

**THE PADRE PIO
PRAYER GROUP
of Cleveland**

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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.

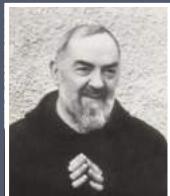
Our vision is to create more Spiritual Children and lead souls to heaven.

**UPCOMING
EVENTS:**

Jan 8-18, 2019 -
Pray for those on
Pilgrimage to the
Holy Land

Feb 2 -
Padre Pio Prayer
Group Gathering
beginning with
Rosary at 8:00 AM
and Mass at 8:30 AM,
St. Barnabas Church,
9451 Brandywine
Rd., Northfield

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in the area



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Holy Name of Jesus

January is the month of the Holy Name of Jesus. The feast of the Holy Name is celebrated on January 3rd. As children, the sisters taught us to bow our head whenever we heard the name of Jesus or said His name ourselves. This pious practice is seldom taught today. As the children grow into adults and have children of their own, they are unaware of it.

WHAT DOES THE NAME OF JESUS MEAN? The name Jesus comes from the Greek Iesous which was derived from the Aramaic, Yeshu. It means "Yahweh is salvation." The name was not unique, even in biblical times, and today it is common in Arabic-speaking East and in Spanish-speaking countries. From apostolic times the name has been treated with the greatest respect, as honor is due the name which represents Our Lord, himself.

The Holy Name of Jesus is, first of all, an all-powerful prayer. Our Lord Himself solemnly promises that. Therefore, we say, "Jesus," let us ask God for all we need with absolute confidence of being heard. For this reason, the Church ends her prayer with the words, "through Jesus Christ," which gives the prayer a new and Divine worth. But the Holy Name is something

still greater. Each time we say, "Jesus," we give God infinite joy and glory, for we offer Him all the infinite merits of the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ. St. Paul tells us that Jesus merited the name Jesus by His Passion and Death. Each time we say "Jesus," let us clearly wish to offer God all the Masses being said all over the world for all our intentions. We thus share in these thousands of Masses. Each time we say "Jesus," we gain indulgences for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, thus relieving and liberating very many of these holy souls from their awful pains. Thus they

may be our best friends and pray for us -- they cannot pray for themselves, however. Each time we say "Jesus," it is an act of perfect love, for we offer to God the infinite love of Jesus. The Holy Name of Jesus saves us from innumerable evils and delivers us especially from the power of the devil, who is constantly seeking to do us harm. The Holy Name of Jesus gradually fills our souls with a peace and joy we never had before. The Holy Name of Jesus gives us strength that our sufferings become light

and easy to bear. So let us bring back the piety of our childhood when we hear His Holy Name of Jesus and bow our heads in reverence.



Prayer to the Holy Name of Jesus

My Jesus, thou art the Savior who hast given Thy blood and Thy life for me, I pray Thee to write Thy adorable name on my poor heart; so that having it always imprinted in my heart by love, I may also have it ever on my lips, by invoking it in all my necessities. If the devil tempts me, Thy name will give me strength to resist him; if I lose confidence, Thy name will animate me to hope; if I am in affliction, Thy name will comfort me, by reminding me of all Thou hast endured for me. If I find myself cold in Thy love, Thy name will inflame me by reminding me of the love Thou hast shown me. I have fallen into so many sins because I did not call on Thee; from henceforth Thy name shall be my defense, my refuge, my hope, my only consolation, my only love. Thus do I hope to live, and so do I hope to die, having Thy name always on my lips. Amen.

For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be. (Luke 12:34)

What a difference a year makes. In 2017, my life was abruptly changed. I was living my life as if everything was “fine,” when in fact it was not. I could not see it, but other concerned people did. It was



“St. Augustine Between Christ and the Virgin” by Peter Paul Rubens

decided that I should take a medical leave of absence to work on the downward spiral my life was taking even though I did not see it. I knew something was different, but I figured I could do it on my own. Most of my life I have relied on myself and when problems or challenges occurred, I would take care of it myself. Little did I know that I could no longer take care of myself. The priestly ministry that I was ordained for was beginning to be affected. I agreed to this medical leave and was asked to be evaluated physically, mentally and emotionally. It was discovered that I would benefit from a residential treatment facility that handled these types of conditions. I felt apprehensive, bewildered, and scared. The time frame was to be for six months. It took more time for me; a year, but this was well spent and I realized my childhood and other events and people in my life affected what I was doing as an adult. It was discovered that I have moderate depression and anxiety. I now take medicine for this and I feel more alert and energized. I also discovered that I have a compulsive behavior disorder. This all stems from my upbringing. There was a lack of affection, attention, physical and verbal displays of love. I was searching for my desires in things and not people. I would be around people but I would not connect with them deeply. I would hear people tell me that I was a good, kind, caring, holy priest, but yet I knew that I did not feel this and if people knew what I was really going through, they would not say those words about me. I felt ashamed and embarrassed. My treasure, my heart was into things and not into what was more important, my relationship with God and with other people.

During this time away I had the added benefit of time to do much soul searching, reflection and deepening my prayer life. It was in this time of upheaval, filled with stress and confusion, that God showed me what was important in my life: a true relationship with Him. I began to read The Confessions of St. Augustine and I found this long quote and how I realized my relationship with God was like that of St. Augustine. He wrote:

“Late have I loved you, O Beauty so ancient and so new; late have I loved you! You were within me, and I was outside; and I sought you outside and in my loneliness fell upon those lovely things that you have made. You were with me, but I was not with you ... You called me and cried to me and broke open my deafness; you sent forth your beams and shone upon me and chased away my blindness; you breathed your fragrance upon me, and I drew in my breath and now I pant for you; I tasted you, and now I hunger and thirst for you; you touched me, and I burn for your peace.”

Praised be God for his great love. I was trying to earn God’s love by all the things I was doing and yet I realized that God already loves me and no matter what I do, He will still and always love me. I want to be forever in His love and so my life has changed. In weakness I have become strong in Christ Jesus.

I know that you have been praying for me while I was away. Your prayers were heard and I am better, but still I must live my life one day at a time and will need your prayers to remain faithful to God as you need my prayers for you.

May our Blessed Mother of God help us all to discover where our treasure is for this is where our heart is. Hopefully it will be in the Sacred Heart of Jesus and in the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

It is good to be back home and to see you all. Have a Holy New Year!

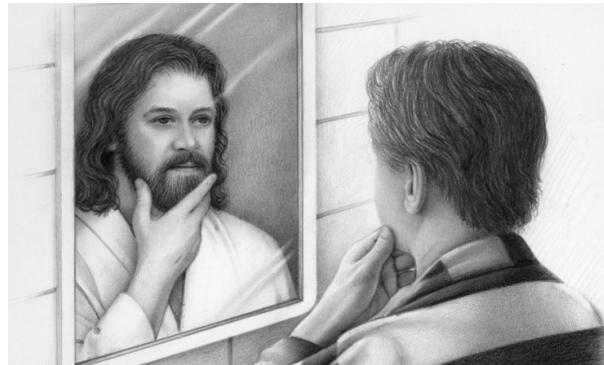
Influencing Our Narcissistic, Pleasure-Seeking Society

Why is our world so crazy? What is happening to us? Many feel that the foundations of our society are cracking. One answer is that more and more people are engaged in a narcissistic quest for pleasure. In many ways it can be traced back to the sexual revolution begun with Woodstock in the 1960's. Added to that was so many Catholics rejection of *Humanae Vitae*, the church's encyclical on birth control and chastity. Instead of humbly being obedient to the teaching authority of the church, many decided to make themselves and their personal presences their moral guide. Now, some 50 years later, what began as a "new morality" has become a cancerous disease. We live in a world of relative, not absolute, truth. "You have your truth, I have my truth." With the growing secularism, God and the 10 commandments are not part of the picture. "I can choose whatever I want." The two operative words in the previous sentence are "I" and "want". "I" indicates the narcissism which is taking over our thinking; "want" indicates the pleasure principle also taking over our thinking. "Narcissistic pleasure" is a main factor in the fissures of the foundation of our society.

Sexual pleasure is a gift from God meant to lead people to love another and start a family. However, for many, sexual pleasure has become a drug. Pornography is now a pandemic. Young children are exposed to it on their cell phones and become addicted at a very early age. Many young people, no longer valuing chastity, narcissistically choose to be sexually active and cohabit without thinking of marriage and children.

Other pleasures are narcissistically sought out such as the "high" to be gotten from alcohol, drugs, shopping, gambling, food, work, etc. God created pleasure not to be sought after for its own sake. It is meant to be the entrance way to joy and true happiness! Sexual pleasure for the joy of marriage and children; delicious food to make our bodies strong; shopping for the joy of finding a birthday or Christmas gift for one we love; work not for the purpose of getting rich but rather to provide for our loved ones and contribute to our charities.

True joy is found not in being narcissistic but in relationship with God and others. A college professor of sociology gave his students an assignment. They were to go out and have a



good time. One group could choose to have their good time for themselves. The other group was to specifically include others, like children or the elderly. When the students came back, the group who had the good time by themselves reported that yes they had a good time but it was over and done with. The other group came back with glowing reports of how happy they felt taking poor children to an amusement park for the first time and seeing the joy and excitement in their faces, and the gratitude and bonding that occurred. Others reported how they treated nursing home residents who had no living relatives to a picnic in a park with a lake and waterfall. They spent the sunny afternoon letting the nursing home residents share their memories of a lifetime because they knew the students really cared about them. The best gift the students gave was the gift of themselves expressed in relationship.

Kirtland is a town in Lake County. Their high school football team has won many state championships as they did again this year. The foundation for the success is the head coach and his wife, both committed Christians, who open their home to the players, especially the ones from broken families. They give the gift of relationship to the players.

We are all called by Jesus to "love one another as I have loved you." Challenge number one is to develop and nurture

our relationship with Jesus who as scripture states in *Philippians* 2, "Did not cling to his divinity (which would have been narcissistic) but emptied himself and took the form of a slave being born in the likeness of humans (relationship)." Challenge number two is to give ourselves to others in relationship in big and little ways. Wouldn't it be wonderful for modern narcissistic, pleasure-seeking people to say of us as the pagans in the Roman Empire said of the Early Christians: "See how they love one another?" There is a legitimate and necessary place for discussion with non-believers about the moral and religious foundations of our convictions.

But the real proof of the pudding is for them to engage in a genuine, heartfelt experience with us as we give ourselves in relationship with them as Jesus gave himself in relationship. In this way, we can influence our narcissistic, pleasure-seeking society one person at a time. It is a matter of the transformation of the heart.

Pro-Life Prayer Reflections for Every Day for January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 Lord thank You for my body, my life, and my freedom. May all of us understand the purpose of these gifts: to freely give ourselves away in love just as you did.	 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 13 Lord, renew my confidence today that Your promise to us will continue to be fulfilled as Your Kingdom of Life grows in the world.	MARY, MOTHER OF GOD 8 Lord, give us a consistent respect for every life and a proper understanding of every life issue.	2 Lord, increase my love for the children in the womb who cannot acknowledge or repay me. May You be my only reward.	3 Lord, thank You for the grace of being pro-life and of standing strong when others ridicule or oppose me. May Your peace fill my soul, and may I become more like Your crucified and risen Son.	4 Spirit of truth, keep us free from the power of deception. Give us clear minds to know the truth and courageous tongues to speak it.	5 Lord Jesus, You conquered the power of death. May we seek freedom from its power only in You!
7 Lord, I pray for all those who have had abortions. Through the compassion of others, may they turn to You for forgiveness, and may You grant them Your peace.	14 Lord, You teach us to see beyond appearances, false distinctions and prejudices. Help us care for every life, born and unborn.	9 Lord, the kingdom belongs to children. Grant that we may treat them accordingly.	10 Have mercy on us, Lord, and save us from the idolatry of death.	11 Lord, be with all those who are going through abortion, and bring them quickly to Your peace.	12 Thank You Father of Life, for creating every human being, born and unborn, healthy and sick.	
13 Lord, I unite myself today with all my brothers and sisters in this great pro-life cause.	15 Lord, thank You for the privilege of defending human life through the pro-life movement.	16 Lord, bless these courageous men and women. Thank Your for their powerful witness.	17 Lord, may we imitate those who willingly sacrifice for the cause of life!	18 Lord Jesus, may we be one as You and Your Father are one.	19 Lord, I thank You for Norma Jean McCorvey's conversion, as a sign of hope for our culture.	
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20 Lord, send Your blessings upon Sandra Cano and upon all who work for the reversal of these disastrous decisions of our Supreme Court.						
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27 Lord, I pray for all those who are disabled, frail, and ill. Give them Your strength and peace, and give us the eyes to see their dignity and value.						
28 Lord, may all people acknowledge You as the only master of human life. May those who defend life understand that they are not only defending their brothers and sisters, but are also defending You!						
29 Lord, free Your people from the deception of idolatry, witchcraft, and false worship. Preserve us in true worship and effective justice.						
30 Lord, I pray today for the Society of Centurions, former abortion providers and medical personnel. Help them to find Your healing and peace.						
31 Lord, instill in all fathers and mothers a deep sense of responsibility for their children, born and unborn.						
32 Lord, I thank You for the conversion of St. Paul.						
33 Lord, I thank You for the conversion of St. Francis de Sales.						
34 Lord, I thank You for the conversion of St. Marianne Cope.						
35 Lord, I thank You for the conversion of St. John Bosco.						
36 Lord, I thank You for the conversion of St. Thomas Aquinas.						
37 Lord, I thank You for the conversion of St. Agnes.						
38 Lord, I thank You for the conversion of St. Vincent de Paul.						
39 Lord, I thank You for the conversion of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.						
40 Lord, I thank You for the conversion of St. John Neumann.						
41 Lord, I thank You for the conversion of St. Timothy and Titus.						
42 Lord, I thank You for the conversion of St. Raymond of Peñafort.						
43 Lord, I thank You for the conversion of St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen.						
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Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All

Prayer and meditation before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament are great ways to spend some special time with Him.

**Dear Jesus, I
adore you with
all the powers of
my soul and I
consecrate my
whole being to
you. Amen.**

form of bread and wine. Yet, as we believe following the doctrine of what is called the Real Presence, our Lord is as present to us here as He was to his apostles in Palestine 2000 years ago!

Many people spend time with Jesus in a "holy hour." More often it is a time just for silent adoration. A good way to spend an hour with our Lord in this manner is to divide your time into 15-minute segments each devoted to meditation in a spirit first of adoration, then contrition, thanksgiving, and, finally, supplication. Your time spent with our Lord in a Holy Hour is an important element in the path to holiness.

Fr. John Hardon, a champion of Christ in the Real Presence states, "We as Catholics should try to pray as much as possible before the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar." Countless religious, including saints and popes, have adorned the great spiritual blessings and benefits we can derive from Eucharistic adoration. Pope John Paul II, calling it "a great treasure of the Catholic faith," noted that "it nourishes social love" and encouraged all Christians to visit Jesus regularly in the Blessed Sacrament as "we are all called to abide in the presence of God."

Speaking of being called, what is so important for us to realize is that Christ calls us, each one of us, to visit Him in Eucharistic adoration much as He called His apostles! Our Lord said on the cross "I thirst" and, indeed, He expressed to Sr. Josepha Menendez, a Spanish

nun in the 1920's, His constant thirst for souls! Jesus is waiting for us in tabernacles all over the world, "full of pity and of love." Jesus could calm the winds and the waves with a rebuke (Mk 5:35-41). He could turn a meal for one into one for 5000 (Mt 14:13-23). He could even heal people of their physical afflictions with just a touch (such as in Lk 5:12-14). This very same God of such power and majesty makes Himself present and readily available in countless altars and tabernacles in churches around the world to be with each one of us, indeed to be with you!

So, how should we "revere this wondrous gift," as the Blessed Sacrament is called in the famous hymn Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All? Try to approach Jesus with humility, contrition and love. Make your heart a vessel into which He can pour his grace. Unite your troubled heart with His Sacred Heart and ask Him for the wisdom and graces you need in difficult situations! Treat Him as you would one of your closest friends, with love and respect. Feel free to tell Him whatever troubles or pleases you. Silence is the key for concentration in this intimate setting. You can also pray whatever prayers you'd like: the Rosary, the Anima Christi, An Act of Spiritual Communion, or any number of very good Blessed Sacrament prayers. If you'd prefer, just give our Lord your heartfelt thoughts in meditation or reflection. You might want to bring scripture for reflection. The book In Sinu Jesu, by a Benedictine monk, is a powerful read in front of the Blessed Sacrament. The more you learn about our faith through such readings, the deeper your experience with our Lord can be. In the reflections, He can inspire within you through His Spirit. Bishop Sheen prepared his homilies in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament because, as he put it, "the most brilliant ideas come from meeting God face to face." He referred to his daily time spent before the Blessed Sacrament as his "hour of power" for spiritual renewal. Give Him your sincere love and devotion.

Why Do I Adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament?

by Fr. Nicholas Mancini

It is on the authority of Jesus Himself, Who instituted It and said, "that if we did not eat His Flesh and drink His Blood we could not have life in Him."

It is that many of our forefathers believed that Jesus is present under the appearance of bread and wine. It is that St. Peter, St. John, St. Paul, and all the other great Saints believed it. It is that Jesus in the Eucharist helps me to bear the burdens of my life and gives me the consolations and encouragement that no one else can give.

In the sanctuary of every Catholic Church, a light burns year in and year out. And nearby in the tabernacle is waiting, not the love of an earthly father or mother, strong as it may be, not the love of a human being but that of Jesus Christ, My Lord and My God, waiting to receive all His children who come to Him longing to receive Him in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All, I Love you, for you are truly present among us in this Great Sacrament of your Love, Your Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. For you are My Lord and My God.



Prayers for Priests, Religious and Vocations

As we begin this new year, we pray daily for our priests, religious and for vocations.



MORNING OFFERING FOR PRIESTS

Divine Saviour Jesus Christ, who has entrusted the whole work of your redemption, the welfare, and salvation of the world to priests as your representatives, through the hands of your most holy Mother and for the sanctification of your priests and candidates for the priesthood, I offer you this present day wholly and entirely, with all its prayers, works, joys, sacrifices, and sorrows. Give us truly holy priests who, inflamed with the fire of your divine love, seek nothing but your greater glory and the salvation of souls. Holy Mary, good Mother of priests, protect all priests in the dangers of their holy vocation and, with the loving hand of a Mother, also lead back to the Good Shepherd those poor priests who have become unfaithful to their exalted vocation and have gone astray. Amen.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Dear Lord,
we pray that the Blessed Mother
wrap her mantle around Your priests,
and through her intercession
strengthen them for their ministry.
We pray that Mary will guide Your priests
to follow her own words,
“Do whatever He tells you” (Jn 2:5).
May Your priests have the heart of St Joseph,
Mary’s most chaste spouse.
May the Blessed Mother’s own pierced heart
inspire them who embrace
all who suffer at the foot of the Cross.
May Your priests be holy,
filled with the fire of Your love,
seeking nothing but Your greater glory
and the salvation of souls. Amen.

**Give us
truly
holy
priests**

A PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FOR THE INCREASE OF PRIESTLY AND RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

By Archbishop Justin Rigali – St. Louis

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Eternal Father,
Son of the Virgin Mary,
we thank you for offering your life in sacrifice on
the Cross, and for renewing this sacrifice
in every Mass celebrated throughout the world.
In the Power of the Holy Spirit
we adore you and proclaim
your living presence in the Eucharist.
We desire to imitate the love you show us
in your death and resurrection,
by loving and serving one another.
We ask you to call many young people to religious
life, and to provide the holy and generous priests
that are so needed in your Church today.
Lord Jesus, hear our prayer. Amen.

Book List from Fr. Terry O'Connell

Just a little note to say thank you. I never drank so much coffee the two weeks I was in the US and I have more miles driven during my visit (1500 to be exact) than St. Padre Pio's Guardian Angel! I am in gratitude for the PPPG. Your attention, intelligence, generosity, kindness and love you have shown me have left an indelible mark on my soul. I have witnessed many prayer groups in my travels but nothing quite like yours. I feel I have a home away from home. Following is the list of good reading materials I have promised you. Please keep me in your prayers as you are all in mine. God bless you and Happy New Year!

Fr. John Hampsch
Healing Your Family Tree (1986)
The Healing Power of the Eucharist
(1999)

Dr. Kenneth McAll
Healing the Family Tree (2017)

Fr. Yozefu Ssemakula
The Healing of Families (2011)

Fr. Robert DeGrandis
Intergenerational Healing (1989)

Dr. Scott Hahn
The Lamb's Supper (1999)

A Benedictine Monk
In Sino Jesu: When Heart Speaks to
Heart (2016)



Stephen Ray
Crossing the Tiber (1997)

Jeff Cavins
When You Suffer (2015)

Commitment for the New Year

"The man who is filled with the Holy Spirit speaks in different languages. These different languages are different ways of witnessing to Christ, such as humility, poverty, patience, and obedience; we speak in those languages when we reveal in ourselves these virtues to others. Actions speak louder than words. It is useless for a man to flaunt his knowledge of the law if he undermines its teaching by his actions. But the apostles spoke as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Happy the man whose words issue from the Holy Spirit and not from himself! We should speak, then, as the Holy Spirit gives us the gift of speech. Our humble and sincere request to the Spirit for ourselves should be that we may bring the day of Pentecost to fulfillment, insofar as he infuses us with his grace, by using our bodily senses in a perfect manner and by keeping the commandments." (St. Anthony of Padua)



This should be our daily prayer to God the Father, to guide us as we start this "New Year" in our thoughts, words and actions. We take the responsibility to orient all our educative endeavors toward creating relationships of equality, inclusion, non-violence, and harmony, believing that to have life, and life in abundance, is the deepest desire

of God. In whatever apostolic activity we may be engaged in, our educative mission makes visible our solidarity with those who are excluded. The pursuit of justice, peace, and integrity of creation permeates all aspects of our lives. We want to include these in the criteria we use for discerning our prayer group, relationships, ministries, and commitments. In so doing, all our choices will be marked by Gospel values.

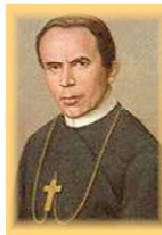
Taking on this commitment in daily life calls each one of us to grow in our personal and prayer group's lifestyle, in our mentality and attitudes, and in the way we make choices. Are you living the lifestyle of commitment of holiness, or just when we are together or at church? The commitment offers us new ways of living our commitments more harmoniously. It impels us to search for prudent ways of living our community of goods, inclusiveness, and communion. It enables us to relate in a new way with ourselves, with others, and with all of creation. With gratitude, we celebrate the daily efforts of our spiritual brothers and sisters in search of a better world. Together we will be strengthened by the Spirit and thirst to continue finding the face of God as we journey towards the path to holiness. We find hope in our ability towards harmony and reconciliation, gestures of sharing goods and of caring for life, and words that console and challenge us. In the beating of these human hearts in accordance with the rhythm of life and following the footsteps of our spiritual Father Padre Pio, with joy we discover the love of the Heart of Jesus.

JAKE'S CORNER: We welcome Jake Snyder to our monthly newsletter. He will be writing on a Saint who will be celebrating a feast day during that particular month which is his passion. We met young Jake in Detroit at the Beatification of Blessed Fr. Solanus Casey. He is a High School student discerning a priesthood vocation.



Jake's Corner

Saint John Neumann C.S.s.R. was born in Prachatice, Czech Republic on March 28, 1811, and was Baptized the same day. The Saint's mother would hear Holy Mass daily and she often brought one of her children with her. In 1832 the Saint decided that he wanted to become a priest and come to America. He landed in America on June 1, 1836, and was ordained a priest on June 25, 1836. The next day Saint John Neumann celebrated his first Mass at Saint Nicholas Parish on Second Street. Then, Saint John Neumann professed his vows as a Redemptorist on January 16, 1842, and was sent to Saint Philomena Parish in Pittsburgh in March of 1844 where he worked with Blessed Francis X. Seelos. Next, Saint John Neumann was made the fourth Bishop of Philadelphia on March 28, 1852. Furthermore, the Saint was noted for his



love for the poor. Saint John Neumann was a great Bishop, he even learned Gaelic in order to be able to hear the Irish people's Confessions. Bishop John Neumann established the first Catholic School neumann/System in Archdiocese of Philadelphia and set up the first national Italian Catholic Parish: the Parish of Saint Mary Magdalene de Pazzi. At the age of forty-eight on January 5, 1860, the Saintly Bishop collapsed into the street and later died. He was buried in the Church Saint Peter in Philadelphia where his relics remain today. Saint John Neumann was Beatified on October 13, 1963 during the Second Vatican Council and Canonized on June 19, 1997, by His Holiness Saint Pope Paul VI. The feast day of Saint John Neumann, C.S.s.R. is January 5.

Saint John Neumann, pray for us!

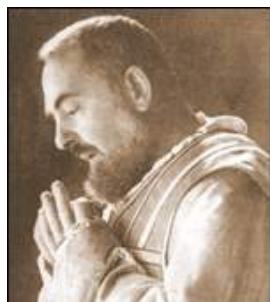
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<https://stjohnneumann.org/our-st-john-neumann/about-st-john>

KEEP OUR SICK SISTERS & BROTHERS IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

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

Helen Husky
Larry Janowicz
Bishop Richard Lennon

Joe Morici
Abbot C. Schwartz OSB



† OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF OUR RECENTLY DECEASED †

George Adler, father of Patricia Adler
Catherine Pangrac, mother of Mary Ann Janezic

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



Did You Notice?

The Padre Pio Prayer Group of Cleveland started using a new email system in the month of December. Same volume and same content, but more vibrant and colorful emails in your inbox!

JUST ANNOUNCED!!



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WITH THE PADRE PIO PRAYER
GROUP OF CLEVELAND

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Thank you for the overwhelming generous response for our Christmas collection to the homeless under the bridges of Cleveland. I am so delighted of the kindness everyone exhibited. I don't think they could have put one more item in the van!



Welcome
Home Fr. Ed!

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