

**THE PADRE PIO
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**UPCOMING
EVENTS:**

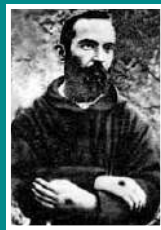
Sep 23 -

**St. Padre Pio Feast
Day Mass beginning
with Rosary at 6:00
PM, Mass and Spirit-
ual Child of Padre
Pio enrollment at
6:30 PM, Dedication
of our new St. Pio
statue, and Festa.
Our Lady of
Guadalupe Church,
9080 Shepard Rd,
Macedonia**

Oct 2 -

**Padre Pio Prayer
Group Gathering
(Police Blue Mass)
beginning with
Rosary at 8:00 AM
and Mass at 8:30 AM,
Our Lady of
Guadalupe Church,
9080 Shepard Rd,
Macedonia**

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Community Bulletin
Board on our website
to view upcoming
events in the area*



St. Padre Pio Prayer Group Newsletter

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Our Lady of Sorrows

September is dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of Mary (Feast Day Sept. 15). Devotion to the sorrows of the Virgin Mary dates from the 12th century. Here are 10 ways to honor Our Lady of Sorrows.

DON'T RUN FROM THE SORROWS OF OTHERS. Be fully present to them, even when their difficulty is hard for you to think about. Really listen when someone wants to talk about a worry, a grief, a pain, or a loneliness and offer time and empathy.

PUT EMPATHY INTO ACTION. Offer to help ease the suffering of another, carrying their cross for a bit, like Simon of Cyrene. Offer to drive a friend to the doctor, visit someone in the hospital, pray a Rosary for a friend's special intention, babysit for an overwhelmed mom or spend time with an elderly relative while their caretaker has some time to themselves.

BRING AN IMAGE OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS TO SOMEONE WHO'S SUFFERING. It could be a painting, a prayer card, a statue, or even a computer printout. In this way you can offer them the companionship of her compassion and the opportunity to offer their sorrows up, giving their pain a greater purpose.

PRAY THE SEVEN SORROWS ROSARY OR THE SEVEN SORROWS DEVOTION. The Seven Sorrows devotion involves praying seven Hail Marys a day, each one while meditating on one of Our Lady's seven sorrows: 1-The prophecy of Simeon, 2-The flight into Egypt, 3-The loss of the Child Jesus in the temple, 4-The meeting of Jesus and Mary on the Way of the Cross, 5-The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus, 6-The taking down of the Body of Jesus from the Cross and preparation for burial, 7-The burial of Jesus. The Seven Sorrows Rosary involves dwelling upon each of the seven sorrows as you would one of the mysteries of the rosary, with seven Hail Marys instead of ten. Begin each sorrow with an Our Father.

DONATE SOMETHING. Even if it is only a few dollars you can manage, give to a charity for those suffering.

PRAY DAILY FOR SOMEONE WHO'S SUFFERING

AND LET THEM KNOW. This is a great month for this prayer for the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows: "O God, in Whose Passion a sword of sorrow pierced the most dear soul of the glorious Virgin-Mother, Mary, as foretold by Simeon, mercifully grant that we who reverently commemorate Her sorrows, may obtain the blessed effect of Thy Passion. Who livest and reignest, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen."

LIGHT A CANDLE AT YOUR CHURCH BEFORE A STATUE OF OUR LADY. Spend special time there in prayer with this Prayer to Our Mother of Sorrows: "Our mother of sorrows, with strength from above you stood by the cross, sharing in the sufferings of Jesus, and with tender care you bore Him in your arms, mourning and weeping. We praise you for your faith, which accepted the life God planned for you. We praise you for your hope, which trusted that God would do great things in you. We praise you for your love in bearing with Jesus the sorrows of His passion. Holy Mary, may we follow your example, and stand by all your children who need comfort and love. Mother of God, stand by us in our trials and care for us in our many needs. Pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen."



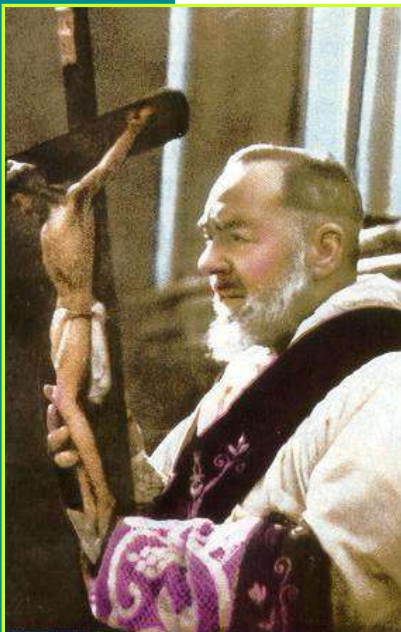
MAKE AN ALTAR TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS IN YOUR HOME. Choose an image of the Sorrowful Virgin and adorn it with flowers that you'll keep refreshing all month and candles that you light during prayer. Place a small box near the image and ask each member of the

family to write one act of love or mercy they promise to do to console Our Sorrowful Lady this month. Place that resolution in the box as a gift of love.

FIND AN IMAGE OF THE "PIETA" BY MICHELANGELO. Meditate upon its searing beauty as it inspires you in prayer. With this sublime sculpture, Michelangelo shaped the 6th sorrow of Mary into one of the all-time greatest works of art.

LISTEN TO STABAT MATER FOR ALTO SOLO RV 621. Composed by a Catholic priest, Fr. Antonio Vivaldi, it translates as "Sorrowful Mother." Its incomparable beauty is perfect to accompany or inspire prayer.

The following is what I wrote in my September 2019 “*Reflections From Our Spiritual Director*”:



“We must keep the eye of faith fixed on Jesus Christ who climbs the hill of Calvary loaded with his Cross, and as he toils painfully up the steep slope of Golgotha we should see him followed by an immense throng of souls carrying their own crosses and treading the same path. Oh, what a beautiful sight this is. Let us fix our mental gaze firmly on it. We see close behind Jesus our most holy Mother, who follows him perfectly, loaded with her own cross. Then comes the Apostles, Martyrs, Doctors, Virgins and Confessors. . . Jesus himself, despite all our unworthiness, has associated us with this beautiful company. We must make every effort to merge ourselves increasingly in these ranks and hasten with them along the road to Calvary. We should look to the end of the journey and not separate ourselves from this fine company; we must refuse to follow any other way than the one they tread.” — Saint Pio of Pietrelcina

As I have been reflecting on the above quote from Saint Pio, I come to see the truth of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross that we celebrate on September 14th. What we see is not just the sacrifice of Jesus the Christ on the Cross, but also the results that makes the Cross Holy. The Cross is Holy because it has freed all of humanity from their sins and the consequences of those sins, which is death. We learn to carry our cross because Jesus Our Savior has done it first. What I like also about this quote is that the Blessed Virgin Mary also takes her cross and faithfully follows her Son. Then the holy ones, the Saints, follow Jesus and Mary. These witnesses urge us forward to carry our cross, just as they did, and they will also help us to carry our cross for they love us as God loves us. They all want us to be with them in Heaven. This is the only way to eternal life. Any other way will only lead to eternal death. The world tells us that we do not need to carry our Cross. The world, marred by the Evil One who brought evil into the world, wants us to abandon the Cross. The Cross is seen by the Evil One as a restriction to freedom. The Cross is a burden, a hindrance, a preventer of living a life free from all pain, suffering, struggles, and injuries. Yet the Cross is a contradiction to what the world and the Evil One believes it to be. The Cross is a relief, a joy, an act of True Love. We are called, as Jesus did, to embrace the cross, not to run away from it. For in suffering, we find the strength and the wisdom to what is truly real; God who is Love itself. All the Saints embraced the Cross, some of them even have the Cross as a part of their name: Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Saint Paul of the Cross, Saint John of the Cross, just to name a few. The Exaltation of the Holy Cross is just that, an exaltation of joining our crosses to that of Jesus’ Cross. In doing so, we will be able to carry our crosses. We will find that the yoke [cross] is easy and the burden is light. The Victory is ours if we only join ourselves to the first Victor of the Cross, Jesus the Christ. *Lord by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.*

It seems that in our world today, there are more crosses that have come into our world. In just two years, we have seen the confusion of Gender Dystopia, increases in abortion, euthanasia, same-sex marriages, destruction of the family, etc. There is now a “Wokeness” that has turned our decision making based on faith, knowledge, and reason, to making decisions based on senses, feelings, and emotions which many times fails us and fools us. Politics has taken many of our moral issues and have made them political so that when we defend the morality of moral issues, we are accused of going against politics and world opinion. Slowing someone writes that “X, Y, or Z” is racist. I saw an article that said that marriage is racist. “Really!” Being a Catholic in our times today is a Cross that we have to bear. Jesus said that we would receive blessings and grace if we persevere in following Him and also persecutions. (cf. *Mark 10:29-30*)

Your brother in Christ.

19th Anniversary of Padre Pio's Canonization

Padre Pio was born in 1887 in the small Italian village of Pietrelcina. He joined the Capuchin Friars at the age of sixteen and was ordained a priest seven years later. For fifty years at the monastery of San Giovanni Rotondo, Padre Pio was a much sought after spiritual advisor, confessor, and intercessor whose life was devoted to the Eucharist and prayer. Yet despite such notoriety, he would often say, "I only want to be a poor friar who prays." Saint Pio was credited with thousands of miraculous cures during his lifetime, and is still venerated as a miracle-worker. For years the Vatican opposed the cult which grew up around Padre Pio, but then changed its attitude, granting him the highest honor possible after his death: full sainthood.

Pio is revered for having borne stigmata - permanent wounds on his hands and feet like those Christ suffered at the crucifixion. He lived for decades with these bleeding wounds. Doctors never found a medical explanation for the injuries, which never healed but never became infected. Pio's followers said he bore the wounds of the crucified Christ.

Even before his canonization, Padre Pio's former monastery at San Giovanni Rotondo had become a major site of pilgrimage for Catholics from around the world. His shrine there receives eight million visitors a year. Pio's image is displayed in homes, shops, garages - even on the backs of trucks - in many parts of Italy. Pio was canonized by the late Pope John Paul II in 2002. John Paul II was said to have a special affection for Padre Pio, and as a young man traveled to his monastery in southern Italy for confession. The approval of Padre Pio's sainthood took place in record time, but during his lifetime many in the Church doubt-



ed claims of his miraculous cures and suggested he was a fraud.

While praying before a cross on September 20, 1918, Padre Pio received the stigmata. He is the first priest ever to be so blessed. As word spread, especially after American soldiers brought home stories of Padre Pio following WWII, the priest himself became a point of pilgrimage for both the pious and the curious. He would hear confessions by the hour, reportedly able to read the consciences of those who held back. He was reportedly able to bi-locate, levitate, and heal by touch. In 1956 he founded the House for the Relief of Suffering, a hospital that serves 60,000 a year.

Padre Pio died on September 23, 1968 at age 81. Today, there are over 400,000 members worldwide in Padre Pio Prayer Groups begun by Padre Pio in the 1920s. His canonization miracle involved the cure of Matteo Pio Colella, age 7, the son of a doctor who works in the House for the Relief of Suffering, the hospital in San Giovanni Rotondo. On the night of June 20, 2000, Matteo was admitted to the intensive care unit of the hospital with meningitis. By morning doctors had lost hope for him as nine of the boy's internal organs had ceased to give signs of life. That night, during a prayer vigil attended by Matteo's mother and some Capuchin friars of Padre Pio's monastery, the child's condition improved suddenly. When he awoke from the coma, Matteo said that he had seen an elderly man with a white beard and a long, brown habit, who said to him: "Don't worry, you will soon be cured." The miracle was approved by the Congregation and Pope John Paul II on December 20, 2001. He was canonized on June 16, 2002. Three hundred thousand pilgrims attended his canonization.



Quotes from Saint Padre Pio/September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Oh Holy Cross of Jesus! Be my true light. Oh Holy Cross of Jesus! Fill my soul with good thoughts. Oh Holy Cross! Help me in my salvation.</p> 	<p>1 We should think less of ourselves and believe others better than we.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Weekday</p>	<p>2 True humility of heart is felt and lived, more than it can be demonstrated.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Weekday</p>	<p>3 Don't allow the sad spectacle of humanity's injustice affect your inner peace.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">St. Gregory the Great First Friday</p>	<p>4 Only truly serious matters can trouble a strong and generous heart.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Weekday BVM First Saturday</p>		
<p>5 The Lord slowly reveals to us who we really are.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p>	<p>6 Humility and charity go together. One glorifies and sanctifies the other.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Weekday Labor Day</p>	<p>7 You have built badly. Destroy and rebuild well.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Weekday</p>	<p>8 Never be pleased with yourself. Everything comes from God.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</p>	<p>9 Ask Jesus for humility, trust, and faith.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">St. Peter Claver</p>	<p>10 God will always give us more than we deserve.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Weekday</p>	<p>11 Wait: your turn will arrive.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Weekday BVM</p>
<p>12 Peace is a prelude to eternal happiness.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p>	<p>13 If you want to sow seed, then sow seed in a good field.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">St. John Chrysostom</p>	<p>14 Remember that Jesus redeemed us on Calvary.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</p>	<p>15 The Cross must be our daily bread.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Our Lady of Sorrows</p>	<p>16 In the spiritual life it is necessary to move forward, never backward.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">St. Robert Bellarmine</p>	<p>17 Be patient in bearing your imperfections.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Weekday</p>	<p>18 If the boat stops moving, the wind will send it back.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Weekday BVM</p>
<p>19 One who does not meditate is like someone who never looks at him/herself.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p>	<p>20 Continually thank God that you are a child of the Church. <i>Anniversary of Padre Pio receiving the Sacred Stigmata in 1918.</i> <i>Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Paul Chong Has-sang and Companions</i></p>	<p>21 Moderate your impulses and set your conscience right.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ST. MATTHEW</p>	<p>22 Anxiety is vain and useless.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">St. Pio of Pietrelcina</p>	<p>23 Resign yourself to drink the chalice of Gethsemane. <i>Feast Day and Anniversary of the Death of Padre Pio in 1968.</i></p>	<p>24 Don't afflict yourself to the point of losing your inner peace.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Weekday</p>	<p>25 We must die to ourselves if we are to be clothed in Christ.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Weekday BVM</p>
<p>26 Life without the love of God is worse than death.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p>	<p>27 The human soul is the battleground between God and Satan.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">St. Vincent de Paul</p>	<p>28 Humble yourself and pray. In this way you will surely find God.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Weekday St. Wenceslaus St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions</p>	<p>29 Be constant in doing good and fight your defects.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS</p>	<p>30 Have faith, constancy and perseverance.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">St. Jerome</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Weekday BVM</p>	

Little Known Facts About Padre Pio

St. Padre Pio's real name was Francesco Forgione. He was born on May 25, 1887 to a poor farming family in the small town of Pietrelcina, Italy. He had an older brother and three younger sisters. St. Pio and his family were a very poor but religious family.

At age 5, he had already heard God's calling. Francesco couldn't even go to school, which left him behind other kids at his age. Nevertheless, his parents supported his desire to serve God. The family attended



Mass every day and Francesco was the altar boy in his local church. They also prayed the rosary and fasted for three days in a week in honor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Religious life was important to his parents and grandparents, who were illiterate, but that never failed in telling Francesco and his siblings about stories found in the Bible.

A little unknown fact about St Pio is that when he was young, he already possessed a special ability. According to his mother, Francesco could speak and see Jesus, Mary, St. Joseph and the angels. No one taught him this and it came so naturally to him that he was expecting that all people could do the same.

During his childhood St. Pio always needed to work. He spent most of his childhood years looking after a small flock of sheep owned by his family. It was only at the age of 5 that he expressed his aspiration to become a priest. He wanted to dedicate his life to God. His ability to speak to Jesus and Mary continued during his teenage years as it is reported he could still see some heavenly visions. When he finished public school, he listened to a young Capuchin Friar who was seeking donations at that time and that was the sparkle that made him decide to become a Friar. When he told his parents about his plans, Francesco and his parents trav-

eled to Morcone to find out if he could enter the Capuchin Order. The friars were very happy to welcome Padre Pio into their community. However, the friars wanted their new adepts to be very well educated first and Francesco was illiterate.

Another unknown fact about Padre Pio is that his father went to the United States (New Castle, PA) to work so that he could pay for private tutoring to give his son an education to allow him to enter in the Capuchin community. Amazingly, he was able to go through private tutoring and passed the academic requirements to be part of the Convent.

At the age of 15 years old, just before entering the monastery, he was about to say good-bye to the world, he had a vision: an exceptionally handsome man led him to a spacious area in the countryside. There were multitudes of people divided into two groups. In one place, he saw people with beautiful faces donning white clothing as brilliant as snow; in the other place, where the second group gathered, he saw horrid looking people wearing black clothing like dark shadows. In the vision, as they were dividing the two groups, suddenly came forward a man so immensely tall that his forehead touched the clouds. It was so horrifying. He seemed Ethiopian. The handsome man told him "I will always be here to protect you." It was St. Michael the Archangel.

Francesco entered the Order of Capuchin Franciscan Friars where he took the name of "Pio" in honor of Pope St. Pius I.

EWTN Programming for Saint Padre Pio (Schedule subject to change.)

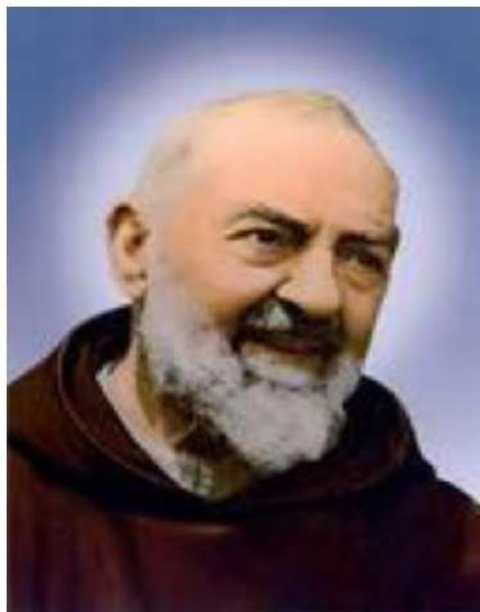
18 Sep, 8:00PM - Padre Pio: Between Heaven and Earth, Part 1

22 Sep, 11:00PM - Solemn Mass in Honor of Saint Padre Pio

23 Sep, 4:00PM - Miracles of Padre Pio

23 Sep, 5:30PM - Explore with the Miracle Hunter: San Giovanni Rotondo

25 Sep, 8:00PM - Padre Pio: Between Heaven and Earth, Part 2



Feast of St. Pio of Pietrelcina, Priest

The Padre Pio Prayer Group of Cleveland will have a Festival celebrating the Feast Day of St. Pio of Pietrelcina on September 23rd at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 9080 Shepard Rd., Macedonia, OH. There will also be a dedication of our new statue of St. Pio. The Festival will begin at 6:00pm with the Rosary, the Mass at 6:30, the dedication of the new St. Pio statue; and then food, fun and festival! All are invited to attend this special event. All are welcome! Call Mary at 330.604.8210 for more information.



The Beautiful Hands of a Priest

Author Unknown

We need them in life's early morning,
We need them again at its close;
We feel their warm clasp of true friendship,
We seek them when tasting life's woes.

At the altar each day we behold them,
And the hands of a king on his throne
Are not equal to them in their greatness;
Their dignity stands all alone;

And when we are tempted and wander,
To pathways of shame and of sin,
It's the hand of a priest that will absolve us,
Not once, but again and again.

And when we are taking life's partner,
Other hands may prepare us a feast,
But the hand that will bless and unite us
Is the beautiful hand of a priest.

God bless them and keep them all holy,
For the Host which their fingers caress;
When can a poor sinner do better
Than to ask Him to guide thee and bless?

When the hour of death comes upon us,
May our courage and strength be increased,
By seeing raised over us in blessing
The beautiful hands of a priest.

Praying for Our Priests

Let us continue to keep our priests in our daily prayers and offer small sacrifices for their holy priesthood.



Prayer to Our Blessed Mother for Priests

Dear Lord, we pray that the Blessed Mother wrap her mantle around your priests and through her intercession strengthen them for their ministry. We pray that Mary will guide your priests to

follow her own words, "Do whatever He tells you" (Jn 2:5). May your priests have the heart of St. Joseph, Mary's most chaste spouse. May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart inspire them to embrace all who suffer at the foot of the cross. May your priests be holy, filled with the fire of your love seeking nothing but your greater glory and the salvation of souls. Amen.

-- US Catholic Conference of Bishops

Prayer to St. Joseph for Priests

O illustrious patriarch St. Joseph, who carried the infant Jesus in thy blessed arms and who, during the space of 30 years, lived in the most intimate familiarity with him, take under thy powerful protection those whom he has clothed with his authority and honored with the dignity of his priesthood, whom he has charged to continue his mission, to preach his Gospel, and to dispense everywhere his graces and blessings. Sustain them in their fatigues and labors; console them in their pains; fortify them in their combats; but above all, keep far from them all the evils of sin.

Obtain for them the humility of St. John the Baptist, the faith of St. Peter, the zeal and charity of St. Paul, the purity of St. John, and the spirit of prayer and recollection of which thou, my dear saint, art the model, so that, after having been on earth, the faithful dispensers of the Mysteries of thy foster Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, they may in heaven receive the recompense promised

to pastors according to the Heart of God. Amen.

Prayer from St. Teresa of Calcutta

Mary, Mother of Jesus, throw your mantle of purity over our priests. Protect them, guide them, and keep them in your heart. Be a Mother to them, especially in times of discouragement and loneliness. Love them and keep them belonging completely to Jesus. Like Jesus, they, too, are your sons, so keep their hearts pure and virginal. Keep their minds filled with Jesus, and put Jesus always on their lips, so that he is the one they offer to sinner and to all they meet.

Mary, Mother of Jesus, be their Mother, loving them and bringing them joy. Take special care of sick and dying priests, and the ones most tempted. Remember how they spent their youth and old age, their entire lives serving and giving all to Jesus. Mary, bless them and keep a special place for them in your heart. Give them a piece of your heart, so beautiful and pure and immaculate, so full of love and humility, so that they, too, can grow in the likeness of Christ.

Dear Mary, make them humble like you, and holy like Jesus. Amen.



Prayer for a Specific Priest

O God, who have willed that your priests preside over your family not by any personal merit but only out of the abundance of your grace, look with mercy on the ministry of Fr. (insert name here) and direct the hearts of priest and people to be so disposed that the obedience of the flock may never fail the shepherd, nor the care of the shepherd be lacking for the flock. Amen.

*Mary,
Mother of
Jesus,
throw your
mantle of
purity over
our priests.*

Dear Spiritual Children of Padre Pio

Our August prayer gathering was great. We had so many “good news” stories. I want to thank Mark and Anne-Louise for their Padre Pio stories and teachings. I especially enjoyed how they met in church through the intercession of Padre Pio. They were quite surprised at the size of our Prayer Group, and said it was the largest Padre Pio Prayer Group they have ever attended.



It is my honor to announce that Brother Richard Merling, OFM Cap. from the Solanus Casey Center at St. Bonaventure Monastery in Detroit, Michigan will

be our guest speaker for this month. He will bring the relic of Blessed Fr. Solanus Casey for veneration. Brother Richard will share updates of the status of the cause. Our Prayer Group has been blessed with Brother Richard’s presence before. He has attended our Prayer Group and given us a teaching. He has also come to Italy on our pilgrimage during the Year of Mercy in 2016 when St. Pio was brought to the Vatican. He also helped arrange 60 VIP passes for the beatification of Fr. Solanus Casey on November 18, 2017 in Detroit.



On September 23 we will have a Feast Day Mass, dedication blessing to the newly installed statue of Padre Pio, and Festa at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. Rosary will begin at 6pm.

Holy Mass and enrollment to become a Spiritual Child of Padre Pio at 6:30pm. Immediately following will be the dedication. Tents, food, music, Italian bake sale and raffles will follow as well as some surprise celebrity guests! It will be a night to remember!

We have 100 pilgrims signed up for our Holy Retreat Pilgrimage. All payments must be in by our September meeting. The hotel has changed to Hampton Inn and Yankee Doodle Inn; both hotels are on the same property. Included now is a hot breakfast every morning. Itineraries will be passed out or mailed at the October meeting. Speaking of the October meeting, the Mass will be a Blue Mass dedicated to our police officers. Refreshments will follow.

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. Which one of you would hand his son a stone when he asks for a loaf of bread, or a snake when he asks for a fish? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good things to those who ask him?”- Matthew 7:7-11

Pray Hope and Don’t Worry,

Sincerely,

Cindy Russo TOF
Group Leader



Police Blue Mass will be celebrated

Saturday, October 2, 2021

Rosary @8:00am. Mass @8:30am.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church

9080 Shephard Rd., Macedonia OH 44056



Police officers and their families, along with families of fallen officers, are invited to this Mass of Healing and Thankfulness. The Padre Pio Police Rosary Group will be handing out our Pray, Hope and Don’t Worry blue/white rosaries with the St. Michael medal.

Leslie Ann Magda, Padre Pio Prayer Group of Cleveland

KEEP OUR SICK SISTERS & BROTHERS IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

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

Barbara Bilinovich	Cynthia Fonseca	Tony Kazmierczak	Judy Purdy
Mario Bruschi	Oscar Fonseca	Jonathan Lipreads	Anthony Rossi
Sarojini Bruschi	Marty Franck	Mark Magda	Phyllis Schilling
Gia Cefaratti	Bob Garcar	Fr. Cory Mayer	Regis Schilling
Virginia DeJesus	Rose Gullo	Joe Morici	Mary Smith
Serena DiCillo	Kathy Hlad	Molly O'Leary	Joseph Wojtyla
Roy Evans	Kyle Hrabusa	Eleanor Phillips	
Margie Ferfolia	Michael Hurley	Carmie Pruchnichi	
Michele Ferrara	Helen Husky	Steve Pruchnichi	

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



† OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF OUR RECENTLY DECEASED †

Marie Matuza

Corner

Jake's

For September, I am writing about Saint Miguel de la Mora, Priest, and Martyr. Although his feast is not in September, I would like to tell you about his great heroic love for the

priesthood, and ultimately gave his life for being a priest. Saint Miguel de la Mora was born on June 19, 1874, in Tecatlán, Jalisco in Mexico to José de la Mora and Margarita de la Mora. He was baptized the next day. During his childhood, he was fond of agricultural work, cattle raising, and horse riding. After his father's death, Saint Miguel's older brother who lived in Colima learned about his interest in the priesthood. So, he brought Saint Miguel to Colima to enroll him in the Diocesan Seminary of Colima. The actual date of his ordination to the priesthood is unknown due to the records being destroyed. However, from family accounts, he was ordained in 1906.



Written by: Jake Snyder

Saint Miguel was a devout priest and he was especially involved in catechetical work. Additionally, he served as the choir chaplain at the Cathedral in Tomatlán. During the persecution of the Church in Mexico which started in 1926 under the Calles Laws, he chose to remain in Colima to continue to serve as a priest. Even though he took much care to disguise himself, General José Ignacio Flores, who lived near Saint Miguel identified him as a

priest and ordered his arrest. However, he was released on bail. Then, Saint Miguel left Colima for his hometown to seek refuge.

On August 7, 1927, while dressed as a peasant and accompanied by his brother Regino and another priest, Father Crispiano Sandoval, left for the mountains. While staying at an inn, a government supporter confronted Saint Miguel and asked if he was a priest. Saint Miguel courageously replied that he was a priest. This led the government supporter to take the three men to the Colima military headquarters. Father Sandoval escaped since he was not identified as a priest. In his fury about the escape of Father Sandoval, General Flores ordered the immediate execution of the de la Mora brothers. They were led to the barrack stables and while praying the Rosary, Saint Miguel de la Mora was shot and killed in front of his brother, Regino, who was spared and set free. He was buried in the municipal cemetery, then was interred in the Cathedral two years later. Saint Miguel de la Mora was Canonized on May 21, 2000, by Pope Saint John Paul II as a part of Saint Cristóbal Magallanes Jara and Companions, Martyrs.

Saint Miguel de la Mora was killed for one reason - because he was a priest. Today, the priesthood is attacked more than ever. Let us continue to pray for our priests, and many more holy vocations that they may be holy and faithful shepherds like Saint Miguel de la Mora, and that they would have the courage to give their lives for the sake of Christ, His Church, and the priesthood.

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