

**THE PADRE PIO  
PRAYER GROUP  
of Cleveland**

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# St. Padre Pio Prayer Group Newsletter

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**UPCOMING  
EVENTS:**

**Apr 8 -  
Pilgrimage: "In the  
Spirit of St.  
Francis" (see  
website for more  
information)**

**Apr 23 -  
Divine Mercy Sunday  
with Padre Pio's  
Chalice at 11:00 AM,  
Our Lady of Grace  
Church, 1088 Ridge  
Road, Hinckley**

**May 6 -  
Padre Pio Prayer  
Group Gathering  
beginning with Mass  
at 8:30 AM, St.  
Barnabas Church,  
9451 Brandywine  
Rd., Northfield**

**Check the online  
Community Bulletin  
Board on our  
website to view  
upcoming events  
in the area**

## Ten Lessons from Padre Pio for Lent

Padre Pio's life was a constant witness to the reality of heaven and hell and the need to view this life as a pilgrimage to our heavenly home.

Lent is the time to renew our awareness of the spiritual battle, so here are ten quotes (in italics) from Padre Pio which remind us what really matters:

1. First of all, the need for spiritual warfare. – *Let us always keep before our eyes the fact that here on earth we are on a battlefield and that in paradise we shall receive the crown of victory; that this is a testing-ground and the prize will be awarded up above; that we are now in a land of exile while our true homeland is Heaven to which we must continually aspire.* Satan is a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour and we should keep this always in mind during Lent.

2. The rosary is the recommended weapon for battle. – *Hold on tightly to the Rosary. Be very grateful to the Madonna because it was she who gave us Jesus. Love our Lady and make her loved; always recite the Rosary and recite it as often as possible.*

3. Don't be afraid of humility. Humility is endless. Purity is power. Envision purity and pursue it. These also are weapons in the battle. – *Humility and purity are the wings which carry us to God and make us almost divine.*

4. Don't expect instant success. The spiritual life is a long journey. It is the work of a lifetime. Take one day at a time and one step at a time. If you stumble and fall, get up immediately and keep going. Never give up. – *In the spiritual life, you must take one step forward each day in a vertical line, from the bottom up.*

5. Your unhappiness is not everything. Your happiness is not everything. Don't allow your feelings to determine whether you think you are making spiritual progress or not. The world's standards of happiness and "success" are completely different from spiritual progress. – *Keep your eyes fixed on Him who is your guide to the heavenly country, where He*

*is leading you. What does it matter to you whether Jesus wishes to guide you to Heaven by way of the desert or by the meadow, so long as He is always with you and you arrive at the possession of a blessed eternity?*

6. Turn off the screens for Lent. Stop the TV. Cut back on Facebook and computer stuff. Read some good books. Feed the soul. – *Don't consider me too demanding if I ask you once again to set great store by holy books and read them as much as you can. This spiritual reading is as necessary to you as the air you breathe.*



7. Pay attention to Mass. The Lord is present. It is not just a "family meal" or a pep talk where we decide how we're going to make the world a better place. It is the threshold of heaven and the one full, final sacrifice brought into the present moment with its benefits applied to our needs. – *Renew*

*your faith by attending Holy Mass. Keep your mind focused on the mystery that is unfolding before your eyes. In your mind's eye transport yourself to Calvary and meditate on the Victim who offers Himself to Divine Justice, paying the price of your redemption... If we only knew how God regards this Sacrifice, we would risk our lives to be present at a single Mass.*

8. Your discipline during Lent is a step towards proper detachment from the distorted love of created things so that you can love properly the things that are eternal. Therefore don't be discouraged. Make little sacrifices, but make them matter. – *He who attaches himself to the earth remains attached to it. It is by violence that we must leave it. It is bet-*

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 "Risen Christ" from Vatican Museum Tapestry Hall

REFLECTIONS FROM OUR  
 SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven,  
 exult, let Angel ministers of God exult,  
 let the trumpet of salvation  
 sound aloud our mighty King's triumph!  
 Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her,  
 ablaze with light from her eternal King,  
 let all corners of the earth be glad,  
 knowing an end to gloom and darkness.  
 Rejoice, let Mother Church also rejoice,  
 arrayed with the lighting of his glory,  
 let this holy building shake with joy,  
 filled with the mighty voices of the peoples.

Easter Proclamation  
*Roman Missal, Third Edition*

The exultation of Easter Joy of Christ's Resurrection comes after the extreme sorrow that occurred during the events of the Sacred Triduum. We have all heard the phrase: "There is no Easter without a Good Friday." This is true. We know that in our life, the experience of joy comes after the experience of sorrow. Some will say, why do we have to experience sorrow before we can experience joy? That is what we experience in life. It was not meant to be that way. The temptation of Adam and Eve, our first parents, and their acquisition to that temptation caused the world to be forever changed. The joy experienced by Adam and Eve before the Fall, was lost. Sorrow entered the world because of sin. This event was not to cause God to abandon his creation, but instead was used to bring about the Easter Joy that we celebrate now and forever. God brings out the holy that is hidden within the evil, because with God, all things are possible. We cannot

see this holiness, this joy when we are in the midst of the evil, the sorrow. God does and he brings it forward. If we are in the state of grace we will recognize this holiness, this joy. We hear of many stories in Sacred Scripture that shows God's turning evil, sorrow into holiness, joy. The selling of Joseph to slave traders which brought him to Egypt was used by God to save the Tribe of Israel when they were in need of food during a severe drought and famine. This led to the Israelites becoming such a great nation among the Egyptians that Pharaoh turned the Israelites into slaves. God then used this event to bring Moses to the people and gave the Israelites their freedom. We hear about Job the faithful servant of God who suffered great losses in his life, but he remained faithful and God blessed Job's faithful perseverance by returning to him double what he lost. The greatest turn-around of events is the Paschal Mystery. Christ's suffering and death was not an end, but the beginning of his resurrection and glorification.

Our celebration of Easter is the most solemn Christian feast, considered the center of the liturgical year. However, when you ask people what is the Christian feast that is their favorite, it usually is Christmas. Our celebration of Christ's Incarnation is important for it is how God wanted his Son to come into the world; to experience the entire human condition, but the ultimate reason for his coming was to be completed by his Paschal Mystery. I understand why many people think this way. All of us have seen and experienced the miracle of new life in the birth of a baby, so we can relate to Christmas and the birth of Jesus the Christ. It is different with Easter. Who has experienced Resurrection? None of us have seen and experienced the Risen Christ in our daily life. The Apostles, the holy women, and the selected few that Jesus the Christ chose to show himself to are the only ones who have experienced the Risen Christ in his glorified state. Our experience is based on their testimony which has been recalled each year since 33 A.D. How do we experience the Resurrection in our daily life? Our

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## The Paschal Mystery from the Worst to the Best

The Paschal Mystery (the death and Resurrection of Jesus) was the worst event in human history - God being tortured and killed by His creatures - to the best event in human history - Satan being crushed and defeated by God undoing the crucifixion. It was the time of the creation of our church, of the Eucharist, of many saints, of the New Testament, of so many blessings and new beginnings.

We live in similar times. St. John Paul II stated that we are living in the times of the greatest showdown between the Gospel and the anti-Gospel in the history of the church. We can view our times with the eyes of doubt and discouragement like St. Thomas or the discouraged disciples on the road to Emmaus whom Jesus chided for their lack of faith, or we can have a faith perspective. The power of the Paschal Mystery is immense - especially to create Saints like Peter and Paul, the twelve apostles and the early martyrs of the church. Jesus finished his time on earth and then counted on the Holy Spirit to use humans as his mouth, hands, and feet, etc. in our times. Jesus is depending on you to be His human instruments. We need to rise to the occasion. If not, who else? Some of the characteristics to do this are the following:



- **Sincere repentance:** Don't have a false humility based on low-self-esteem and a spiritual inferiority complex. Jesus needs everyone He can recruit (like Peter's who deny Him, like Saul's who kill people of the same religion, like Mary Magdalene's who are addicted to sex with seven demons inside her). They all repented and became great Saints. Repent of your sins, confess them and move on. Jesus is counting on you. Every Saint has a past and every sinner has a future.
- **Decide to be a Saint:** St. Therese of Lisieux was moody and spoiled but decided she would become a saint. She willed it and God granted her request. Humbly will to be a Saint and grow day by day.
- **See, Judge, Act:** As a young man, St. John Paul II loved a young lady very much and marriage was definitely in the future. But he "saw" the terrible persecution his beloved Poland and the church were going through. He made the "judgment" that God needed priests more than ever. He "acted" by breaking off his relationship at great sacrifice



to himself and his beloved, and entered the seminary. The rest is history.

- **Discover and use your gifts:** However big or little they may be. David could hardly even move with a soldier's armor on. But he had the gift of skill with a sling shot to kill Goliath. You may not be an advance mystic. You may have many little gifts like reaching out to an unbelieving coworker or a recently divorced neighbor, or teaching your grandchildren how to pray, or giving out spiritual pamphlets and rosaries, etc. Use your gifts whatever they may be.
- **Be hopeful and look for possibilities:** Remember how nervous many Clevelanders were before the Republican National Convention? Everyone rose to the occasion, especially the police and especially the Chief of Police who prayed with and treated protesters with great respect. Cleveland rose to prominence on the national scene. Be hopeful and act with confidence in challenging situations. With a hopeful attitude, great things can happen.
- **Humbly defy political correctness:** The Old Testament Book of Esther spoke up for the Jewish people who were about to be exterminated. At the risk of her own life she dared to approach and speak to the King. Humbly defy political correctness and speak up for Jesus.
- **Encourage those who are unconvinced or timid:** Mordecai was the Uncle of Esther. Without his encouraging Esther, the Jews would have perished. Encourage, tactfully, people who have not been to confession for a long time or are afraid of going. Bring people to church for Mass or Holy Hour. Make reparations for the sins committed to our world. Don't simply be shocked or discouraged by so much evil we hear about, but make reparation. Our Lady of Fatima said the prayers and sacrifices of three little visionaries actually shortened World War I. So much of the negativity in our world is due to focusing on circumstances and discounting the power of reparation to repair the world. Charles Dickens stated "It was the best of times and the worst of times." God created us for a time such as this.

*Our Lady of Fatima and St. Padre Pio, pray for us!*



# Reflections for April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>30 How blessed and privileged we are, O Lord, to recognize You in the breaking of the Holy Bread, and to be nourished by You.</p>		<p><b>THE WAY OF THE CROSS OF THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY</b></p> <p>The Way of the Cross represents the sorrowful journey that Jesus made with the cross to die on Calvary. The Church teaches that the souls in purgatory undergo a process of purification that must include suffering. By praying and making sacrifices for the holy souls, you have the power and privilege to relieve their pain. If your heart is inclined to bleed for them, as does the Sacred Heart of Jesus, please pray this Way of the Cross. In return, their gratitude will bring you countless blessings. May a stream of mercy flow from you to the holy souls in purgatory.</p>		<p><b>FAST:</b> For Catholics aged 18-59, one full meal. Two smaller meals permitted for health reasons. No solid foods between meals permitted.</p> <p><b>ABSTINENCE:</b> For Catholics aged 14 and older. Abstinence from meat.</p>	<p>1 The First Station Jesus is Condemned to Death</p>	<p>1 The First Station Jesus is Condemned to Death</p>
<p>3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</p>	<p>3 The Third Station Jesus Falls the First Time</p> <p>Lenten Weekday</p>	<p>4 The Fourth Station Jesus Meets His Afflicted Mother</p> <p>Lenten Weekday <i>St. Isidore</i></p>	<p>5 The Fifth Station Simon of Cyrene Helps Jesus to Carry His Cross</p> <p>Lenten Weekday <i>St. Vincent Ferrer</i></p>	<p>6 The Sixth Station Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus</p> <p>Lenten Weekday</p>	<p>7 The Seventh Station Jesus Falls the Second Time</p> <p>Lenten Weekday <i>St. John Baptist de la Salle</i></p> <p>ABSTINENCE</p>	<p>8 The Eighth Station Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem</p> <p>Lenten Weekday</p>
<p>9 The Ninth Station Jesus Falls a Third Time</p> <p><b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</b></p>	<p>10 The Tenth Station Jesus is Stripped of His Clothes</p> <p>Monday of Holy Week</p>	<p>11 The Eleventh Station Jesus is Nailed to the Cross</p> <p>Tuesday of Holy Week</p>	<p>12 The Twelfth Station Jesus Dies on the Cross</p> <p>Wednesday of Holy Week</p>	<p>13 The Thirteenth Station The Body of Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross</p> <p>Thursday of Holy Week Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper</p>	<p>14 The Fourteenth Station Jesus is Laid in the Tomb</p> <p>Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord FAST &amp; ABSTINENCE</p>	<p>15 The Fourteenth Station Jesus is Laid in the Tomb</p> <p>Lenten Weekday</p>
<p>16 HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!</p> <p>EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD</p>	<p>17 HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!</p> <p>MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</p>	<p>18 HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!</p> <p>TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</p>	<p>19 HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!</p> <p>WEDNESDAY OF THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</p>	<p>20 HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!</p> <p>THURSDAY OF THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</p>	<p>21 HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!</p> <p>FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</p>	<p>22 HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!</p> <p>Holy Saturday <b>EASTER VIGIL</b></p>
<p>23 JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU!</p> <p>2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY</p>	<p>24 St. Fidelis, known as "the poor man's lawyer," by fighting corruption you helped the needy. May I never be half-hearted in my commitment to help those in need.</p> <p>Easter Weekday <i>St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen</i></p>	<p>25 St. Mark, I am blessed and enlightened by the inspired words you provided of Jesus and the early Church.</p> <p><b>ST. MARK</b></p>	<p>26 Holy Spirit, soul of my soul, live in me and give me the courage to proclaim the glory of Your Name.</p>	<p>27 Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we rejoice in Your joy and we live in Your love. Help me to reach out to someone in need today.</p>	<p>28 St. Louis, your devotion to Mary inspires me to ask for her intercession in my own life.</p> <p>Easter Weekday <i>St. Peter Chanel</i> St. Louis Grignon de Montfort</p>	<p>29 St. Catherine, give me self-knowledge to understand that I have no self without God.</p> <p>St. Catherine of Siena [April 30<sup>th</sup> Upper Left]</p>

## Let Us Take Up Our Cross and Bear It

Saying the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, we move immediately from “Jesus Carries the Cross” to the Crucifixion. When we do the Stations of the Cross, however, there are several intermediate stages, one of which is “Simon of Cyrene Bears Jesus’ Cross.” We find the story about Simon and the cross in all three Synoptic Gospels — Matthew, Mark, and Luke — but it is absent from John’s Gospel. Why? Perhaps we can discern in this difference one of the reasons why different Gospels sometimes provide different narratives about Jesus. In this instance, they offer two crucial perspectives, neither of which contradicts the other, and both of which teach an important lesson.

Consider John’s account. John emphasizes that it is through Christ’s sacrifice alone that we are saved. It is through His Crucifixion and Resurrection that our sins are forgiven and we have access to eternal life. All of this is in accord with what we read in Isaiah 53:5: “for he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.” The focus here is on what the God-man did for us: his unmerited gift of himself to humankind. When we are in times of trial, we can unite ourselves to Christ. Even in the face of mortal danger, we can say, “You, God, know my turmoil and pain. You have shared it. You have taken it on and borne it so as to raise it beyond itself. I learn from you that these dark times are the seeds of my redemption. I can have faith in that hard truth because you did not avoid walking the path you ask me to walk. You embraced human suffering wholly.” And thus the author of Sirach can say to us with his whole being: **My son, when you come to serve the LORD, stand in justice and fear, prepare yourself for trials. Be sincere of heart and steadfast, incline your ear and receive the word of understanding, undisturbed in time of adversity.**

**Wait on God, with patience, cling to him, forsake him not; thus will you be wise in all your ways. Accept whatever befalls**

**you, when sorrowful, be steadfast, and in crushing misfortune be patient: For in fire gold and silver are tested, and worthy people in the crucible of humiliation. Trust God and**

**God will help you; trust in him, and he will direct your way; keep his fear and grow old therein. (Sir 2:1-7)**

This is the importance of the story of Simon of Cyrene: even Jesus had help bearing His cross. “Bearing your cross” need not be understood as an admonition to Stoic individualism. While it is true that no one can bear your sufferings but you, the Gospel message is that you need not bear them alone. In times of trial,

we trust in the love and fidelity of God and of others: those doctors, lawyers, counselors, and friends who can become, as we are all called to become, instruments of God’s love and God’s healing grace. Catholics who accept their Church’s sacramental understanding of Creation do not put God and human agents into an “either-or” formula. We look to God for our ultimate help for we know we can do nothing without His grace. And we can also look to others – friends, neighbors, and counselors, specialists – to help guide us and comfort us along the way. They can help us bear the cross during those times when it simply becomes too heavy, and we fear we can’t make it even one step further. And then we do. Somehow with someone supporting us, someone bearing our burden, and with God bearing us both in His loving arms.

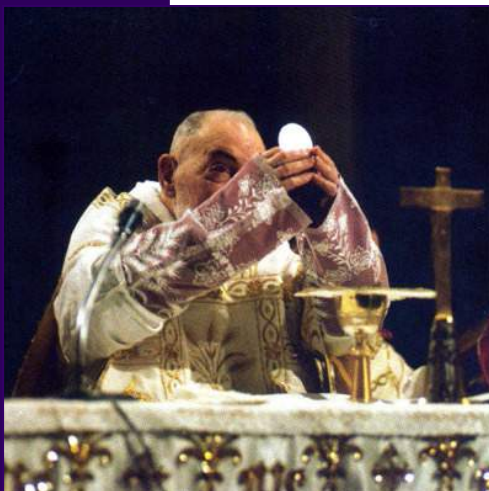
With the rest of this Lenten season, let us take up our cross and bear it. What we will find, after a time, is that we are not



carrying that cross; rather it is carrying us, helping to purify us of our idols and illusions, giving us greater wisdom, and making us more truly like Christ. But let us also look for others whose burdens we can share and with whom we can share ours. This, in the final analysis, is the meaning of “Church” – of what it means to be different members in the Spirit of the one Body of Christ, crucified and risen. So let us unite ourselves to Christ during this blessed season in order to strip away and purge ourselves of all our unclean idols – devotion to wealth, power, pleasure, vanity, and riotousness – and give ourselves more fully to the One who gave Himself in love for us by giving ourselves in love to others.



# Prayer for Priests and Vocations



## A Morning Offering

O Jesus, humbled in the Eucharist to be the source and center of charity of the Catholic Church and the strength of souls, I offer Thee my prayers, my actions, my sufferings in behalf of Thy Priests, to the end that each day may behold the wider extension of the Kingdom of Thy Sacred Heart.

† IMPRIMATUR: Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, 1951

## Prayer for Priests

O Jesus, Eternal High Priest, Good Shepherd, Font of life, Who by a special favor of Thy most tender Heart hast given to us our Priests, in order to accomplish in us those holy ideals with which Thy grace inspires our hearts, let Thy mercy, we beseech Thee, come to the aid of our Priests.

Grant them, O Jesus, lively faith in their works, unshakable hope in their trials and fervent charity in their intentions. May Thy word, radiant with eternal wisdom, become through continual meditation the never failing nourishment of their interior life; may the examples of Thy life and Passion be renewed in their conduct and sufferings, for our instruction and as a light and consolation in our sorrows. Grant, O Lord, that our priests, free from all earthly attachments and solicitous for Thy glory alone, may persevere to their last breath in the fulfillment of duty and in purity of conscience. And when in death they deliver into Thy hands a task well done, may they have in Thee, Lord Jesus, their Master on earth, the eternal reward of the crown of justice in the glory of the saints. Amen.

† IMPRIMATUR: Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, 1951

## Invocation

O Lord, grant us priests.  
 O Lord, grant us holy priests.  
 O Lord, grant us many holy priests  
 O Lord, grant us many holy religious vocations.



*Let Thy  
 mercy, we  
 beseech  
 Thee, come  
 to the aid  
 of our  
 Priests.*





## Welcome to Brother Donald Thielsen, OFM Conv.

Our guest speaker this month is Brother Donald Thielsen, OFM Conv. from Marytown—The National Shrine of St. Maximilian Kolbe in Libertyville, IL in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Marytown is called the “Third city of the Immaculate” (after Niepokalanow, Poland and Nagasaki, Japan) and is a ministry of the Conventual Franciscans Friars of St. Bonaventure Province. Marytown includes a Franciscan Friary, a contemporary Retreat and Conference Center, the Marytown Press – Catholic Books and Gifts, historic Chapels for liturgical life, and numerous outdoor shrines and rosary gardens.

Marytown is the National Shrine of St. Maximilian Kolbe as decreed by the U.S. Catholic Bishops. The National Shrine is a place of pilgrimage for the faithful and is dedicated to promoting the witness and life of St. Maximilian, a Conventual Franciscan friar and priest, martyred at Auschwitz. Blessed St. John Paul II referred to Maximilian Kolbe as “the patron Saint of our difficult century.” The National Shrine dedicated to the Saint includes the Shrine Chapel, an educational Holocaust exhibit, and the relics of St. Maximilian.

At the very heart of Marytown is Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, considered one of the most beautiful pilgrimage sites in the nation. The Chapel has been a sanctuary of Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament since 1928. The Chapel is open to the public 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for Eucharistic Adoration and prayer. Marytown serves the spiritual needs of a broad community of people – locally and nationally – through their Adoration ministry, daily masses, frequent confession schedule, spiritual direction and spiritual retreats.

Marytown is a Conventual Franciscan Friary carrying out the call of St. Francis to “heal wounds, unite what has fallen apart, and to bring home those who have lost their way.” The fullness of Marytown’s ministries and the charism of St. Francis and St. Maximilian are rightly suited to the Holy Father’s call for the New Evangelization to strengthen the faithful, to reach out to those that have fallen away from the faith, and to proclaim the Gospel to those who are “seekers” or have no contextual faith experience. In the spirit of Franciscan hospitality, the public is invited and encouraged to participate in all of Marytown’s devotional and liturgical events. For more information, visit [www.Marytown.com](http://www.Marytown.com).

## Pupa Cu L’ova

“Pupa cu l’ova” means egg in a basket. It is an Italian Easter treat tradition. It represents Holy Week and the Resurrection. The cross reminds us of Good Friday. Jesus died for us. The outer shell of the egg represents the tomb where Jesus lays for three days. The egg represents the Resurrection. Jesus gave us new life. Maria



Giuseppe (Padre Pio’s mother) always made pupa cu l’ova on Good Friday. She learned it from her mother. She presented her prepared Easter meal in a basket to be blessed at church on Holy Saturday. On Easter Sunday, she would share this treat with her family and friends. Buona Pasqua! (Happy Easter!)

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*ter to detach oneself a little at a time, rather than all at once. Let us always think of Heaven.*

9. Don’t be discouraged. You think you are doing a good work, but God is doing it within you. When you realize this you will strive even harder to cooperate with God’s will and this will take you further on the path with speed. – *Let us humble ourselves and confess that if God were not our armor and shield, we would be pierced by all kinds of sins. That is why we must live in God by persevering in our practices, and learn to serve Him at our own expense.*

10. Be totally committed to the Lord and he will not fail you. Remember the Bible verse: “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he will direct your path.” – *Let us try to serve the Lord with all our heart and will. He will always give us more than we deserve.*

SOURCE: <http://www.patheos.com/blogs/standingonmyhead/2016/02/ten-lessons-from-padre-pio-for-lent.html>



## KEEP OUR SICK SISTERS & BROTHERS IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

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SPECIAL INTENTION



OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF  
OUR RECENTLY DECEASED



Rose Pivonka, aunt of Cindy Russo

**FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS IN OUR ONLINE PRAYER BASKET, LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

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experience of the Resurrection comes in our celebration and partaking in the Sacraments. When the Sacraments are administered validly and the recipient is properly disposed, the Sacraments attain their ends infallibly, that is, grace is automatically communicated to the recipient. Thus, the Sacraments perpetuate Christ's Redemptive Action, making it present and effective throughout the ages. For this reason, the Bride of Christ, the Church, spends much of her efforts to help the faithful to receive and participate in the Sacraments.

We need to take the time to participate in the Sacraments and in those devotions that encourage us to participate more fully in the Sacraments. There are also sacramentals that are liturgical actions, sacred signs, and objects introduced by the Church, not instituted by Christ as the Sacraments were, that resemble the Sacraments by signifying spiritual effects achieved through the intercession of the Church. In other words, sacramentals lead us to the Sacraments which lead us to the Risen Christ. As spiritual sons and daughters of St. Padre Pio, I would like to encourage as many of us to participate in the Sacred Triduum [Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday] liturgies as a way to experience the Resurrection in our limited time and space of our earthly experience so as to share in the timeless and limitless of God for all eternity. Continue to participate in Eucharistic Adorations and Holy Hours; the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Divine Mercy Sunday; May Crownings and Corpus Christi processions. These devotions help us to experience the Mystery of the Resurrection.



Christ is Risen! Christ is truly Risen!

**BEST WISHES to our Spiritual Children celebrating birthdays and special occasions in the month of April!**

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