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October 8, 2023 ▪ The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Padre Pio prayed this prayer to the Virgin Mary every first Saturday

By Philip Kosloski

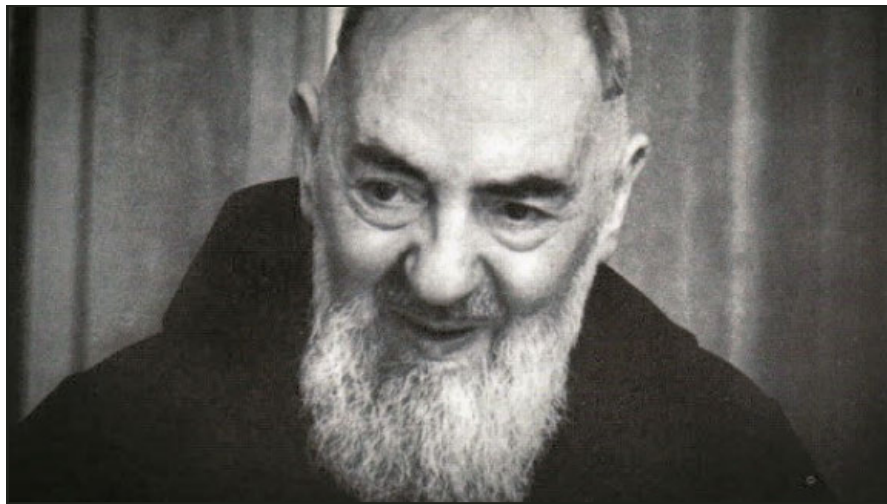
He began each month consecrating himself to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

St. Pio of Pietrelcina (affectionately known as “Padre Pio”) had a deep devotion to the Blessed Mother. He said once, “Let us endeavor, like so many elect souls, to follow this blessed Mother, to walk always close to her, not following any other path that leads to life, except the one trod by our Mother.”

Besides frequently praying the Rosary, Padre Pio also had a custom of consecrating himself to the Virgin Mary on the first Saturday of every month. This was likely in response to the visions at Fatima, where the Virgin Mary urged prayer and consecration to her Immaculate Heart.

Here is the prayer that he prayed each month, placing himself under her care and pledging his love and service to God.

O Mary, Virgin most powerful and Mother of mercy, Queen of heaven and Refuge of sinners, we consecrate ourselves to your Immaculate Heart. We consecrate to you our very being and our whole life; all that we have, all that we love, all that we are. To you we give our bodies, our hearts and our souls; to you we give our homes, our fami-



lies, our country. We desire that all that is in us and around us may belong to you, and may share in the benefits of your motherly benediction. And that this act of consecration may be truly

efficacious and lasting, we renew this day at your feet the promises of our Baptism and our first Holy Communion. We pledge ourselves to profess courageously and at all times the truths, of our Holy Faith, and to live as Catholics who are duly submissive to all the directions of the Pope and the Bishops in communion with him. We pledge ourselves to keep the commandments of God and His Church, in particular to keep holy the Lord's day. We likewise pledge ourselves to make the consoling practices of the Christian religion, and above all, Holy Communion, an integral part of our lives, in so far as we shall be able to do so. Finally, we promise you, O glorious Mother of God and loving Mother of all, to devote ourselves wholeheartedly to your service, in order to hasten and assure, through the sovereignty of your Immaculate Heart, the coming of the kingdom of the Sacred Heart of your adorable Son, in our own hearts and in the hearts of all, in our country and in all the world, as in heaven, so on earth. Amen.

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Blessed Trinity Social Group

Some parishioners are initiating a social group to take advantage of all that St. Petersburg has to offer. A list of events and excursions is being compiled. More ideas would be warmly welcomed. We will have a special Flocknote Group created to help disseminate info on upcoming events.

Contact Susan Kruse at 803-261-4946 for more information or to offer suggestions for future outings.

To join the Flocknote Group, call the office Monday - Friday, before noon, and Emily can help to add you to the group.



Saint Mary/Blessed Trinity Present FOLLIES!

An Evening of Dining and Entertainment
November, 18th 2023

Italian Dinner @ 5:30 p.m.

Show @ 6:30 p.m.

**Tickets go on sale October 14 and can be
purchased for \$20 each in the office**

**Guest appearance by comedian and
magician Geoff Williams!**

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

October 8, 2023

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 5:1-7 | Phil 4:6-9 | Mt 21:33-43

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Vineyards were important to the socio-economic structure and well-being of the ancient near east peoples. It would be disastrous for someone to plant and then cultivate a vineyard only for it to be overrun by wild grapes. It would have to be destroyed in order for it to be replanted and recover, which would be financially impossible for most people of that era. So when Isaiah prophesies about God's plan for his vineyard – that is, his people, Israel – it is attention-worthy for its radical nature. Isaiah says that even with all of the Lord's care and cultivation, his people have failed to grow, and they have devolved into idolatry and disobedience. So the Lord will bring his vineyard to ruin. Here's the good news contained (but unspoken in these verses) in that prophecy, however: The Lord will "start over," with a new covenant. And the Word which he sends forth in his Son will be the vine from which all other branches will arise and flourish. Though he will be killed for his message as prophets and messengers before him were, the Son in his victory over death will be the one who gives us the inheritance other tenants have sought. As Jesus himself says in today's Gospel "the stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." And on this cornerstone is built our salvation.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

There is much to love here on our earthly home – fragrant flowers, beautiful sunsets, and compassionate people. Still, it can be a place of great pain and sadness at times. It can be easy to feel angry and resentful when we encounter the imperfections of the world – when we experience heartache, loss, disappointment. Although working in the Lord's vineyard can be both joyful and heartbreaking, it is up to us to do our best to help it produce fruit until it is time to head to our heavenly home. It is our inheritance, as Christ has made us coheirs with him. St. Paul encourages us to "Have no anxiety at all." Surely, that is easier said than done, but the great Apostle tells us that by our prayers and petitions, "the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

PRAY When we pray to God, we should follow the example of the saints who came before us. St. Paul notes: "Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you." Our prayers are a time to make requests of God but also should be used for thanksgiving. As St. Paul directs, we should make note of all those things that are true, just, lovely, or otherwise worthy of praise.





Are You Hoping to Receive One of the Seven Sacraments With Us?

Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

Baptism

We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the baptism of your child! We ask that you please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for information regarding the pre-baptism class before scheduling a baptism.

Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9-12 and 1-4
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Journeying Through Grief

“Grief is not a sign of weakness. It is a tribute to the loved one who died, and a healthy response to our heart ache.”

If you would like to be part of a Grief-Support “group” or you would prefer “one on one” support, please call Rachel between 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the parish office, 727-867-3663

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 7, Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

8:00 a.m. Ronald Bento (Dec)

Saturday, October 7, Vigil for The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. James Lawler & Pat Sullivan (Dec)

Sunday, October 8, The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Dolores M. McCann (Dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Larry Paquet (Dec)

Monday, October 9, Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs, and Saint John Leonardi, Priest

8:00 a.m. Carolyn Flannigan (Dec)

Tuesday, October 10, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Carole Huff (Dec)

Wednesday, October 11, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

Thursday, October 12, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Larry & Chris Roberts (Liv)

Friday, October 13, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Carolyn Flannigan (Dec)

Saturday, October 14, Memorial of Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

8:00 a.m. Mary Ann Hymel (Dec)

Saturday, October 14, Vigil for The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

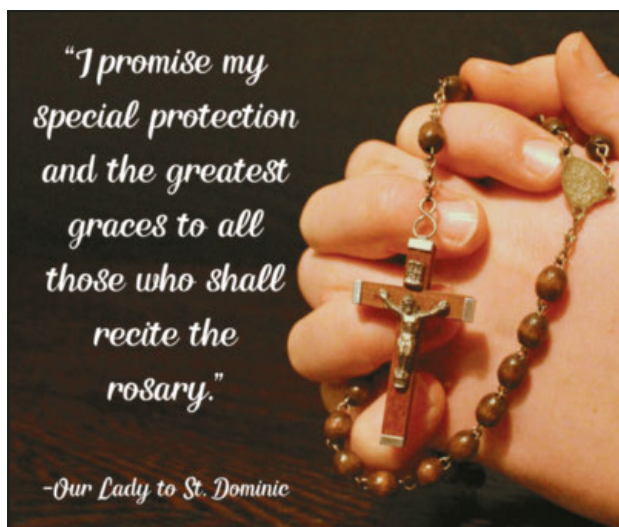
4:00 p.m. Bill Hueston (Dec)

Sunday, October 15, The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Carole Huff (Dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Marlene Romani (Dec)



*“I promise my
special protection
and the greatest
graces to all
those who shall
recite the
rosary.”*

—Our Lady to St. Dominic



Prayer for Priests & Future Priests

Eternal Father, We lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

10/08 • Rev. William Santhouse
10/09 • For All Retired Priests
10/10 • Rev. Anthony Coppola
10/11 • For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life
10/12 • Rev. Jonathan Stephanz
10/13 • Rev. Zachary Brasseur
10/14 • Rev. Ryszard Stradomski

These are the names of the active priests and seminarians in our Diocese. Remember our Bishop has designated Wednesdays as Diocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please continue to pray that more young people will hear and answer God's call to the Priesthood and Religious Life.



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Scripture Class

Blessed Trinity Scripture Classes have resumed from 10:00 am - 11:30 am. We will begin with a new study from Q Place "celebrate", yes to life in Christ.

Class will be held in the Courtyard Hall and the books will be \$12.00 for 12 sessions. For further information and to confirm attendance, please call Barbara Townsend (727) 867-3605



Keep in touch with us!

Text BTSP to 84576 or connect with us online at btsp.flocknote.com



Blessed Trinity's days are **Sunday, Oct 22** and **Thurs., Nov 2.**

Call the office to sign up to peacefully pray for an hour either or both days.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

You know how the story goes. Your son or daughter swears that while you were gone he or she only invited two friends over to watch a movie and eat popcorn. How those other twenty-five people got there with beer is still a mystery. They were not invited but your young host felt pretty uncomfortable just kicking them out. You did teach them about good hospitality after all.

That sure is a twisted view of hospitality, perhaps, but it does make me reflect on those I am willing to welcome into my home and those I am not. Who is my neighbor? Would I extend hospitality to the person that is alone? I have done so for holidays. But I have known them well. Would I invite someone into my home that I did not know? It could be unsafe. But what if I found myself alone somewhere without any connections. Where would I turn? Who could I trust?

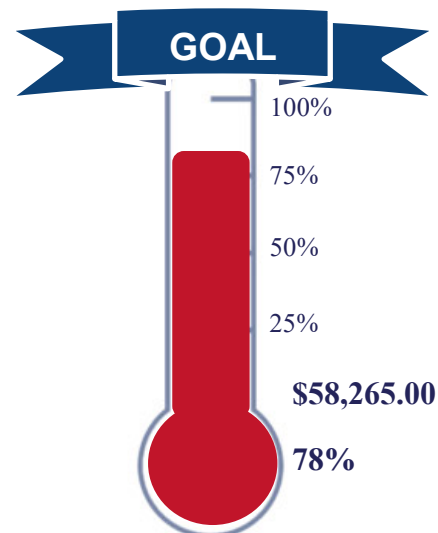
There are no simple answers here but I wonder if we should really have the luxury of not asking the question. If the Christian will not invite in the lost and forsaken, who will? In the coming days, I suggest we all reflect on those in our midst who seem to be alone. Who can we invite into our lives who need something much more important than a party? Who is out there who simply need friends? They may not need a physical shelter but they do need the warmth of Christian hospitality and the kindness of others.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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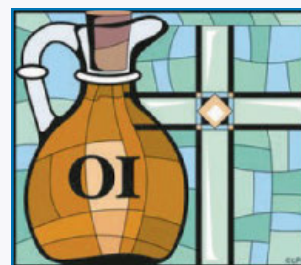
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Anointing of the Sick

To request the Anointing of the Sick for yourself or a loved one, please contact the parish office, 727-867-3663.

If you or a close family member would like to be added or removed from our prayer list, please contact the parish office at 727-867-3663.

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