

**THE PADRE PIO
PRAYER GROUP
of Cleveland**

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**UPCOMING
EVENTS:**

Nov 17 & 18 -

Pray for our pilgrims
on the 'Beatification
of Fr. Solanus Casey'
pilgrimage

Dec 2 -

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

Dec 27-Jan 6 -

Pilgrimage to the
Holy Land (see web-
site for details)

Check the online
Community Bulletin
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website to view
upcoming events
in the area



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30 Days of Gratitude

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad. — Psalm 118:24

November brings us close to another year ending. Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on all the Blessings that God has bestowed on us. Gratitude, like Faith, is like a muscle. The more you use it, the stronger it grows, and the more power God will give you on this virtue. If you do not practice gratefulness, its good deeds will go unnoticed, and your capacity to draw on your gifts will be diminished. To be grateful is to find blessings in everything. This is the most powerful attitude to adopt, for there are blessings in everything. The Padre Pio Prayer Group has so much to be grateful for. We are a spiritual family. The blessings from God are abundant. Thank you for participating in our ministry.

Here is a 30 day of gratitude challenge to embrace:



1. What unexpected blessing are you grateful for?
2. What friends are you grateful for?
3. What childhood lesson are you grateful for?
4. What attribute of God are you grateful for?
5. What family member are you grateful for?
6. What services are you grateful for?
7. What traditions are you grateful for?
8. What Saint are you grateful for?
9. What book are you grateful for?
10. What song are you grateful for?
11. What talent from God are you grateful for?
12. What technology are you grateful for?
13. What memory are you grateful for?
14. What mission or charity are you grateful for?
15. What Bible lesson are you grateful for?
16. What silly moment are you grateful for?
17. What act of kindness are you grateful for?
18. What point of view are you grateful for?
19. What surprise are you grateful for?
20. What Bible character are you grateful for?
21. What promise are you grateful for?
22. What story are you grateful for?
23. What struggle are you grateful for?
24. What change are you grateful for?
25. What household task are you grateful for?
26. What hour of the day are you grateful for?
27. What teacher in your life are you grateful for?
28. What priest in your life are you grateful for?
29. What room are you grateful for?
30. What happened today that you are grateful for?

Happy Blessed Thanksgiving!

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

I thought that as my reflection for this month, a story about St. Padre Pio and the need to pray for the faithful departed would be beneficial as we remember the Holy Saints and Holy Souls in the month of November.

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Uninvited Visitors

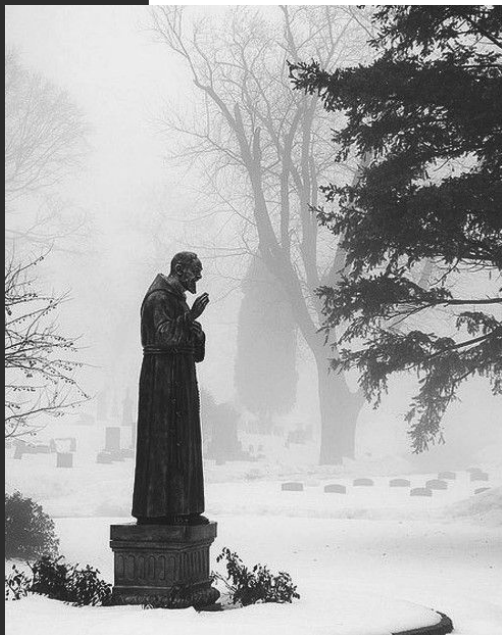
One of the visions that jolted Padre Pio was on an evening in February 1922, near the fireplace in the friary of San Giovanni Rotondo, when he was a young friar. Some days later, during the weekly school conference, he said:

Now listen to what happened to me a few evenings ago, I went down to the fireplace to warm myself, and I was surprised to find four friars seated around the fire, their hoods on their heads, and in silence.

I greeted them with "Praised be Jesus Christ," but nobody replied. I was amazed. I looked at them carefully to see who they were, but I didn't recognize any of them. I remained looking at them for a few minutes and had the impression that they were suffering. I repeated the greeting but again received no reply, so I went upstairs to the Father Guardian's room to ask if any visiting friars had arrived. The Father Superior (who in those days was, Padre Lorenzo, from San Marco in Lamis) replied: "Padre Pio, who would want to come here in this awful weather?"

I replied: "Father Guardian, down by the fireplace there are four Capuchin friars seated on the benches, warming themselves around the fire, with their hoods pulled up. I greeted them, but didn't recognize them. I don't know who they are."

The Father Guardian then exclaimed: "Is it possible that visiting friars have arrived without my knowledge? Let us go down and investigate." We went to the fireplace, but nobody was there. Then I understood that the four friars were deceased religious who were doing their Purgatory in the place where they had offended God. I prayed the whole night in front of the Blessed Sacrament to free them from Purgatory.¹



This is simply a further example of how our prayers and sacrifices help in no small way to bring the souls in Purgatory at a faster pace to their eternal reward. Let us remember the words of Saint Monica when she said: "All I ask of you is that wherever you are, you remember me at the altar of the Lord."²

¹D'APOLITO A. (PADRE), *Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, Memories, Experiences, Testimonials*, San Giovanni Rotondo, 1986, pp. 82-83.

²S. AGOSTINO, *Le Confessioni*, XI, p. 293.

This Chapter is taken from Frate Alessio Parente, OFM Cap book: *The Holy Souls*, Third Edition Reprint, "Padre Pio of Pietrelcina" Editions, San Giovanni Rotondo, pp. 175-176.

Pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Forbearance - A Heart Meek and Humble

Our society is experiencing a rapid decline in civility and an increase in polarization. Groups are grasping for power to force their ideals on others. People feel they are losing out. The media focuses on divisions and conflicts. What is the answer? The answer is not so much “what” but “who”. The Who is Jesus, “meek and humble of heart.” His basic message throughout the scriptures is an appeal to the heart. He wants his followers to: “imitate me for I am meek and humble of heart.” This attitude is really counter-cultural.

“Bear with one another” stated St. Paul as he tried to calm Christian factions who were at odds with one another. Bearing with one another is an attitude of the heart which realizes that we are all different and we need to “give each other grace” instead of insisting on our way.

In the 1960's our country changed. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King brought about racial equality based on Christian non-violence. The lack of forbearance and violence on the part of the racists was unmasked.

Then came Vietnam and people of opposing views began attacking one another. The veterans, many of whom were not excited about having to fight, were treated shamefully when they returned. Anger had taken over and has continued.

The feminist movement began with good principles but the radical element prevailed, angrily vilified men to the point that divorce became common place. Now marriage and family life is suffering greatly.

The lack of forbearance has taken over the political arena and the cultural and religious arena with the radical Muslim Christian split.

“The system of thought which got you into your problem cannot get you out of your problem. You need another system of thought to get you out of your problem.” The system of thought we need is the Gospel which emphasizes forbearance, forgiveness, mercy, in short, the heart.

How can we deeply develop an “attitude of the heart?” The

death of a loved one or a group of loved ones causes us to reflect in a heartfelt manner. Recall how you felt when a loved one died. Suddenly, their faults didn't bother you. You missed them with an aching heart. You thought about matters of the heart. You wanted and needed the support of loved ones. After 9/11 our country experienced a very brief feeling of solidarity between political parties. A moving image of solidarity was Al Gore, who had just lost a bitterly contested presidential election, saluting George W. Bush, his commander in chief, with heartfelt respect. Unfortunately, this heartfelt solidarity on many levels quickly eroded.

The current challenge for followers of Christ is to be people of the heart, letting our heart lead our mind and emotions.

We need to be the leaven in society. Pope Francis, generally speaking, sets the tone in this regard. He dialogues with people with whom he disagrees for the sake of possible reconciliation.

Some suggestions:

1. Cultivate a devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and the Divine Mercy.
2. Desire to have the heart of the father of the prodigal son, yearning to be reconciled with others who have disappointed or offended you.
3. Resist perfectionism, especially in wanting others to be perfect.
4. When others are accusatory and speaking division, put in a good word for the other

like Jesus defending the woman caught in adultery.

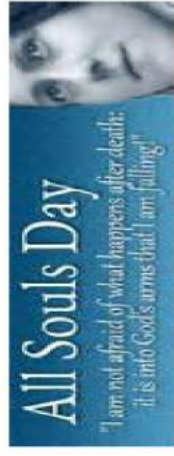
5. “If someone asks you to walk one mile, walk with him two miles.”
6. Don't be afraid to speak up when “politically correct” opinions dominate, gently encouraging people to have forbearance of the opinions of others.
7. See and talk about the movie *Some Kind of Different as Me*.
8. Try to see an “aching heart” gone awry in people who are angry, bitter, etc.
9. Remember the words of the psalmist: “A soft response turns back wrath.”
10. Meditate on the Passion of Christ, considering especially his forbearance and lack of hubris.
11. Meditate on the peace Prayer of St. Francis (see inset).

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring love.
Where there is offense, let me bring pardon.
Where there is discord, let me bring union.
Where there is error, let me bring truth.
Where there is doubt, let me bring faith.
Where there is despair, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, let me bring your light.
Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.
O Master, let me not seek as much
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love,
for it is in giving that one receives,
it is in self-forgetting that one finds,
it is in pardoning that one is pardoned,
it is in dying that one is raised to eternal life.*

Day by Day Reflections for the Holy Souls in Purgatory November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.</p>						
<p>5 St. Maximilian Kolbe says: "If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion. Every time you receive Holy Communion, receive it as if it were your first, last, and only Holy Communion."</p> <p>31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p>	<p>6 Ss. Zelle and Louis Martin, the parents of St. Therese of Lisieux, prayed to the holy souls for the vocation of their children. Pray for the youth that they may live their faith to the fullest.</p>	<p>7 In planning a trip or vacation, we carefully work out all the details. Do we do the same in regards to our eternal destination?</p>	<p>8 ALL SAINTS DAY Offer the Nine First Fridays (going to confession and receiving Holy Communion) for the holy souls.</p>	<p>9 Pray for the people in your life who have passed away this year.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>All Souls Day</i></p>	<p>10 Remember the holy souls at the Divine Mercy Hour (3:00 p.m.). Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>St. Martin de Porres</i> First Friday</p>	<p>11 Consciously tame your tongue today. In the spirit of reparation, keep a day of silence to bring solace to the suffering souls.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>St. Charles Borromeo</i> First Saturday</p>
<p>12 Remember with gratitude those who set a good example for you. Be an example to others.</p> <p>32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p>	<p>13 Pray this prayer throughout the day: "Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love you, save souls!"</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>St. Frances Xavier Cabrini</i></p>	<p>14 Ask Jesus to show you the sins you are too blind to see. Confession is the remedy.</p>	<p>15 With holy boldness intercede for the release of all souls in purgatory, who will be eternally grateful.</p>	<p>16 Say the Eternal Rest Prayer for those souls you hear about in the news, read about online, or learn about in the newspaper.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA</p>	<p>17 Fast today in some way in reparation for the souls of those who committed suicide.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>St. Leo the Great</i></p>	<p>18 Ask the Lord to cleanse your soul so that you can put back together the broken pieces of your life.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>St. Martin of Tours</i></p>
<p>19 Open your heart and soul to the will of God and trust in His goodness. Give thanks and praise for the greatness and beauty of the life He gives you.</p> <p>33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p>	<p>20 Be kind to someone who is difficult to deal with out of love for the saintly sufferers.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>St. Albert the Great</i></p>	<p>21 Make an appointment with the Divine Physician and make a holy hour in reparation before the Blessed Sacrament for our holy heroes.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>St. Cecilia</i></p>	<p>22 Remember in a special way those souls who died a violent death.</p>	<p>23 Whenever a memory of a loved one or a name arises, offer a prayer for the repose of that person's soul.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>St. Margaret of Scotland</i> <i>St. Gertrude</i></p>	<p>24 Pray the Way of the Cross at home or in church for the anxious souls in purgatory. If we could see them, we would reach out!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>St. Andrew Durg-Lac and Companions</i></p>	<p>25 Offer a special prayer for a deceased religious whom you knew while growing up.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter & Paul</i> <i>St. Rose Philippine Duchese</i> BVM</p>
<p>26 When people look at you do they see a reflection of Jesus?</p> <p>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE</p>	<p>27 Spend some time today imagining your own day of judgment. Will the holy souls testify on your behalf?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">[34th Week in Ordinary Time]</p>	<p>28 When you make your Morning Offering remember to include your thoughts, words, and actions for the suffering souls.</p>	<p>29 Next time you look at your bank account balance, ask yourself if you show the same abundance of treasures for the suffering souls in purgatory.</p>	<p>30 Pray to the saints to give you the grace sufficient to keep the Commandments.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">ST. ANDREW</p>	<p>31 Pray for the souls of those who have passed away this year.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>St. Clement</i> <i>St. Columban</i> <i>Bl. Miguel Agostino Pro</i> Thanksgiving Day</p>	<p>32 Pray to the saints to give you the grace sufficient to keep the Commandments.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>St. Catherine of Alexandria</i> BVM</p>



Our Lady of Fatima 1917-2017

We are blessed to be living in this time to celebrate the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima. It seems that we need to heed her request to pray for peace as our world appears to be heading for world conflict. Prayer, fasting, and sacrifice is needed now to save us and give us peace so that more innocent souls do not have to suffer the evil that this world chooses to engage in and to save those souls who are heading towards Hell.

October 13, 1917:

As on the other occasions, the seers, Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta, first saw a bright light, and then they saw Our Lady over the holm oak.

Lucia: What does Your Grace wish of me?

Our Lady: I wish to tell you that I want a chapel built here in my honor. I am the Lady of the Rosary. Continue to pray the rosary every day. The war is going to end, and the soldiers will soon return to their homes.

Lucia: I have many things to ask you: if you would cure some sick persons, and if you would convert some sinners...

Our Lady: Some yes, others no. They must amend their lives and ask forgiveness for their sins. Becoming sadder, she added, "Let them offend Our Lord no more for He is already much offended." Then, opening her hands, Our Lady shone the light issuing from them onto the sun, and as she rose, her own radiance continued to be cast onto the sun.

At that moment, Lucia cried, "**Look at the sun!**"

Once Our Lady had disappeared in the expanse of the firmament, three scenes followed in succession, symbolizing first the joyful mysteries of the rosary, then the sorrowful mysteries, and, finally, the glorious mysteries. Lucia alone saw the three scenes; Francisco and Jacinta saw only the first.

The first scene: Saint Joseph appeared beside the sun with the Child Jesus and Our Lady of the Rosary. It was the Holy Family. The Virgin was dressed in white with a blue mantle. Saint Joseph was also dressed in white, and the Child Jesus in light red. Saint Joseph blessed the crowd, making the Sign of the Cross three times. The Child Jesus did the same.

The second scene: A vision of Our Lady of Sorrows, without the sword in her breast, and of Our Lord overwhelmed with sorrow on the way to Calvary. Our Lord made the Sign of the Cross to bless the people. Lucia could only see the upper part of Our Lord's body.

The third scene: Finally, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, crowned queen of heaven and earth, appeared in a glorious vision holding the Child Jesus near her heart.

While these scenes took place, the great throng of 70,000 spectators witnessed the miracle of the sun. It had rained all during the apparition. At the end of the conversation between Our Lady and Lucia – when the Blessed Virgin rose and Lucia shouted, "Look at the sun!" – the clouds parted, revealing the sun as an immense silver disk shining with an intensity never before seen – though not blinding.

This lasted only an instant. Then the immense disk began to "dance." The sun spun rapidly like a gigantic circle of fire. Then it stopped momentarily, only to begin spinning vertiginously again. Its rim became scarlet; whirling, it scattered red flames across the sky. Their light was reflected on the ground, on the trees, on the bushes, and on the faces and clothing of the people, which took on brilliant hues and changing colors.

After performing this bizarre pattern three times, the globe of fire seemed to tremble, shake, and then plunge in a zigzag toward the terrified crowd. All this lasted about ten minutes. Finally, the sun zigzagged back to its original place and once again became still and brilliant, shining with its normal brightness. The cycle of the apparitions had ended. Many people noticed that their clothes, soaking wet from the rain, had suddenly dried. The miracle of the sun was also seen by numerous witnesses up to twenty-five miles away from the place of the apparition.



Page from *Ilustração Portuguesa*, October 19, 1917 entitled, *Miracle of the Sun*, with pictures of the crowd looking at the spinning sun on October 13, the last of the Fatima apparitions.

When The Saints Go Marching In



"Oh when the Saints go marching in, When the Saints go marching in. O Lord, I want to be in that number, When the Saints go marching in!"

We are all called to be saints. (Romans 1:7) To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Throughout the centuries, the great saints of God have well understood the importance of praying for the souls in purgatory. It seems the Lord impressed on each of them his ardent desire that every possible spiritual help be given to those souls. They are often called "poor souls." No wonder the Church sees great merit in the saints' personal journeys which so often included coming to a better understanding, sometimes first hand experiences. All those who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed

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**O Jesus,
I pray
for Your
faithful
and
fervent
priests**

Prayers for Priests, Seminarians and Vocations

“Eucharist” means THANKSGIVING. The Eucharist is a sacrament of thanksgiving and praise to God the Father. We thank God for all His marvelous gifts, especially His Son Jesus. Jesus is the greatest gift that we can ever receive. Jesus is the only gift that we ever need. How grateful we are for the priesthood because by the words and the actions of the priest and by the power of the Holy Spirit, the bread and wine become our Lord, Jesus Christ! We pray for priests always.

Prayer for Priests

O Almighty, Eternal God,
look upon the Face of Your Son and for love of Him,
who is the Eternal High Priest, have pity on Your priests.
Remember, O most compassionate God,
that they are but weak and frail human beings.
Stir up in them the grace of their vocation
which is in them by the imposition of the bishop's hands.
Keep them close to You, lest the enemy prevail against them,
so that they may never do anything in the slightest degree
unworthy of their sublime vocation.
O Jesus, I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests;
for Your unfaithful and tepid priests;
for Your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields;
for Your tempted priests; for the lonely and desolate priests;
for Your young priests; for Your dying priests;
for the souls of Your priests in purgatory.
But above all, I commend to You the priests dearest to me,
the priest who baptized me, the priests who have absolved me from my sins,
the priests at whose Masses I have assisted and
who have offered me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion,
the priests who have taught and instructed me or helped and encouraged me,
and the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way.
O Jesus, keep them all close to Your Heart,
and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen. ~ Cardinal Cushing

For Openness to God's Call

Lord Jesus,
once You called the first disciples
in order to make them fishers of men.
Continue to let resound today Your sweet invitation:
"Come and follow Me."
Grant to young men and women
the grace of responding promptly to Your voice.
Sustain our bishops, priests and consecrated souls
in their apostolic work.
Give perseverance to our seminarians
and to all those who are fulfilling the ideal of a life
of total consecration to Your service.
Enkindle in our communities a missionary zeal.
Send, Lord, workers into Your fields
and do not let mankind be lost because of a
lack of pastors, missionaries, and people
dedicated to the cause of the Gospel.
Mary, Mother of the Church, model of vocations,
help us say "yes" to the Lord
who calls us to collaborate in the divine design
of salvation. Amen. ~ Pope John Paul II



“I Give My Soul To Jesus Christ”

"Jesus, Mary... " We know that those were the last words from the mouth of Saint Padre Pio as he left this world in 1968. Simple, profound - beautiful!

When we think about the journey of our lives perhaps we can reflect on Padre Pio's final words in the moments



when we need to die to sinful inclinations and temptations. In those moments perhaps we can make Padre Pio's last words a simple prayer of invocation: Jesus help me! Mary help me!

We know that St. Padre Pio gave us five points of advice for advancement in the spiritual life: 1) daily communion 2) receive the Sacrament of Confession weekly 3) meditate on sacred things 4) read good spiritual books and 5) examine our conscience twice a day: morning and night.

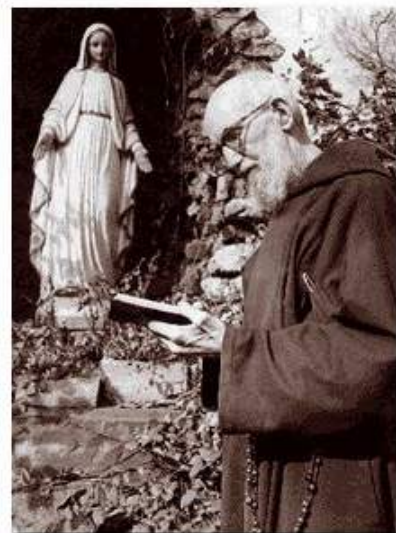
As a young priest we know that Padre Pio experienced many physical illnesses including at one point declining eyesight. He was released at that point from praying the Divine Office and allowed to pray the Holy Rosary instead which he prayed in its full 15 mysteries every day. It was hard for him to see the prayers in the Missal on the altar for the Mass but he was able to memorize the Mass of the dead and the Mass of Our Lady. He was given permission to say either of those two Masses every day.

Even though our eyesight may be adequate at the moment, I'm sure that there is still great benefit in memorizing as many prayers as possible, especially those of the Mass, that way we can move beyond the simple mechanical recitation of the ritual and into the deeper spiritual realities behind them.

This month we will witness the beatification of our dear brother Venerable Father Solanus Casey on the 18th of November. There were at least a thousand physical cures attributed to Padre Pio. In the case of Father Solanus there were countless thousands. He was called the "miracle worker" even in his own day and he attributed none of that to himself but to the presence of Jesus in the celebration of Holy Mass. He had such trust in the grace coming from a single celebra-

tion of Holy Mass. When he would register a soul for a Mass to be celebrated for their intentions in the foreign missions, through the Seraphic Mass Association, countless thousands were healed, even instantaneously! Not long after the beatification was announced by the Archbishop in Detroit a retired nun who lives now in California published her story of Father Solanus. Her father worked with Father Solanus in the soup kitchen that the Detroit Capuchins began to help the poor during the Great Depression. One evening her family had Fr. Solanus to their home for an evening meal. During the course of the dinner they told father about her youngest sibling, her sister, who had an infection in a bone behind her ear. The doctors were going to remove the bone the next day in order to try and help alleviate the infection and the high temperature that she was suffering. At the end of the meal Fr. Solanus asked to see the girl. Father simply touched the girl's ear and blessed her. Immediately the temperature began to leave the girl and by the next day the infection was completely gone and she was up playing with her siblings the rest of the day. There was no trace of the infection nor did it ever reoccur.

Fr. Solanus would often kneel in the chapel all night long gazing motionless at Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament without so much as blinking, so dedicated was he to Our Lord's presence with us in such a profound yet humble way.



We know that the last words of Fr. Solanus were: "I give my soul to Jesus Christ." Perhaps during this month of November as we celebrate his beatification, we can make these beautiful last words our own with this simple consecration. Examine your conscience morning and evening according to the advice of Saint Padre Pio and say:

**I give my mind to Jesus Christ.
I give my heart to Jesus Christ.
I give my body to Jesus Christ.
I give my soul to Jesus Christ.**

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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 Mary Agnes
 Mary Agnes (child)
 James Angellella
 Peggy Arnosk
 Bradley Arters
 Jim Bogenpohl
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 SPECIAL INTENTION



OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF OUR RECENTLY DECEASED



George Ducic
 James Green Jr.
 Gertrude Lang, mother of Franz Lang
 Stella Salvati, Godmother of Fr. Joseph Tuscan OFM Cap.

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

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assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. Purgatory comes from the Latin word “purgare”, meaning to make clean or purify.

God offers us grace to avoid purgatory. He wants us to avoid it. That is the plan for us, which we can choose or reject. While on earth, one of the many ways we prepare ourselves for immediate entry into heaven is to pray for the souls now in purgatory. And we will gain the intercession of those souls, whom we helped free from purgatory and are now members of the Church Triumphant in heaven. The saints invite you now to descend in spirit in to the silent and forgotten world of these suffering friends to learn wisdom from them. Visit them by your prayers and sacrifices. Appeal to them in the hour of trial and temptation. Ask them for their intercession when facing



difficult problems and bring them the help that they so desperately desire. Make their desire your desire: to see the holy face of God. St. Pio of Pietrelcina said “More souls of the dead from purgatory than of the living climb the mountain to attend my Masses and seek my prayers.”

Let us remember our deceased spiritual brothers and sisters from our prayer group and their families in prayer. According to tradition, St. Gertrude the Great was told by

Our Lord that the following prayer, each time she piously recited it, would release 1,000 souls (or a vast number) from their suffering in purgatory: **“Eternal Father, I offer You the most precious blood of thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, for those in my own home, and in my family. Amen.”**

LET US PRAY FOR THE DECEASED SOULS THIS YEAR

Fr. Daniel Begin
 Donald Dahlhausen
 Clyde Dye
 Gio Bianchini Gianni
 Al Kovar
 Johannes Lang
 Rose Pivonka
 Michael Ropelewski
 Ronald Sabol
 Baby Lucas Samuel Schultz
 Max Smith
 Tom Staltari
 James Svarovsky
 Joanne Tomko
 Rita Welling

BEST WISHES to our Spiritual Children celebrating birthdays and special occasions in the months of October and November!