

# Old St. Patrick



NOTES FROM FATHER TOM

## Relics and Our Faith

Dear parishioners, in less than 2 weeks, Tuesday September 22nd, we will be graced with a visit from a great saint: the relics of St. Padre Pio! To us who have grown up in the Catholic faith, it may seem very natural to venerate the relics of a saint, but to our Protestant brothers and sisters and those in the culture this Catholic tradition may be quite puzzling.

No matter what I say about venerating relics, remember that nothing beats actually witnessing and praying with relics yourself. Whenever a church hosts a travelling statue (such as Our Lady of Fatima that came to our parish 3 years ago), the relics of a saint, or some other holy exhibit - it is a privileged time of grace, something you don't want to miss out on!

The bible gives support to the Catholic belief in venerating relics: in 2 Kings we read that Elisha picks up the mantle of Elijah, his mentor, after his death, and uses it to part the waters of the Jordan river! (2:9-14) In Acts we read that "Meanwhile, God worked extraordinary miracles at the hands of Paul. When handkerchiefs or cloths which had touched his skin were applied to the sick, their diseases were cured and evil spirits departed from

them" (19:11-12) In these passages we see reverence given to clothing of holy people, "not that some magical power existed in them, but just as God's work was done through the lives of these holy men, so did His work continue after their deaths"<sup>1</sup> The veneration of relics is found in the early Church: from a letter written in 156 AD upon the death of the martyr St. Polycarp: "We took up the bones, which are more valuable than precious stones and finer

or reliquary for veneration. St Jerome made it clear that veneration of relics is a type of prayer with the saints: "we do not worship, we do not adore, for fear that we should bow down to the creature rather than to the Creator, but we venerate the relics of the martyrs in order the better to adore Him whose martyrs they are."<sup>2</sup>

When I was a seminarian, bishop Boyea took all of us on a pilgrimage trip to Canada and Quebec, to visit renowned shrines. In Toronto we happened to stop at the house of Fr. Carlos Martins member of Companions of Christ religious order. While we were visiting he took a few of us back into his rectory and showed us amazing things! It turns out Fr Carlos, had a healing ministry with relics that is world famous called "Treasures of the Church." Over the years he has



than refined gold, and laid them in a suitable place, where the Lord will permit us to gather ourselves together as we are able, in gladness and joy..." The tomb of St. Polycarp became a "reliquary," early Catholics would pray and even offer Mass on the graves of the saints! After Christianity was made legal in 312 AD tombs were opened and a bone or body part was placed in a locket, glass cage,

acquired or been gifted hundreds of relics of famous saints. "Do you want to see the hair of the Blessed Virgin Mary?" he asked us. We just looked at him in disbelief. He went to the back and brought out a beautiful wooden case with a lock. Inside was what looked like a monstrance... but was actually a reliquary with a piece of the hair of the Bl. Virgin sealed within! Fr. Carlos showed us a letter of

authenticity signed by a bishop. He told us it was one of the very few relics of the Bl. Virgin in the world, whose body was assumed into heaven! His ministry is so well known, that bishops and monasteries sometimes donate relics to him. We had no idea such a thing even existed, some of us may even have been a bit sceptical, yet the moment was filled with grace and awe. It was like being with Mary, and for me, one of the highlights of the trip!

Fr. Carlos' website says that the veneration of relics is a "communion with the heroes of our Christian Faith. Asking for their powerful intercession, many people have reported outstanding blessings and conversions through this ministry and many have

reported healings." After I became a priest I had a chance to witness Fr. Carlos in action at a neighboring parish, and walk through hundreds of reliquaries praying with the saints!

On that same trip, we visited the Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Midland, Ontario, where the Jesuits St John DeBrebef and his companions were tortured by Iroquois Indians. A guide from the Shrine led us on a long hike into the woods, where two metal poles mark the exact spots where two of the Jesuits are believed to have been martyred. We knelt down and touched our rosaries to the ground and poles, being so close to the spot of a heroic death of a saint, certainly left an impression!

Relics are very precious to us! They are not something that was alive but now is dead, but rather remnants of a body that is awaiting resurrection: when the soul of a saint will be reunited with his physical remains.<sup>3</sup> This is why the relics of saints are treated with utmost devotion: placed in altars, or special reliquaries and displayed in churches or shrines. May the visit of the 1st class relics of St. Padre Pio be a blessing for all of us!

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/library/why-do-we-venerate-relics-1137>

<sup>2</sup> Ibid

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/is-it-weird-that-catholics-venerate-relics-heres-why-we-do-72479>



## We've Reached our Goal!!!!

Thanks to your generosity and support **Old St. Pat's has reached and even surpassed its 2020 DSA goal!!!**

Our goal was: \$32,243 and we have now pledged: \$34,608!! (Everything over our goal is shared 50% with the parish, 50% with diocese) Thank you from the bottom of my heart to all who contributed! May the Lord reward you richly and bless you!

-Fr Tom

## Old St. Pat's Intercessory Prayer Group



Our parish Prayer Intercessors team prays daily for the needs and concerns of our parish. This includes our pastor, staff, events, ministries, and any parish concerns. We pray also for the needs and concerns of our parishioners, family, and friends, as well as for the intentions of our Holy Father, our Bishop, and for one another. Each of us prays in the manner they prefer.

Praying for others is a spiritual work of mercy and a means of discipleship and evangelization. Through prayer we can touch others with the ineffable Love of God. For information or to unite your prayers with those of the prayer team please contact Barbara Papp [bmpapp@comcast.net](mailto:bmpapp@comcast.net) Your prayer requests may be submitted to [ospintentions@gmail.com](mailto:ospintentions@gmail.com)

### MASS INTENTIONS

- TUE 700:** Wendy Martin †
- WED 815:** Georgiana Bruen †
- THU 830:** Dcn David Lawrence †
- FRI 815:** Karen McClelland
- SAT 400:** Dcn David Lawrence †
- SUN 800:** Wayne Clinger †
- 1030:** Parishioners

#### • Please pray for those in need, including:

Patricia Fuller, Lisa Ann Kozakowski, John LaRock Sr., Phil Rutledge, Kathy Cooley, Robin Fahmie, Karen Prins, Sandra Adams, Richard Pelkey, Pete Siebertz, Nicole Brcic, John Dziuban, Jim Stephensen, Mason Rutledge, Ron Fuller, Wayne DeForest, Ann Mary "Nancy" Phillips, Katie Hutton, Betsy & Charlie Rodgers, Pam

### TO PRAY IS TO LOVE

Wiitala, Chris Dreffs, Caroline Pribble, Emma Thompson, Howard Pease, Bryan Eaton, Phillip Campbell Sr., Paul Massimilla, Lois Roth, Mary Boudreaux, Clara Peterson, Marieke Carter, Magdalene Trabanino, Teri Kuzniar, Lynn Matta, John LaRock Jr., Glenn Klecker, Alice Walsh

#### • Please pray for those in the military, including:

Adam Draves, Nathan Baker, Garette Moore,

Larry Workman, Daniel Scott Brown, Mark Richard, Philip Maxwell, Tony Phillips, Anthony Darket, Samuel Chase Johnson, William Godfrey, Bill Lott, Mike Nelson, Frank Snaith, Allan Fletcher, Mike Porter

#### • Pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Michael Kunitz: Byzantine Catholic

# ST. PATRICK PARISH CALENDAR

## SUNDAY, September 13

8:00 Mass  
9:15 Religious Education  
10:30 Mass Outdoors  
6:30 Youth Group

## TUESDAY, September 8

5:30 Adoration (Confessions Outdoors)  
7:00pm Mass

## WEDNESDAY, September 9

8:15 Mass

## THURSDAY, September 10

8:30 Mass  
6:30 American Heritage Girls  
7:00 Women's Choir Rehearsal

## FRIDAY, September 11

8:15 Mass

# OLD ST. PATRICK PARISH DIRECTORY

## Reconciliation

Tuesday 5:30PM - 6:40PM  
Saturday 2:30PM or by appointment; Don't hesitate to call for an appointment!

## Weekend Schedule for Holy Mass

Saturday 4:00PM  
Sunday 8:00AM & 10:30AM

## EF/TLM Latin Mass

2nd Sunday of Month 12:30pm

## Weekday Schedule for Holy Mass

Tuesday 7:00PM  
Wed. & Fri. 8:15AM School Year, 8:30AM Summer  
Thur. 8:30AM  
First Saturdays 9:00AM

## Eucharistic Adoration of Our Lord

Tuesday 5:30PM - 6:45PM  
First Friday 7:00PM - Saturday 8:45AM

## Baptisms

Contact Dcn. Frank-Joseph Papp, 734-426-1070 or email fjpapp@umich.edu to arrange a preparation class and Baptism date.

## Marriages

Arrangements are to be made at least nine months prior to the wedding.

## Funerals

Funeral arrangements are made by contacting the parish office.

## Parish Registration

Contact the office for a registration form.

## Office hours

Monday - Friday 9:00AM - 5:00PM

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CHARITY IS  
THE MEASURE  
BY WHICH  
OUR LORD  
JUDGES ALL  
THINGS.

—St. Padre Pio

## ALTAR SERVERS

### SATURDAY 4:00/Sept 19

J. Wild

### SUNDAY 8:00/Sept 20

J. Hayes

### SUNDAY 10:30/Sept 20

G. Carter

B. Carter

S. Carter

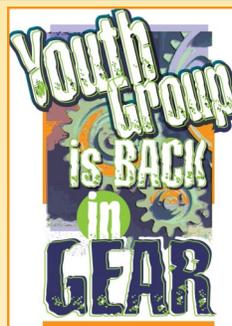
# Old St. Patrick Youth

Fall 2020  
Youth Group  
Kick Off



September 13th

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm



**The theme for this year:** God's love--the unique, personal love which He has for each one of us. The Scripture verse which we will focus on is Mark 3:14- "And He appointed twelve, to be with Him..." Just like the first disciples Jesus called, we will spend this coming year of youth group learning how to listen and respond to His call in our lives, and to receive His love for each of us.

**This year** we will be having a holy hour with adoration every single month!! SO excited for this.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL**

**Family of the Month**



Our Family for the Month of September is Steve and Marti Willacker. Steve is a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree Knight, Chancellor of our council, Religious Education Catechist, and member on the Finance Committee. He is also an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and has been involved in providing Right to Life candles in conjunction with the March for Life. Marti is also a Religious Education Catechist, captain of the weekly collection counters, a lector and launders our sacred linens. Congratulations and May God Bless You Steve and Marti for your dedicated service to Old St. Patrick's Church.

**Knight of the Month**



Our Knight of the Month for September is David Eriksen. David is a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knight and involved in many parish activities. He has taught religious education and prepared our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders for First Holy Communion. For years David has coordinated and set up the Church decorations for Easter, Christmas, May Crowning, Corpus Christi and many other feasts. He has also worked on our Pancake Breakfasts and St. Patrick's Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinners. Thank you, David, for your outstanding service to our Church. May God Bless You.

For information about our local council, please contact Grand Knight, Andy Fox at 248-459-8118 or [GK10963@mikofc.org](mailto:GK10963@mikofc.org).



**Thank You!**

The Knights of our Council would like to thank all of our parishioners who contributed to our Bottle & Can Drives for making them a success. Eric Strauss our enthusiastic Knight returned over \$700 for the two drives. **Our next drive will be September 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>.** The donations will be for our Seminarians.

Old St. Patrick Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Catholic Youth Essay Contest. Anyone in 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade in a public, parochial or home school is encouraged to submit a 500-700 word essay on the topic **“How trusting in God during a difficult time has helped you or someone you know find the strength and hope to endure it”**.



One winner at each grade level will receive a cash prize and advance to the State level competition. Return entry form and essay to the parish office by October 19. Entry form is available in the parish hall or contact Mike Laird at [FS10963@mikofc.org](mailto:FS10963@mikofc.org). See [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) and search “essay” for more info.

**Catholic Biblical School of MI**



The Catholic Biblical School of Michigan is an adult faith formation ministry

bringing seminary-level professors into parishes to teach through the entire Bible so that we as Catholics can listen and respond to God in the Sacred Scriptures. A new class open to all starts Sep 24 and runs through mid-May on Thursdays

7-9 pm in the Social Hall of St. Andrew Parish in Saline. Through the donations of past participants, scholarships are available to all who ask. An optional Open House Info Night will be held on Thu Sep 17 at 7 pm at St. Andrew. Register by Sept 18th. Find more info, call/text (586) 438-3085 or visit [cbsmich.org](http://cbsmich.org)

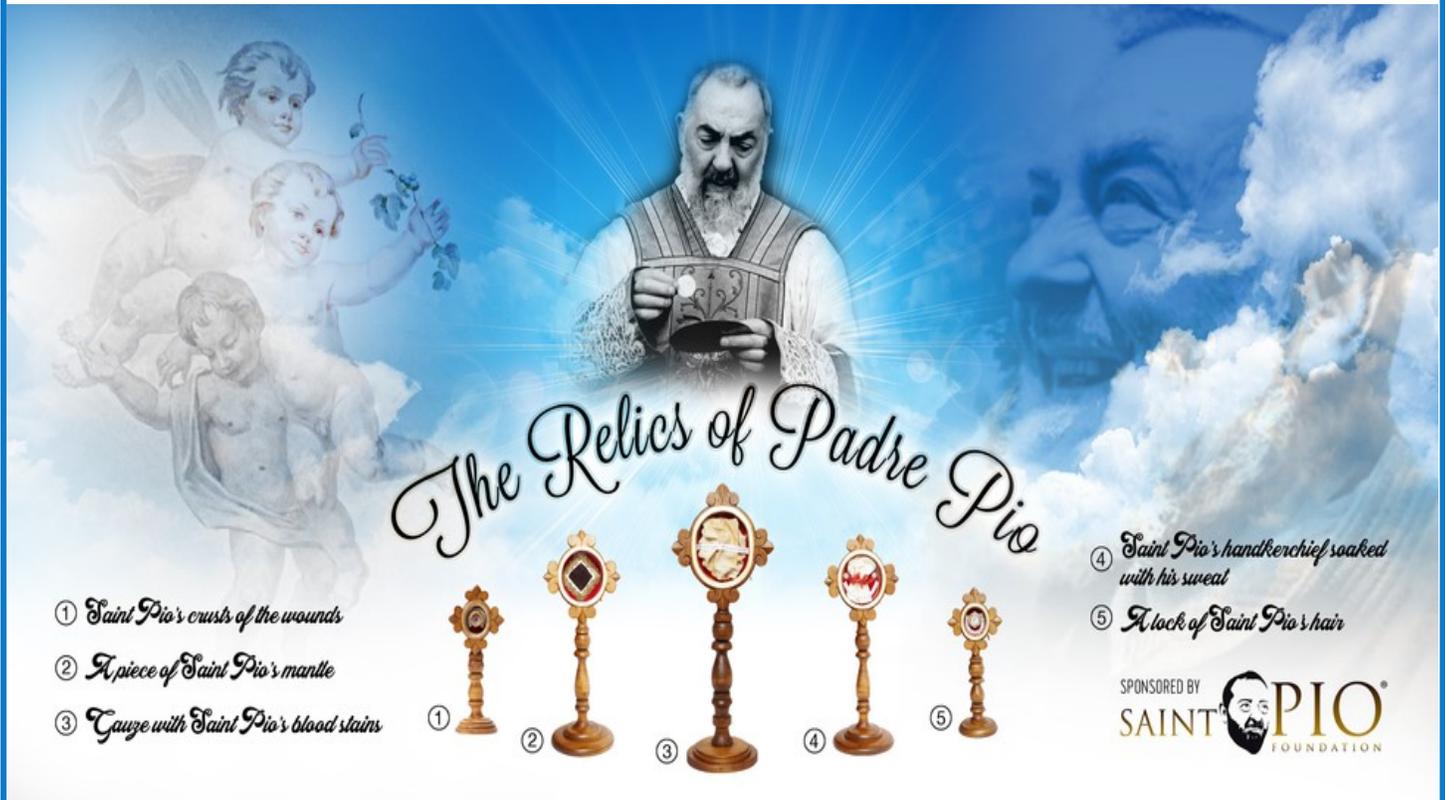
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**Faithfully Departed**

✝ Please pray for the repose of the soul of: **Cecil Gunderman** (Brother of Shirley Dreffs and Uncle of Linda Tite). *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

# Save the Date!

The Relics of St. Padre Pio are coming to Old St. Pat's Tuesday, Sept 22nd, 2020 from 9am -7pm ending with a special Mass in honor of Padre Pio at 7pm. Come venerate 1st Class Relics of Padre Pio, pray in the church, learn about this great saint! Sponsored by the St. Pio Foundation  
<https://www.saintpiofoundation.org/>



*The Relics of Padre Pio*

- ① *Saint Pio's crusts of the wounds*
- ② *A piece of Saint Pio's mantle*
- ③ *Cause with Saint Pio's blood stains*
- ④ *Saint Pio's handkerchief soaked with his sweat*
- ⑤ *A lock of Saint Pio's hair*

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## Watch Free on FORMED.org **Padre Pio: Miracle Man**

This movie captures the Capuchin friar's intense faith, devotion, and deep spiritual concern for others, as well as his great compassion for the sick and suffering. It reveals the amazing details and events in Padre Pio's life as a boy and throughout his fifty years as a friar, dramatizing the frequent attacks from the devil, as well as the persecution he suffered at the hands of people, including those in the Church.



This movie is not rated, but was created with an adult audience in mind. It may contain violence indicative of the life and times of the saint or character portrayed. \*We would recommend Parental Guidance and that parents preview it before watching with children.\*

## **Novena to Padre Pio Day 1– Monday Sept. 14th**

As we prepare for the relics of Padre Pio to arrive here at Old St. Patrick, let us join together in praying the Novena to Padre Pio which has been inserted in the bulletin.

## NOVENA to ST. PADRE PIO

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

### *Novena Prayer*

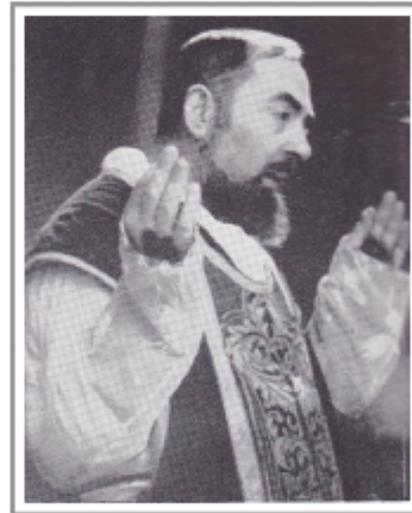
- ℟. Oh most Holy God, we humbly prostrate ourselves before Thy Infinite Majesty,  
 ℟. **And we adore Thee \* and dedicate to Thy glory \* the devout prayers which we now present to Thee \* as an act of devotion to Thy servant, St. Padre Pio, \* whose intercession we are now imploring.**

### *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 Gods 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.