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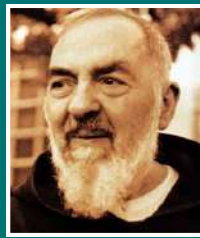
**MISSION &
VISION:**

To carry out the works, words and devotion of St. Padre Pio through prayer and charitable works where we can touch lives and change souls.

Our vision is to create more Spiritual Children and lead souls to heaven.

**UPCOMING
EVENTS:**

Sep 5 -
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,
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Mary's Immaculate Heart

"Immaculate Mary, thy praises we sing, Thou reigns now in Heaven with Jesus our King. Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! In Heaven the Blessed thy glory proclaim, On earth we thy children invoke thy fair name. Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! We pray for our Mother, the Church upon earth, And bless, dearest Lady, the land of our birth. Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!"

The month of August is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The physical heart of Mary is venerated (and not adored as is the Sacred Heart of Jesus) because it is united to Her person and is the seat of Her love (especially for her Divine Son), virtue, and inner life. St. John brought people to love Christ and the Virgin Mary by speaking tirelessly about their Heart, the sign of the love God shows for us and the communion to which we are called.

The Immaculate Heart of Mary has gradually grown more widespread in the Church, particularly since the apparitions at Fatima. The main difference between the devotions to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary is that the one concerned with Jesus emphasizes his Divine Heart as being full of love for mankind, but with this love for the most part being ignored or rejected, while devotion to Mary's Heart is essentially concerned with the love that Her heart has for Jesus, for God. Therefore, it is not an end in itself, so the love of her heart is meant to be a model for the way we should love God. The fact that her Heart is Immaculate, that is sinless, means that She is the only fully human person who is able to really love God in the way that He should be loved.

Honoring Mary's Immaculate Heart is really just another way of honoring Mary as the person who was chosen to be the Mother of God, recognizing

her extraordinary holiness and the immense love she bestowed on Jesus as his mother, the person who was called to share in and co-operate in his redemptive sufferings. The aim of the devotion is to unite mankind to God through Mary's heart, and this process involves the ideas of consecration and reparation. A person is consecrated to Mary's Immaculate Heart as a way of being completely devoted to God. This involves a total gift of self, something only ultimately possible with reference to God; but Mary

is our intermediary in this process of consecration. Because of the strong analogy between Jesus and Mary, the consecration to Mary's Immaculate Heart is closely linked to the consecration to Jesus' Sacred Heart, although it is subordinate and dependent on it. That is, although the act of consecration is ultimately addressed to God, it is an act that is made through Mary.



Devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary: The Rosary, Litany of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, The First 5 Saturdays of the Month, Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and Act of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart.

Novena to the Immaculate Heart of Mary: "O Most Blessed Mother, heart of love, heart of mercy, ever listening, caring, consoling, hear our prayer. As your children, we implore your intercession with Jesus your Son. Receive with understanding and compassion the petitions we place before you today, especially (state your special intention)."

"O Mary Immaculate, inflame our hearts with one ray of the burning love of thy pure heart."



“Our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee.”

— St. Augustine of Hippo

My dear brothers and sisters, this month of August is in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and contains the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. However, I want to write about one of the Saints that we honor this month: St. Augustine of Hippo. I have found his writings, especially his *Confessions*, to be worthy of hearing of his struggles and conversion to the Catholic Faith and how we can all see similar situations in our lives. Also, I believe that his struggles reflect what is happening in the World and in the United States of America. One of St. Augustine’s memorable passages in his *Confessions* is the following:

“Late have I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved you! You were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for you. In my unloveliness I plunged into the lovely things which you created. You were with me, but I was not with you. Created things kept me from you; yet if they had not been in you they would have not been at all. You called, you shouted, and you broke through my deafness. You flashed, you shone, and you dispelled my blindness. You breathed your fragrance on me; I drew in breath and now I pant for you. I have tasted you, now I hunger and thirst for more. You touched me, and I burned for your peace.”

I have found great solace in St. Augustine’s words. I can see myself in his struggle to find God. I believed that I had to do everything right in order for God to love me, forgetting that God already loves me, here and now and always. Once I discovered this “beauty ever ancient, ever new,” I have been changed. I still fall into the trap that Satan sets up for me to fall into, but when I begin to reflect on the above quote, I am no longer trapped but made free in God’s love. I can also see and have had people tell me that they have also been like St. Augustine, and if we are honest with ourselves, all of us have been like St. Augustine, to some degree. I also see that the world is also searching for God, but in all the wrong places. The spirit of the world [Satan] has converted many people to believe that what they are searching for [happiness, peace, joy, love, relationships, etc.] are all to be found in the outside world. No wonder there is so much chaos in the world for true Happiness, Peace, Joy, Love and Relationship are found in God and God alone. People come into our lives, sent by God, to be the vehicles to help us see and live in God’s Happiness, Peace, Joy, Love and to have that relationship with God. The world’s spirit wants us to find our worth from the outside of ourselves, when instead, God is already inside us. He has done everything possible for us to find Him. Through Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition, the Sacraments, Prayer and Devotions, and even in His creation, and most significantly, by sending us His Son, Jesus the Christ; God is “shouting,” “flashing,” “breathing” on us with the hope that, someday, we will respond. Let us pray for our World and for the United States of America, that we will hear God’s voice, draw in God’s breath and desire Him with all our being. May we “taste,” “thirst,” and be “touched” by God so that we will burn with not just his Peace, but also His Love, for all eternity.

P.S. During the month of August, I have offered quotes from St. Augustine in the Monthly Prayer Calendar and I ask all of us to pray the *Patriotic Rosary* for our Country, asking God to free us from the demonic that has captured our Country in its diabolical grip. Mary, the Mother of God is a great force to conquer the Evil One.

Your brother in Christ.

Kairos Moments

Our current pandemic, whether a chastisement or not, is certainly causing people to reflect. Many people of faith believe it is a “Kairos” time which means a special time of grace in which God speaks to us. This is in contrast to “Chronos” time which means ordinary or “nothing so special” time. God tries to communicate with us 24/7 through nature, music, friends, etc. But at times he increases the volume as currently through our pandemic. Some don’t hear His voice and get stuck in complaining, fearing, becoming bitter, etc. Scripture tells us: “If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.” Kairos time is a time to soften our hearts, to listen with our hearts to what the Holy Spirit may tell us.

Examples from scripture are Moses and the burning bush, Saul (St. Paul) being knocked down and struck deaf on the road to Damascus. Examples from history are the miracle of the sun at Fatima; Pope John Paul almost being assassinated, recovering, studying Fatima and later consecrating Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and ending Communism in Europe; St. Francis kissing the leper which really propelled him to a deeper spirituality; Padre Pio appearing to our own Prayer Group leader. These are dramatic examples.

For most people, our Kairos moments will be less dramatic and require us to reflect on them. One example is the 19-year-old daughter, Mary, of a very devout mother who has become very anxious because of the pandemic and is going through a faith crisis. Her mother panicked and sought advice from her confessor who suggested that this was a Kairos moment (the faith crisis) within a Kairos moment (the pandemic). He said that God probably intended this to strengthen Mary’s faith and improve the mother-daughter relationship. Since “the issue really isn’t the real issue,” he gave the mother some suggestions on how to communicate with Mary on a deep level. The mother very humbly asked Mary to tell her honestly how she may have fallen short as a mother. Mary was surprised at the depth of her mother’s sincerity and humility and had the courage to tell her mother that all her life she felt criticized and not very affirmed. The mother took it to heart and bounced it off her husband who gently agreed with Mary. This has led to a

deep, heartfelt communication between the two. The mother, with the help of her confessor, is also greatly improving her image of God from a critical father to a loving, affirming father. Needless to say, the husband really appreciates more peace and love in the home, and adversity was turned into an advantage by the mother’s recognizing the Kairos moment and listening with her heart.

Another example is Ann who was experiencing depression because of the pandemic and spent a sleepless night regretting her abortion ten years previously. Her friend, Julie, saw her the next day and realized there was a serious problem. Although Julie has a family and is very busy, she saw this as a Kairos moment and spent a lot of time with Ann who finally told her what she had kept as a deep dark secret — her abortion. In time, Julie arranged an appointment for the two of them to go together to their priest who gave counsel and heard Ann’s confession. Ann’s depression is lifting, and she intends to participate in a Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat in the future. Another blessed Kairos moment.

Many young men and women attribute their religious vocations to Jesus speaking to them during the Eucharistic Holy Hour at World Youth Days and Life Teen Retreats — Kairos moments. Many of our Prayer Group members and other people have had

Kairos moments on pilgrimages to Medjugorje and other shrines. We can dispose ourselves to be open to Kairos moments, both big and small (most will be small ones) by our prayer times, spiritual reading, and thinking of God throughout the day. When God speaks to us, it is helpful to talk to a wise confessor or spiritual friend about what we believe we heard. It’s also important not to ignore or dismiss the Lord’s voice. When Jesus called Peter, Peter said, “Lord, depart from me for I am a sinful man.” He wanted to dismiss the call but fortunately he surrendered.

Has Jesus spoken to you during the pandemic? If so, are you acting upon it? Are you making room in your heart for God’s messages?

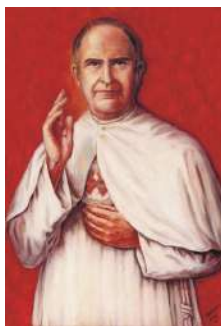


Prayer Reflections from St. Augustine/August 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>30 You will light my lamp. Lord my God. I stand in the darkness of my sins, but my shadows will be dispelled by the beam of Your wisdom and Your face will shine upon me.</p> <p>22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p>	<p>31 Come to my aid, O God, the one eternal, true reality! In You there is no strife, no disorder, no change, no need, no death, but supreme harmony, supreme clarity, supreme permanence.</p> <p>Weekday</p>	 <p>4 Lord, I have done much wrong. I cannot hope for a speedy rest for myself. May my torments be enough to till Your coming. Let me be tortured now. Then, when You come, spare me.</p> <p>St. John Vianney</p> <p>Weekday</p>	 <p>5 Come, Lord, and act. Rouse and renew us, kindle us and carry us away, shine before us and be gentle with us, let us love and run toward you.</p> <p>Weekday The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major</p>	 <p>6 Lord, heal and open my eyes that I may recognize Your will. Put to flight my foolishness that I may know You. Show me the road I must travel that I may see You. Thus aided, I hope to do all You have commanded me.</p> <p>THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD</p>	 <p>7 Lord, I have waited for You to come and deliver me from every need. For in my need You have not forsaken Your law of mercy.</p> <p>Weekday St. Sixtus II and Companions St. Cajetan First Friday</p>	<p>1 Bring relief to a serious wound with Your great medicine. Mine is serious, but I take refuge in the Almighty. I would despair of such a grave injury unless I had recourse to a great physician.</p> <p>St. Alphonsus Liguori First Saturday</p>
<p>9 Lord, only this do I ask of Your great kindness: that You convert me totally to You and allow no obstacle to hinder me as I wend my way to You.</p> <p>19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p>	<p>10 O Lord, my God, pay heed to my prayer. Look with mercy on my desire, which is not concerned with myself alone but with my neighbor's good as well.</p> <p>St. Lawrence</p>	<p>11 I implore You, God, You to Whom faith calls us, hope leads us, and love unites us. Come to me in Your mercy.</p> <p>St. Clare</p>	<p>12 Lord, You first loved me, so that I might love You.</p> <p>Weekday St. Jane Frances de Chantal</p>	<p>13 God examines rich and poor, not according to their lands and houses, but according to the riches of their hearts.</p> <p>Weekday Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus</p>	<p>14 Eternal Truth, true Love, beloved Trinity—all this, my God, You are, and it is to You that I sigh by night and by day.</p> <p>St. Maximilian Kolbe</p>	<p>15 Come, let us adore Him Whom the Virgin conceived without concupiscence, to Whom she gave birth as a virgin and remained thereafter a virgin.</p> <p>THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</p>
<p>16 O Lord, my God, let my soul praise You that I may love You. Let it recount to You Your mercies that it may praise You for them all.</p> <p>20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p>	<p>17 Lord, You are never needy, yet You are pleased with gain. You are never covetous, yet You exact interest on all You give us.</p> <p>Weekday</p>	<p>18 Lord, with Your help we have done what You commanded. Reward us, now, as You promised.</p> <p>Weekday St. Joseph Calasanz</p>	<p>19 Instruct me, Lord, and command what You will. But first heal me and open my ears that I may hear Your words.</p> <p>Weekday St. John Euodes</p>	<p>20 Lord, show me the way I must travel that I may see You.</p> <p>St. Bernard</p>	<p>21 As long as we are here, let us ask God not to deprive us of our prayer and His mercy, so that we may pray with perseverance and He may have mercy with His perseverance.</p> <p>St. Pius X</p>	<p>22 Give me strength to see You, Lord, for You have already enabled me to find You and have given me hope of finding You ever more fully.</p> <p>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p>
<p>23 Lord, my knowledge and my ignorance lie before You. Where You have opened to me, let me enter. Where You have closed to me, open when I knock.</p> <p>21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p>	<p>24 Lord, those who are bowed down with burdens You lift up, and they do not fall because You are their support.</p> <p>ST. BARTHOLOMEW</p>	<p>25 Thanks be to Him Who is desired before He is seen, whose presence is felt, and Who is hoped for in the future.</p> <p>Weekday St. Louis</p>	<p>26 Instruct me, Lord, and command what You will. But first heal me and open my ears that I may hear Your words.</p> <p>Weekday</p>	<p>27 Lord, let those who understand, praise You. And let those who understand You not, praise You too.</p> <p>St. Monica</p>	<p>28 Lord, whether prosperity smiles or adversity frowns, let Your praise be ever in my mouth.</p> <p>St. Augustine</p>	<p>29 My God, let me be thankful as I remember and acknowledge all Your mercies.</p> <p>The Passion of St. John the Baptist [30th & 31st, Upper Left]</p>

Jake's Corner

For August, I am writing about Blessed Eustáquio Van Lieshout, SSCC. He was a priest of the



Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, the same Congregation that Saint Damien of Molokai was a member of. Additionally, I recently received a First-Class Relic of Blessed Eustáquio Van Lieshout. He was born as Humberto van Lieshout in Aarle-Rixtel, Holland, on November 3, 1890, into a deeply Catholic farming family. Humberto was baptized on the day of his birth. The life of Blessed Eustáquio Van Lieshout can be divided into two parts, the time he spent in his own country (1890-1924) and his time as a missionary in Brazil (1925-1943).

As a child Humberto was well-liked and popular because of his cheerful demeanor and his charity. As a child, he felt called to the Priesthood. Despite obstacles from his parents and teachers, he eventually was able to go to secondary school in Gemert. After reading the biography of Fr. Damien de Veuster (Saint Damien of Molokai), Humberto decided to enter into the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. He entered the Congregation in Tremeloo, Belgium, on December 23, 1913 and was given the name Eustáquio. He made his perpetual profession in 1918. Brother Eustáquio was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on August 10, 1919 and his first assignment was Novice Master of his order.

Fr. Eustáquio Van Lieshout exercised his priestly ministry in his native country for five years. He served at the Parishes of Roelofarendsveen and at Maasluis near Rotterdam, where many Belgians had fled from the German invasion. He was recognized with a decoration from the Belgium State for his pastoral work and his care and dedication to the people.



Sometime in December of 1924, Fr. Eustáquio Van Lieshout went to Spain to learn Spanish, with the plan that he would be going to Uruguay as a missionary; instead, he was sent to Brazil and sailed from Amsterdam in 1925 to Brazil with a few other members of his order, including Fr. Gil Van de Boogaard, SSCC, who became a close friend and confidant to Fr. Eustáquio Van Lieshout. He spent 10 years in Agua Suja in Romaria, six in Poá and two in Belo Horizonte. In 1926, Fr. Eustáquio Van Lieshout became the Pastor of Agua Suja and counselor of his order. He especially devoted himself to the care of the poor and sick. In 1935, he was appointed parish priest at Poá where he was very dedicated to caring for families, and especially the poor and sick. He was known to have a strong devotion to Saint

Joseph and Fr. Eustáquio Van Lieshout was known to have the gift of healing through the intercession of Saint Joseph.

Fr. Eustáquio's reputation of holiness spread far and wide. Many came to see him. The disturbance that was caused provoked local authorities and gained the attention of his Superiors who thought he should be transferred. In 1942 he was transferred to the Parish of Ibiá and almost immediately to the Parish of Belo Horizonte. Since many thought that Fr. Eustáquio Van Lieshout was holy and that he had the gift of healing, thousands of people sought him out.

Sometime in 1943, during a retreat that he was preaching from August 18th-25th to students of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus College in Belo Horizonte, Fr. Eustáquio Van Lieshout seemed very tired. The day after the retreat he had a high temperature and stayed in his room. Over the next few days his condition worsened, but he still wanted to say Holy Mass as usual. After he celebrated Holy Mass on August 23, 1943, he fainted. He was finally diagnosed with typhus. Fr. Eustáquio knew his illness was incurable. He received the Anointing of the Sick and renewed his profession. He asked to see his friend, Fr. Gil Van de Boogaard, SSCC, and was heard to say: "Thanks be to God, I am ready! But how long Fr Gil is taking!". Fr. Gil van de Boogaard, SSCC finally arrived on August 30, 1943, and Fr. Eustáquio exclaimed, seeing him in the doorway, "Fr Gil, thanks be to God!" and died instantly.

On April 12, 2003, His Holiness, Pope Saint John Paul II declared him Venerable. On December 19, 2005, His Holiness, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, authorized the promulgation of a decree concerning a miracle attributed to the intercession of the Venerable Servant of God Eustáquio Van Lieshout, SSCC. And on June 15, 2006, in Belo Horizonte, Brazil he was Beatified by His Eminence, José Saraiva Cardinal Martins, CMF, the Prefect for the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, on behalf of His Holiness, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.

I believe that Blessed Eustáquio Van Lieshout is a perfect saint for our times. He teaches us that even in the midst of obstacles to always follow

the Church and the Will of God. He also teaches us to always remember what is most important in our lives, which is love of God and neighbor, and to work for the salvation of souls.

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Written by: Jake Snyder

Rosary Makers Needed



A new branch has sprouted within our Padre Pio Prayer Group. We will be making and distributing Blue and White Padre Pio Rosaries that say "Pray Hope and Don't Worry" to the Cleveland Police Union. We hope that we will get enough help that we can make for more cities. Our Padre Pio Prayer Group of Cleveland would like to make rosaries for the Cleveland Police Officers, to help protect them as they put their lives on the line to help keep our communities safe. The rosaries will be protection for them. Sue Hofstetter and Leslie Magda will be leading this ministry. They have prepared kits that include everything you will need. The first batch needs to be completed by Sunday Aug. 9th. If you can help, please contact Leslie Magda at 440-503-7760 or lesliemagda@gmail.com. Please keep our police officers in your prayers.



Dear Spiritual Brothers and Sisters of Padre Pio

In the past several months most of us have experienced uncertainty, anxiety, fear and more emotions to list. As we attempt to start gathering together for our August 1st Mass, my heart is full of joy. It has been four months. I pray it will happen, however things change daily with the pandemic.



If it is time, God's will be done. We will start out slowly, with morning prayers at 8am followed by the celebration of Holy Mass at 8:30am. Masks are mandatory. There will be no social afterwards. It's a start and I do not know when or how things will be back the way they were, but I am grateful we are able to start up. We will also try to have it viewed on The Padre Pio Prayer Group of Cleveland Facebook page. I have spoken to all of our Chaplains and they miss you too!

Despite the pandemic I have had some God occurrences! I have met a relative of St. John Paul II. He lives in Twinsburg and plays in a polka band. When things are more stable, he will come and share his story at our meeting. Maybe his band will play for us!

We have another very important branch of our prayer group that has sprouted. See page 5 for the story. We need your help with this ministry.

Pilgrimage priests stopped to visit this past week. They were able to venerate the relics of St. Pio. They are asking for prayers discerning a JMJ Society. They ask for your prayers for discernment of God's will. See page 10 for more of the story. Through the generosity of Tony and Karen Kazmierczak, we installed a Padre Pio statue at Rhoda Wise Shrine. The priests enjoyed learning about Rhoda Wise and her cause. The visiting priests did not know my famous saying. "It's a pilgrimage not a vacation." I put them to work and they helped install the statue of Padre Pio. I am so grateful for their assistance. They blessed the statue too! Three of the priests were ordained on May 25th, Padre Pio's birthday! It was my privilege to take care of St. Pio's brother priests.



Also, we are still in the planning stage of the shrine. The statue of St. Padre Pio has arrived from Italy, and St. Michael has been transferred with the help of Greg Nied and staff. The statues are in safe keeping until we are ready for the installation.

Our prayers have been answered with the announcement our Diocese has a new Bishop, Bishop Edward C. Malesic from Greensburg, Pa. He is 59 years old and has been a priest for 33 years. Let us pray for him to have a smooth transition to our Diocese. Hopefully one day he can come to visit our Prayer Group to get to know us and celebrate Holy Mass.

Blessings and gratitude,
Cindy Russo TOF, Group Leader

A NOTE FROM OUR
GROUP LEADER

A Love for Birds and Animals

“I consider what writers say about the kingfishers, little birds who build their nests on the beach near the sea. They build it in a circular form and so tightly compressed that the sea water cannot penetrate it...Here these graceful little birds place their young ones, so that when the sea comes upon them by surprise, they can swim with confidence and float on the waves...I want your heart to be like this: well compact and closed on all sides, so that if the worries and storms of the world, the evil spirit, and the flesh come upon it, it will not be penetrated. Leave but one opening to your heart that is toward heaven. How I love and am enraptured by those little birds.”

— St. Pio of Pietrelcina —

The monastery garden at Our Lady of Grace was a quiet and secluded place that was surrounded with fruit trees, a long row of cypress trees and one pine tree. Padre Pio and the other members of his religious community would usually gather there each day. Sometimes, members of the laity were invited to join them. In the summer time, when the weather was hot, Padre Pio would often go to the garden in the early evening. It was a time of fellowship and conversation, a welcome respite from the intensely busy days at the monastery. Dr. Nicola Centra recalled an extraordinary event that happened on one occasion in the monastery garden. One day when Padre Pio was there with several companions, without warning, a flock of birds flew down and settled on the nearby trees. Sparrows, larks, warblers and more were there in great numbers. Suddenly, one of the birds began to sing loudly, followed by a great flapping of wings from the other birds. Then all of the feath-



ered friends began to sing in unison. It was like a marvelous symphony of chirping, whistling, high-pitched rills and trills. It was indeed beautiful to listen to. However, on that particular day, the birds were so loud that Padre Pio was unable to carry on a conversation with his friends. He could not be heard above the chatter. Suddenly, Padre Pio looked upward at all the birds in the trees and said with authority, “Quiet, that’s enough!” Immediately, the sound of the birds ceased altogether. A great silence descended on the monastery garden. Padre Pio then resumed his conversation as though nothing had happened. But something amazing indeed had happened. Those who were in the garden at the time and witnessed it, considered it to be miraculous.

Some of the Capuchins who lived close to Padre Pio at the monastery of Our Lady of Grace in San Giovanni Rotondo remarked that his magnetism exerted a powerful influence, not only on people, but even at times on animals. It was observed that the monastery dog (Shepherd Husky mix) seemed to be particularly drawn to Padre Pio. If the door to the monks’ private quarters was left open, the dog would sometimes go to Padre Pio’s cell and wait at his door. It was also observed that when Padre Pio said Mass in the early days, the stray dogs from surrounding areas would come and sit in the square just in front of the church. When Mass was over, they would leave the area.



(While on our Padre Pio Pilgrimage in June 2019, we visited the Santa Anna Church in Pietrelcina where Padre Pio was baptized. The Padre Pio Pilgrims noticed a dog inside the church by the front entrance. The dog, a shepherd husky mix, witnessed us renewing our baptismal vows. As soon as we were done, he dashed out of the church and started to lead us down a cobblestone road. As we approached a corner, the dog dashed away. When we arrived at Padre Pio’s family home and entered, there the dog was inside the house to welcome us!)

Prayers for Priests



Saint John Vianney, (May 8, 1786 – August 4, 1859) was a French parish priest and known as the patron saint of parish priests. He is often referred to as the Cure of Ars and famous for his priestly and pastoral work in his parish in Ars, France. His spiritual transformation of the parish is attributed to his saintly life, mortification, persevering ministry in the sacrament of confession, and his intense devotion to the Blessed Mother. His feast day is 4 August.

Prayer to St. John Vianney for Parish Priests

Dear Saint John Vianney, your childhood dream was to be a Priest, to win souls for God.

You endured years of toil and humiliation to attain the Priesthood.

You became a priest truly after God's own heart, outstanding in humility and poverty; prayer and mortification.

Totally devoted to the service of God's people.

The Church has exalted you as model and patron saint of all Parish priests, trusting that your example and prayers will help them to live up to the high dignity of their vocation to be faithful servants of God's

people, to be perfect imitators of Christ the Savior Who came not to be served but to serve, to give His Life in ransom for many.

Pray that God may give to His Church today many more priests after His own Heart.

Pray for all the priests under your patronage, that they may be worthy representatives of Christ the Good Shepherd.

May they wholeheartedly devote themselves to prayer and penance; be examples of humility and poverty; shining models of holiness; tireless and powerful preachers of the Word of God; zealous dispensers of God's Grace in the Sacraments.

May their loving devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist and to Mary His Mother be the Twin Fountains of fruitfulness for their ministry. Amen.

Holy Hour Offering for Priests

My God, poor, weak and miserable as I am, I have come to spend this hour alone with You, in reparation for the priests who have forgotten that they are Your chosen souls. Especially, dear God, I offer this holy hour for the priests who at this moment need it the most. In praying for consecrated souls, help me to remember my own utter weakness, misery and nothingness. Were it not for Your grace, I would be far worse than those for whom I pray.

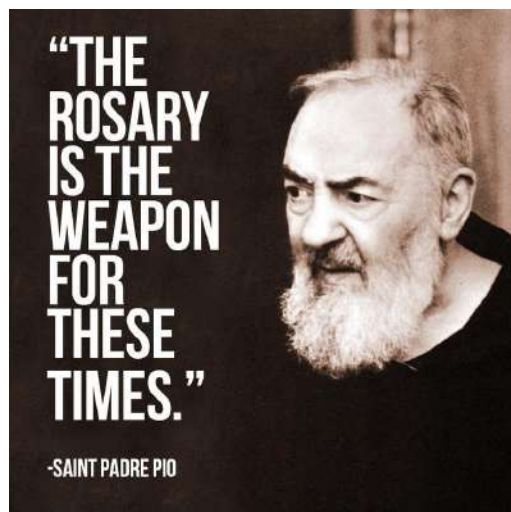
Prayers from Our Lady of Solitude Monastery Tonopah, AZ

May they be perfect imitators of Christ the Savior



"This image of [a] Doctor broke my heart. He like many doctors, endure endless shifts, and a very strong emotional pressure that many of us wouldn't be able to resist. Still in short moments of rest, he pulls out his rosary and surrenders to prayer. Does anyone doubt GOD doesn't hear this prayer? Today I wholeheartedly join his prayer, crying for all doctors and health personnel suffering on the edge for the well-being of their neighbor."

-- from a Facebook post



Mary's Virtues

According to St. Louis De Montfort, a key part of living out one's consecration to Mary is to imitate Mary's Virtues. Listed are ten virtues. What virtues do you practice? What virtues you need to pray to Mary to work on?

First Virtue: Purity Mary, you are most pure, both in body and soul. Help me to protect my bodily purity through custody of my eyes and avoiding anything that would lead to lust. Help me to dress and act modestly, protecting my dignity and recognizing the dignity of others as well. Let my intentions be pure. Help me to strive to do everything for Jesus, without selfish motives and agendas.

Second Virtue: Prudence Virgin most prudent, you pondered in your heart all that God spoke to you throughout your life. You recognized and reflected on all that God was asking of you. Please help me to develop the same attitude of pondering. Help me to reflect on all that God is doing in my life and through the people around me, so I may respond to Him with generosity.

Third Virtue: Humility Most humble Mother, God lavished on you the extraordinary grace of the Immaculate Conception not on account of your merits, but because it delighted Him to do so. Teach me to accept with joy all the graces that God gives me each day, knowing that I don't deserve them.

Fourth Virtue: Faith Mary, you are so faithful. You accepted all that God asked of you. So great was your willingness to follow Him and place everything in His hands. I worry, faithful Mother, about many things: my life, my family, my church, my job, my future, the future of the country. Teach me to have faith in God. Teach me to place my trust in Him as you did, surrendering all things to His holy will.

Fifth Virtue: Devotion Most devout Mother and model of prayer, teach me how to pray. Join my little prayers to yours and make them even more pleasing to God. Teach me most of all to receive Jesus mindfully in the Eucharist. Help me to talk with Him, love Him and listen to Him.

Sixth Devotion: Obedience Mary, through your loving obedi-

ence to the will of God, you brought into the world its Savior. I am often torn between doing my will and doing God's will. Help me to surrender my stubborn will, even if it sometimes seems like I have no hope of changing. Help me also to love the will of God, even when it is difficult to accept.

Seventh Virtue: Poverty Most poor Mother, your poverty was both physical and spiritual. You had only simple things and yet you saw everything as a gift from God. My possessions possess me, and I forget that they, too, are gifts from God in so far as they bring Him glory. Help me to rid myself of any attachments to my possessions that distract me from loving God. Also help me to be ever thankful for all the material and spiritual blessings that God gives me.

Eighth Virtue: Patience Mary, model of patience, you entered all things with the greatest patience. Here, Mary, I sometimes struggle. When things don't go my way immediately, I can become impatient and sometimes even angry. Teach me to bear trials and burdens in God's time and not according to my own time. Transform my moments of waiting, even in small things like in slow traffic or in line at the store, into moments of peaceful prayer.

Ninth Virtue: Mercy Great Mother of Mercy, you brought forth Jesus Christ, who is Divine Mercy Incarnate. You also continually intercede for all of your children here on earth. Teach me how to ask Jesus for mercy and then how to be merciful to others.

Tenth Virtue: Sorrow For Sin Most Sorrowful Mother, your wounded and pierced heart reminds me of the reality of sin and how much it hurts you when we turn our backs on God. Your love for us is also a source of sorrow in that you are with us as we suffer. Teach me to turn to you when the trials and sufferings of life seem overwhelming.



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

† OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF OUR RECENTLY DECEASED †

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Society and Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

What is the Society and Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph? The Society and Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph (SJM) seeks to share the graces of God to all the world by teaching individuals, families, and broader communities to be consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and to her most chaste spouse, St. Joseph. SJM teaches how to become consecrated to the Holy Family, stay consecrated, and share the fruits of that consecration to the world. While the essential goal is always personal conversion, the biggest dream of SJM is to convert as many families as possible to the love of the Holy Family. We believe St. John Paul II summarized this most important reality when he said, "As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live."

If families knew their power-of the Church's apostolic efforts focused on that power,-the grace of God would transform the world. When our blessed Lord entered the world via a family, He sanctified all families. You could say that the first thing He blessed,-and WANTED to bless, was family life. To explain what that really means, and how that should change the way

we do family life, would take a lifetime. And that is what SJM intends to do! To give our lives for the blessing of the world by the Christianization of families.

Well, who is in SJM? Right now it is three priests from the Archdiocese of New York and one lay woman. As of yet, the Society is informal and non-canonical. That means that it is so new that the Church has not yet given it a formal and official recognition. We haven't even sought that recognition yet because we are still discerning where, when, and how we can best serve the Church and the world. The Holy Family has opened a lot of doors (and shut some!), and we continue to walk in God's path and in His time. That's where you all come in, St. Padre Pio Prayer Group!



This summer SJM had the chance to meet with some members of your group, even though we knew about your group for some time. We see that prayer is your main apostolate right now, and the main thing we need right now for our apostolate is prayer. The Society would love to come speak, teach, and offer the Sacraments with your group in the future. We will do so, God willing, as we work with Church authorities to discern our next steps. Please pray for us as we will pray for you. And if you wish

to learn more, such as look at our rule of life and the book that teaches our spirituality, feel free to visit www.frpomeisl.blog.

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

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