

**THE PADRE PIO  
PRAYER GROUP  
of Cleveland**

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**MISSION &  
VISION:**

**To carry out the works, words and devotion of St. Padre Pio through prayer and charitable works where we can touch lives and change souls.**

**Our vision is to create more Spiritual Children and lead souls to heaven.**

**UPCOMING  
EVENTS:**

**Dec 8 -  
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Patronal Feastday of the USA)**

**Jan 2 -  
Padre Pio Prayer Group Gathering beginning with Mass at 8:30 AM, St. Barnabas Church, 9451 Brandywine Rd.**

**Feb 3 -  
Pilgrimage to Rome, Italy for the Padre Pio Prayer Group Papal Audience starts**



# St. Padre Pio Prayer Group Newsletter

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## A Childlike Expectancy for Christmas

Every Christmas for St. Padre Pio was an occasion for spiritual renewal. It helped and encouraged him to nurture within himself that unconditional love for humanity that the occasion symbolized, above all his love for the most humble, the poor and the suffering. It was a well-known fact that he looked forward to the Holy Feast of Christmas with great anticipation. Padre Pio practiced this great devotion to the crib, which is so reminiscent of Saint Francis, as a child when he lived with his parents. At his home he always wanted to prepare the crib himself. He would start work on it as early as October. While he pastured the family's sheep with his friends he loved to sculpture little clay figures of Joseph, Mary, and the Infant Jesus in the manger. Throughout his life he had a tender devotion to the Nativity of the Lord. He counted the days until Christmas with a childlike expectancy. He loved the Christmas Carols, the special devotions, the beautiful gold priestly vestments, the Nativity scenes, and all of the festive preparations. He once wrote, "Christmas has a gentle childlike tenderness that captures my heart." During the Christmas Mass, Padre Pio would carry a statue of the Baby Jesus in procession from the choir loft of the church through the monastery and then down the corridors and halls. Padre Pio finally made his way to the altar and from the altar to the Christmas crib where he placed the little statue of Jesus. Padre Pio had the crib placed where he could see it from the confessional and would often look at it throughout the day.

Padre Pio used to say, "Stay very close to the crib of this most beautiful Child."

On December 24, 1922, Lucia Landanza was to witness a Christmas Eve like none before. When Padre Pio came down the stairs that led to the sacristy, Lucia saw that he was holding a baby in his arms. It was not the little statue that was used each year at the Christmas Mass. It was a real baby, very much alive. It was the real Infant Jesus. A halo of light encircled the Infant and Padre Pio's face was shining with a beautiful radiance. She stared wide eyed in astonishment. It was then that he noticed that she was staring at him. As he walked toward her, the halo of golden light and the Infant Jesus suddenly disappeared. So too did the



radiance on Padre Pio's face. He asked Lucia what she had seen. "I saw you holding the Baby Jesus surrounded by a halo of light," she replied. "Lucia, you must never tell anyone what you saw. Do you understand? Never!" It was always his desire to keep the many graces that God had given him hidden from others.

**May Infant Jesus capture your heart with a gentle childlike tenderness.  
Have a Very Blessed Merry Christmas and a Happy Holy New Year!**

When the Magi had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him." Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod, that what the Lord had said through the prophet might be fulfilled, "Out of Egypt I called my son."



When Herod realized that he had been deceived by the magi, he became furious. He ordered the massacre of all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had ascertained from the magi. Then was fulfilled what had been said through Jeremiah the prophet:

"A voice was heard in Ramah,  
sobbing and loud lamentation;  
Rachel weeping for her children,  
and she would not be consoled,  
since they were no more."

### The Gospel of the Lord.

These words from Sacred Scripture ring true today just as they did in the First Century. There are still children who are fleeing their homelands because some ruler seeks their deaths. The Christians from the Middle East who have been in the Holy Land for almost as long as when this Gospel was written, are now homeless and persecuted for the crime of being followers of the "Child who fled to Egypt." Syrian and Iraqi Christians are being wiped out and seek shelter from other nations for protection. This is not as easy as it was for the Holy Family to flee to Egypt. Today politics plays a role in who can or cannot enter into a country. With the threat from those who are persecuting the Christians in the Middle East, they are also persecuting those nations who are helping them. On November 13, 2015, in Paris, France, over 130 people were killed for being "infidels." Radical Muslim Terrorists took it upon themselves, with the support of ISIS, to terrorize their victims, and sent shock waves of fear throughout the world. Sadly, the Christian Refugees are caught in the middle of this dilemma. They are fleeing their countries because they are being persecuted and now many nations are closing their support for these refugees because of the fear that hidden within these persecuted people are also terrorists who are disguising themselves to be Christian refugees. In our own State of Ohio, it was reported that 72 refugees entered our State in 2015. Now our Governor has joined over half the Governors in the United States to cease taking in anymore refugees until they can be guaranteed that these refugees are not terrorists in disguise.

We can do something, even if it is just a small token or a simple gesture. Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving may be the only thing we can do at this time. It may be a simple gesture, but the Child who fled into Egypt, Jesus Christ, came to save the world from sin and death and we his followers are now being asked to save those who are in the greatest need. Do not let the terrorists win by living in fear, but win by living in faith with Jesus Christ. These refugees are now in need of experiencing the "coming of Christ" into their lives by the support we can give them in this Season of Watching and Waiting for the Lord. Let us not turn this effort into a political quagmire, but to do what Jesus would do: bringing comfort and joy to those who are finding it hard to have comfort and joy in this Advent and Christmas Season.



Wishing you a Blessed Christmas and a Holy New Year!

FR. EDWARD J. JANOCH, SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

## Jubilee Year of Mercy

Pope Francis declared the Year of Mercy beginning on Dec. 8, 2015 which is the 50th anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council. He wants us to reflect on the message of the council and continue its work. He continually tells us that our world is in need of mercy, especially for the poor. His motto is "With Eyes of Mercy.". The scriptural reference is Ephesians 2:4 "God is rich in mercy.". In ancient Israel there was a Jubilee Year every 50 years to restore equality among all in Israel offering new possibilities to families which had lost their property and even their personal freedom. St. John Paul stated "Justice according to the Law in Israel consisted above all in the protection of the weak.". In declaring jubilee years, our Catholic church gives it a more spiritual significance, such as general pardon, indulgence open to all, the possibility to renew our relationship with God and neighbor, etc. The aim of this article is to 1) understand God's mercy, and 2) embrace it.

**Understanding God and His mercy** -- A catholic author Sherry Weddell, who wrote "The Five Thresholds of Conversion" and "Forming Intentional Disciples," took a survey of Catholics working on parish staffs and parish volunteers and discovered that ONLY FIVE PERCENT felt deeply loved by God and took delight in the relationship!!!! These are the cream of the crop. What about the average person in the pew? Applying it to this article; Reader, do YOU feel DEEPLY loved by Jesus and DELIGHT in relating to him? (Please pause to honestly answer the question). If not, the Jubilee Year of Mercy is your great opportunity because God indulgently lavishes his graces upon all who ask and seek.

**Who is God?** -- a very important question. Only very holy mystics have a pretty good idea, but still limited knowledge, based on feeling his love. The rest of us merely guess at who he really is. We probably formed our image of God when we were little children. It came through the filters, tainted to various degrees, of our parents and those who symbolized God for us -- priests, nuns, teachers, etc. Our little minds and hearts heard of some of the people in the Old Testament being punished and killed and we became frightened of God. A beloved relative, friend, or pet died and we asked, "How could a loving God let this happen?" Then as teens and adults we experienced the hard knocks of life and our trust was undermined. And then there are our sins we may now feel very ashamed of. And so we plug along, probably basing our image of God at the moment, on the outer circumstances of our life, and our past life history.


Now back to our question, "Who is God?" Instead of merely guessing from our very limited and frail point of view, let's let God himself answer this all-important question. Let's let him speak to our hearts, and speak he does. Through his Word, Sacred Scripture: God is LOVE. This is the absolute truth. We have his word for it. He sent his son to die for ME to prove it. Your task and challenge, dear reader, is to let Jesus gently and mercifully purify your image of him during this Year of Mercy. Your starting point may reflect the attitude of a woman who was really a very good and diligent christian, who, when asked, "Don't you realize that God is madly in love with you?", dropped her jaw, and responded in a very shocked and surprised tone of voice, "Who, ME?????". And Jesus silently responded in heaven, unbeknown to her at the time "Yes, my beloved, more than you can even imagine!" At this moment, as you read this, Jesus is ardently hoping that you will take up the challenge. He is lavishing his graces, won by his agony and death on the cross, upon you right now. And so, he asks you right now, "Will you take up the challenge?" (Please pause now to tell him, "Yes", "No", or, I can't answer you right now, Jesus, but I'll pray for the grace to say "Yes".)



**Embracing His Mercy** -- There are many ways to understand and embrace the mercy of Jesus. Future articles will be dedicated to this topic during this Year of Mercy. Some suggestions are:


1. Pray to develop a positive attitude toward Jesus.
2. BELIEVE that Jesus loves and LIKES you and has forgiven you. (A good confession here may be necessary). A wife had a husband who loved her unconditionally, but she never really appreciated him. After he died, she realized how badly she had treated him. It bothered her greatly for years. She confessed it and realized that God had forgiven her, but was so ashamed, that she could not FEEL her husband's love. Finally she decided to simply start BELIEVING that he had forgiven her. She started to remember the good times instead of the difficulties she caused him. It worked! She experienced on the psychological level what had always been true on the spiritual level. So it is with Jesus and us. BELIEVE that he is madly in love with you and act accordingly. It will probably feel artificial at first, but his grace will help. If there are real obstacles, it may be necessary to talk to a good confessor, spiritual friend, or counselor. You may need to go deeper, but it's worth the effort to ultimately experience the peace and joy of Jesus.

# St. Padre Pio Reflections for E

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes
		<p>1 Do not let the persecutions from the world and all those who live without Jesus Christ deter you from following the road trodden by the saints.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Advent Weekday</i></p>	<p>2 Continue to run the slope of the holiness and do not let the path dismay you.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Advent V</i></p>
<p>6 Carry on tranquilly, for the Divine Mercy will not be lacking ... if you show docility beneath the Lord's divine action.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b></p>	<p>7 Do not fear ... He who has helped you up to now will continue His work of salvation.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">St. Ambrose</p>	<p>8 Be sure that the hand that has sustained you up to now ... that same hand will continue to sustain you until the point when your soul will hear itself invited by the heavenly Bridegroom.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b></p>	<p>9 Have boundless confidence in the Lord, for your rest will be away.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>St. Juan Diego</i></p>
<p>13 Is not the future the same as the present in the sight of the Lord?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b></p>	<p>14 Be quite at peace, for the ever-present grace of Jesus will take good care to save you from being unfaithful.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">St. John of the Cross</p>	<p>15 Calm your immediate fear ... Grace will not be lacking.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Advent Weekday</i></p>	<p>16 How exceedingly great is the love of God for us, and at the same time how excessive human ingratitude (in asking the Father to remain with us in the Eucharist) until the end of the world!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Advent V</i></p>
<p>20 Remain at peace, continue to go forward, and don't let your holy course be stopped ... You are already halfway to the summit.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b></p>	<p>21 May the thought of a bright dawn and a more brilliant noontime sustain you, cheer you, and induce you to keep moving forward.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>St. Peter Canisius</i></p>	<p>22 Do not doubt that the One who has sustained you so far will continue with ever greater patience and divine kindness to support you ... on your journey.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Late Advent Weekday</i></p>	<p>23 I understand that you are very strong in the fight along with the Lord; you have any doubts about winning the battle?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>St. John</i></p>
<p>27 God is always ready to raise you up if ... you acknowledge your nothingness before Him.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH</b></p>	<p>28 You have profound determination to serve God, and this indicates that you will be faithful to devout practices and to the constant effort to acquire virtue.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>THE HOLY INNOCENTS</b></p>	<p>29 Do not be upset, whatever your state. Let yourself be guided lovingly by divine Providence.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>FIFTH DAY OF THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b> <i>St. Thomas Becket</i></p>	<p>30 Be guided lovingly by Providence ... Providence wants you to walk in the desert, or in the waters of sensibility and consolations.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SIXTH DAY OF THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b></p>

***“May Mary Most Holy, ‘Woman of the Eucharist’ and Virgin of A  
celebrate worthily his sacramental presence in the mystery of***

# Every Day for December 2015

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>climb up the steep mountain of sin, don't let the rough ground trip you.</p> <p><i>Weekday</i></p>	<p>3 Continue to walk close to Jesus, and if following Him means protection against every mishap, you will most certainly win in all things.</p> <p><i>St. Francis Xavier</i></p>	<p>4 Before breathing your last on the cross, you still have to agonize in the Garden with Jesus Christ.</p> <p><i>First Friday St. John Damascene</i></p>	<p>5 The Lord will continue to pour out upon you not only the oil of His gladdening mercy, but the oil of His virtue which will strengthen you and make you successful in the combat.</p> <p><i>Advent Weekday</i></p>
<p>His trust in the Lord is not far from the truth.</p> <p><i>Cuahtlatoatzin</i></p>	<p>10 Be consoled in the Lord ... Jesus is with you. He has helped you up to now. He cannot and does not want to abandon you.</p> <p><i>Advent Weekday</i></p>	<p>11 It is about time you rid yourself, once and for all, of so many foolish and unfounded fears which pass through your mind, weigh upon your heart, and keep it bound with harsh chains.</p> <p><i>St. Damasus I</i></p>	<p>12 Do you entertain doubts about the future? But have I not assured you that the Lord is always with you?</p> <p><b>OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE</b></p>
<p>For the Son loves us the same time what our frailty is His in order to allow Him to suffer for us (in the Eucharist) to the end of the world.</p> <p><i>Weekday</i></p>	<p>17 What exceeding love has the Father for us, when He has seen Jesus subjected to such dreadful treatment and still permits this beloved Son of His to remain with us (in the Eucharist), to be the target of fresh insults every day!</p> <p><i>Late Advent Weekday</i></p>	<p>18 Do not say that you are all alone ... as you struggle ... for Jesus is with you and will never abandon you.</p> <p><i>Late Advent Weekday</i></p>	<p>19 I beg you to calm your anxiety and apprehension ... Remain at peace.</p> <p><i>Late Advent Weekday</i></p>
<p>At your enemies' hands, but when you are victorious, how can you doubt about the Lord?</p> <p><i>of Kanty</i></p>	<p>24 Without divine grace, could you have been victorious in all the crises and spiritual battles you have faced?</p> <p><i>Late Advent Weekday</i></p>	<p>25 <b>GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO!</b></p> <p><b>THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b></p>	<p>26 Open your soul to divine hope, and trusty in divine Mercy.</p> <p><b>ST. STEPHEN</b></p>
<p>Livingly by divine grace, whether He walk on land, in the air, or through the elements, He is alive and spiritual.</p> <p><b>THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b></p>	<p>31 Live humbly, docile and in love with our unique heavenly Spouse, and may He alone be the Master of your heart.</p> <p><b>SEVENTH DAY OF THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b> <i>St. Sylvester I</i></p>		

**Advent, prepare us all to joyfully welcome Christ's coming and to receive the Eucharist.” (Pope John Paul II, Angelus, First Sunday of Advent, 28 November 2004)**

St. Padre Pio,  
 Maria  
 Giuseppa  
 (mother of  
 Padre Pio), St.  
 Faustina, St.  
 John Paul,  
 Mother Mary,  
 and St. Joseph:  
 Pray for us.

### MERCY from page 3

3. Become more contemplative -- noticing and appreciating the simple things in life which are all God's gifts to us -- the wonder of children, a sunset, the refreshing breeze, a delicious meal, etc. Thank Jesus for them.
4. Spend some time in prayer every day. Remember: Not much prayer, not much relationship.
5. Read spiritual books and the Scriptures. Without good food for thought our spiritual life suffers.
6. Reflect on Mother Teresa's article, "I Thirst For You" in this newsletter. If you open your heart to the many graces of Jesus applied to yourself during this Year of Mercy, come Nov. 20, 2016, you should be delighting in your relationship with Jesus!

## I Thirst For You

**"Behold, I stand at the door and knock... (Rev. 3:20)**

It is true. I stand at the door of your heart, day and night. Even when you are not listening, even when you doubt it could be Me, I am there. I await even the smallest sign of your response, even the least whispered invitation that will allow Me to enter. And I want you to know that whenever you invite Me, I do come – always, without fail. Silent and unseen I come, but with infinite power and love, and bringing the many gifts of My Spirit. I come with My mercy, with My desire to forgive and heal you, and with a love for you beyond your comprehension – a love every bit as great as the love I have received from the Father ("As much as the Father has loved me, I have loved you..." (Jn. 15:10) I come - longing to console you and give you strength, to lift you up and bind all your wounds. I bring you My light, to dispel your darkness and all your doubts. I come with My power, that I might carry you and all your burdens; with My grace, to touch your heart and transform your life; and My peace I give to still your soul.

I know you through and through. I know everything about you. The very hairs of your head I have numbered. Nothing in your life is unimportant to Me. I have followed you through the years, and I have always loved you – even in your wanderings. I know every one of your problems. I know your needs and your worries. And yes, I know all your sins. But I tell you again that I love you – not for what you have or haven't done – I love you for you, for the beauty and dignity My Father gave you by creating you in His own image. It is a dignity you have often forgotten, a beauty you have tarnished by sin. But I love you as you are, and I have shed My Blood to win you back. If you only ask Me with faith, My grace will touch all that needs changing in your life, and I will give you the strength to free yourself from sin and all its destructive power.



I know what is in your heart – I know your loneliness and all your hurts – the rejections, the judgments, the humiliations, I carried it all before you. And I carried it all for you, so you might share My strength and victory. I know especially your need for love – how you are thirsting to be loved and cherished. But how often have you thirsted in vain, by seeking that love selfishly, striving to fill the emptiness inside you with passing pleasures – with the even greater emptiness of sin. Do you thirst for love? "Come to Me all you who thirst..." (Jn. 7: 37). I will satisfy you and fill you. Do you thirst to be cherished? I cherish you more than you can imagine – to the point of dying on a cross for you.

**I Thirst for You.** Yes, that is the only way to even begin to describe My love for you. I THIRST FOR YOU. I thirst to love you and to be loved by you – that is how precious you are to Me. I THIRST FOR YOU. Come to Me, and I will fill your heart and heal your wounds. I will make you a new creation, and give you peace, even in all your trials I THIRST FOR YOU.

You must never doubt My mercy, My acceptance of you, My desire to forgive, My longing to bless you and live My life in you. I THIRST FOR YOU. If you feel unimportant in the eyes of the world, that matters not at all. For Me, there is no one any more important in the entire world than you. I THIRST

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**THIRST from page 6**

FOR YOU. Open to Me, come to Me, thirst for Me, give me your life – and I will prove to you how important you are to My Heart.

Don't you realize that My Father already has a perfect plan to transform your life, beginning from this moment? Trust in Me. Ask Me every day to enter and take charge of your life. – and I will. I promise you before My Father in heaven that I will work miracles in your life. Why would I do this? Because I THIRST FOR YOU. All I ask of you is that you entrust yourself to Me completely. I will do all the rest.

**“Jesus is God, therefore His love, His Thirst, is infinite. He the creator of the universe, asked for the love of His creatures.**

**He thirst for our love ...  
These words:**

**‘I Thirst’ – Do they echo  
in our souls?”**

**—Mother Teresa**

Even now I behold the place My Father has prepared for you in My Kingdom. Remember that you are a pilgrim in this life, on a journey home. Sin can never satisfy you, or bring the peace you seek. All that you have sought outside of Me has only left you more empty, so do not cling to the things of this life. Above all, do not run from Me when you fall. Come to Me without delay. When you give Me your sins, you gave Me the joy of being your Savior. There is nothing I cannot forgive and heal; so come now, and unburden your soul.

No matter how far you may wander, no matter how often you forget Me, no matter how many crosses you may bear in this life; there is one thing I want you to always remember, one thing that will never change. I THIRST FOR YOU – just as you are. You don't need to change to believe in My love, for it will be your belief in My love that will change you. You forget Me, and yet I am seeking you every moment of the day – standing at the door of your heart and knocking. Do you find this hard to believe? Then look at the cross, look at My Heart that was pierced for you. Have you not understood My cross? Then listen again to the words I spoke there – for they tell you clearly why I endured all this for you: "I THIRST..."(Jn 19: 28). Yes, I thirst for you – as the rest of the psalm – verse I was praying says of Me: "I looked for love, and I found none..." (Ps. 69: 20). All your life I have been looking for your love – I have never stopped seeking to love you and be loved by you. You have tried many other things in your search for happiness; why not try opening your heart to Me, right now, more than you ever have before.

Whenever you do open the door of your heart, whenever you come close enough, you will hear Me say to you again and again, not in mere human words but in spirit. "No matter what you have done, I love you for your own sake. Come to Me with your misery and your sins, with your troubles and needs, and with all your longing to be loved. I stand at the door of your heart and knock. Open to Me, for I THIRST FOR YOU..."

## La Moreneta of Montserrat

Montserrat is located northwest of Barcelona, Spain. Known as the “serrated mountain”, it is said to have been carved by little angels with golden saws. This mountain has been of religious significance since pre-Christian times when the Romans built a temple to honor Venus. Montserrat's top attraction is La Moreneta, The Lady of the Mountain, the wood statue of the Black Virgin. Legend says she was carved by St. Luke (the gospel writer and supposed artist), brought to Spain by St. Peter, hidden away in the cave during the Moorish invasions and miraculously discovered by shepherd children.

The statue is in Byzantine style posed as the “Throne of Wisdom.” The body is thin, the face elongated. She holds an orb of the earth in her right hand. The Child's hand is raised in a formalized and traditional Eastern blessing. Her color change from a lighter tone to black is attributed to prolonged exposure to candle smoke or a chemical reaction caused by varnish used as a paint sealant. She is considered one of the most celebrated images in Spain.

Upon his recovery from battle wounds, Ignatius of Loyola visited the Benedictine monastery of Montserrat on March 25, 1533, where he laid down his military accouterments before the image. This is where he had his discernment before founding the Society of Jesus.



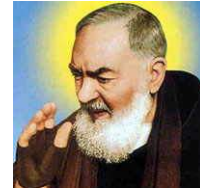
## KEEP OUR SICK SISTERS & BROTHERS IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

Call Helen Husky 440-232-3462 to add a member to the list.

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### OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Bob Sposit, brother of Spiritual Brother Jim Sposit



- **Don't forget to purchase tickets at the Monthly 50/50 Raffle. All proceeds go toward refreshments and expenditures for our Padre Pio Prayer Group.**
- **We will start a new Sick List in January 2016. Contact Helen Husky if you need to place someone on the list.**

### A Gift Given: Praying for our Priests

Praying for priests is so important. The priest gives the gift of his life to the Church. At every Mass the priest gives us the gift of Jesus Christ. This is the most precious and important gift that we can ever receive. Here are some suggestions for your prayer for priest intentions:

- Full and Active Participation at Mass and the offering up of Holy Communion
- Eucharistic Adoration before the Most Blessed Sacrament
- Praying the Holy Rosary
- Making Spiritual Communion throughout the day
- Offering up work and sacrifices
- Praying for priests on a daily basis



#### Prayer for Priests by St. Therese of Lisieux

O Jesus, eternal Priest, keep your priests within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart, where none may touch them.  
Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily touch Your Sacred Body.  
Keep unsullied their lips, daily purpled with your Precious Blood.  
Keep pure and unearthly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood.  
Let Your holy love surround them and shield them from the world's contagion.  
Bless their labors with abundant fruit and may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation here and in heaven their beautiful and everlasting crown.  
Amen.