

**THE PADRE PIO  
PRAYER GROUP  
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**UPCOMING  
EVENTS:**

**Jun 6 -**

Live streaming Mass  
for our Padre Pio  
Prayer Group on our  
Facebook page at  
9:30 AM ([https://  
www.facebook.com/  
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**Jun 16 -**

St. Padre Pio's  
Canonization  
Anniversary (2002)

**Aug 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



# St. Padre Pio Prayer Group Newsletter

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## Canonization Anniversary

On June 16, 2002, which was a blistering hot day, cheers, applause and bells rang out, not just in the Vatican but in many other towns in Italy, including Padre Pio's birthplace of Pietrelcina in Campania and also in San Giovanni Rotondo in Puglia, home of the Capuchin monastery where Padre Pio lived for most of his life. It was one of the largest such ceremonies in history.

Despite looking his now customary frail self, the 82-year-old Pope John Paul II presided over the entire service. He canonized 460 saints before Padre Pio, but the June 16 canonization of the Capuchin friar, mystic and stigmatist, was perhaps the most eagerly anticipated. In his trembling voice, the Pope had read out the Latin formula which declares sainthood, saying: "We include the blessed Padre Pio of Pietrelcina in the annals of saints and we declare that throughout the entire church he be honored with devotion among the saints. The life and mission of Padre Pio give testimony that difficulty and suffering, if accepted with love, transform themselves into a privileged path of sanctity, opening toward a larger good that is known only to the Lord." The Holy Father was not able to finish the formula of canonization without interruption. As soon as the immense crowd heard the words "we declare and define Blessed Pio of Pietrelcina to be a saint," they erupted in sustained applause.

The canonization Mass drew more than 300,000 pilgrims and members of Padre Pio Prayer Groups (including the founder of our

Prayer Group, Sr. Jeanne Marie Glosioso), making it one of the largest events ever held at the Vatican. As early as 5 AM, the first of 2,000 buses began depositing pilgrims at St. Peter's. Ten special trains were chartered for pilgrims. Saluting the crowd for its courage in braving the blistering 90-degree heat for many hours, John Paul clearly shared their enthusiasm, directing his pope mobile to drive the entire length of the Via della Conciliazione, the street leading to St. Peter's Square, where overflow pilgrims watched the Mass on large screens. More than 900,000 tetra-packs of water were distributed — each marked "Padre Pio Santo" — and water trucks sprayed the crowd during the Mass. Nevertheless, more than 400 people were treated by first-aid workers for heat exhaustion.

The canonization festivities concluded with a special concert in the Paul VI Audience Hall followed by an ear-splitting fireworks show over St. Peter's Square that rattled windows in the Apostolic Palace. At 10:30 PM, St. Peter's Square was still full, with more than 5,000 pilgrims on hand, many of them singing and chanting, hoping that they could persuade the Holy Father to come to his window.

While they were disappointed at night, John Paul received them in an audience the following day. "What is the secret of the great admiration and love for this new saint?" John Paul asked, addressing pilgrims on June 17. "He was above all a 'friar of the people,' traditionally characteristic of the Capuchins. He is, moreover, a miracle-working saint, as the extraordinary events that marked his life testify. Above all, Padre Pio is a religious sincerely in love with Christ crucified. In the course of his life, he participated even in a physical way in the mystery of the cross."



## The Sacred Heart of Jesus and The Divine Mercy



The tender love of God is made known to us in many different ways. Some are subtle and others are direct and to the point. One of the subtle ways is through the created world. The beauty, wonder, and awe of the design and power of the created world shows us God's love for us. The beauty of a sunrise or sunset, the magnificent and delicate structure of the many flowers that are present in the world, the mighty power of storms, the birth of a child, brings us to an awareness of God and to His love for us. His presence in Creation shows us His magnificent power and glory and how all creation is interconnected with one another. All creation, if doing God's Will, would be a blessed event; what it must have been like in the Garden of Eden. However, our first parents, Adam [Man] and Eve [Woman] were tempted by Satan and the beauty of creation was forever marred by their sin. One element of God's creation fell from doing God's Will. This Fall was not to end in the death of Man, but to bring about God's most wonderful act of love; bringing His Son into the world. *For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.* [John 3:16]

God also directly shows us His love through His Son Jesus Christ and through Jesus' mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary. Their love shared with each other is then shared to us. As they love, their love is then given to us and we then share that love with everyone we know; no matter if we like them or not, no matter if they love us or not, no matter if we have been hurt by them or not; no matter the circumstance, we are to give them the same love that has been given to us by God. This is why the Church sets aside these two days to make us specifically aware of His love through His Son and the Blessed Virgin Mary.

This love, however, is always with us and present to us. The most magnificent way that God's love is shown to us is by the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist; the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ. Each time we celebrate the Mass, we are in the presence of God's love. As Christ loved us and died for us, St. Paul makes that love connection by comparing Jesus Christ as the Groom and the Church as His Bride. [Ephesians 5] The love of *agape* [sacrificial love] is present as the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. Christ's sacrifice is His ultimate expression of His love for us, His Bride the Church. However, we forget that the love of *eros* [sexual love] is also present, for as a groom gives himself to his bride, the bride receives her groom; Christ gives Himself to us in this Body and Blood and the Church receives His Body and Blood. The Eucharistic Body of Christ is given to the Ecclesial, the Mystical Body of Christ; the Church. St. Paul also says that Christ is the Head and the Church is His Body. *He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he himself might be preeminent.* [Colossians 1:18] So one body, Christ, is given to the other body, the Church. Nuptial love is expressed at Mass. How wonderful this love is.

We also must remember that throughout time, the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is expressed and deepened. St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, of the 17<sup>th</sup> Century brought the devotion to the Sacred Heart into the mainstream of Catholic life. Jesus tells St. Margaret Mary about his love. Plagues and incurable illnesses would breakout in the world and people would wonder where is God's love. One way that these epidemics/pandemics would come to an end is by the devotion to the Sacred Heart. Three centuries later, St. Faustina Kowalska received messages from Jesus about his mercy. Jesus' mercy was needed at this time because the world was in a second world war and the 20<sup>th</sup> Century would be labeled the most "bloodiest and evil" century known to humanity. However, I hear that people will have devotion to the Sacred Heart, but will deny the devotion to the Divine Mercy saying that the Sacred Heart Devo-

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tion is tired and true and Divine Mercy is too new. There are others who have fallen in love with the Divine Mercy Devotion but rejects the devotion to the Sacred Heart saying that the Divine Mercy Devotion brings new life into the Church and the Sacred Heart is old-fashion and out-of-date. How disgusting are these two thoughts. Both devotions deal with Jesus' "Merciful Love" [Sacred Heart] and His "Loving Mercy" [Divine Mercy]. Both deal with God's Mercy and Love. It is said that Mercy is God's middle name, Love being the first.

Here is an example from the writings of St. Margaret Mary and St. Faustina.

Jesus said: *Behold the Heart that has so loved men that it has spared nothing, even to exhausting and consuming Itself, in order to testify to Its love; and in return, I receive from the greater part only ingratitude, by their irreverence and sacrilege, and by the coldness and contempt they have for Me in this Sacrament of Love. But what I feel most keenly is that it is hearts which are consecrated to Me that treat Me thus.* –St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

Jesus said: *Here the misery of the soul meets the God of Mercy. Tell souls that from this fount of mercy souls draw graces solely with the vessel of trust. If their trust is great, there is no limit to My generosity. The torrents of grace inundate humble souls. The proud remain always in poverty and misery, because My grace turns away from them to humble souls.* --St. Faustina Kowalska (Diary 1602)

Here is another example that really brings home the connection between the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Divine Mercy:

*The divine heart is an abyss filled with all blessings, and into it the poor should submerge all their needs.* –St. Margaret Mary Alacoque



Jesus said: *My daughter, write that the greater the misery of a soul, the greater its right to My mercy; [urge] all souls to trust in the unfathomable abyss of My mercy, because I want to save them all.* –St. Faustina Kowalska (Diary 1182)

Let us now read about our spiritual father, St. Padre Pio. For St. Padre Pio, the Sacred Heart of Jesus was basic-



ly a love relation with his Savior. As the Most Rev. Paolo Carta, Bishop Emeritus of Foggia states:

“Padre Pio's devotion to the Sacred Heart manifested itself in the mystical union, in a faithful imitation, a loving reparation and confident prayer. Padre Pio achieved intimate union with the

most Sacred Heart of Jesus above all through intense faith which inspired his whole life, which enlightened all his difficult roads, which inspired all his prayers and that sustained his heroic penances. Moreover, he lived in union with the Divine Heart really present in the Eucharist. How many hours of silent adoration he passed up there in the gallery of this shrine, in his favorite place, the angle closest to the altar of the Most High!”

And Padre Pio's reply to the love of Our Lady of Fatima and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, as told again by the Most Rev. Paolo Carta, Bishop Emeritus of Foggia:

“This message of Fatima called for a reply on behalf of the whole church; a reply of prayer and sacrifice, animated also with a spirit of reparation for sins. I think I can assert that in the half century which followed, no one in the Church has given a more complete reply than Padre Pio. The maternal anxiety of the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the souls going to hell had profoundly and completely invaded the heart of Padre Pio, who made of his whole life a great sacrifice to our Lord to snatch souls away from eternal damnation.”

As the spiritual sons and daughters of St. Padre Pio, let us also have a love relation with the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Let their love radiate through us so that we can forever be with them in Heaven.



# CONSECRATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

*By Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque*

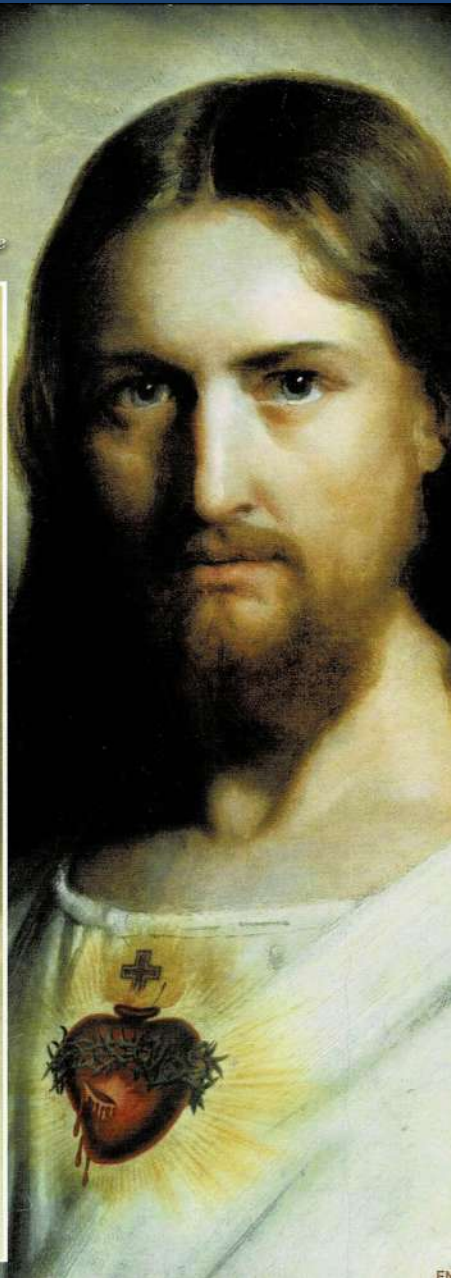
**O** Sacred Heart of Jesus, to Thee I consecrate and offer up my person and my life, my actions, trials and sufferings, that my entire being may henceforth only be employed in loving, honoring and glorifying Thee. This is my irrevocable will, to belong entirely to Thee, and to do all for Thy love, renouncing with my whole heart all that can displease Thee.

**I** take Thee, O Sacred Heart, for the sole object of my love, the protection of my life, the pledge of my salvation, the remedy of my frailty and inconstancy, the reparation for all the defects of my life, and my secure refuge at the hour of my death. Be Thou, O Most Merciful Heart, my justification before God Thy Father, and screen me from His anger which I have so justly merited. I fear all from my own weakness and malice, but placing my entire confidence in Thee, O Heart of Love, I hope all from Thine infinite Goodness. Annihilate in me all that can displease or resist Thee. Imprint Thy pure love so deeply in my heart that I may never forget Thee or be separated from Thee.

**I** beseech Thee, through Thine infinite Goodness, grant that my name be engraved upon Thy Heart, for in this I place all my happiness and all my glory, to live and to die as one of Thy devoted servants. *Amen.*

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*Date of my Consecration*

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# CONSECRATION TO MARY IMMACULATE

*By Saint Maximilian Kolbe*

**O** Immaculata, Queen of Heaven and Earth, Refuge of Sinners and our most loving Mother, God has willed to entrust the entire order of mercy to thee. I, \_\_\_\_\_, a repentant sinner, cast myself at thy feet humbly imploring thee to take me, with all that I am and have, wholly to thyself as thy possession and property. Please make of me, of all my powers of my soul and body, and of my whole life, death and eternity, whatever most pleases thee.

**I**f it pleases thee, use all that I am and have without reserve, wholly to accomplish what was said of thee: "She will crush your head," and, "Thou alone have destroyed all heresies in the whole world."

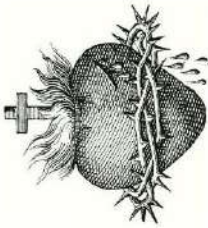
**L**et me be a fit instrument in Thy Immaculate and merciful hands for introducing and increasing thy glory to the maximum in all the many strayed and indifferent souls, and thus help extend, as far as possible, the blessed Kingdom of the most Sacred Heart of Jesus. For wherever Thou dost enter, one obtains the grace of conversion and growth in holiness, since it is through thy hands that all graces come to us from the most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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# Reflections of St. Padre Pio / June 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>1 May Jesus remain the peaceful King of your heart, may he console and bless you as always. Amen.</p> <p>The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church [9<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time]</p>	<p>2 Have no doubt, for with the divine assistance all will work out for the glory of God.</p> <p><i>Weekday</i> <i>Ss. Marcellinus and Peter</i></p>	<p>3 Try to be always ready and prepared to do the divine will.</p> <p><i>St. Charles Lwanga and Companions</i></p>	<p>4 How delightful is the thought of doing God's will in all things!</p> <p><i>Weekday</i></p>	<p>5 Don't ever fall back on yourself when the storm is raging.</p> <p><i>St. Boniface</i> First Friday</p>	<p>6 Place all your trust in the heart of our most sweet Jesus.</p> <p><i>Weekday</i> <i>St. Norbert</i> BVM First Saturday</p>
<p>7 Renew your faith continually and never give up.</p>	<p>8 Faith never abandons anyone, much less a soul that is yearning to love God.</p> <p><i>Weekday</i> [10<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time]</p>	<p>9 The Lord is acting within you by His infinite goodness and you must continue to humble yourself.</p> <p><i>Weekday</i> <i>St. Ephrem</i></p>	<p>10 Humble yourself before Him and pour out blessings and thanks to Him.</p> <p><i>Weekday</i></p>	<p>11 Cheer up, and do not listen to the insinuations of the enemy.</p> <p><i>St. Barnabas</i></p>	<p>12 The trial is very hard but do not be afraid, for Jesus is with you, even when you see your soul on the brink of the precipice.</p>	<p>13 Lift up your voice to heaven even when desolation invades your soul.</p> <p>St. Anthony of Padua</p>
<p><b>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b></p> <p>14 Take courage. Don't be frightened and don't stop halfway on your road.</p>	<p>15 Go forward all the time with fresh courage.</p> <p><i>Weekday</i> [11<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time]</p>	<p>16 Remain firmly and securely attached to the cross, for you have nothing to fear.</p> <p><i>Weekday</i></p>	<p>17 Jesus will be the helmsman who will steer your little spiritual ship and Mary will be the anchor.</p> <p><i>Weekday</i></p>	<p>18 May the Holy Spirit sanctify you more and more and make you worthy of greater charisms.</p>	<p>19 Infinite praise and thanks to Jesus, King of souls, for treating you as a chosen one of His own.</p>	<p>20 Fight the good fight to the last, for Jesus will give you the strength to do so.</p>
<p><b>THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST</b></p> <p>21 Open your heart to the Father, the most loving of all fathers and let Him act freely within you.</p> <p><i>Weekday</i> <i>St. Paulinus of Nola</i> <i>Ss. John Fisher and Thomas</i> <i>More</i></p>	<p>22 May Jesus enable you to appreciate His most loving invitation: My yoke is easy and my burden is light.</p> <p><i>Weekday</i> [11<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time]</p>	<p>23 On your side there must be humility and gratitude to the good God for such outstanding favors.</p> <p><i>Weekday</i></p>	<p>24 Jesus is with you and will also fight for you so that you may overcome all obstacles.</p> <p><b>THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST</b></p>	<p>25 Let us not be stingy with one whose generosity is endless and knows no limits.</p> <p><i>Weekday</i></p>	<p><b>THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS</b></p>	<p>27 The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p> <p>In all life's events recognize the divine will, adore and bless it.</p> <p><i>Weekday</i> <i>St. Cyril of Alexandria</i> BVM</p>
<p>28 Especially in the things that are hardest for you, do not be in a hurry to escape from them.</p> <p><b>12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Father's Day</p>	<p>29 Raise your heart to the divine Father more than ever.</p> <p><b>SS. PETER AND PAUL</b></p>	<p>30 Let it be sufficient for you to be united to God by your will. Be consoled and cast off your doubts.</p> <p><i>Weekday</i> <i>The First Martyr of the Holy Roman Church</i></p>	<p><b>Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary</b></p> <p>Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we ask You to bless our homes, our community, our parish, our country, and our world. Look with favor on Your people who call upon You with devotion to Your Most Sacred Heart and that of Your Mother's. Have pity on us in our weaknesses, help us to offend You no longer by our sins, give us the courage we need to live out our faith, and restore peace in our families. We offer our own hearts to You, that You may have complete sovereignty over them. We offer our wills to You, that we may surrender our lives into Your keeping. Do with us what You will. May Your Sacred Heart guide us and protect us. May the Immaculate Heart of Mary purify our love and make us fit for Your Kingdom. Long live the Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart forever! Amen.</p>			
<p><b>13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b></p>						

## Matteo Farina (1990-2009) From Brindisi



Matteo Farina spent his brief but deep earthly life surrounded by love of his family, his friends, his parish community and his girlfriend. As people of his own age, he played various sports and he cultivated some hobbies. He loved music and he played some musical instruments. He found a music band called "No

name". Matteo had a great passion for chemistry, he would like to continue his studies in the environmental engineering field. He also liked information technology and he was an excellent student. He had been taking part in the holy Mass since he was a child. He read the Word of God and he said the holy Rosary every day. He confessed every week. Two events have marked his life: a dream and the diagnosis of brain cancer.

**THE DREAM:** When he is 9 years old, he dreams of St. Pio from Pietrelcina who reveals to him the secret of happiness and gives him the task to spread it to everyone. These are St. Pio's words according to the story of the young Matteo: "If you managed to understand that who is without sin is happy, then you have to teach it to the others, so that we can go all together happily into the heavenly kingdom." This dream will lead Matteo to understand what was his vocation and he writes: "I hope to succeed in realizing my mission as 'infiltrator' among young people, telling them about God (enlightened from Him) ... I look around me and I want to enter in young people's lives quietly like a virus, infecting them of an incurable illness: Love!".

**THE ILLNESS:** When he was 13 years old, the first cancer symptoms rise. He doesn't lose the love of life, nor his strong faith. He smiles at everybody and during his hospitalization for surgical operations, he supports other patients. During his illness he writes: "You would like to scream to the world that you would do everything for your Saviour, that you are ready to suffer for the salvation of souls, to die for Him. You will have the op-

portunity of showing Him your love." Matteo, champion of faith, tells the following about this theological virtue: "Faith is to grasp God to spread his Word. It is to pray to nourish of his food, that we will always need. It's to take care about God's plans in the best way as possible. It is to bend one's head without raising it with a cavalier attitude. It's to quietly do good and to think about the bad done." Happiness is the fruit of faith. Matteo used to say: "It is useless to despond, we have to be happy and transmit happiness. The more happiness we give people, the more people are happy. The more they are happy, the more we are happy." Although it could seem surprisingly in a young man of 19 years old, Matteo deeply understands the value of life, the responsibility of receiving the faith gift, the family gift. He understands the care for life in important



things, he appreciates the importance of living with intensity in human and Christian sense. His mission can be described with his own words: "My God, I have two hands, let one of them to be always clasped to you in order to hold you closer in every trial. And let the other hand fall throughout the world if this is your will ... as I know you by others, so let others know you through me. I want to be a mirror, the clearest possible, and if this is your will, I want to reflect your light in the heart of every man. Thanks for life. Thanks for faith. Thanks for love. I'm yours."

On May 6, 2020 Pope Francis advanced Matteo Farina for the cause of sainthood declaring him "Venerable."

Holy Trinity, Source of all light and good, that every day of our lives creates new models of Christian life, praise and glory to You for the clear testimony of Matteo Farina. His life for You amazes and touches us. Looking at him, we implore You for our diocesan Church, for the families and for the young people. Guide us to walk in faith, in hope and in love. And, if it is within your will, grant us the grace we are requesting through him [personal petition] so that once again Your glory can express through Your Saints and Your Name is exalted forever. Amen.

## Dear Spiritual Brothers and Sisters of Padre Pio



and I actually handed him a brown wooden St. Pio Rosary. Coincidence, I think not! A God occurrence, yes! If anyone has connections with concrete, please contact me. We need a concrete pad for the statues. I will let you know what else we need as we move this project along.

Congratulations to our faith filled priests on the anniversaries of their ordinations. They provide us with spiritual guidance, celebrating Holy Mass, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Fr. Edward Janoch ordained May 20, 2000, Fr. Bill Browne ordained May 15, 2004, Fr. Michael Petkosek ordained May 18, 2019, and Fr. Kevin Shemuga ordained June 11, 1983. Please keep them in your prayers.

I thought by now we would be able to get back together at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church for our Prayer Gatherings. Hopefully we will meet in August (First Saturday falls on Independence Day in July). One of the blessings from the pandemic is the newsletters have been supersized! I have received much positive feedback from them.

I want to thank Fr. Michael Petkosek for the virtual Masses he has celebrated for us. This month's Mass will be on Saturday, June 6 live from our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/padrepioleveland/>) at **9:30 AM** (NOTE: later start time). I enjoy seeing your names popping up as you join in.

I have very good news! We are moving forward with the Padre Pio Shrine at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. I just ordered the statue of St. Padre Pio. It is coming from Italy in approximately 30-40 days. Included in the plans will be an outdoor altar. The vision is to have Masses outdoors, including healing Masses. Assisting in the project is a Walsh Jesuit student named Michael Ticchione. He is helping in the project to achieve his Eagle Scout Award. I know he was chosen by Padre Pio because he won The Padre Pio Award at St. Barnabas two years ago. He received the award at our Prayer Gathering

Also, I would like to welcome back and thank Laura Lang, our Editor of the Newsletter. She spent the winter in Florida. It is great to have her home!

I know this has been difficult for you the last couple of months, but we need to be mindful of those who need our help. St. John Chrysostom summed it up beautifully, "Helping a person in need is good in itself. But the degree of goodness is hugely affected by the attitude with which it is done. If you show resentment because you are helping the person out of a reluctant sense of duty, then the person may receive your help but may feel awkward and embarrassed. This is because he will feel beholden to you. If, on the other hand, you help the person in a spirit of joy, then the help will be received joyfully. The person will feel neither demeaned nor humiliated by your help, but rather will feel glad to have caused you pleasure by receiving your help. And joy is the appropriate attitude with which to help others because acts of generosity are a source of blessing to the giver as well as the receiver."

Blessings and Gratitude,  
Cindy Russo, Group Leader

**Acts of generosity are a source of blessing to the giver as well as the receiver.**



## 50 Titles of Mary for Each State in the USA

Alabama – Our Lady of the Gulf  
 Alaska – Our Lady of the Kodiak and the Islands  
 Arizona – Our Lady of the Highways  
 Arkansas – Our Lady of the Holy Souls  
 California – Our Lady of the Refuge  
 Colorado – Immaculate Mary  
 Connecticut – Notre Dame of Easton  
 Delaware – Our Lady of Mercy  
 Florida – Our Lady of La Leche  
 Georgia – Immaculate Heart of Mary  
 Hawaii – Mary, Star of the Sea  
 Idaho – Our Lady of Limerick  
 Illinois – Our Lady of the Universe  
 Indiana – Our Lady of Providence  
 Iowa – Mary of Nazareth  
 Kansas – Mary, Queen of Angels  
 Kentucky – Mother of God  
 Louisiana – Our Lady of Prompt Succor  
 Maine – Our Lady of Peace  
 Maryland – Our Lady of the Assumption  
 Massachusetts – Our Lady of the Incarnation  
 Michigan – Our Lady, Gate of Heaven  
 Minnesota – Our Lady, Mother of the Church  
 Mississippi – Our Lady of the Sorrows  
 Missouri – Our Lady of Calvary  
 Montana – Our Lady of the Pines  
 Nebraska – Our Lady of the Presentation  
 Nevada – Our Lady of Las Vegas  
 New Hampshire – Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
 New Jersey – Our Lady of Fatima  
 New Mexico – Our Lady of Guadalupe  
 New York – Our Lady, Help of Christians  
 North Carolina – Our Lady of the Holy Rosary  
 North Dakota – Mary, Queen of Peace

Ohio – Our Lady of Consolation  
 Oklahoma – Our Lady, Queen of all Saints  
 Oregon – Our Lady of the Woods  
 Pennsylvania – Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal  
 Rhode Island – Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
 South Carolina – Mary the Virgin Mother  
 South Dakota – Our Lady of the Prairie  
 Tennessee – Our Lady of Lourdes  
 Texas – Our Lady of Annunciation  
 Utah – Our Lady of the Snows  
 Vermont – Our Lady of Grace  
 Virginia – Our Lady, Queen of the Apostles  
 Washington – Our Lady of Good Help  
 West Virginia – Our Lady of Victory  
 Wisconsin – Our Lady of the Americas  
 Wyoming – Our Lady of the Valley



## From Adversity to Advantage

Is our pandemic good or bad? Can God bring good from it? Is it a chastisement or not? Whatever it is, it can be a blessing if we are open to God's grace. Surveys have been done on the pandemic. One survey found that 2 out of 3 people are motivated by the shutdown to assess their lives and be more thoughtful of family members and the less fortunate. The sales of Bibles have skyrocketed. More people are tuned into religious services and programs than ever before. Do you look for opportunities to pray more and to be willing to talk with others about the spiritual aspects of the pandemic? Can we find it to be a great blessing? "All things are possible with God."

*Dear Friends,*

*Memorial Day was a truly memorable day, remembering all our fallen heroes that gave the ultimate gift to us that we might live in freedom. But, it was also memorable for another reason: it was the first public Mass celebrated in our Diocese in a number of months due to the pandemic, and it was uplifting and inspiring to see faces we have not seen for a long time.*

*It was memorable because Luke, the author of the Acts of the Apostles says: "They recognized Him in the breaking of The Bread." It is with renewed longing that we return to the Eucharistic Feast that the Son of God has offered to us because he has longed for us (From the Cross Jesus said "I Thirst.") He has thirsted for our longing, our love, our thirst for Him. I pray that we will be forever changed by the pandemic. I pray that indifference may never enter our hearts again.*

*Sincerely,  
Fr. Bill Browne*



## Happy Father's Day

**God our father, we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old. We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; may they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice. We pray for our own fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow. We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice. We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.**



## Mary's Rose Garden

Fr. Joseph Mary and Fr. John Paul Mary of the Franciscan Missionaries of the Eternal Word recently requested roses for their Marian garden at EWTN. During Mass on May 10 and 11, both priests mentioned starting a Mary garden, which is a devotional space with flowers honoring Our Lady. Each rose symbolizes a rosary prayed. To their surprise, viewers from all over the world called local florists in the Birmingham, Ala. area. The EWTN chapel received non-stop deliveries all day beginning May 11. The deliveries have not stopped since.

"I encouraged people... gently...that they could send a rose for every rosary that they intended on saying," Fr. Joseph said of his Mother's Day Mass. Fr. John Paul Mary told the reporter that they "lost track" of the number of roses, and "every florist is booked to bring roses until the end of the month. That's a LOT of roses and rosaries! "I prodded the fire a little bit...and it exploded!" Fr. John Paul Mary added after mentioning the rose garden during his Monday morning Mass. "It's brought a lot of joy to a lot of people. The florists here had to shut down during the virus time, and they are just so elated," Fr. Joseph explained. "I just received a text from one of the florists who is not

Catholic. She said this has really been a spiritual experience, because one lady sent her a link about Our Lady of Fatima...the comments from the people and devotion to Our Lady has really touched her heart."

"In order that people may share in the joy we experienced," Fr. John Paul Mary explained, "We decided to take roses to nursing homes—to the people who have been locked up due to COVID." "When Fr. Joseph donated roses to one nursing home in Birmingham, the nurses broke down," Fr. John Paul Mary continued. "He told them we wanted to bring a sense of joy and hope to the elderly in the nursing home."

Because of the overwhelming amount of roses (over 5,000) the friars request writing in a spiritual bouquet to be placed at Our Lady's feet. On behalf of our Padre Pio Prayer group we sent a spiritual bouquet pledge of 500 rosaries. The friars have placed the petitions in a basket at Our Lady's feet in the chapel. So start praying more rosaries, so we can complete our pledge by the end of June!



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# Prayers for Priests

In this month, we honor the **Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.**



## To the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Eternal High Priest, let Your love flow into the hearts of your priests and transform them into living images of You. By Your grace, make them true apostles of Your Sacred Heart.

I pray for the fulfillment of the promise You made to St. Margaret Mary:

"I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts".

May Your kingdom come to the hearts of all through the ministry of holy priests! Amen.

## For Holy Priests by Pope Benedict XVI

Lord Jesus Christ, eternal High Priest, You offered yourself to the Father on the altar of the Cross and through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit gave Your priestly people a share in Your redeeming sacrifice. Hear our prayer for the sanctification of our priests. Grant that all who are ordained to the ministerial priesthood may be ever more conformed to You, the Divine Master. May they preach the Gospel with pure heart and clear conscience. Let them be shepherds according to Your own Heart, single-minded in service to You and to the Church and shining examples of a holy, simple and joyful life. Through the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Your Mother and ours, draw all priests and the flocks entrusted to their care to the fullness of eternal life where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

## To the Immaculate Heart of Mary

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of Jesus, you were with Jesus from the beginning of His life on earth and throughout His Ministry. You stood beside Him when He was lifted high on a cross and gave His life for all. O Immaculate Heart of Mary, we ask you now to be with our Priests, who give themselves in service to God's people. Intercede for them that they may grow in holiness; proclaim God's word with courage; celebrate the sacraments with joy; and be among God's people as Jesus, the Good Shepherd, was. We offer this prayer to God the Father, through your intercession, in the name of your Son, Jesus, and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



*Pray that the Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary hold our priests in their love forever.*



# Jake's Corner

Written by: Jake Snyder

For June, I am writing about one of my favorite Saints, Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque. It was to her that Our Lord appeared and gave her the Sacred Heart of Jesus Devotion. Saint Margaret Mary was born in 1647 in France, to Claude and Philiberte Lamyn Alacoque. She was their only daughter. From an early age, Margaret had a great love for the Eucharist and she preferred prayer over play time. Margaret Mary received her first Holy Communion at age nine and shortly after that she became very devout devoting her life to prayer and corporal mortification, then she had to stay in bed for four years due to rheumatic fever. She made a vow to Our Lady to enter the religious life if she was cured. Saint Margaret Mary was cured very quickly. It is because of that miracle that she added the name Mary to her Baptismal name of Margaret.



Because her father died when she was younger and her family was sent into poverty, she devoted most of her time to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Once they regained their fortune and because she believed her childhood vow to become a religious nun was no longer in place, and out of obedience to her mother, she attended dances and parties with her siblings to find a husband for her. One day she came home from a party and had a vision of Our Scourged Lord who upbraided her for forgetting her vow, but reassured her that there was much love in his Heart for her and because of her vow to Our Lady. At twenty-four years of age she entered the

Visitation Convent of Paray-le-Monial and was assigned to the infirmary. It was said she was not very skilled with this task.

During her time as a religious sister she received many private revelations from Jesus instructing her to propagate Devotion to His Sacred Heart. The focal points of the revelations were to instruct the faithful to receive Holy Communion for nine consecutive months in reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Saint Margaret Mary was able to convince her Mother Superior that the apparitions were real. However, she had a difficult time convincing theologians and the rest of her community that the apparitions were real. She gained the support of Saint Claude de la Colombière, who was the community's Confessor. The opposition ended in 1683 and in 1686 a Chapel in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was built in Paray-le-Monial. Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque died in the Odor of Sanctity on October 17, 1690.

It was not until seventy-five years later that the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus was officially recognized by the Church. In March of 1824, His Holiness, Pope Leo XIII recognized the Heroic Virtues of the Servant of God Margaret Mary Alacoque by declaring her Venerable. In 1864 she was Beatified and Canonized in 1920.

Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque is a really important Saint for our time. She teaches us to trust in His Heart and to always trust in God. She teaches us that we need to also be apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, just as she was. Jesus appeared to Saint Margaret Mary to give her a message of love and hope. In this month of June, the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, may we grow in deeper union with the Sacred Heart of Jesus and become Apostles of His Sacred Heart.

## Prayer Against Coronavirus

Lord Jesus Christ, our Divine Physician, we ask you to guard and protect us from Coronavirus COVID-19 and all serious illness.

For all that have died from it, have mercy; for those that are ill now, bring healing.

For those searching for a remedy, enlighten them; for medical caregivers helping the sick, strengthen and shield them.

For those working to contain the spread, grant them success; for those afraid, grant peace.

May your precious blood be our defense and salvation.

By your grace, may you turn the evil of disease into moments of consolation and hope.

May we always fear the contagion of sin more than any illness.

We abandon ourselves to your infinite mercy. Amen.

--Pedro de la Cruz



## 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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Jan Boczek	Michael Hurley
Mario Bruschi	Mark Magda
Virginia DeJesus	Joe Morici
Roy Evans	Eleanor Phillips
Margie Ferfolia	Judy Purdy
Michele Ferrara	Anthony Rossi
Marty Franck	Richard Russelo
Kathy Hlad	Abbot C. Schwartz OSB

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

† OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF OUR RECENTLY DECEASED †

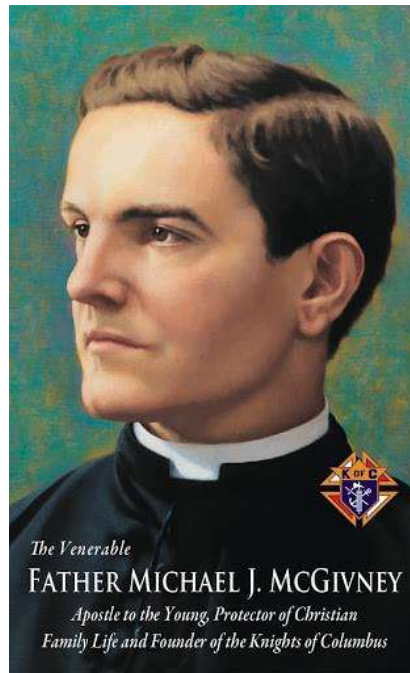
Teresa Morris (Spiritual Child of our Padre Pio Prayer Group)



## On His Way to Beatification

Fr. Michael McGivney is on his way to beatification. The Knights of Columbus announced that Pope Francis approved a miracle attributed to the late founder's intercession. The press release states that after a family invoked Fr. McGivney's intercession, an unborn child received healing "in-utero of a life-threatening condition" in 2015. "A date will soon be set for the beatification Mass, which will take place in Connecticut. It will include the reading of an apostolic letter from the Holy Father and the bestowing of the title 'Blessed' on Father McGivney," the press release adds.

Twenty-nine-year-old Fr. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882 as a means of faith and financial support in his parish community. The parish priest of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn. wanted to help needy families, as Catholic immigrants faced hostility and endured dangerous work conditions,



causing possible early deaths. Fr. McGivney gathered the men of his parish, and launched a Catholic lay organization to unite them in faith and provide for families with deceased members. Fr. McGivney died of pneumonia at age 38 amid a pandemic, which may have also been caused by a coronavirus.

There are now over 2 million Knights of Columbus members in more than a dozen countries. His cause for canonization actually opened in 1997, and he was declared "venerable" in 2008. Our own Fr. Edward Janoch is very involved with the Knights of Columbus including past State Chaplain and presently Chaplain in his council. Many members of our Prayer Group are members of the Knights of Columbus as well. The Knights of Columbus have always been there for our Group when needed. Congratulations Sir Knights for the good news of Fr. Michael McGivney!

**BEST WISHES to our Spiritual Children celebrating birthdays and special occasions in the month of June, and GOD BLESS all the fathers!**

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