

**THE PADRE PIO
PRAYER GROUP
of Cleveland**

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**UPCOMING
EVENTS:**

Oct 13 -
Rosary Rally in
Twinsburg Square at
Noon (see page 1)

Oct 17 -
Franciscan Spiritual-
ity "come and see"
at 7:00 PM, St.
Barnabas Church
(see page 2)

Oct 21-23 -
Pray for the pilgrims
on pilgrimage to
Nat'l Shrine of the
Immaculate Concep-
tion, St. John Paul II
and Mother Seton

Oct 24 -
Avilas Day of Prayer
(see page 6)

Nov 3 -
Padre Pio Prayer
Group Gathering
beginning with
Rosary at 8:00 AM
and Mass at 8:30 AM,
St. Barnabas Church,
9451 Brandywine
Rd., Northfield

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upcoming events
in the area



St. Padre Pio Prayer Group Newsletter

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The Message of Fatima

Our Lady came to Fatima to bring a message of hope and peace to the world during a time of great upheaval in the world.

The core of her message can be expressed in three simple sentences:

1. Addressing the eternal order, she told us that hell exists and that souls are being lost to it because there is no one to make reparation for their sins.
2. Speaking of the temporal, she said that war is a consequence of sin.
3. The salvation of souls and the attainment of world peace require the conversion of sinners. "People must stop offending God because He is already so much offended."

After the miracle of the sun on October 13, 1917, the three seers carried on the mission given them by the Queen of Heaven. Saints Francisco and Jacinta would offer the remainder of their short lives to saving souls with a zeal that can hardly be explained. Their feast is October 13th. Lucia began the 88-year journey to make Our Lady known and loved. They knew the gravity of their mission.

Our Lady of Fatima requests:

1. Daily offer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the sacrifices demanded by the duties required of your state in life, as well as whatever hardships and difficulties God permits

in your life, in reparation for sin and for the conversion of sinners. In other words, "offer it up." Sister Lucia considered the living out of this disposition the most fundamental and important everyday response to Fatima.

2. Pray a Rosary daily while meditating on the mysteries, especially for world peace.
3. Consecrate yourself to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and wear the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel as a sign of your consecration. (Read more about Marian Consecration.)
4. Practice the Communion of Reparation on the first Saturday of the month, popularly known as the First Saturday devotion.
5. Contribute to the establishment of devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in the world by spreading the message of Fatima to others.

The devotional requests of Our Lady of Fatima provide the precise weapons of spiritual warfare so desperately needed today – the peace plan from heaven. The honoring of these requests constitutes the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which Our Lady told Lucia that God desired.

On October 13th in Twinsburg Square at Noon, there will be a Rosary Rally. The relics of Saints Francesco and Jacinta will be available for veneration after the Rosary. Please come and join us. If you cannot attend, join us at Noon and pray a Rosary.



Dear Spiritual Brothers and Sisters,

September has been a very busy month. Thank you to Mary Higler for her beautiful witness she shared with us at the last meeting. Also, how she can produce these beautiful inspirational holy sketches in just 20 minutes is amazing! Her art work is really a gift from God.



On September 23 we celebrated the Feast of St. Padre Pio at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Macedonia. The Mass was well attended; almost a full, packed church. We give a special thank you to Fr. Kevin Shemuga and Fr. Bill Browne for the Mass celebration and the hospitality. Anthony Rossi shared an astonishing testimony of his encounter in the 1960's with Padre Pio. A healing service using the relics of St. Padre Pio followed the Mass, as well as the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



We also hosted 15 pilgrims from the Padre Pio Prayer Group of Nashville, including a reunion of the Ireland Pilgrims.

On September 25 the relics of St. Padre Pio visited the students of The Padre Pio Academy in Lakewood, Ohio. After Mass the children venerated the relics. Our Prayer Group donated a quilted banner designed by Karen Hanna: "Pray, Hope and Don't Worry." The Academy was very thankful and surprised.



The Pilgrimage to the National Shrine on October 21-23 has six openings. Please contact Carol Siverd for a reservation.

And last but not least, I am so grateful for the honor of professing my permanent vows and commitment to become a Third Order Secular Franciscan with my Padre Pio Spiritual Family, my Franciscan Family, my fellow candidates Chris and Lee Ann Devore, my Priest Friends and Seminarians, my Parish Church, my Friends and especially my own Family. We are all united in Christ. Words cannot express how much this means to me. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I have been praying a nine day novena to St. Francis for all of your intentions. St. Francis of Assisi was Padre Pio's Spiritual Father. If you are interested in Franciscan Spirituality, the St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Fraternity will be hosting a "come and see" on October 17 at 7PM at St. Barnabas Church Rectory Room #2. You won't regret it. My life has been totally transformed.



Sincerely,

CINDY RUSSO, GROUP LEADER/SPIRITUAL DAUGHTER OF ST. PIO

Patience Is a Virtue

Patience is a virtue of primary importance and daily necessity. As we need bread to live, so every day, even every moment, we need patience, because every day and every moment brings with it its own trial. We become patient by making acts of patience, that is, by accustoming ourselves to accept peacefully all that contradicts us and makes us suffer. If, however, instead of accepting the practice of patience annoys us, we use every means possible to avoid them, we shall never acquire patience.

For example, we may at our work, home or church, come in contact with someone who clashes with us, or we may be given a difficult or disagreeable task; if under these or similar circumstances we do our utmost to free ourselves as soon as possible, asking for a change, we are depriving ourselves of a precious opportunity prepared for us by God Himself to make us practice the virtue of patience. In certain cases it is lawful and a duty to represent our problems to our superiors and to ask humbly for a solution, but we should never insist on obtaining one at all costs.

On the contrary, we should think that God has arranged these circumstances to help us acquire the patience we do not yet possess. God will surely give us the virtue we ask of Him, but only on condition that we make use of the means He gives us, and apply ourselves to practice that virtue with the help of His grace. Whoever wishes to become a saint will not be anxious to avoid opportunities for practicing patience, but will welcome them, recognizing in them the means offered by God for his sanctification. And how can a mere creature dare wish to make any change in what has been ordered “in measure, and number, and weight” (Wisdom 11:20) by God’s infinite wisdom?



A strength that will benefit you in every area of your life is patience. When things get uncomfortable in life, patience is a virtue and it will help you deal with the discomfort in a way that best suits your life and the people around you. Patience is an exercise of self-control that shows you can handle life when times get tough, have the ability to look outside of yourself, and can withstand judgment when you need to.

In short, exhibiting patience shows that you have a high moral standard in life. In a world where we can access information and order what we want within a few seconds, patience can be hard to come by. We want what we want, and we want it now! We’ve been taught that things can come really fast, and in many cases we are used to getting what we want within the same day. The problem is that while some things have become quicker to acquire in life, there are still some pretty great things that require time to come, and in order to get those things, patience is required.

The bottom line is that being impatient can do some real negative things to you and your life. Moreover, life just doesn’t run on a set schedule.

The benefits of being patient are:

- Patient people enjoy better mental health.
- In relationships, patient people are better friends and neighbors.
- Patience helps us achieve our goals.
- Patience is linked to good health.
- Patience leads to the path of holiness.

Heavenly Father, We ask for the virtue of patience. Give us grace to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed, courage to change the things which should be changed, and the Wisdom to distinguish the one from the other. Living one day at a time, accepting hardship as a pathway to peace and trusting that, You will make all things right in accordance to Your will. Amen.

PPPG Prayer Calendar

October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 May Jesus give you the strength to overcome all the snares of our common enemy.	2 Listen to Jesus alone who comes to you in His own name.	3 I pray... that you may have clearer knowledge of the divine mysteries and of God's immensity.	4 Ask the Spirit the Comforter to enlighten (you).	5 Be aware of the excellence of our Christian vocation.	6 Pray to be enlightened as to the immensity of the eternal inheritance reserved for us.
7 Pray to be enlightened... how sinners like ourselves have been led to salvation.	8 Justification is such an enormous miracle... Scripture compares it to the Resurrection of our divine Master.	9 God revealed His power more fully in our justification than in drawing heaven and earth from nothing.	10 Non-existence is less far from God than is the sinner.	11 If we could only perceive...the state to which God's grace has raised us.	12 (We are) nothing less than (God's) own children, destined to reign with His Son for all eternity.	13 May Satan's kingdom come to an end once and for all and may justice triumph everywhere.
14 The first virtue required by the person who is striving for perfection is charity.	15 The first movement of our hearts is a movement towards God.	16 Joy is born of happiness at possessing what we love.	17 By loving God the soul is certain of possessing Him.	18 He who loves God possesses Him at once.	19 The soul devoted to God out of love belongs entirely to God, while God gives himself entirely to that soul.	20 If joy is to be true and perfect it must be accompanied inseparably by peace...
21 Our Divine Master assures us that no one will take our joy from you.	22 as long as we are wayfarers on this earth we can never be perfect, hence we can never enjoy perfect peace.	23 Love, joy and peace are virtues which perfect the soul with regard to what it possesses.	24 Patience perfects (the soul) as to what it endures.	25 As regards the virtues to be practiced in dealing with others, the first is kindness.	26 Kindliness is a virtue that leads us to be helpful to others.	27 We must arm ourselves (against the snares of the Evil One) by the noble virtue of forbearance.
28 We must protect our-selves by cultivating meekness, which makes us stifle our anger.	29 All the fine virtues are not sufficient if we do not add to them the virtue of faithfulness.	30 Three virtues perfect the devout person with control of the senses: modesty, continence and chastity.	31 To ensure that the Holy Spirit may dwell in our souls...all can be summed up in the mortification of the flesh...			

Path of Holiness

Following are quotes about humility that lead you on the path of holiness to become a Saint.

Jesus says in Matthew 11:29: “Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves.”

St. Francis of Assisi: “We must not be wise and prudent according to the flesh, but, instead, we must be simple, humble and pure.”



St. Padre Pio: “You must not be discouraged or let yourself become dejected if your actions have not succeeded as perfectly as you intended. What do you expect? We are made of clay and not every soil yields the fruits expected by the one who tills it. But let us always humble ourselves and acknowledge that we are nothing if we lack the Divine assistance.”

St. Teresa of Avila: “Humility, however deep it be, neither disquiets nor troubles nor disturbs the soul; it is accompanied by peace, joy and tranquility...Far from disturbing or depressing the soul, [humility] enlarges it and makes it fit to serve God better.”

St. Therese of Lisieux: “[Jesus] taught me that the only glory which matters is the glory which lasts forever, and that one does not have to perform shining deeds to win that, but to hide one’s acts of virtue from others, and even from oneself, so that ‘the left hand does not know what the right hand is doing.’”

St. Faustina: “A soul does not benefit as it should from the sacrament of confession if it is not humble. Pride keeps it in darkness. The soul neither knows how, nor is it willing, to probe with precision the depths of its own misery. It puts on a mask and avoids everything that might bring it recovery. We must not be wise and prudent according to the flesh, but, instead, we must be simple, humble and pure.”

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: “The gate of heaven is very low; only the humble can enter it. A soul does not benefit as it should from the sacrament of confession if it is not humble.”

St. Francis de Sales: “Humility drives Satan away, and cherishes the gifts and graces of the Holy Spirit within us, and for that reason all the Saints—and especially the King of Saints and His Blessed Mother—have always esteemed the grace of humility above all other virtues.”

St. Maximilian Kolbe: “My beloved, may every fall, even if it is serious and habitual sin, always become for us a small step toward a higher degree of perfection. In fact, the only reason why the Immaculate permits us to fall is to cure us from our self-conceit, from our pride, to make us humble and thus make us docile to the divine graces.”

St. Benedict: “We descend by self-exaltation and ascend by humility. And the ladder thus set up is our life in the world, which the Lord raises up to heaven, if our heart is humbled.”

St. Catherine of Siena: From self-knowledge flows the stream of humility, which never seizes on mere report, nor takes offense at anything, but bears every insult, every loss of consolation, and every sorry, from whatever direction they may come, patiently, with joy.”

St. Vincent de Paul: Humility and charity are the two master-chords: one, the lowest; the other, the highest; all the others are dependent on them. Therefore it is necessary, above all, to maintain ourselves in these two virtues; for observe well that the preservation of the whole edifice depends on the foundation and the roof.”



Top Row: St. Padre Pio, St. Faustina,
Bottom Row: St. Catherine of Siena, St. Vincent de Paul

Prayers for Priests and Vocations

May Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary guide all those who serve the Lord in the ordained and religious life. May she defend and protect them as Our Lady of Victory.



*O Jesus,
hear my
humble
prayers
on behalf
of your
priests.*

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

O Jesus, our great High Priest,
hear my humble prayers on behalf of your priests.
Give them a deep faith,
a bright and firm hope and
a burning love which will ever increase
in the course of their priestly life.
In their loneliness, comfort them.
In their sorrows, strengthen them.
In their frustrations, point out to them
that it is through suffering that the soul is purified,
and show them that they are
needed by the Church; they are needed by souls;
they are needed for the work of redemption.

O Loving Mother Mary, Mother of Priests,
take to your heart your sons who are close to you
because of their priestly ordination and
because of the power which they have
received to carry on the work of Christ
in a world which needs them so much.
Be their comfort, be their joy,
be their strength,
and especially help them to live and to defend
the ideals of consecrated celibacy.
Amen.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd
You know each of us
and You call us by name
to serve in faith.
Help us to respond generously to Your voice.
Give courage and guidance
to those You call to the
priesthood, diaconate and to the religious life.
Guide with Your Holy Spirit
those who are in seminaries and in religious
formation.
May they respond whole heartedly
and serve you devotedly.
We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Avilas of the Diocese of Cleveland Day of Prayer

**Wed, October 24, 2018
8:45 AM to 2:30 PM**
Center for Pastoral Leadership
28700 Euclid Avenue
Wickliffe, OH 44092

**"After God, the Priest is
All" (St. John Vianney)
Loving Our Eucharistic Lord,
Begging for Holy Priests**

Our Day of Prayer will be
conducted by the **Sisters of
the Children of Mary**,
a Community in the service of
the Church to satiate the Thirst
of Jesus to be loved in the Most
Blessed Sacrament.

All are most welcome.

Cost \$25: Continental Breakfast
and Lunch included.
See the website for more details
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call 440-473-6107.

Do You Know the Nine Choirs of Angels?

Angels are spiritual beings created by God, naturally invisible to the human eye, but all around us and constantly carrying out the tasks God has given them. Traditionally the angels are classified into what are called nine "choirs" or "ranks." This division is based on nine names of angels found in Sacred Scripture. Each angel is created for a specific purpose.

1ST TRIAD - CONTEMPLATE AND ADORE GOD DIRECTLY

Seraphim are the highest order or choir of angels. They are the angels who are attendants or guardians before God's throne. They praise God, calling, "Holy Holy Holy is the Lord of Hosts". (They have six wings, two cover their faces, two cover their feet, and two are for flying). *Isa 6:1-7*

Cherubim rank after the seraphim and are the second highest in the nine hierarchies or choirs of angels. Catholic tradition describes them as angels who have an intimate knowledge of God and continually praise Him. (They have four faces and four wings, two cover their feet and two for flight). *Exod 25:18-21, Ezek 10:14, Rev 4-6*

Thrones are the Angels of pure Humility, Peace and Submission. They contemplate God's power and judgment, and they appear as the most unlike the others when revealed. (Flaming, rotating covered with eyes). *Ezek 10:17, Col 1:16, Dan 7:9*

2ND TRIAD - FULFILL GOD'S PLAN IN THE UNIVERSE

Dominions are Angels of Leadership. They regulate the duties of the angels, making known the commands of

God. *Eph 1:21, Col 1:16*

Virtues are known as the Spirits of Motion and control the elements. They are sometimes referred to as "the shining ones." They govern all nature. They have control over seasons, stars, moon; even the sun is subject to their command. They are also in charge of miracles and provide courage, grace, and valor. *Eph 1:21*



Powers are Warrior Angels against evil defending the cosmos and humans. They are known as potentates. They fight against evil spirits who attempt to wreak chaos through human beings. *Eph 3:10, Eph 6:12*

3RD TRIAD - INTERACT AND SERVE HUMANITY CLOSELY

Principalities are Princes of the lowest triad assigned to care and guard communities, kingdoms, states, and parishes. They are associated with transitions in power. *Eph 3:10, Eph 1:21*

Archangels are generally taken to mean "chief or leading angel". Leader angels assigned to communicate and carry out God's important plans for man. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are the only 3 names we know. *Jude 9, 1 Thess 4:16, Tob*

Angels are closest to the material world and human beings. They deliver the prayers to God and answer messages to humans. Angels have the capacity to access any and all other Angels at any time. They are the most caring and social to assist those who ask for help. The lowest choir is where we get the majority of our personal guardian angels. *Luke 22:43, Matt 18:10, Heb 13:2*

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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Fr. Bill Browne
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Christine DeMauro
Vincent DeVentura
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John Donahue
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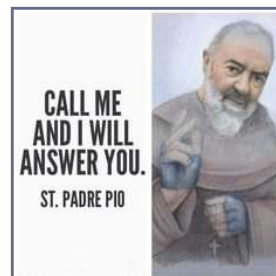
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SPECIAL INTENTION

† OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF OUR RECENTLY DECEASED †

Edward and Helen Ziemczonek, Parents of Marcia Hart



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

What Is a Secular Franciscan?



A Secular Franciscan is a person devoted to the following of Jesus Christ through the ideals and spirituality of St. Francis of Assisi. Fully a part of the world, though “pilgrims and strangers” within it, they seek to live in the spirit of Francis as they walk in the footprints of Jesus Christ; they provide an example of what it means to be joyous in their love for Christ, for His Church and for every human being. The greatest “benefit” which many have found from professing the Secular Franciscan lifestyle is its time-tested and well-balanced spirituality, firmly rooted in the Gospel. The Second Vatican Council stated that the supreme norm of holiness for all people is the Gospel. Centuries ago Francis was aware of this and bequeathed that ideal to us. It is a real value to be able to strive for

such holiness in a Church approved Order with a Rule of Life. The OFS is a true Order and not merely a club or association. It sets true priorities for the practice of Gospel virtues. It presents a program of prayer and reception of the Sacraments coupled with the committed support and challenge of sisters and brothers who walk with us on our journey.

When you profess this way of life, you belong to the family of all those followers of St. Francis who through the last eight centuries have lived their faith with courage, hope and conviction.

BEST WISHES to our *Spiritual Children* celebrating birthdays and special occasions in the month of October, especially Cindy Russo, Chris Devore and Lee Ann Devore on professing their permanent vows and commitment to become a Third Order Secular Franciscan!