

**THE PADRE PIO
PRAYER GROUP
of Cleveland**

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St. Padre Pio Prayer Group Newsletter

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**UPCOMING
EVENTS:**

Jun 14-20 -

Special week-long events with the St. Pio Chalice (see website for details)

Jun 16 -

Padre Pio Benedic-
tion, Rosary and
Holy Mass starting
at 6:00 PM, St.
Barnabas Church

Jun 17-19 -

St. Barnabas Parish
Festival Outdoor
Chapel and Shrine
(see website for
hours)

Jul 2 -

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

Jul 14 -

International Pil-
grim Statue of Our
Lady of Fatima at
St. Barnabas
Church from 8:00
AM to 2:00 PM with
Mass at 12:00 noon

Give Thanks In All Circumstances

“Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”
1 Thes 5:18

Stay ever so close to Jesus’s Sacred Heart and by doing so you will not deviate from the path He has prepared. Thankfulness opens the door to God’s presence. Though He is always with you, He has gone to great measures to preserve your freedom of choice. He has placed a door to His Sacred Heart for you and has em- powered you to open and close the door. There are many ways to open it, but grateful attitude is one of the most effective. Thankfulness is built in a structure of truth. When thankfulness flows freely from your heart and lips, it allows your gratitude to draw you closer to His Sacred Heart. When thankful words get stuck in your throat, you need to check on your foundation of trust. He wants to give; learn the art of giving thanks in all circumstances. See how many times a day you can thank God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

This will awaken your awareness to a multitude of blessings. It can also cushion the impact of trials when they come against you. Practice His presence by practicing the discipline of thankfulness. To our earthly fathers and for all

men who have been like a father to us, we give thankfulness on Father’s Day. We thank St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, may he always be a role model to all fathers. We thank St. Padre Pio, our Spiritual Father, for all his interceding. We also give thanksgiving to all of our ordained priests; without them we could not receive the Eucharist. And most of all, we give thanks to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit for awakening our souls in the joy of their presence! God provides the joy, your part is to glorify Him by being close to His Sacred Heart.



Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary

3 June 2016 and 4 June 2016

The tender love of God is made known to us in many different ways. Some are subtle and others are direct and to the point. One of the subtle ways is through the created world. The beauty, wonder, and awe of the design and power of the created world shows us God's love



for us. The beauty of a sunrise or sunset, the magnificent and delicate structure of the many flowers that are present in the world, the mighty power of storms, the birth of a child, brings us to awareness of God and to His love for us. His presence in Creation shows us His magnificent power and glory and how all creation is interconnected with one another. All creation, if doing God's Will, would be a blessed event; what it must have been like in the Garden of Eden. However, our first parents, Adam [Man] and Eve [Woman] were tempted by Satan and the beauty of creation was forever marred by their sin. One element of God's creation fell from

doing God's Will. This Fall was not to end in the death of Man, but to bring about God's most wonderful act of love; bringing His Son into the world. *For God so loved the world that he gave* his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.* [John 3:16]

God also directly shows us His love through His Son Jesus Christ and through Jesus' mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary. Their love shared with each other is then shared to us. As they love, their love is then given to us and we then share that love with everyone we know; no matter if we like them or not, no matter if they love us or not, no matter if we have been hurt by them or not; no matter the circumstance, we are to give them the same love that has been given to us by God. This is why the Church sets aside these two days to make us specifically aware of His love for us through His Son and the Blessed Virgin Mary.

This love, however, is always with us and present to us. The most magnificent way that God's love is shown to us is by the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist; the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ. Each time we celebrate the Mass, we are in the presence of God's love. As Christ loved us and died for us, St. Paul makes that love connection by comparing Jesus Christ as the Groom and the Church as His Bride. [Ephesians 5] The love of *agape* [sacrificial love] is present as the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. Christ's sacrifice is His ultimate expression of His love for us, His Bride the Church. However, we forget that the love of *eros* [sexual love] is also present, for as a groom gives himself to his bride, the bride receives her groom; Christ gives Himself to us in this Body and Blood and the Church receives His Body and Blood. The Eucharistic Body of Christ is given to the Ecclesial Body of Christ; the Church. St. Paul also says that Christ is the Head and the

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REFLECTIONS FROM OUR
SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Why Spend A Holy Hour With Jesus?

Here are twelve reasons from the teachings of the church for wanting to spend one hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament:

1. You are greatly needed!

"The Church and the world have a great need of eucharistic adoration." (Pope John Paul II, *Dominicae Cenae*)

2. This is a personal invitation to you from Jesus.

"Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love." (Pope John Paul II, *Dominicae Canae*)

3. Jesus is counting on you because the Eucharist is the center of life.

"Every member of the Church must be vigilant in seeing that the sacrament of love shall be at the center of the life of the people of God so that through all the manifestations of worship due him shall be given back 'love for love' and truly become the life of our souls." (Pope John Paul II, *Redeemer of Man*)

4. Your hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament will repair for evils of the world and bring about peace on earth.

"Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Jesus and ready to make reparation for the great evils of the world. Let your adoration never cease." (Pope John Paul II, *Dominicae Cenae*)

5. Day and night Jesus dwells in the Blessed Sacrament because you are the most important person in the world to him!

"Christ is reserved in our churches as the spiritual center of the heart of the community, the universal Church and all humanity, since within the veil of the species, Christ is contained, the invisible heart of the Church, the Redeemer of the world, the center of all hearts, by him all things are and of whom we exist." (Pope Paul IV, *Mysterium Fidei*)

6. Jesus wants you to do more than to go to mass on Sunday.

"Our communal worship at mass must go together with our personal worship of Jesus in Eucharistic adoration in order that our love may be complete." (Pope John Paul II, *Redeemer of Man*)

7. You grow spiritually with each moment you spend with Jesus!

"Our essential commitment in life is to preserve and advance constantly in Eucharistic life and Eucharistic piety and to grow spiritually in the climate of the Holy Eucharist." (Pope John Paul II, *Redeemer of Man*)

8. The best time you spend on earth is with Jesus, your Best Friend, in the Blessed Sacrament!

"How great is the value of conversation with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, for there is nothing more consoling on earth, nothing more efficacious for advancing along the road of holiness!" (Pope Paul VI, *Mysterium Fidei*)

9. Just as you can't be exposed to the sun without receiving its rays, neither can you come to Jesus exposed in the Blessed Sacrament without receiving the divine rays of his grace, his love, his peace.

"Christ is truly the Emmanuel, that is, God with us, day and night, he is in our midst. He dwells with us full of grace and truth. He restores morality, nourishes virtue, consoles the afflicted, strengthens the weak." (Pope Paul VI, *Mysterium Fidei*)

10. If Jesus were actually visible in church, everyone would run to welcome him, but he remains hidden in the Sacred Host under the appearance of bread, because he is calling us to faith, that we may come to him in humility.

"The Blessed Sacrament is the 'Living Heart' of each of our churches and it is our very sweet duty to honor and adore the Blessed Host, which our eyes see, the Incarnate Word, whom they cannot see." (Pope Paul VI, *Credo of the People of God*)

11. With transforming mercy, Jesus makes our heart one with his.

"He proposes his own example to those who come to him, that all may learn to be like himself, gentle and humble of heart, and to seek not their own interest but those of God." (Pope Paul VI, *Mysterium Fidei*)



12. If the Pope himself would give you a special invitation to visit him in the Vatican, this honor would be nothing in comparison to the honor and dignity that Jesus himself bestows upon you with the invitation of spending one hour with him in the Blessed Sacrament.

"The divine Eucharist bestows upon the Christian people the incomparable dignity." (Pope Paul VI, *Mysterium Fidei*)

Day to Day Reflections from Padre Pio June 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Offering to the Sacred Heart of Jesus</p> <p>My God, I offer you all my prayers, works, joys and sufferings in union with the Sacred Heart of Jesus, for the intentions for which He pleads and offers Himself in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, in thanksgiving for Your favors, in reparation for my sins, and in humble supplication for my temporal and eternal welfare, for the needs of our holy Mother the Church, for the conversion of sinners, and for the relief of the poor souls in purgatory.</p>						
<p>5 Jesus has not abandoned you, and he will not abandon you.</p> <p>10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p>	<p>6 Suffer everything, the trial of abandonment too, but God is always with you.</p> <p>St. Norbert</p>	<p>7 Nothing but submission to the divine will brings me some little peace.</p>	<p>8 Exceeding sweetness as the soul turns its gaze on God...</p> <p>St. Justin Martyr</p>	<p>9 Where better could I serve you, O Lord, if not ... under the banner of the Poor One of Assisi?</p> <p>St. Ephrem</p>	<p>10 Jesus, seeing my embarrassment, smiled at length, and that smile left an ineffable sweetness in my heart, so that sometimes I truly felt it so near that I thought I saw his shadow.</p>	<p>11 My flesh, my entire being, rejoiced in the Savior, my God.</p> <p>The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p>
<p>12 O my God, may infinite praise and thanks be rendered to you ... You ... confided a very great mission to your son, a mission which is known to you and me alone.</p> <p>11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p>	<p>13 My Father! How have I corresponded to that mission?! I don't know. I only know that perhaps I should have done more, and this is the reason for my present uneasiness of heart.</p> <p>St. Anthony of Padua</p>	<p>14 Arise once again, O Lord, and free me first and foremost from myself: do not allow him whom you called ... to be lost.</p>	<p>15 O Lord ... confirm in your grace those whom you confided to me, and do not permit any of them to be lost.</p>	<p>16 Be vigilant, and fortify yourself more and more with prayer and the beautiful virtue of humility.</p>	<p>17 May the little ship of your spirit have the strong anchor of trust in divine goodness, and keep before the eyes of your soul God's promise.</p>	<p>18 Whoever confides in (God) will not be confuse d, and he "opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble," that we should "watch and pray that we might not enter into temptation."</p> <p>BVM</p>
<p>19 So when you feel oppressed by temptation, the means to oblige God to come to your aid is through humility of spirit, contrition of heart, and confident prayer.</p> <p>12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Father's Day</p>	<p>20 It is impossible for God to be displeased with this demonstration of humility, contrition, and prayer), impossible for him not to come to our aid and give in.</p>	<p>21 It is true that God's power triumphs over everything, but humble and suffering prayer triumphs over God himself!</p> <p>St. Aloysius Gonzaga</p>	<p>22 By constantly using (humble and suffering prayer), you will always succeed in rendering yourself pleasing to God.</p> <p>St. Paulinus of Nola Ss. John Fisher & Thomas More</p>	<p>23 (Humble and suffering prayer) will envelop (God's) justice in loving pity, to the point of obtaining everything you wish from him: forgiveness for your sins, the grace to overcome all your enemies, holiness, and eternal health.</p>	<p>24 We must take care never to be upset by any disaster whatsoever which may befall us.</p>	<p>25 Perturbation is never free from imperfection, originating as it does in egotism and self-love.</p> <p>BVM</p>
<p>26 When we are perturbed, the enemy's attacks are more frequent and direct, for he takes advantages of our natural weakness, which prevents us from following the straight path or virtue.</p> <p>13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p>	<p>27 The enemy of our salvation knows only too well that peace of heart is a sure sign of the divine assistance, and hence he lets slip no opportunity to make us lose this peace.</p> <p>St. Cyril of Alexandria</p>	<p>28 Always be on your guard ... Jesus will help us.</p> <p>St. Irenaeus</p>	<p>29 Lift up your heart all the time, and let us pray with a pure heart a contrite and humble heart, so that the enemy may be quite unable to touch your soul ...</p> <p>SS. PETER & PAUL</p>	<p>30 I cannot but share with you willingly the suffering that weighs upon you, while praying more diligently to the good God for you and wishing you from our most sweet Jesus the spiritual and material strength to pass through (this trial) ...</p> <p>The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church</p>	<p>THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST</p>  <p>BVM</p>	

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Church is His Body. *He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he himself might be preeminent.* [Colossians 1:18] So one body, Christ is given to the other body, the Church. Nuptial love is expressed at Mass. How wonderful this love is.

For Padre Pio, the Sacred Heart of Jesus was basically a love relation with his Savior. As the Most Rev. Paolo Carta, Bishop Emeritus of Foggia states:

Padre Pio's devotion to the Sacred Heart manifested itself in the mystical union, in a faithful imitation, a loving reparation and confident prayer. Padre Pio achieved intimate union with the most Sacred Heart of Jesus above all through intense faith which inspired his whole life, which enlightened all his difficult roads, which inspired all his prayers and that sustained his heroic penances. Moreover, he lived in union with the Divine Heart really present in the Eucharist. How many hours of silent adoration he passed up there in the gallery of this shrine, in his favorite place, the angle closest to the altar of the Most High!



And Padre Pio's reply to the love of Our Lady of Fatima and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, as told again by the Most Rev. Paolo Carta, Bishop Emeritus of Foggia:

This message of Fatima called for a reply on behalf of the whole church; a reply of prayer and sacrifice, animated also with a spirit of reparation for sins. I think I can assert that in the half century which followed, no one in the Church has given a more complete reply than Padre Pio. The maternal anxiety of the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the souls going to hell had profoundly and completely invaded the heart of Padre Pio, who made of his whole life a great sacrifice to our Lord to snatch souls away from eternal damnation.

As the spiritual sons and daughters of St. Pio, let us also have a love relation with the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Let their love radiate through us so that we can forever be with them in Heaven.

Canonization of Mother Teresa and Walking in the Footsteps of St. Francis and St. Padre Pio



A pilgrimage you don't want to miss! Join the Padre Pio Prayer Group of Cleveland and our spiritual host Rev. Ronald J. Wearsch, from St. Joseph Parish in Avon Lake, Ohio, for an 11-day trip to Italy from September 1-11, 2016. You will witness the canonization of Mother Teresa and visit Rome, Assisi, Lancia, Loreto, San Giovanni Rotondo, Gargano—St. Michael's Cave, and Pietrelcina. The trip includes air and ground transportation, superior 4 or 5 star hotels and services, daily Mass and Rosary, walking through the Holy Doors in the Jubilee Year of Mercy, breakfast, dinner and much more. Cost is \$3299. Go to www.proximotravel.com to see more information and to register for the trip.

Praying for All Priests

In this month of June we celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Let us daily place our priests in these Two Hearts asking for their protection and holiness always. We ask the Hearts of Jesus and Mary to assist them each day to be faithful to their Sacred Duty.

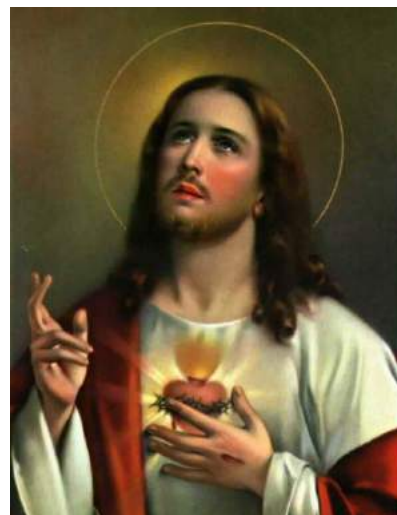


Prayer for Priests

Lord Jesus, Chief Shepherd of the flock, we pray that in the great love and mercy of your Sacred Heart you attend to all the needs of your priest-shepherds throughout the world. We ask that you draw back to your Heart all those priests who have seriously strayed from your path, that you rekindle the desire for holiness in the hearts of those priests who have become lukewarm, and that you continue to give your fervent priests the desire for the highest holiness. United with your Heart and Mary's Heart, we ask that you take this petition to your heavenly Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer for Priests

Lord Jesus, you have chosen your priests from among us and sent them out to proclaim your word and to act in your name. For so great a gift to your Church, we give you praise and thanksgiving. We ask you to fill them with the fire of your love, that their ministry may reveal your presence in the Church. Since they are earthen vessels, we pray that your power shine out through their weakness. In their afflictions let them never be crushed; in their doubts never despair; in temptation never be destroyed; in persecution never abandoned.



Inspire them through prayer to live each day the mystery of your dying and rising. In time of weakness send them your Spirit, and help them to praise your heavenly Father and pray for poor sinners. By the same Holy Spirit, put your word on their lips and your love in their hearts, to bring Good News to the poor and healing to the brokenhearted. And may the gift of Mary, your mother, to the disciple whom you loved, be your gift to every priest. Grant that she who formed you in her human image, may form them in your divine image, by the power of your Spirit, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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In Memoriam: Sr. Jeanne Marie Glorioso

Our beloved Padre Pio Prayer Group Foundress, Sr. Jeanne Marie Glorioso, entered Eternal Rest on May 29, 2016. The following is her story regarding entering religious life as a Sister of the Humility of Mary.



"I had no intentions to enter the Community but my girlfriend did. She wanted to make a retreat at the Villa and asked me to go with her. The next day, there was a knock on our door, and I answered it. Sr. Louis Marie asked if I was Jeanne Marie Glorioso and I said yes. She said Mother Lorita would like to see me, and I said, "You must mean Doris." She said, "No, mother Lorita saw her and now wants to see you."

I was so surprised! When I got to Mother's office she said Doris told her I was interested in joining but too shy! I laughed so hard. I told Mother, "I have no intentions of entering and I am not shy!" Mother said, "Well let's just talk about the Community." We did, and before I left her office I signed the dotted line.

I cried all the way home, wondering how I would tell my parents. When I got home my dad was mowing the lawn and I got out of the car and told him I had something to tell him. He said, "Oh you probably signed up to be a Nun!" I cried and went to see my Mom. I told her and she hugged

me and asked me if this is what I want? I told her I didn't know but if I don't try it I will never know. She said the door was always opened if I changed my mind.

I was dating a great guy at the time and knew I had to tell him, but my father said, "Don't worry, I already told him." We dated up to the time I entered January 13, 1957.

I was named after Sister Jeanne Marie Rhulin, and she was always an inspiration to me. The person I entered with left the Community after 12 years, and praising and thanking God I have been in the Community 58 years.

God works in mysterious ways. I am so grateful to be an H.M. I thank God for choosing me to serve Him, the Church and our Community."

<https://www.humilityofmary.org/join-us/my-story>

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

St. Pio, pray for her.

May Happenings



LEFT: On May 13, St. Barnabas Parish 8th graders received bracelets at their Consecration to Mary. The bracelets were sponsored by the Padre Pio Prayer Group of Cleveland. **CENTER:** Fr. Patrick Schultz was ordained to the priesthood in the Diocese of Cleveland on May 21, 2016, and used Padre Pio's chalice when he celebrated his 1st Mass on the following day. We welcome Fr. Patrick as the celebrant at our Prayer Group Gathering on June 4. **RIGHT:** The Padre Pio Prayer Group was invited to participate in the Corpus Christi procession on May 29 at St. Barnabas Church.

KEEP OUR SICK SISTERS & BROTHERS IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

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

Mary Bacon
Sue Brand
Sharon Brickman
Terri Briggs
Tom Bruno
James Candeletti
Bernie Cermak
Bob Dodds
Sean Doherty
Tim Doherty
Stephanie Fiata
Steve Fiata
Marty Franck
Louise Frein
Richard Frein
John Genuard
Herman Graziolli
Jim Green
Pat Jones
Paul Kazmierczak
Amy Kerico
Jeff Kerico
John Korosec
Joanne Kowalski

Barbara Krawiec
George Landfear
Carole Liming
Dave Liming
Pauline Lubey
Baby Joseph Angelo Martyn
Evelyn McCarthy
Carol McCullough
Parker Monhollan
Joe Morici
Marilynn Murphy
JoAnn Paciotti
Bill Papes
Eleanor Phillips
Robin Richards
Valerie Rutherford
Marianne Sandy
Steve Sandy
Phyllis Schilling
Amanda Schramm
George Schuck
Judy Semple
Lorraine Seriano
Ron Sevean

Linia Staab
Donna Stasse
Norma Vaccarina
Christine Wagner
Aurea Weaver
Ron Weaver
Gilbert Ziegler
Marilyn Zolata



“Remember, our suffering is brief but our reward is eternal.”

-- St. Padre Pio

OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Thomas Blubaugh, father of Kathy Masters
Sr. Jeanne Marie Glorioso, Padre Pio Prayer Group Foundress

UPDATED WEBSITE


Be sure to visit www.padrepiocleveland.org to view the redesigned Padre Pio Prayer Group of Cleveland website, and visit the website often for the most up-to-date news and information from our group.

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Thank you

to Beverly Danis for donating the printing of 200 Padre Pio Prayer Booklets.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!



St. Joseph, guardian of Jesus and chaste husband of Mary, you passed your life in loving fulfillment of duty. You supported the holy family of Nazareth with the work of your hands. Kindly protect all the fathers who trustingly come to you. You know their aspirations, their hardships, their hopes. They look to you because they know you will understand and protect them. You too knew trial, labor and weariness. But amid the worries of material life your soul was full of deep peace and sang out in true joy through intimacy with God's Son entrusted to you and with Mary, his tender Mother. Assure those you protect that they do not labor alone. Teach them to find Jesus near them and to watch over him faithfully as you have done.

-Catholics striving for Holiness-

St. John XXIII