with the words of Padre Pio, "Pray, hope and don't worry." Earlier in the week a healing service was held during which attendees were anointed with blessed oil.

Robert Sekac, administrator of the Padre Pio Shrine, coordinated the observances.