

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

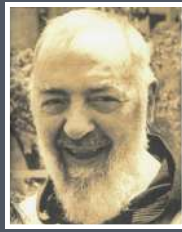
Sep 15 -
Novena to St. Padre
Pio starts (see pages
6-7 of this newsletter)

Sep 20 -
Mass, Group Leader
Presentation and
St. Padre Pio Chapel
Dedication beginning
at 9:00 AM, St.
Sebastian Church,
476 Mull Ave, Akron

Sep 23 -
St. Padre Pio Feast
Day Rosary and
Mass beginning at
6:00 PM, Our Lady of
Guadalupe Church,
9080 Shepard Rd,
Macedonia

Oct 3 -
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

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events in the area



St. Padre Pio Prayer Group Newsletter

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Mater Dolorosa

The month of September is dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of Mary as we celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15.

Devotion to the sorrows of the Virgin Mary dates from the 12th century, when it made its appearance in monastic circles under the influence of St. Anselm and St. Bernard. God promised to select the very things about Him which are most incommunicable, and in a most mysteriously real way communicate them to her. See how He had already mixed her up with the eternal designs of creation, making her almost a partial cause and partial model of it.

Our Lady's co-operation in the redemption of the world gives us a fresh view of her magnificence. Neither the Immaculate Conception nor the Assumption will give us a higher idea of Mary's exaltation than the title of co-redemptress. Her sorrows were not necessary for the redemption of the world, but in the counsels of God they were inseparable from it. They belong to the integrity of the divine plan. Are not Mary's mysteries Jesus' mysteries and His mysteries hers? The truth appears to be that all the mysteries of Jesus and Mary were in God's design as one mystery. Jesus Himself was Mary's sorrow, seven times repeated, ag-

gravated sevenfold. During the hours of the Passion, the offering of Jesus and the offering of Mary were tied in one. They kept pace together; they were made of the same materials; they were perfumed with kindred fragrance; they were lighted with the same fire; they were offered with kindred dispositions. The two things were one simultaneous oblation, interwoven each moment through the thickly crowded mysteries of that dread time, unto the eternal Father, out of two sinless hearts, that were the hearts of Son and Mother, for the sins of a guilty world which fell on them contrary to their merits, but according to their own free will.



The Blessed Virgin Mary grants seven

graces to the souls who honor her daily by saying seven Hail Mary's and meditating on her tears and dolors (sorrows). See *"The Seven Sorrows Devotion"* on page 9 of this newsletter.

St. Gabriel of The Sorrowful Mother said he was never denied any petition that he confided to the Mater Dolorosa (Mother of Sorrows). The devotion was passed on by St. Bridget.



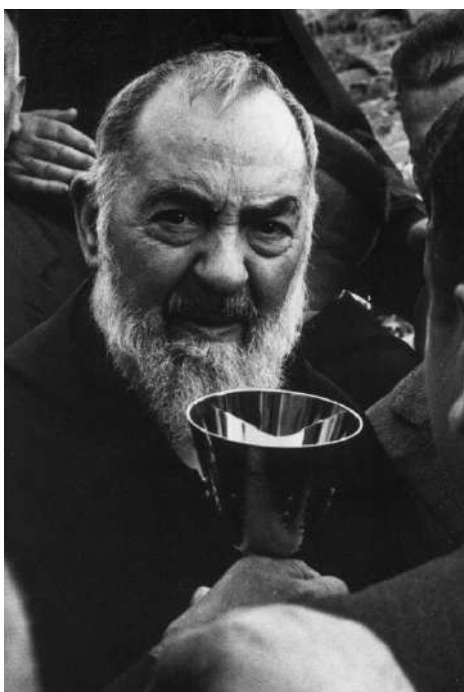
It was 52 years ago, on September 23rd, that Padre Pio died. I was only 7 years old at that time and when I saw his picture in the newspaper, I was afraid of him. The picture used was one of him having a very stern face. He “looked so mean” from my 7 years’ old eyes. A lot has changed in those 52 years. Today, I see Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, not from the physical eyes of a 7 year old, but from the spiritual eyes of a 59-year-old priest. Saint Pio is not the scary, mean person that I saw when I was young, but a man of great love, compassion, forgiveness, and peace. When he was stern, it was to love, protect, and defend the Faith and for his love for Jesus Christ and the Blessed Mother Mary.

I still remember the event that occurred 7 years ago when Cindy asked me to be the Spiritual Director for the Padre Pio Prayer Group. I do not remember if I said this out loud to her or if it was in my mind, but I said or thought: “*What are you getting me into?*” Remember, my impression of Padre Pio was one of

a stern and mean person. Over these past 7 years, I have relied more and more on St. Pio, especially with all the “miraculous God occurrences” that have taken place. Also all the spiritual renewals that have occurred. For me, Padre Pio has helped me in my spiritual re-awakening. So now when I reflect on my comment to Cindy: “*What are you getting me into?*” I now see, “*You are getting me into Heaven.*”



I pray for our Padre Pio Prayer Group, Cindy, and for the prayer requests from our website (<https://www.padrepioocleveland.org/prayer-basket>), every day. This group has grown to over 700 people, who are active in small or large ways in praying with and promoting St. Pio of Pietrelcina. We perform the Spiritual and Corporal Acts of Mercy and donate time, talent, and treasure to those who are in need; whether it is physical, mental, or spiritual in nature.



Let us continue to be faithful spiritual children asking for the prayers of our spiritual father, St. Padre Pio. May we always remember to *Pray, Hope and Don't Worry*. Padre Pio prayed, hoped and didn't worry and see where it got him, Heaven! Know that I love you all and pray that we will all be with God, who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; the Blessed Virgin Mary; the angels and saints, especially with Padre Pio.

Peace and Good Will.

The Sound of Silence

"The men and women who pray in silence, in the night, and in solitude are the supporting pillars of Christ's Church. God's first language is silence." — Cardinal Robert Sarah. In commenting on this beautiful, rich insight of Saint John of the Cross, Thomas Keating, in his work *Invitation to Love*, writes: "Everything else is a poor translation. In order to understand this language, we must learn to be silent and to rest in God."

It is time to rediscover the true order of priorities. It is time to put God back at the center of our concerns, at the center of our actions and of our life: the only place that He should occupy. Thus, our Christian journey will be able to gravitate around this Rock, take shape in the light of the faith and be nourished in prayer, which is a moment of silent, intimate encounter in which a human being stands face to face with God to adore Him and to express his filial love for Him. This is the truly urgent thing: to rediscover the sense of God. Now the Father allows Himself to be approached only in silence.

What the Church needs most today is not an administrative reform, another pastoral program, a structural change. The program already exists: it is the one we have always had, drawn from the Gospel and from living Tradition. It is centered on Christ Himself, whom we must know, love and imitate in order to live in Him and through Him, to transform our world which is being degraded because human beings live as though God did not exist. God alone can satisfy the human heart. We are the victims of the superficiality, selfishness and worldly spirit that are spread by our media-driven society. We get lost in struggles for influence, in conflicts between persons, in a narcissistic, vain activism. We swell with pride and pretention, prisoners of a will to power. We sometimes accept vile compromises. But all that passes away like smoke.

The only reality that deserves our attention is God Himself, and God is silent. He waits for our silence to reveal Himself. Regaining the sense of silence is therefore a priority, an urgent necessity. Silence is more important than any other human work because it expresses God. The true revolution comes from silence; it leads us toward God and toward others so that we can place ourselves humbly at their service.

Why is the idea of silence so essential in your view? Is silence necessary in order to find God, and in what way "is it man's greatest freedom"? God is silence, and the devil is noisy. From the beginning, Satan has sought to mask his lies be-

neath a deceptive, deep agitation. The Christian owes it to himself not to be of the world. It is up to him to turn away from the noises of the world, from its rumors that run headlong in order to turn better toward what is essential: God.

Nothing will more readily make us discover God than this silence inscribed at the heart of our being. Silence is not an idea; it is the path that enables human beings to go to God. God is silence, and this divine silence dwells within a human being. By living with the silent God, and in Him, we ourselves become silent.


God has His mysterious way of being close to us in our trials. He is intensely present in our trials and sufferings. His strength makes itself silence because it reveals his infinite tact, His loving tenderness for those who suffer. External signs are not necessarily the best proofs of closeness. Silence reveals God's compassion, the fact that He takes part in our



sufferings. God does not will evil. And the more monstrous the evil, the clearer it becomes that God in us is the first victim. Christ's victory over death and sin is consummated in the grand silence of the cross.

Saint John Paul II told us: a human being enters into participation in the divine presence "above all by letting himself be educated in an adoring silence, because at the summit of the knowledge and experience of God there is His absolute transcendence." Silence poses the problem of the essence of the liturgy. The liturgy is mystical. As long as we approach the liturgy with a noisy heart, it will have a superficial, human appearance. There is no true silence in the liturgy if we are not—with all our heart—turned toward the Lord. Ask God to help you practice silence. It will bring your relationship with God to a closer intimacy.

Reflections from Saint Padre Pio/September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	<p>1</p> <p>When you are overcome by sadness at sunset, then more than ever you must renew your trust in God.</p> <p>Weekday</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Humble yourself before (God) and praise and bless the heavenly Father with a full heart.</p> <p>Weekday</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Cast from you all things that cause you to be sad.</p> <p>St. Gregory the Great</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Refuse all such thoughts as you would reject temptations against purity.</p> <p>Weekday</p> <p>First Friday</p>	<p>5</p> <p>You must not dwell any longer on tormenting thoughts.</p> <p>Weekday</p> <p>St. Teresa of Calcutta BVM</p> <p>First Saturday</p>		
<p>6</p> <p>Endeavor to occupy your mind with happy thoughts.</p> <p>23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Try to dwell on the goodness of the heavenly Father in giving you His Only Begotten Son.</p> <p>Weekday</p> <p>Labor Day</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Try to dwell on the beauty of our holy faith, on the happiness reserved for us in paradise.</p> <p>THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Let your speech be edifying.</p> <p>St. Peter Claver</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Leave yourself invariably in the arms of your heavenly Father.</p> <p>Weekday</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Peacefully await the fulfillment of God's plan for you and don't bother about anything else.</p> <p>Weekday</p>	<p>12</p> <p>May the holy Spirit fill your soul with His most holy gifts and make you holy.</p> <p>Weekday</p> <p>The Most Holy Name of Mary BVM</p>	
<p>13</p> <p>Do not lose faith in God's providence.</p> <p>24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Put your trust in God.</p> <p>THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Abandon yourself to (God) and let Him take care of you. Rest assured you will not be confounded.</p> <p>Our Lady of Sorrow</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Immerse yourself more deeply in humility and in blessing the Lord.</p> <p>Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian</p>	<p>17</p> <p>A soul who trusts in the Lord and places all her hope in Him has nothing to fear.</p> <p>Weekday</p> <p>St. Robert Bellarmine</p>	<p>18</p> <p>The enemy of our salvation is always around us to snatch from our hearts the anchor of our trust in God.</p> <p>Weekday</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Always be on your guard and don't become puffed up considering yourself to be above others.</p> <p>Weekday</p> <p>St. Januarius BVM</p>	
<p>20</p> <p>Despise evil insinuations and live in peace, for the Lord is with you as never before.</p> <p>25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Take heart and don't be afraid.</p> <p>ST. MATTHEW</p>	<p>22</p> <p>The heavenly Father has promised us the necessary help to prevent us from being overcome.</p> <p>Weekday</p>	<p>23</p> <p>May the good God enlighten you.</p> <p>St. Pio of Pietrelcina</p>	<p>24</p> <p>May the grace of the divine Spirit always possess your heart and those of all who want to belong to Jesus.</p> <p>Weekday</p>	<p>25</p> <p>May the Virgin Mother be the very one who obtains for you the courage and strength to fight valiantly.</p> <p>Weekday</p>	<p>26</p> <p>May your good angel ward off the blows the enemies of our salvation aim at you.</p> <p>Weekday</p> <p>Ss. Cosmas and Damian BVM</p>	
<p>27</p> <p>How consoling it is to know one is always under the protection of a heavenly spirit who never abandons us.</p> <p>26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p>	<p>28</p> <p>(Our heavenly spirit never abandons us) even when we are actually offending God.</p> <p>Weekday</p> <p>St. Wenceslaus</p> <p>St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions</p>	<p>29</p> <p>(Our heavenly spirit) was with St. Michael to defend God's honor against Satan. He is still powerful against Satan.</p> <p>SS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Our angels love has not lessened and he can never fail to defend us. Make a habit of thinking of him continually.</p> <p>St. Jerome</p>	<p>A Prayer</p> <p><i>May Jesus comfort you in all your afflictions. May He sustain you in dangers, watch over you always with His grace, and indicate the safe path that leads to eternal salvation. And may He render you always dearer to His Divine Heart and always more worthy of Paradise. Amen.</i></p>			<p>--St. Pio of Pietrelcina</p>

Padre Domenico da Cese

Like his friend and fellow Capuchin, St. Padre Pio, the humble Padre Domenico da Cese was also a mystic and stigmatist who had extraordinary gifts of the Holy Spirit; such as the gift of "reading souls" and bi-location. Penitents who traveled from Manoppello to go to confession with Padre Pio were admonished by him for traveling such a distance when they already had a holy priest in Manoppello. He told them, "Why did you come all the way here, so far? You've got a priest there, my spiritual son, he's like me!" St. Padre Pio's last documented case of bi-location, just before he died, was before the relic of the Holy Face of Jesus at the shrine of "Il Volto Santo" in Manoppello, where Padre Domenico was the rector. Padre Pio had told his fellow Capuchins that the Holy Face of Manoppello was the greatest relic of the Church.



On September 22, 1968, as Padre Pio lay dying in San Giovanni Rotondo (which is about 200 km south of Manoppello in Italy), his friend Padre Domenico had just unlocked the doors of the shrine of the Holy Face that morning, and was astounded to find Padre Pio in prayer, in the choir behind the altar before the sacred image of the Face of Jesus. St. Padre Pio spoke then to Padre Domenico saying, "I do not trust myself any more. I am coming to an end. Pray for me. Good-bye until we meet in Paradise." Twenty-four hours later, St. Padre Pio died in his cell in San Giovanni on September 23, 1968. Testimony was later given by witnesses that Padre Domenico da Cese was seen at Padre Pio's funeral (another case of bi-location). A film was even taken which shows Padre Domenico walking slowly in Padre Pio's funeral procession, even though Padre Domenico had never left the shrine in Manoppello.

Our Padre Pio Pilgrims had the privilege of visiting the Holy Face of Manoppello in June of 2019. Sr. Petra-Maria gave us a beautiful witness on the Holy Face of Manoppello.

As a little nine-year-old boy in 1915, Padre Domenico predicted the devastating Avezzano earthquake in Italy. A 6.7 earthquake hit that region the next morning, killing more than 30,000 people, including



two of his sisters and burying him and his father in the rubble of their church. A man he didn't know pulled him from the rubble to safety, whose face he later recognized on his first visit as a friar to the Shrine of the Holy Face in Manoppello. When Padre Domenico knelt before the "Il Volto Santo" or Face of Jesus, the miraculous veil, he exclaimed, "This is the man who saved me from the rubble!" Padre Domenico would tell pilgrims, "It is the Face of Mercy, Love and Peace.

This face is that of Jesus, and it is a great miracle, always love him." On September 13 of 1978, while visiting Turin to venerate the Holy Face on the Shroud during a rare exposition, Padre Domenico, who was a giant of a man, was hit by the smallest car, a Fiat, as he was stepping out into a street. After suffering for several days in a hospital, and forgiving the man who had hit him, he died on September 17, offering his life for the Holy Face on the Veil – the face of the man who saved him as a child.

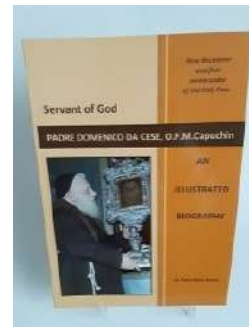
Prayer for the intercession of Servant of God Padre Domenico da Cese (1915-1978)

O God, you gave Padre Domenico the capacity of recognizing in the poor and the suffering the very Holy Face of your beloved Son, whose devotion he promoted with such zeal. Through his intercession, obtain for me the humility of heart and simplicity of the little ones to whom you have revealed the secrets of the Kingdom, and in my hour of trial give me the strength to overcome the seductions of evil in order to put Satan to flight, and to merit, at the end of my earthly pilgrimage, to be able to contemplate the Holy Face of Jesus in the glory of paradise. Though unworthy as I am of your Divine favors, I ask that you might grant, through the intercession of your faithful servant Padre Domenico, the grace I humbly ask of you. Amen.

For more information, contact:
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JOIN US at our Padre Pio Prayer Gathering on Saturday, September 5 as Tamara Klapatch will be our Guest Speaker. She is the Director of the United States Apostolate for Padre Domenico da Cese - Volto Santo (The Veil of Manoppello). The Apostolate was established in 2019 to increase the awareness of and to aid in the beatification and canonization process for this Servant of God, along with increasing the knowledge of Volto Santo. Books will be available for sale at the Prayer Gathering.



NOVENA to ST. PADRE PIO

℟. In the Name (☩) of the Father... ℟. Amen.

Novena Prayer

℟. Oh most Holy God, we humbly prostrate ourselves before Thy Infinite Majesty,

℟. **And we adore Thee * and dedicate to Thy glory * the devout prayers which we now present to Thee * as an act of devotion to Thy servant, St. Padre Pio, * whose intercession we are now imploring.**

Recite the Day's Prayer

℟. St. Padre Pio,

℟. **Pray for us.**

℟. May God hear and answer our prayer according to His holy will and for His greater glory. We ask this through Jesus (†) Christ our Lord,

℟. **Amen.**

Litany of the Sacred Heart

℟. Lord, have mercy on us.

℟. **Christ, have mercy on us.**

℟. Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, hear us.

℟. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

℟. God the Father of Heaven, ℟. ♀

℟. God the Son, Redeemer of the world, ℟. ♀

℟. God the Holy Ghost, ℟. ♀

℟. Holy Trinity, One God, ℟. ♀

℟. Heart of Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father, ℟. ♀

℟. ☩, formed by the Holy Ghost in the womb of the Virgin Mother, ℟. ♀

℟. ☩, substantially united to the Word of God, ℟. ♀

℟. ☩, of Infinite Majesty, ℟. ♀

℟. ☩, Sacred Temple of God, ℟. ♀

℟. ☩, Tabernacle of the Most High, ℟. ♀

℟. ☩, House of God and Gate of Heaven, ℟. ♀

℟. ☩, burning furnace of charity, ℟. ♀

℟. ☩, abode of justice and love, ℟. ♀

℟. ☩, full of goodness and love, ℟. ♀

℟. ☩, abyss of all virtues, ℟. ♀

℟. ☩, most worthy of all praise, ℟. ♀

℟. ☩, king and center of all hearts, ℟. ♀

℟. ☩, in whom are all treasures of wisdom & knowledge, ℟. ♀

℟. ☩, in whom dwells the fullness of Divinity, ℟. ♀

℟. ☩, in whom the Father was well pleased, ℟. ♀



℟. ☩, of whose fullness we have all received, ℟. ♀

℟. ☩, desire of the everlasting hills, ℟. ♀

℟. ☩, patient and most merciful, ℟. ♀

℟. ☩, enriching all who invoke Thee, ℟. ♀

℟. ☩, fountain of life and holiness, ℟. ♀

℟. ☩, propitiation for our sins, ℟. ♀

℟. ☩, loaded down with opprobrium, ℟. ♀

℟. ☩, bruised for our offenses, ℟. ♀

℟. ☩, obedient to death, ℟. ♀

℟. ☩, pierced with a lance, ℟. ♀

℟. ☩, source of all consolation, ℟. ♀

℟. ☩, our life and resurrection, ℟. ♀

℟. ☩, our peace and our reconciliation, ℟. ♀

℟. ☩, victim for our sins, ℟. ♀

℟. ☩, salvation of those who trust in Thee, ℟. ♀

℟. ☩, hope of those who die in Thee, ℟. ♀

℟. ☩, delight of all the Saints, ℟. ♀

℟. Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,

℟. **Spare us, O Lord.**

℟. Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,

℟. **Graciously hear us, O Lord.**

℟. Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,

℟. **Have mercy on us.**

℟. Jesus (†), meek and humble of heart,

℟. **Make our hearts like unto Thine.**

℟. *Let us pray.* Almighty and eternal God, look upon the Heart of Thy most beloved Son and upon the praises and satisfaction which He offers Thee in the name of sinners; and to those who implore Thy mercy, in Thy great goodness, grant forgiveness in the name of the same Jesus (†) Christ, Thy Son, who livest and reignest with Thee forever and ever. Amen.

℟. **Amen.**

For the Litany: ♀ Have Mercy on us. ☩ Heart of Jesus,



DAY 1

- ℟. Oh holy Saint Padre Pio, throughout thy entire life thou always sought to love Jesus (†) & Mary with thy whole heart.
- ℟. By thy merits, intercede for us, that we too may always seek to know, love and serve God with all of our hearts, and help us to seek His holy will in all things. And for the love of God we ask the following grace (*mention your request*).
- ℟. Beloved St Padre Pio, we give this request to thee, seeking thy powerful heavenly intercession,
- ℟. And we ask thee to make this request in our name before the heavenly throne of God.

DAY 2

- ℟. Oh beloved Saint of God, Padre Pio,
- ℟. Thou were especially chosen by God to bear the holy stigmata in union with Jesus for fifty years, sacrificing and suffering all for the conversion of souls. What intense suffering these holy wounds caused thee! But thou bore this constant pain for the love of God & for the love of souls.
- ℟. We ask thee to place this request (*mention request*) into thy stigmatised hands,
- ℟. And present it to Jesus (†) in our name.

DAY 3

- ℟. Oh most loving Saint Padre Pio,
- ℟. Thou offered thy life to become a holy priest of God, giving thyself completely to Jesus (†) through the intercession of His Mother, the most Blessed Virgin Mary.
- ℟. We ask thee to join with our holy Mother in heaven, presenting this request to Her holy Son, (*mention request*),
- ℟. And we ask our beloved Mother in heaven to join thee in obtaining this grace for us.

DAY 4

- ℟. Oh blessed Saint Padre Pio,
- ℟. Thou were a priest after the Heart of Jesus (†), seeking always to love and please Him in all things.
- ℟. We ask thee to place this request before the Sacred Heart of Jesus (†) (*mention request*).
- ℟. And through the love that thou bore the most Sacred Heart of Jesus (†), may God hear and answer our poor prayers.

DAY 5

- ℟. O God, Who fashioned Thy servant Saint Padre Pio into a likeness of Thy Crucified Son,
- ℟. Grant us through his intercession the favor that we humbly request,
- ℟. (*mention request*), and through the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Thy Son,

- ℟. May we be united with Thee for all eternity. We ask this through Jesus (†) Christ our Lord.

DAY 6

- ℟. Most devout priest of God, Padre Pio, thou spent countless hours in the confessional seeking always to reconcile sinners to God.
- ℟. We present ourselves to thee, sinful and in sorrow for our sins. Help us repent of our sins, do penance, amend our lives, and always be faithful to the teachings of the Holy Catholic Church.
- ℟. By thy merits, intercede for us that God may not look upon our sins, but upon the desire in our hearts to please Him.
- ℟. Plead for mercy for us before God, and especially pray for the intention that we are presenting to thee,
- ℟. (*mention request*).

DAY 7

- ℟. Beloved St Padre Pio, thou had a most tender devotion to the Mother of God and were known to recite many rosaries and prayers in Her honor each day.
- ℟. Plead for us then before the Holy Mother of God, that She may join us in prayer before Her most Holy Son Jesus (†), that we might obtain the request we are asking,
- ℟. (*mention request*).

DAY 8

- ℟. Oh most pure and chaste Saint Padre Pio, during thy life on earth thou gave a most beautiful example of purity and love of God, and were found worthy to bear in thy flesh the marks of our Lord's Passion.
- ℟. Have pity on us who are so much in need of God's Mercy, and obtain for us through thy merits and intercession, the special favor which we now fervently implore,
- ℟. (*mention request*).

DAY 9

- ℟. Oh most loving Saint Padre Pio, thou were very devout in the service of God, always encouraging others to obey God's laws and the teachings of the Catholic Church.
- ℟. Obtain for us, we beg thee, not only the grace that we are asking, if it would be God's will,
- ℟. (*mention request*), but most importantly, through thy merits, obtain for us the conversion and salvation of our souls,
- ℟. So that someday we may be united with Jesus, (†) Mary and thee for all eternity. Finally, help us to accept God's will in all things, especially when it runs contrary to our own likes and desires.



Dear Spiritual Brothers and Sisters of Padre Pio

It was a great feeling to see some of you at our Prayer Gathering in August. It was evident how much we have missed each other and thank you to Fr. Browne



who celebrated Mass. I received many notes from our members who watched it on Our Lady of Guadalupe's Facebook page. How many times have we heard that the Lord only gives us what we can handle? Over the past few months, we've all been

navigating choppy waters, but we are buoyed by our faith. When our trust falters and the seeds of doubt creep in, Jesus is there to stretch out his hand and catch us. We need not fear when we see the strength of the wind or the roughness of the sea. Rather, we need only take courage! We must trust that, with our eyes on Jesus, we will not fall. Lift your worries to the Lord each day. He will take care of you.

On August 22nd, the Feast of the Queenship of Mary, we joined St. Augustine Church and participated in a Eucharistic Procession around Lake Anna. There were four priests, one deacon and approximately 200 participants. We practiced social distancing and wore face masks. Therese Harper and Norma Davis coordinated this beautiful night to remember. The Barberton Police Department patrolled during the event. Each officer received a "Pray, Hope and Don't Worry" rosary.

Speaking of the rosary project, here is an update from Leslie Magda on the Police Rosary Project: "Two hundred blessed rosaries were delivered by Sue Hofstetter to the Cleveland Police Union and were enthusiastically welcomed. Blessed rosaries were also given to the Macedonia Police Department.

There was a God occurrence. When I explained to Chief Golden that our Padre Pio Prayer Group made rosaries for his officers, his eyes had a look of surprise above his mask. I asked him if he knew who Padre Pio was. He answered yes and proceeded to tell me a story that touched his heart. Last month a family member was getting married. The soon-to-be bride was filled with anxiety over Covid and its impact on their wedding day. As they were looking at old photos, they came across a picture of children in the Chief's family with a Padre Pio statue. When she saw the picture of Padre Pio she felt her anxiety fall away and was filled with peace. They got married and everyone was given a Padre Pio coin as a wedding favor. He was so touched to receive the rosaries and happy to offer them to his officers. A huge thank you to Richard Harala from the Knights of Columbus at St. Barnabas Council 5559 for his donation of 300 pamphlets on the "How to Pray the Rosary" to be included in our Police Prayer Protection Packages. The package also includes a blessed blue/white rosary with Pray, Hope and Don't Worry beads, St. Michael the Archangel medal attached to the crucifix, St. Michael prayer card, (Patron Saint of Police) and the label thanking them for their hard work and dedication in keeping our communities safe. We have since ordered materials for 400 more rosaries. The materials are currently being sorted so kits can be made to be distributed for people to make the rosaries. Thank you to all the people who have offered their hands in assisting for an increase of prayer and protection for all God's people."

Hopefully we can get back to a full meeting, but until then we will stay in the church. On Padre Pio's Feast on September 23rd, there will be a recitation of the rosary at 6:00pm and Mass will follow at 6:30pm. Afterwards we will have an enrollment of Padre Pio Spiritual Children.

Pray, Hope and Don't Worry,
Cindy Russo TOF, Group Leader



The Seven Sorrows Devotion

THE SEVEN SORROWS: (Hail Mary)

1. The prophecy of Simeon (Luke 2: 34-35): "And Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary his mother: Behold this child is set for the fall and for the resurrection of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be contradicted; And thy own soul a sword shall pierce, that out of many hearts thoughts may be revealed."

Meditation: How great was the shock to Mary's Heart at hearing the sorrowful words, in which holy Simeon told the bitter Passion and death of her sweet Jesus, since in that same moment she realized in her mind all the insults, blows, and torments which the impious men were to offer to the Redeemer of the world. But a still sharper sword pierced her soul. It was the thought of men's ingratitude to her beloved Son. Now consider that because of your sins you are unhappily among the ungrateful. (Hail Mary)

2. The flight into Egypt (Matt. 2:13-14): "And after they (the wise men) were departed, behold an angel of the Lord appeared in sleep to Joseph, saying: Arise and take the child and His mother and fly into Egypt: and be there until I shall tell thee. For it will come to pass that Herod will seek the child to destroy Him. Joseph arose and took the child and His mother by night, and retired into Egypt: and He was there until the death of Herod."

Meditation: Consider the sharp sorrow which Mary felt when, St. Joseph being warned by an angel, she had to flee by night in order to preserve her beloved Child from the slaughter decreed by Herod. What anguish was hers, in leaving Judea, lest she should be overtaken by the soldiers of the cruel king! How great her privations in that long journey! What sufferings she bore in that land of exile, what sorrow amid that people given to idolatry! But consider how often you have renewed that bitter grief of Mary, when your sins have caused her Son to flee from your heart. (Hail Mary)

3. The loss of the Child Jesus in the temple (Luke 2:43-45): "And having fulfilled the days, when they returned, the Child Jesus remained in Jerusalem; and His parents knew it not. And thinking that he was in the company, they came a day's journey, and sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance. And not finding Him, they returned into Jerusalem, seeking Him."

Meditation: How dread was the grief of Mary, when she saw that she had lost her beloved Son! And as if to increase her sorrow, when she sought Him diligently among her kinsfolk and acquaintance, she could hear no tidings of Him. No hindrances stayed her, nor weariness, nor danger; but she forthwith returned to Jerusalem, and for three long days sought Him sorrowing. Great be your confusion, O my soul, who has so often lost your Jesus by your sins, and has given no heed to seek Him at once, a sign that you make very little or no account of the precious treasure of divine love. (Hail Mary)

4. The meeting of Jesus and Mary on the Way of the Cross (Luke 23:27): "And there followed Him a great multitude of people, and of women, who bewailed and lamented Him."

Meditation: Come, O ye sinners, come and see if ye can endure so sad a sight. This Mother, so tender and loving, meets her beloved Son, meets Him amid an impious rabble, who drag Him to a cruel death, wounded, torn by stripes, crowned with thorns, streaming with blood, bearing His heavy cross. Ah, consider, my soul, the grief of the blessed Virgin thus beholding her Son! Who would not weep at seeing this Mother's grief? But who has been the

cause of such woe? I, it is I, who with my sins have so cruelly wounded the heart of my sorrowing Mother! And yet I am not moved; I am as a stone, when my heart should break because of my ingratitude. (Hail Mary)

5. The Crucifixion (John 19:18,25-27): "They crucified Him. Now there stood by the cross of Jesus, His Mother. When Jesus therefore had seen His Mother and the disciple standing whom he loved, He saith to His Mother: Woman: behold thy son. After that he saith to the disciple: Behold thy Mother."

Meditation: Look, devout soul, look to Calvary, whereon are raised two altars of sacrifice, one on the body of Jesus, the other on the heart of Mary. Sad is the sight of that dear Mother drowned in a sea of woe, seeing her beloved Son, part of her very self, cruelly nailed to the shameful tree of the cross. Ah me! how every blow of the hammer, how every stripe which fell on the Saviour's form, fell also on the disconsolate spirit of the Virgin. As she stood at the foot of the cross, pierced by the sword of sorrow, she turned her eyes on Him, until she knew that He lived no longer and had resigned His spirit to His Eternal Father. Her own soul was likely to have left the body and joined itself to that of Jesus. (Hail Mary)

6. The taking down of the Body of Jesus from the Cross (Mark 15:43-46): "Joseph of Arimathea, a noble counselor, came and went in boldly to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. And Joseph, buying fine linen, and taking Him down, wrapped Him up in the fine linen."

Meditation: Consider the most bitter sorrow which rent the soul of Mary, when she saw the dead body of her dear Jesus on her knees, covered with blood, all torn with deep wounds. O mournful Mother, a bundle of myrrh, indeed, is thy Beloved to thee. Who would not pity thee? Whose heart would not be softened, seeing affliction which would move a stone? Behold John not to be comforted, Magdalen and the other Mary in deep affliction, and Nicodemus, who can scarcely bear his sorrow. (Hail Mary)

7. The burial of Jesus (John 19:41-42): "Now there was in the place where He was crucified, a garden; and in the garden a new sepulcher, wherein no man yet had been laid. There, therefore, because of the parasceve of the Jews, they laid Jesus, because the sepulcher was nigh at hand."

Meditation: Consider the sighs which burst from Mary's sad heart when she saw her beloved Jesus laid within the tomb. What grief was hers when she saw the stone lifted to cover that sacred tomb! She gazed a last time on the lifeless body of her Son, and could scarce detach her eyes from those gaping wounds. And when the great stone was rolled to the door of the sepulcher, oh, then indeed her heart seemed torn from her body! (Hail Mary)

HERE ARE THE SEVEN GRACES

1. I will grant peace to their families.
2. They will be enlightened about the divine mysteries.
3. I will console them in their pains and I will accompany them in their work.
4. I will give them as much as they ask for as long as it does not oppose the adorable will of my divine Son or the sanctification of their souls.
5. I will defend them in their spiritual battles with the infernal enemy and I will protect them at every instant of their lives.
6. I will visibly help them at the moment of their deaths, they will see the face of their Mother.
7. I have obtained from my divine Son, that those who propagate this devotion to my tears and dolours, will be taken directly from this earthly life to eternal happiness since all their sins will be forgiven and my Son and I will be their eternal consolation and joy.



Prayers for Priests



**Grant, O
Lady of the
Tears, an
outpouring
of the Holy
Spirit on
all priests**

September gives us the opportunity to honor the Sorrowful Mother. Her tears covered Jesus as she held Him in her arms at the foot of the cross. Let us ask God to accept the tears of Our Lady as she prays for her priest sons.

O Blessed Lady of the Tears, we entrust and consecrate the priesthood to your Immaculate Heart! During this time of trial and suffering, we pray that you renew the priesthood by making priests holy in imitation of the Heart of the

Good Shepherd. We pray in reparation for the sins of the priesthood and we pray for all victims of their sins. Grant, O Lady of the Tears, an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the priests that they may be authentic witnesses of your Son Jesus Christ Our Lord. May we wipe away your tears by comforting your Immaculate Heart by praying the rosary and adoring the Heart of Jesus your Son in the Most Holy Eucharist present in every Catholic Church in the world. Give all priests and seminarians a deep love and devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist and to you, their loving Mother. Grant that every priest and seminarian will daily spend one hour with Jesus in the Eucharist and daily pray your most holy rosary! Grant all priests and seminarians the gift of purity, the gift of chastity and the gift of the divine love of your Son. May they proclaim the truth without fear, with love and with courage! We ask all of our prayers through the Tears which you shed at the foot of the cross of Jesus Christ your Son who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit! Amen!

THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES OF THE HOLY ROSARY, OFFERED FOR THE NEEDS OF PRIESTS

The First Sorrowful Mystery: The Agony In The Garden

Consider the Priest, called to be 'another Christ' often, they will resemble Christ in His abandonment,

as here in the Garden of Gethsemane. In this Garden, without the support of human consolation, the Lord and His Priests are truly abandoned and can do nothing except embrace the Will of God in faith. Pray they will be granted this grace.

The Second Sorrowful Mystery: The Scourging At The Pillar

Consider the Priest, like his Master, tied to the pillar of human frailty, illness, tiredness and isolation, while all around seek his downfall. Our Faith teaches us that in such suffering, there are great opportunities for the grace of God to renew and transform us. For the Priest, may every scourge be such a moment of divine grace.

The Third Sorrowful Mystery: The Crowning With Thorns

The Lord asks His Priests to 'learn from Me, for I am meek and humble of Heart'. In the prayerful silence of this painful moment, may Priests ever more greatly resemble the Lord, abandoning their self-will and seeking His will alone. May the humiliation of following Christ in His crowning with thorns be for them the foundation of all virtue.

The Fourth Sorrowful Mystery: The Carrying Of The Cross

As Christ carried His Cross amidst the jeering of the crowds, so must the Priest carry his own cross throughout life. At the moment the Holy Oil touched their hands at Ordination, the Cross was laid upon them in a special way. May they carry their particular cross joyfully and with trust in the Lord, supported – like Him – by the presence and prayers of the Mother of God.

The Fifth Sorrowful Mystery: The Crucifixion

To truly be 'another Christ' requires the abandonment of self-will, the death of the self, so that the Lord Himself may be visible. In dying daily to self upon the cross the Priesthood bestows, may Priests give thanks to God unceasingly, abandoning themselves into His hands for the sanctification of souls, supported by the Church and the entire Court of Heaven.

Special programs on EWTN for Saint Pio's Feast Day:

PADRE PIO: MIRACLE MAN
Part 1 September 12, 8:00 PM
Part 2 September 19, 8:00 PM

ENCOUNTER WITH PADRE PIO
September 18, 8:00 PM

PADRE PIO, THE PRIEST WHO BORE
THE WOUNDS OF CHRIST
September 22, 11:30 AM

SOLEMN MASS IN HONOR OF SAINT
PADRE PIO FROM SAN GIOVANNI
ROTONDO
September 22, 11:00 PM

THE MIRACLES OF PADRE PIO
September 23, 4:00 PM

A Prayer Group Member's Miracle

During his lifetime, Padre Pio performed a large number of miraculous cures. The following miracle is connected to Padre Pio's beatification.

Towards the end of October 1995, Signora Consiglia De Martino, a married woman with three children who lived in Salerno, Italy, on October 31, was at the home of her widowed aunt, when she began to feel a heavy pain in her chest and stomach, as if her insides were being torn away. She felt a malaise throughout her body, chills and a sense of suffocation. She went to bed without supper and remained sleepless the entire night. The next day, in spite of persisting pain, Consiglia did her usual housework and even accompanied her daughter Daniela to school. Afterwards she was on her way to Mass when she felt increasingly ill and stopped instead at her sister's home. There she experienced a painful swelling in her neck, and looking in the mirror perceived a lump as large as a grapefruit. Consiglia and her sister were quite frightened and called their husbands to accompany them to the Riuniti Hospital in Salerno.

Consiglia was examined by the doctor on duty and immediately sent to the emergency room. A first CAT-scan revealed a liquid deposit on the left side of the neck. After a second CAT-scan the doctors diagnosed a diffuse lymphatic spilling of approximately two litres caused by a rupture of the lymphatic canals. A surgical intervention was advised, but meanwhile no form of therapy was applied.

Signora Consiglia De Martino and her family were very devoted to the figure of Padre Pio. Consiglia was a member of one of Padre Pio's Prayer Groups and was accustomed to appealing to Padre Pio in times of trouble; she also made monthly pilgrimages to San Giovanni Rotondo to pray at his tomb.

On November 1, 1995 (All Saints Day) as soon as she was brought to the hospital, Signora Consiglia turned to Padre Pio. She took her mobile phone and called Fra (Brother) Modestino Fucci at San Giovanni Rotondo to solicit prayers. Almost at the same time Consiglia's husband and daughter also called Fra Modestino to ask him to say some prayers. Later Fra Modestino confirmed that he had received those calls and that he had indeed prayed at Padre Pio's tomb for Signora Consiglia's recovery. Fra Modestino was sure his requests would be heard because Padre Pio had promised him as much during their time together at the monastery.

On the afternoon of November 2 there was a reduction in the fluid deposit in Consiglia's neck and the patient also experienced a marked diminution of pain. She smelled the intense perfume of Padre Pio. The health workers who examined her on November 3 noticed the almost complete disappearance of the swelling in her neck. The morning of November 4 at 7:30 AM she heard a voice: "Lina you are healed", and she smelled again the intense perfume of Padre Pio. An abdominal X-ray and examination showed no more evidence of unusual liquid in the system. Another CAT-scan on November 6 confirmed the complete disappearance of the liquid deposits. The patient was dismissed with a clean bill of health soon after. Successive examinations revealed no after-effects of the illness.

On December 21, in the presence of Pope John Paul II, the Congregation for the Causes of Saints published the decree on Padre Pio's miracle.



HEALING PRAYER BY PADRE PIO

Heavenly Father, I thank you for loving me, I thank you for sending your Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, to the world to save and set me free. I trust in your power and grace that sustain and restore me. Loving Father, touch me now with your healing hands, for I believe that your will is for me to be well in mind, body, soul and spirit. Cover me with the most precious blood of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, from the top of my head to the soles of my feet. Cast anything that should not be in me. Root out any unhealthy and abnormal cells. Open any blocked arteries or veins and rebuild and replenish any damaged areas. Remove all inflammation and cleanse any infection by the power of Jesus' precious blood. Let the fire of your healing love pass through my entire body to heal and make new any diseased areas so that my body will function the way you created it to function. Touch also my mind and my emotion, even the deepest recesses of my heart. Saturate my entire being with your presence, love, joy and peace and draw me ever closer to you every moment of my life. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and empower me to do your works so that my life will bring glory and honor to your holy name. I ask this in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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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 †

Shirley Marsh

Jake's Corner

Written by: Jake Snyder

For September, I am writing about Saint Teresa of Calcutta. She was born on August 26, 1910 in Skopje and she was the youngest child of Nikola and Drana

Bojaxhiu. She was Baptized as Gonxha Agnes and received her First Holy Communion at the age of five and a half. She was confirmed in 1916. When her father died at eight years old, it left her family in financial trouble and left her mother to care for the family all by herself. Gonxha Agnes' religious formation was further assisted by the priests of the Jesuit parish of the Sacred Heart to which she belonged and was very active in her parish.

At the age of eighteen, moved by a desire to become a missionary, Gonxha left her home in September 1928 to join the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary, known as the Sisters of Loreto, in Ireland. There she received the name Sister Mary Teresa after St. Thérèse of Lisieux. In December, she departed for India, arriving in Calcutta on January 6, 1929. She made her final profession of vows on May 24, 1937.



On September 10, 1946 during the train ride from Calcutta for her annual retreat, Mother Teresa received an "inspiration" to start a religious order to serve the poor. By means of interior locutions and visions, He asked Mother Teresa to establish a religious order of nuns, Missionaries of Charity, dedicated to the service for the poor. Nearly two years of testing and discernment passed before Mother Teresa received permission to begin her order. On August 17, 1948, she dressed for the first time in a white and blue sari, the famous habit of the Missionaries of Charity, and she began her work. For many more years until her death, she served the poorest of the poor in Calcutta, India. She saw the Face of Christ in the Poor, and because of that she had a great love for the poor and longed to serve them. Saint Teresa of Calcutta died on September 5, 1997, and she was Canonized by His Holiness, Pope Francis on September 4, 2016.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta is one of the most beloved and well-known Saints of our time. She inspires us by her selflessness and true love for Christ and neighbor. During this month of September, may we imitate the heroic virtues of Saint Teresa of Calcutta.

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

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