

**THE PADRE PIO  
PRAYER GROUP  
of Cleveland**

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# St. Padre Pio Prayer Group Newsletter

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**UPCOMING  
EVENTS:**

**Jul 10 -**

**Group Leader Pres-  
entation at 3:15  
PM, St. Bernard  
Parish, 44 Univer-  
sity Avenue, Akron**

**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**

**Aug 6 -**

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

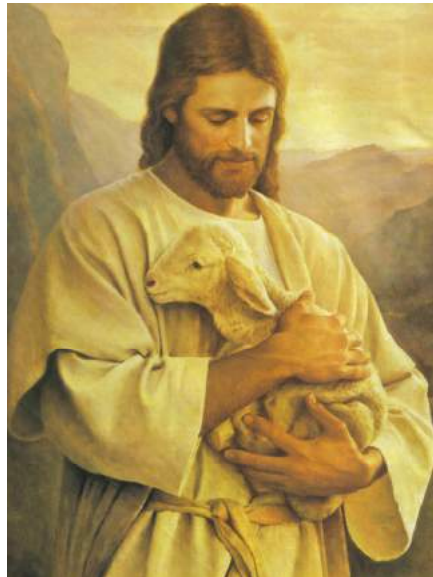
**Sep 1-11 -**

**"Canonization of  
Mother Teresa and  
Walking in the  
Footsteps of Sts.  
Francis and Pio"  
Pilgrimage (see  
website for details)**

## Pray, Hope, and Don't Worry

Jesus said to His disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. Life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. Consider the ravens; they do not sow or reap, they have no store-room or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?" (Luke 12:22-26). In the busy time of summer, we sometimes try to fit in every invite we seem to be in a hurry.

family, friends, careers, health, etc. Worrying Anxiety can at times The evil one thrives on tual defense against it is tion with Jesus. When to Him, you can think Remember to listen, as ing your thoughts a dia- gently through this day, thoughts on Jesus. He before you, as you take your path. Sometime appear to be blocked. If



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That is the secret of success in His kingdom. Although you remain aware of the visible world around you, your primary awareness is of Jesus. When the road looks rocky, you can trust Jesus to get you through that rough patch. Keep it simple, not complicated. It will give you time for rest. His Presence enables you to face each day with confidence.

Padre Pio's famous words he lived by were: "Pray , Hope, and Don't Worry."

**Dear Jesus, today I will not be anxious about anything (Philippians 4:6), but I will pray to you about everything, casting my cares upon you because you care for me. Amen.**

“FORGIVEN”, “BELIEVE”, “ALL-IN”. These sound like worthy attitudes to have. These, however; do not come from a religious institution, but from a secular one. These attention getting words come from the National Basketball Association’s Cleveland Cavaliers Basketball Team. These words were used over the last three years to get our attention to support the team. “FORGIVEN” was used when LeBron James came back to the Cavaliers team after leaving Cleveland to play for the Miami Heat Basketball Team. LeBron James promised that he would bring a championship back to Cleveland and so we were asked to “forgive” him for his departure from Cleveland. A championship did not occur that year, so the next year we were to “BELIEVE” that LeBron and the Cavaliers would bring Northeast Ohio a championship. A championship did not occur last year. This year we were asked to put “ALL-IN” to help get a championship and this year a championship was achieved. At the moment of winning the championship, many people were saying how it was a good thing for Cleveland and Northeast Ohio. How we are a blue collar community who works hard and suffers much to achieve our livelihood and goals. It is exciting for us and it has brought the community together. Yet, I have some concern about this situation.

*I believe in God, the Father, the Almighty . . .*

What has occurred will be fleeting. What excitement and enthusiasm that has occurred will fade. It will not sustain us in the long haul of life. So many people have given in to the secular “FORGIVEN”, “BELIEVE”, and “ALL-IN” of an advertisement for a basketball team which is finite and worldly. The Cavaliers will not sustain us in the harsh moments of life. They will not bring us to eternal salvation. Only Jesus the Christ is the One that FORGIVES us and we are to BELIEVE in and to give our ALL to. These same people who were hugging and kissing each other on the streets that 19<sup>th</sup> day of June will probably be at each other’s throats in July when the Republican National Convention comes to Cleveland to select their candidate for the Presidency and Vice Presidency of the United States. All this FORGIVING, BELIEVING and putting ALL-IN will disappear. Why? They put their trust in a secular institution instead of a divine one. They put their faith into a finite person instead of the infinite

One. The Cleveland Cavaliers did not save us. Jesus the Christ saved us. Many of these same people will not remain in happiness, peace, or joy for long after all the events conclude. It is because it will not sustain them. Only in Jesus the Christ will we remain in happiness, peace, and joy. Any secular institution will let us down, will always be making us wanting more to make us happy. Only in the divine institution of the Church, and Jesus the Christ, will we find happiness and holiness. It is good to celebrate achievements in life, but never forget that the only achievement that we are to strive for is to attain eternal life with God,

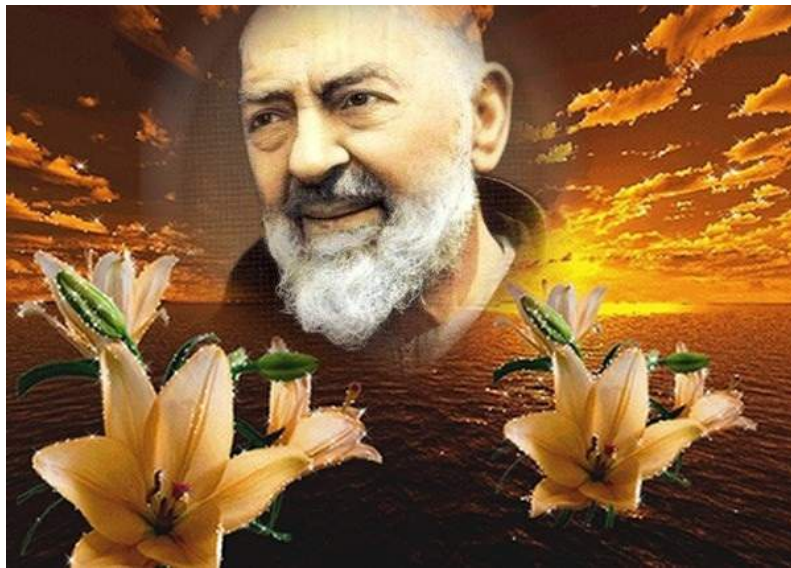


who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in Heaven. Thank you God for giving us a moment of excitement in the Cavaliers’ victory, but let us never forget that it is You who FORGIVES us and who we are to BELIEVE in and give our ALL to. Amen.

## Odor of Sanctity

Some saints possessed the gift that is known as “odor of sanctity”. The phenomenon is called osmogenesis. This gift allows somebody to perceive the saint’s presence in the smell of personal perfumes. St. Pio has the gift of holy perfumes called odors of holiness; therefore, the people who were next to him could very often smell his perfumes. The perfume often emanated from his body or from the objects that he touched or from his clothing. Sometimes the perfume was perceivable in the places through which he passed.

In Catholic tradition, this “odor of sanctity” has sometimes been detected around the bodies of saints. The only two saints that are known to have had visible stigmata—Francis of Assisi and Padre Pio—both reportedly gave off a sweet smell from their wounds. When St. Polycarp was burned to death, his scorched body smelled of frankincense. And St. Teresa of Avila’s grave smelled like perfume for nine months after her death.



It is worth noting that the odor of sanctity has a biblical foundation. In 2 Corinthians 2:15, St. Paul writes, “For we are the good odor of Christ unto God, in them that are saved, and in them that perish.” Likewise he writes in Philippians 4:18 that he has received “an odor of sweetness, an acceptable sacrifice” from them. This is all part of the imitation of Christ, as St. Paul explains in Ephesians 5:2, “And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath delivered himself for us, an oblation and a sacrifice to God for an odor of sweetness.”

Friar Modestino said: “Once I was on vacation at St. Giovanni Rotondo. I went to Padre Pio in the sacristy that morning to serve the Holy Mass, but other monks were already arguing in the sacristy as to who would have this privilege. Padre Pio interrupted those discussions by saying – ‘only he will serve the Holy Mass’ - and he pointed me out! I accompanied Padre Pio to St.

Francis altar, I closed the gate, and I started to serve the Holy Mass in profound awe. When the Mass got to the point of the “Sanctus”, I suddenly had a desire to smell again that indescribable perfume that I had already perceived when I had kissed Padre Pio’s hand. The desire was immediately granted me and it was like I was wooed by St. Pio’s perfume. The perfume increased more and more, so much so that the perfume caused me to breathe irregularly. I leaned my hand on the communion rail so as not to fall! I was about to faint when I

mentally asked Padre Pio to save me from embarrassment in front of the people. In that precise instant the perfume disappeared. In the evening, while I accompanied him to his room, I asked Padre Pio for an explanation about that

phenomenon. He answered me: ‘My child, I am not able to explain it. God intervenes to allow somebody to smell the perfume whenever He wants.’” I was convinced that Padre Pio’s perfumes really existed.


Father Fred said: “Sometimes, if you wanted to know where Padre Pio was, it was enough to follow the wake of the perfume.”

The aromas are a feature of Padre Pio’s spiritual views. He used to say to those who felt the scent: “What is there to explain ... It is my presence.” But it was noticed that for each visit of Padre Pio’s spiritual view, there was a particular scent.

See page 5 of this newsletter for a list of all the meanings of the different scents that has been compiled by journalist Enrico Malatesta.



# Pro-Life Reflections for Every Day July 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Through You eternal Spirit to give me to understand Your works as coming from Your hand. I praise You forever! <b>18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>O GOD OUR CREATOR</b> , from your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as your people and given us the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bring the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith. Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered in your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome—for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us--this great land will always be "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. [USCCB ©2012]	5 Lord Jesus, You took our humanity to the heights of heaven. When that same humanity is abused and rejected, may we lovingly respond.  St. Elizabeth of Portugal St. Anthony Zacaria	6 Father, to You we commend the souls of all children killed in abortion. Bring them to heaven and bring us Your comfort.  St. Maria Goretti	7 Lord, thank You for my brothers and sisters now alive in their mother's wombs. May we all speak and act in a way that recognizes they are already among us.	8 Lord, bless all those in civil authority, that they may obey Your Divine and eternal law holding all life as sacred.	9 Jolt us, Lord; awaken us, and preserve us from sin.  St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions BVM
3 Lord, fill our hearts with a spirit of welcome for born and unborn alike. <b>14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	4 Lord, grant the blessings of liberty to our unborn brothers and sisters.    Independence Day	5 Lord Jesus, You took our humanity to the heights of heaven. When that same humanity is abused and rejected, may we lovingly respond.  St. Elizabeth of Portugal St. Anthony Zacaria	6 Father, to You we commend the souls of all children killed in abortion. Bring them to heaven and bring us Your comfort.  St. Maria Goretti	7 Lord, thank You for my brothers and sisters now alive in their mother's wombs. May we all speak and act in a way that recognizes they are already among us.	8 Lord, bless all those in civil authority, that they may obey Your Divine and eternal law holding all life as sacred.	9 Jolt us, Lord; awaken us, and preserve us from sin.  St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions BVM
10 As I battle the culture of death, Lord, may I receive and share Your consolation. <b>15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	11 Saint Gianna Berretta Molla, pray for us; that we may imitate your selfless love.  St. Benedict	12 Lord, may all Your people who have received You in Communion receive one another with unconditional welcome.	13 I lift us to You, Lord, all those enduring mental anguish from their abortion. Send Your Spirit to heal them.  St. Henry	14 Enable Your people, O Lord, to give each other the gift of presence.	15 Lord, may we show the dying their dignity and Your compassion.	16 O Lord, enable us to pursue those things that will preserve our species and continue to fulfill Your original command to multiply.  Our Lady of Mount Carmel BVM
17 Mary, our Mother, bring us Jesus yet again; lead us to His victory over all forms of death. <b>16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	18 Lord, have mercy on those who carry out practices against human life and dignity. Convert, heal, and save them.  St. Camillus de Lellis	19 Lord, as I strive for my heavenly home, I thank You for my earthly home; may I work to improve it.	20 Thank You, Lord, for the vigor You inspire in Your people to resist injustice.	21 Thank You, Lord, for conquering death and for giving us what we need to counteract its destructive power in our day.  St. Lawrence of Brindisi	22 Lord, may all researchers and scientists grow as strong in their moral character as their technical knowledge.	23 God of uninterrupted love, keep us constant and consistent in our care for one another.  St. Bridget BVM
24 Inspire Your preachers, Lord, with the courage we see in Cardinal von Galen who preached against euthanasia during World War II. <b>17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	25 Lord God, You are love and You are life. Open all people to Your love so that they may give life.  ST. JAMES	26 Lord, You hear the cry of the oppressed; may we hear it also and respond.	27 Lord, teach us the wisdom of dialogue that does not compromise, and of respect that does not equate evil with good.	28 Lord, may both Church and State be faithful in their duty to protect human rights.	29 Lord, may I stop calculating the risk to myself, and instead ask what will happen to the vulnerable if I don't help them.	30 In life and death, O Lord, abide with me. I am Yours.  St. Peter Chrysologus BVM July 31 <sup>st</sup> Upper Left



### ST. PADRE PIO'S FRAGRANCES

Aniseed	hope
Basil	do not miss the spiritual contact with God
Bitter	news of death
Blood	do the will of God
Boiled milk	need medical intervention
Burning rubber	forgiveness of sins
Burnt sugar	presence of the devil
Cake	Padre Pio's blessing
Camphor	boot to the recovery
Carnations	greater loyalty and sincerity
Chocolate	must sustain
Coffee	do not be anxious
Flour	arrival of Providence
Garlic	follow the road taken without remorse
Geraniums	no fatigue
Hawthorn	satisfaction of Padre Pio for his behavior
Incense	call to prayer
Jasmine	commitment to God
Lavender	harmony
Lilies	call to purity
Mint	devotion to Mary
Mixed flowers	submission
Olive	peace
Phenol	expected physical and mental suffering
Pine	to pray
Poppies	do not talk
Purple	humility
Roses	the presence of Padre Pio
Sage	health
Stable	invitation to St. Michael
Strawberries	receive the benefits of intercession
Sulfur	the presence of evil
Tar	straighten up spiritually and materially
Tobacco	conversion
Tuberous	good omen
Vanilla	help in a surgical operation
Vinegar	victory over sin and temptations
Wax	scent of the Faith
Wine	joy

The thought of breathing in fragrant Holy Beauty. How delightful, then, to know God as a beautiful fragrance that we breathe in until it permeates every part of our being. Breathe in...breathe in...breathe in. And then, of course, breathe out. Take the beauty of God's-scent everywhere. Let the God-fragrance of you attract all who come near. Let those around you breathe in your kindness, care of the poor, and compassion. Let them say of you: "She or he has 'the odor of sanctity'".



## Prayer for Priests and Those Destined for the Priesthood to the Precious Blood

**In this month of the Precious Blood of Jesus let us remember our priests in prayer:**



**Our Lady  
of the  
Precious  
Blood,  
watch over  
the living  
chalices of  
the Blood  
of Jesus.  
Amen.**

1. My beloved Jesus, by the Precious Blood which Thou didst shed on the day of the Circumcision, deign to watch over the infancy and early education of the children whom Thou hast destined to minister at the altar, that they may be preserved spotless till consecrated to Thee by the holy unction. Bless the families that honor Thy Precious Blood, and spread this devotion by choosing from them a large number of vocations to the priesthood, and by maintaining their fervor till the close of their lives.

Our Lady of the Precious Blood, watch over the living chalices of the Blood of Jesus. Amen.

2. Lord Jesus, by the Precious Blood which Thou didst shed in the Garden of Olives, take pity on all aspirants to the priesthood who, through the temptations of the evil one or dread of the responsibilities of the sacred ministry, are in danger of losing their vocation. Impart to these tortured souls sufficient courage to make the sacrifices by which the Eucharistic Chalice must be purchased; and in return for their generosity, inebriate them deliciously at the altar with the Blood which, in Heaven, will be their eternal source of delight.

Our Lady of the Precious Blood, watch over the living chalices of the Blood of Jesus. Amen.

3. Lord Jesus, by the Precious Blood shed in Thy painful Scourging, shield with Thy Own especial protection and that of Thine Immaculate Mother, all the ministers of the sanctuary, so that having renounced the goods of earth in order to belong entirely to Thee, they may every day offer and receive Thy Body and Blood with such pious dispositions as to enable Thee to find in their hearts "a paradise of delight."

Our Lady of the Precious Blood, watch over the living chalices of the Blood of Jesus. Amen.

4. Lord Jesus, by the Precious Blood which Thou didst shed in Thy Crowning with Thorns, we beseech Thee to maintain our clergy in such filial submission to the Holy See and its representatives, as will forever secure for them the veneration, confidence and docility of the faithful children of Holy Church.

Our Lady of the Precious Blood, watch over the living chalices of the Blood of Jesus. Amen.

5. Lord Jesus, by Thy Precious Blood shed on the way to Calvary, take pity on priests who are victims of injustice, and who, like their adorable Model, receive in return for their devotedness, but crosses, trials and persecutions.

Our Lady of the Precious Blood, watch over the living chalices of the Blood of Jesus. Amen.

6. Lord Jesus, by the Blood of Thy Crucifixion, inflame with ever-increasing zeal the dispensers of Thy Blood. Grant that thirsting like Thee for souls, they may continue the work of Thy Bloody Passion, increasing its efficacy by applying its merits. Succor, most of all, the poor missionaries, who after watering with their sweat and their tears the soil in which they have sown the divine seed, may still be called upon to dye with their blood the land upon which they planted the cross.

Our Lady of the Precious Blood, watch over the living chalices of the Blood of Jesus. Amen.

7. Lord Jesus, through the Blood and Water shed by Thee after death, take special pity, we beseech Thee, on those among Thy ministers who will soon be mown down by death. If, through human frailty, they have become the debtors of Your justice, grant that this very day, the infinitely Precious Blood may discharge their obligations.

Our Lady of the Precious Blood, watch over the living chalices of the Blood of Jesus. Amen.

*TAKEN FROM THE PRECIOUS BLOOD AND MOTHER PRAYER BOOK  
Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood  
Manchester, New Hampshire*

## A Note From Brother Richard Merling

Director of the Father Solanus Casey Guild



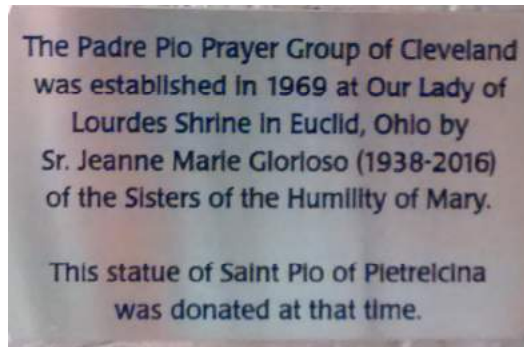
*June 18, 2016*

*A note of thanks and to say hello to the Spiritual Children of Padre Pio and all the pilgrims that were on the trip to Rome for the Year of Mercy 2016. Hope that all is well with you.*

*Sincerely,  
Br. Richard*

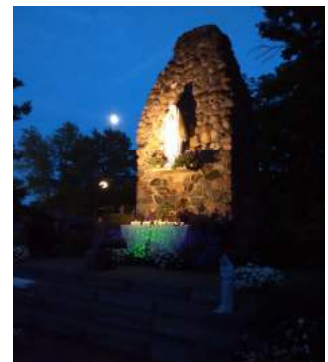
## Plaque for the Padre Pio Statue

In honor of our Padre Pio Prayer Group Foundress, Sister Jeanne Marie Glorioso, a plaque was added to the bust of Saint Padre Pio.



## Outdoor Shrine at the St. Barnabas Parish Festival on June 17-19, 2016

Over ten statues and one guardian angel, St. Michael, lined the "Saints Walk" at the first annual Outdoor Shrine at the St. Barnabas Parish Festival. We also prayed 16 rosaries, handed out numerous rosaries, distributed over 100 loaves of St. Joseph blessing bread, and offered Benediction, roses and candles for Jesus and Our Lady's blessings and intercession. What a beautiful and blessed weekend!



See more photos in the Photo Gallery on [www.padrepioleveland.org](http://www.padrepioleveland.org).

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

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

Mary Bacon  
Miquel Baez  
Sue Brand  
Sharon Brickman  
Terri Briggs  
Tom Bruno  
James Candeletti  
Bernie Cermak  
Rose Dinato  
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  
Jen Minniti  
Parker Monhollan  
Peter Morici  
Marilynn Murphy  
JoAnn Paciotti  
Bill Papes  
Eleanor Phillips  
Robin Richards  
Valerie Rutherford  
Marianne Sandy  
Steve Sandy  
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Lorraine Seriano  
Ron Sevan  
Roberta Sloan  
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Linia Staab  
Donna Stasse  
Shawn Terrill  
Norma Vaccarina  
Christine Wagner  
Aurea Weaver  
Ron Weaver  
Tom Whalen  
Jim Yensel  
Gilbert Ziegler  
Marilyn Zolata



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

Pray for All Souls in Purgatory



Wishing a bouquet of blessings for our Group Leader and "Spiritual Mother"!

### UPDATED WEBSITE

Be sure to visit  
[www.padrepiocleveland.org](http://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.