

**THE PADRE PIO
PRAYER GROUP
of Cleveland**

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**UPCOMING
EVENTS:**

Sep 15 -

**Group Leader
Presentation at
7:00 PM, Guardian
Angels Church,
1676 S Cleveland
Massillon Rd, Copley**

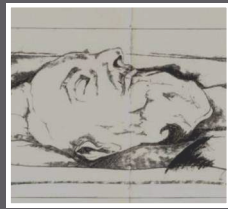
Sep 23 -

**St. Padre Pio Feast
Day Celebration at
Our Lady of
Guadalupe Church
beginning with
Rosary at 6:00 PM,
Mass at 6:30 PM, and
Outdoor Festival
with tents, food,
bonfire, raffles,
music and fun!**

Oct 1 -

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

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



St. Padre Pio Prayer Group Newsletter

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His Last Days

In 1968 in the month of August, in what almost seems his spiritual last testimony, he tells a brother: "I belong completely to everyone. Everyone can say: Padre Pio is mine. I love my brothers and sisters in exile so much. I love my spiritual children so as my own soul and even more. I have regenerated them to Jesus in suffering and love. I can forget myself, but not my spiritual children; indeed, I assure you that when the Lord calls me I will tell him: Lord, I will remain by the door of Paradise and come in when I have seen the last of my children enter. I suffer so much for not being able to bring all my brethren to God. At certain moments I almost die of heartbreak at seeing so many suffering souls that I am unable to comfort, and so many of my brethren allied with Satan."

These are the words of a marvelous laborer for the Lord who continues to work in the fields even when "sister death" draws near. On Friday Sept. 20th, his friends gather around the kind Padre as they recall the prodigy which took place years before in the choir of the old monastery church still wrapped in darkness, Padre Pio celebrates Mass. At dusk, his spiritual children salute him with a picturesque torch-light procession. The next day he is unable to get out of bed and receives communion in his cell. He feels death rapidly drawing near and repeats that it is finished. But in the afternoon, the asthma attacks decline in intensity and frequency. Padre Pio blesses the immense crowd that takes part of the evening ceremony.

The most touching spectacle takes place on Sunday at the 5AM Eucharistic liturgy reserved for the prayer groups that have gathered at San Giovanni to honor their founder. The crowd is immense. A human tide besieges the altar where the venerable old friar sings the Mass. With a bewildered gaze, he looks out upon the vast throng at the "Ite Missa est" (the Mass is ended); the church rocks with thunderous applause. Padre Pio has himself carried from the sacristy to the confessional, but along the way he feels ill, and the two friars assisting him carry

the exhausted friar, his face waxen except for the large black circles under his eyes, into his cell. Just before 11AM he goes to the window in the choir to greet and bless the faithful. His forehead is beaded with continuous perspiration.

That evening the faithful glimpse Padre Pio in prayer in the choir during Mass and then again waves a white handkerchief as a sign of greeting. In the piazza the first torches of the unforgettable evening are being lit. A large number of friars are gathered in his cell, while in the nearby Casa Solievo della Sofferenza all the doctors are in a state of alarm. The crowd is singing psalms and the echoes reach the ears of



Padre Pio in his cell, sitting on the same chair where he died.

the sick friar. "The only thing left for me is the tomb" whispers Padre Pio before asking his brothers to forgive him for the nuisance he has been. He requests prayers for his soul and asks for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

After midnight he asks that a brother priest celebrate Holy Mass and renews his religious profession. Toward 1AM Padre Pio has trouble breathing and asks to be helped up from his bed. He sits in an armchair on the terrace for a few minutes. Returning to his cell, he ardently invokes Jesus and Mary, and others join him in prayer. At 2:30AM on Sept. 23rd, the Capuchin sweetly bows his head, his face becomes white, and with which he clings to his rosary, experiences one last tremor. Sweetly and peacefully, Padre Pio returns to his Heavenly Father.

Read about the photo in the header (above) on page 5 of this newsletter.



“Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee.”

I was having some trouble coming up with a reflection for this month. So I began to pray the “Hail Mary”. Then the thought came to me that I am at Saint Gabriel Church, in Concord Township, Ohio and that the Feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael is celebrated on September 29th. As I continued to reflect on Saint Gabriel, I was reminded that Saint Gabriel is greatly associated with our Blessed Mother Mary. He is the one who communicates to Mary that she is highly favored by God and is full of grace. She is to be the mother of the Messiah and the child is to be named “Jesus”. This event is what the Church has named *The Annunciation of the Lord*.

Saint Gabriel’s greeting to the Blessed Virgin Mary is the beginning of the powerful prayer of the “Hail Mary”. This prayer has been my “go to prayer” when I am in need of strength, peace, comfort and protection. I have also made a pact with the Blessed Mother, that when I begin to prayer the “Hail Mary” more than once, that it is for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Also, the Hail Mary is one of the prayers of the Holy Rosary. More on the Rosary, next month.

I also was reminded that Saint Gabriel the Archangel serves as the patron saint of communication because he is God’s top angelic messenger. As one website mentions, Saint Gabriel is the patron saint of: telecommunication workers, radio broadcasters, messengers, postal workers, clerics, diplomats, and stamp collectors [stamps are used to mail letters and is a source of revenue for the Postal Service]. We need to have a novena or a year dedicated to Saint Gabriel for how messed up the field of telecommunications has become. So much that is transmitted over the air waves and the internet is horrible, insulting, sinful and down-right evil. Anything that is presented as wholesome, good and holy is quickly laughed at and dismissed.



I know that many of us have so many forms of prayer and devotions already, that adding another request is going to “*break the camel’s back*”, but when we pray the Joyful Mysteries and The Annunciation of the Lord is reflected on, ask Saint Gabriel to pray for and reform the field of telecommunications to be a place that promotes the Truth [Jesus Christ].

Well, for not having anything to say as I sat down staring at a blank computer screen, God has provided again [another God Occurrence]. Saint Gabriel, pray for us.

Your brother in Christ.

Dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows

The month of September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows, whose memorial the Church celebrates on September 15. The principal biblical references to Mary's sorrows are in Luke 2:35 and John 19:26-27. The Lucan passage is Simeon's prediction about a sword piercing Mary's soul; the Johannine passage relates Jesus' words from the cross to Mary and to the beloved disciple. Many early Church writers interpret the sword as Mary's sorrows, especially as she saw Jesus die on the cross. Thus, the two passages are brought together as prediction and fulfillment. Saint Ambrose in particular sees Mary as a sorrowful yet powerful figure at the cross. Mary stood fearlessly at the cross while others fled. Mary looked on her Son's wounds with pity, but saw in them the salvation of the world. As Jesus hung on the cross, Mary did not fear to be killed, but offered herself to her persecutors.

September falls during the liturgical season known as Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. September is known as harvest time. As Christians we recall God's constant protection over his people and give thanksgiving for the year's harvest. It particularly focuses on the end of the harvest season and thanksgiving to God for the season. This month the main liturgical feasts are St. Gregory the Great (September 3), Birth of Mary (September 8), St. Peter Claver (September 9), Holy Name of Mary (September 12), Exaltation of the Holy Cross (September 14), Our Lady of Sorrows (September 15), Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian (September 16), St. Robert Bellarmine (September 17), St. Januarius (September 19), St. Matthew (September 21), St. Pio (September 23), Sts. Cosmas and Damian (September 26), Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael (September 29) and St. Jerome (September 30).



The Seven Sorrows of Mary

First Sorrow: The Prophecy of Simeon. “And you yourself a sword will pierce” (Lk 2:35).

Second Sorrow: The Flight into Egypt. “The angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, ‘Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him’” (Mt 2:13).

Third Sorrow: Search for the Child in Jerusalem. “After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, ‘Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety’” (Lk 2:46, 48).



Fourth Sorrow: Mary Meets Jesus on His Way to the Cross. “And carrying the cross himself . . .” (Jn 19:17). “A large crowd of people followed Jesus, including many women who mourned and lamented him” (Lk 23:27).

Fifth Sorrow: Standing at the Foot of the Cross. “Standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother and His mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple there whom He loved, he said to his mother, ‘Woman, behold, your son.’ Then he said to the disciple, ‘Behold, your mother.’ And from that hour the disciple took her into his home” (Jn 19:25–27).

Sixth Sorrow: The Crucifixion and Descent from the Cross. “After this, Joseph of Arimathea, secretly a disciple of Jesus for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate if he could remove the body of Jesus. And Pilate permitted it. So he came and took his body” (Jn 19:38).

Seventh Sorrow: Assisting at the Burial of Christ. “The women who had come from Galilee with him followed behind, and when they had seen the tomb and the way in which his body was laid in it, they returned and prepared spices and perfumed oils” (Lk 23:55–56).

Quotes from Saint Padre Pio of Pietrelcina/September 2022

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p><i>Let us pray:</i> O Lord Jesus Christ, when the world had again grown cold - as in the time of the Seraphic Father Saint Francis of Assisi also signed with the Wounds of Jesus the Christ - in order that hearts might be rekindled with the fire of Your Love, You renewed on the body of our Spiritual Father and Founder, Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, the sacred marks of Your Passion. Grant, through his intercession, that we may carry our crosses with patience and bear fruits worthy of Eternal Life. We ask this of you Who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.</p> | <p>5 Give me and preserve in me that ardent faith which will make me believe and work for your love alone.</p> | <p>6 May all be for the glory of Jesus!</p> |  <p>7 How could we live if we were to fail even for a single (day) to receive Jesus?</p> | <p>1 Draw good from humiliations (allowed) by the Lord.</p> | <p>2 Thank God for the strength he gives you to bear your difficulties.</p> | <p>3 God's will be done!</p> |
| <p>23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p> | <p>Weekday Labor Day</p> | <p>Weekday</p> | <p>Weekday</p> | <p>Weekday</p> | <p>Weekday First Friday</p> | <p>St. Gregory the Great First Saturday</p> |
| <p>11 Remember that the closer a soul draws to God the more it is harassed by the enemy.</p> | <p>12 I exhort you to holy resignation in the midst of the storms.</p> | <p>13 May the divine plan be accomplished in me as long as it is for the glory of our dear Jesus.</p> | <p>14 The merciful Lord hastens to our aid when trials seem the worst and like a loving Father, he consoles and encourages us.</p> | <p>15 I feel more prepared to meet (anything) which may come, as long as it is a matter of pleasing Jesus.</p> | <p>16 The devil cannot refrain from efforts to make us lose our peace of soul...laugh at all this (and have confidence in the Lord).</p> | <p>17 With God's help, always have a spirit of gratitude.</p> |
| <p>24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p> | <p>Weekday</p> | <p>St. John Chrysostom</p> | <p>THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</p> | <p>Our Lady of Sorrows</p> | <p>Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian</p> | <p>Weekday St. Robert Bellarmine BVM</p> |
| <p>18 Jesus does not fail, every now and then, to speak within us.</p> | <p>19 How good Jesus is to me!</p> | <p>20 (The goodness of Jesus for me) is a happiness for which I can find no comparison.</p> | <p>21 When the world wearies and weighs upon you, desire nothing else than to love and suffer (with resignation).</p> | <p>22 What a consolation it is to know almost with certainty that one possesses Jesus.</p> | <p>23 May your heart throb in harmony with the heart of Jesus.</p> | <p>24 Trust in divine Providence that you may not fall into the tempter's snares.</p> |
| <p>25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p> | <p>Weekday St. Januarius</p> | <p>Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Paul Chong Ha-Sang and Companions</p> | <p>ST. MATTHEW</p> | <p>Weekday</p> | <p>St. Pio of Pietrelcina</p> | <p>Weekday BVM</p> |
| <p>25 Even when Jesus seems to hide from you that is not abandonment, but the tricks of his love.</p> | <p>26 Do nothing other than what the Holy Spirit desires to accomplish in you.</p> | <p>27 Abandon yourself to his (Holy Spirit's) transports and have no fear.</p> | <p>28 Pray every day for the gift of patience.</p> | <p>29 Thank Jesus for the strength and courage he sends in the midst of difficulties and trials.</p> | <p>30 Be happy, for the Jesus makes his presence known even in the midst of trials.</p> |  |
| <p>26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p> | <p>Weekday Ss. Cosmas and Damian</p> | <p>St. Vincent de Paul</p> | <p>Weekday St. Wenceslaus St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions</p> | <p>SS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS</p> | <p>St. Jerome</p> | |

Feast of the Archangels

The air between God and man is thick with mystical beings. It is a principle of Catholic theology that salvation is mediated, that individual man does not go to God alone, and that God does not come to man alone. This means that there are layers of words, symbols, art, priests, vestals, catechists, music, books, churches, shrines, and endless other things and places and people that bring God to us. Even using the name “God” or “Father” or “Jesus Christ” presupposes the mediation of language. So although someone may say they want to “cut out the middle man” of the Church and go directly to God, they can’t. At some point in their youth they absorbed who God was from others, so even the most basic, apparently innate knowledge we have of God is mediated, even if only by nature itself.



The Feast of the Archangels on September 29th is about the created spiritual beings known as angels who fill the space between God and man, communicating His message, protecting man from harm, and battling against the armies of Satan. The Archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael transmit some of God’s most important messages.

Michael leads the war cry in a mysterious, metaphysical battle against the Devil and his minions in the Book of Daniel. “There is no one with me who contends against these princes except Michael, your prince” (Dan. 10:21), and “At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise” (Dan. 12:1). Michael means “Who is like God.”

Gabriel is an essential figure in the events surrounding the Incarnation. We first meet him in the Jerusalem temple, announcing the birth of Saint John the Baptist to his father Zechariah: “I am Gabri-

el, I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news” (Luke 1:19). He later conveys the message of all messages to the Virgin Mary, eliciting her “Yes” to God’s sublime invitation. Gabriel means “the strength of God.”

Raphael appears in the disguise of a man in the Book of Tobit, guiding the young Tobiah along his journey. “... God sent me to heal you and Sarah your daughter-in-law. I am Raphael, one of the seven angels who stand ready and enter before the glory of the Lord” (Tobit 12: 14-15). Raphael means “God heals.”

The Old Testament description of the angels worshipping before the throne of God is one of fierce power: “...each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory” (Isaiah 6: 2-3). These beings are far from the pudgy, pillow-soft, fat-cheeked baby angels so often depicted in art. The Feast of the Archangels is for the mighty six-winged angels, the deadly serious ministers of God’s messages. These Archangels engage in consequential spiritual battle, know that God and His word are not frivolous, and carry out their missions as emissaries of the Most-High. We invoke them now just as Saint Patrick did in the fifth century: “I arise today through the strength of the love of cherubim, in the obedience of angels, in the service of archangels, in the hope of resurrection to meet with reward.” Amen.

Archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, we invoke your powerful intercession before the throne of God in heaven. By your spiritual assistance, protect us from harm, heal us of our infirmities, and convey to us God’s will for our lives.

SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

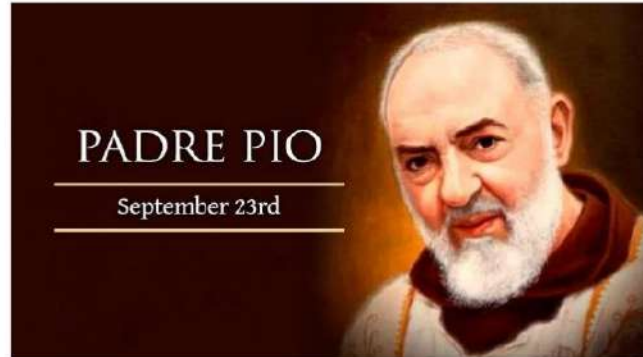
Feast Day: September 29

Patrons Of:

- Michael: Soldiers and Police
- Gabriel: Messengers and Postal Workers
- Raphael: Travelers and the Blind

HEADER PHOTO: About 30 minutes after the death of Padre Pio, the artists Francesco Paolo Fiorentino and Michele Miglionico were called to the convent by Padre Carmelo, the superior, and were asked to do a cast of Padre Pio’s face. They concluded that, given the circumstances, it was impossible to do it, and opted instead for a charcoal drawing. Fiorentino started, but he was too emotional, and the pencil fell off his hand. Miglionico took over, and did the drawing displayed in the header on page 1 of this newsletter.

Padre Pio Festival/Fundraiser! Coming to you September 23, 2022!



Planning is underway for our SECOND ANNUAL Padre Pio Festival/Fundraiser!

Would you like to help us have a GREAT Padre Pio festa? Volunteer to help our festival be the best EVA!

We need all hands to help a little so EVERYONE can enjoy this fine event. Volunteer to sell raffle tickets, bakery, pizza or sausage or pasta, or beverages, as well as set-up and clean-up!

How to sign-up? At our September 3 group meeting we will have sign-ups. Please see one of the following members: Norma Davis, Mary Kay Dinasky, Pam Franko, Ken DiPippo, Pat Shea, Juliann Stoklas or Mary Dye; each will have sign-up sheets.

Can't attend the meeting? Email Mary Dye at marymurphydye@gmail.com.

What about the basket raffle?

I'm glad you asked! Here's what we need. Below are the Basket themes that will be raffled off. Questions? See Mary Kay Dinasky or Jane Martin.

Please bring donations to the September 3 group meeting.

BASKET THEMES

Craft Beer
Wine
Kids games/crafts
Bourbon/Whiskey
Coffee/Chocolate
Small Lego kits
Game night
Holy Family Christmas ornaments

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

"I shall stand at the gates of Paradise until all my spiritual children have entered."



"I love my spiritual children as much as my own soul and even more. I have regenerated them to Jesus through suffering and love. I can forget myself, but not my spiritual children. I belong entirely to everyone. Everyone can say: 'Padre Pio is mine'. I love deeply my brothers in exile."

Enjoy the prayers and protection of St Pio when you become a Spiritual Child of St Pio. Please read the conditions carefully. You cannot enroll anyone other than yourself. Registration forms will be sent to the Capuchin Friar of San Giovanni Rotondo for their acceptance and endorsement.

The following conditions are necessary to become a spiritual child of St. Padre Pio:

- *To live intensely a life of divine grace.
- *To prove your faith with words and actions, living a true Christian life.
- *To desire to remain under the protection of St. Pio of Pietrelcina.
- *To imitate the St. Pio's virtue, particularly his love for Jesus Crucified, for the Most Blessed Sacrament, the Madonna, the Pope, and the entire Church.
- *To be animated by a sincere spirit of charity towards all.

Prayer to Padre Pio to become a Spiritual Child

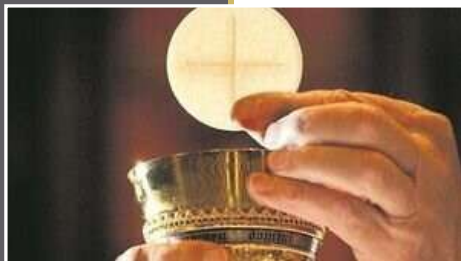
O Saint Padre Pio, holy bearer of the Wounds of Christ, accept us this day as your spiritual sons and daughters and keep us always on the narrow path by your intercession. And do thou, O our Spiritual Father, stay there at the Gates of Heaven until all of your spiritual children have entered through, even and including us. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Dear Padre Pio, I recall your promise to the Lord, "Lord, I will stand at the gates of heaven until I see all my spiritual children have entered." Encouraged by your gracious promise, I ask you to accept me (*state your name*) as a spiritual child and to intercede for my prayer requests ... (*state your petitions.*)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Prayers for Priests

Mass is our highest prayer and we pray for our priests since their life offered to Jesus Christ gives us the gift of Holy Mass. We pray that our priests be holy and faithful. At Mass, have you ever considered praying for priests during the time they are receiving Jesus in Holy Communion?



Pray that our priests be holy and faithful.

PRAYER TO BE SAID AT THE PRIEST'S COMMUNION

O Lord, may You find shelter and rest gently within the heart of Thy priest. Make him, O Lord, a priest according to Thy heart: meek, humble, zealous, so that all he does will be for Thine honor and glory. Mold him into a man of prayer and labor, insensible to earthly things, and sensible only to Thy love and to the graces of the Holy Spirit. Amen. (www.olrl.org/pray/)

Let us remember our priests in our daily prayers. They pray for us daily in the Liturgy of Hours and in their own devotions. They bring to Jesus our needs and intentions.

PRAYERS FOR HOLY PRIESTS

My Dear Jesus, You desire that we pray the Lord of the harvest that He send zealous laborers into His

harvest. Deign to raise up in Thy Church, and especially in this diocese, numerous and holy priests who, taking Thy Divine Heart as their Model, will, in the exercise of their holy priesthood, promote the glory of Thy heavenly Father and the salvation of those souls whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy Precious Blood. Give us truly holy priests who, inflamed with the fire of Thy divine love, seek nothing but Thy greater glory and the salvation of souls. O Mary, Queen of the clergy, pray for us; obtain for us many holy priests. (www.olrl.org/pray/)

Some suggestions for priestly prayer intentions:

- For the joy of Jesus to be in their hearts.
- For priests to be faithful, holy, persevering and courageous.
- For their physical, spiritual and emotional health and well-being.
- For our priests to be blessed with a fraternity among brother priests.
- For good friendships in the laity.
- For the Holy Spirit to bless his preaching, teaching, and administering of the Sacraments.
- For protection in temptation and from all evils.
- That the Blessed Mother will assist them to live a life of virtue in imitation of her virtuous life.

Dear Cindy and Padre Pio Prayer Group,

I wish to express my gratitude for giving me the opportunity to be the guest speaker during the monthly Mass for the Padre Pio Prayer Group. I thank you and the group for my prayer blanket and also for all the Brown Scapular Rosaries you offered me. I am greatly indebted for the Chasuble that was offered to me; every time I celebrate Mass with it that will be for your personal intention and that of the group.

Fr SIMOMIA NKAJU NJUNGWO (aka Fr Julius-Simomia) is my name. I am a priest for the Catholic Diocese of Mamfe in Cameroon in West Africa. I have been assigned as the new Superintendent of Schools for my Diocese. I will be looking after nursery, elementary and Secondary Schools. I come from the English speaking part of Cameroon plagued and devastated by civil war and a good number of people have lost their homes and businesses. This has greatly affected the situation of Schools in my diocese. And still more, some of the families find it difficult to meet the needs of the children in order to educate their kids. Some of these kids have missed school for four years because of the socio-political crisis affecting the Diocese. Some of the school buildings and the restroom needs to be refurbished, while others need water to be restored or brought to the schools from a water reservoir or catchment.



DONATIONS TO ASSIST FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SCHOLARSHIP TO PUPILS AND STUDENTS: Nursery School - \$50, Primary School - \$100, Secondary School- \$200

RENOVATION OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS: Repainting of Schools, Roofing of Structures - \$1000

REFURBISHING OF SCHOOL: Refurbishing Lockers - \$50 per locker, Provision of Text Books - \$100 per pupil, Provision of Tables/Desks - \$50 per table

WATER AND RESTROOMS: Water Taps - \$3000, Restrooms - \$3000

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Dear Spiritual Children of Padre Pio

Reflecting on the August prayer gathering, we were so blessed to have Fr. Julius from Cameroon. He gave us a beautiful teaching and witness. His heart was full of the Holy Spirit and his joy was radiating all morning. Please check out the note he sent us on page 8. Fr. David Bline will be our guest speaker this month.



The Festival committee has been hard at work making the preparations for Sept. 23rd. Any helping hands you can give us will be great. There is a note from the committee of our needs on page 6. A sign-up sheet will be at our gathering on Saturday. Lt. Michael Collins and K-9 Officer Pio from Perry Village Police Department will be the Guest of Honors at the Festa. We will be reciting or renewing the oath to become St. Pio Spiritual Children. The Padre Pio quilt raffle tickets will be available at the meeting.

It has been another busy month doing ministry work. I have been without a refrigerator for seven weeks with many mishaps from the store I purchased it. I have been living with a college dorm refrigerator. I have had many broken promises and cancellations. The store manager was amazed how patient and kind I have been. Today I received this email from a catholic website: "Don't get upset! That annoyance might be grace. Have you ever been in traffic and just lost it when some car cut you off? At work, do you always give your best, or do you get distracted by that one coworker who gets on your nerves? Or maybe you've come home after a long day and snapped at a family member who just happened to rub you the wrong way. Let's face it. We have all been there. In each of these instances, you've probably never thought to yourself 'this is a great opportunity for prayer and grace!' But it is. Believe it or not, these frustrating little moments can make us stronger and capable of loving better. Combined with prayer and God's powerful grace, everyday annoyances can actually be a source of joy that fill you with peace, making you a source of joy for others!" How blessed am I to receive these special graces!



We are at capacity for our EWTN pilgrimage. I have some added great surprises for our pilgrims. We are reciting daily the Divino Nino novena prayer. Please join us!

Prayer to Divino Niño: *"My sweet little Child Jesus, You are my God and my Savior who has said, "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it will be opened to you." Behold I ask, I seek, and I knock for that faith that obtains all, as well as my special request. (Your intentions). Divino Niño I want to hold you in my arms and love you forever. I promise in thanksgiving for answering my prayer to spread devotion to You in word and deed. My dear Child Jesus, I will sing your praises forever, and ever. Amen."*

Blessings and Gratitude,
Cindy Russo TOF, Group Leader

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CES – MAMFE
P.O. BOX 120, MAMFE
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WEST AFRICA

Please Cindy these are some of the pressing needs of the kids in the schools. Once more thank you so much for everything. I know St Padre Pio will work miracles and the children in the schools of Mamfe will also smile to have materials that will enhance their learning ability.

Thank you and God Bless you,
Fr. Julius

We welcome all of your prayer intentions, so please let Pat Shea know so we can add them to our list.
(H: 330-825-4659, C: 330-212-5818, or billpatshea@gmail.com)

PRAY FOR OUR SICK SISTERS & BROTHERS

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| Vincent Baka | Virginia DeJesus | Mandy H. | Fr. Terry O'Connell | Bill Shea |
| Mary Kay Balk | Serena DiCillo | Kyle Hrabusa | Molly O'Leary | Margaret Talbot |
| Jacqueline Bercik | Colin Dinasky | Michael Hurley | David Peck | Clay Toreson |
| Cindy Bernot | Bob DuMound | Helen Husky | Ed Perry | Edward Toth |
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PRAY FOR OUR SPECIAL INTENTIONS

- * That God protect our Group Leader, Cindy Russo, and give her wisdom in leading our Padre Pio Prayer Group.
- * For our Spiritual Director Fr. Ed Janoch that he knows how much we love him and miss him.
- * For all Cleveland Seminarians and their families.
- * For all the intentions in our online Prayer Basket.

PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Thomas Bridgman (PPPG Spiritual Child)
Avery Bush
Geraldine Wearsch (mother of Fr. Ron Wearsch)



Be at Peace in the Crosses

“Be at peace in the crosses God has asked you to carry. Do not be angry at heaven or blame heaven for the troubles in your life. Your life will end and the troubles will end. If you are at odds with heaven, your anger is misplaced. Brothers and sisters, neither should there be so much energy scrutinizing what your Church has done wrong. Acknowledge the mistakes of others, and pray for them. Protect yourself from their flaws if they are dangerous to you, but do not live your life discussing the flaws and mistakes of those in the Church who are struggling. This is over. The time for this has passed. A renewed Church is coming, faithful and united, and you must help to usher this in by setting an example of great loyalty and fidelity. Perhaps there are things you do not agree with about this Church. Heaven accepts the fact that you have opinions. But you should discuss these things with Jesus and not use these points to pull your Church down and distance others from obedience. You will be accountable for this, my friends. If Jesus is calling you to lead in the Church, then you must lead. If He is calling



you to follow in the Church, I suggest you follow or risk displeasing Heaven. These words I say to you are serious and I am praying that you will heed them. God is allowing this because He loves you and He does not want you confused and distracted. This relentless criticism of the Church is not from God, of course. But you know that and you understand that being in a constant state of disagreement with your Church is causing you unnecessary stress. There are many beautiful and brave souls who have been called to the renewal. You are one of them. Work for your Church and defend Her in whatever way you are called. This is God's one true Church and that has not changed. Be faithful during this time and your reward will fill you with the greatest joy. It is too uncomfortable for you to be doubtful of our Lord's leaders. So you should be accepting of both your personal crosses and also accepting of the crosses your Church is carrying during this period. Heaven is with you in each personal cross and heaven is working to renew the Church. Be patient and calm while we work together in these matters.”
—St. Padre Pio

BEST WISHES to our Spiritual Children celebrating birthdays and special occasions in the month of September!

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