

Avila News

PRAYER, SACRIFICE, SERVICE, AND STUDY

FORTY-EIGHTH YEAR VOLUME V

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MAY, JUNE 2020



**REGULAR MEETING
AND HOLY HOUR
Wednesday,
May 20, 2020**

**PLEASE GATHER IN
FOUNDERS' ROOM
AT 10:00AM**

**HOLY HOUR WILL BEGIN
AT 10:15AM**

**Followed by Community
Mass with Seminarians,
Luncheon, and Speaker.**

SPEAKER:

**Sr. Phyllis Ann Lavalley, OSST
Srs. of the Most Holy Trinity
Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine
Euclid, Ohio**

As always, friends/guests are most welcome! Please call **Diana Capretta, 216-396-0358** no later than noon on **Monday, May 18**, if you cannot attend or to make **additional reservations**. **Guest donation is \$9.00**. Please remember to bring your Holy Hour Prayer Book. **Members:** Please leave your full name and phone number when calling to cancel reservation. Also, please note that **ALL Avila Members** have a standing reservation and need to call in cancellations when necessary. **Members who are unable to regularly attend meeting and cannot call to cancel luncheon reservations might consider becoming a sustaining member.** Thank you!

President's Corner

JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH, WE LOVE YOU, SAVE SOULS!

The month of May brings to mind the Heart of the Blessed Mother and keeps us focused on Mary, our Queen. We must pray the rosary with greater fervor; the rosary is more needed today than ever. We pray with great devotion to Her and remember Her as the Queen of Heaven as we place crowns of flowers on Her images to show our love and to ask Her Motherly intercessions for all our needs.

Mary is the Queen of Families. How pleasing it is to Her when families gather to pray the rosary together. As our Queen Mother, she brings our requests to the Throne of Mercy and Grace. If we are not in the habit of praying a family rosary, May 2020 may be a good time to start. If our families are separated, be creative, pray over the phone, FaceTime and now I hear we can Zoom. Sister Lucia said that the last battle would be for the family. Today we see the family under great attack. How important it is that we heed our Blessed Mother's request at Fatima to pray the rosary daily, wear our scapulars and daily renew our consecration.

In this month that honors Our Lady, let us also remember our priests, seminarians and religious in our daily rosary prayers. Blessed Mother loves her priest sons. Along with our rosary and prayers to the Jesus and Mary, consider praying the Memorare to St. Joseph for our families, for our Church and for our priests.

The month of June gives us devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Devotion to the Sacred Heart reminds us of the great love and mercy that Jesus, True God and True Man, our Redeemer and King has for us and of the revelation of God's great, unfailing and merciful love for each one of us. Let us honor the Heart of Jesus and return love for love.

As Avila's, we must constantly ask Jesus to gather His priests more and more into His Heart of love and to encourage them, comfort them, strengthen them and empower them with the Holy Spirit to continue to persevere and be faithful to their sacred duty.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Send us Priests, Send us Holy Priests, Send us Many Priests.

As we lift our hearts in prayer to Jesus, Mary, and St. Joseph during the months of May and June, let us always remember to pray for everyone in our Avila family.

***"Never be lacking in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."* (Romans 12:11-12)**

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, we love you, save souls!

*Peace in Jesus and Mary,
Marlyn Tunnell, Avila President*

In these days of trial, we need men who will assist the faithful in coming to know, love, serve and bear witness to Jesus. We need our ministers of the great Sacraments of mercy – Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist - something that needs to be near and dear to us all. We must pray for the clergy, for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon them, that they do the will of God always and everywhere. We must pray that God raises up faithful men who answer the call to save souls. The Church needs them. The world needs them. The devil relishes attacks on the priesthood because the Sacraments help us reach Heaven. He doesn't want us in Heaven! Now more than ever, our Church needs us to pray for holy priests, men who will teach and preach the truth, men who will be the visible presence of Christ in the world!

Saint Faustina's Prayer for Holy Priests

O my Jesus, I beg You on behalf of the whole Church. Grant it love and the light of Your Spirit, and give power to the words of priests so that hardened hearts might be brought to repentance and return to You. O Lord, give us holy priests; You Yourself maintain them in holiness. O Divine and Great High Priest, may the power of Thy mercy accompany them everywhere and protect them from the devil's traps and snares which are continually being set for the souls of priests. May the power of Your mercy, O Lord, shatter and bring to naught all that tarnish the sanctity of priests, for You can do all things.



*Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
The Son whom you merited to bear, alleluia,
has risen as he said, alleluia.
Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!
For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.*

Do not hesitate to contact Joan Evans if you would like a prayer request sent out to the Avilas. You can email her at joanevans1130ad@gmail.com or call her at 440-331-2383.



- Carol Baranowski**
- Vera Casey**
- Rosetta Comella**
- Ann Edwards**
- Ann Frencel**
- Pat Hesland**
- "K," friend of Anne Williams**
- Barbara Kahoun**
- Regina Lee**
- Ruth Merriman**
- Sara, niece of Regina Lee**
- Jim, nephew of Ellen Patton**
- Rosetta Saraniti**
- Arch Tunnell**
- David Tunnell**
- Son of Arch and Marlyn**



**May the dear Lord Jesus,
who went about doing good and
healing all, bless all of our Avila
members and their families and friends
who are sick, and let them recover their
health soon. Amen.**



**Ginny Fox
on the death of her son,
Mark Sharnas.**

**Family and Friends
of longtime Avila member,
Adeline Trzaska.**

**May the souls of all the faithful departed
rest in peace. Amen.**

**God Bless!
Susan Federico
Publicity and Scripture Resource**



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if anyone shows you another, you are being deceived.” *Saint Teresa of Avila*

May 2020

Please include the special intentions of the members of the following groups
in your Holy Hour this month:

May	3, 2020	Evangelizing Sisters of Mary
May	10, 2020	Felician Sisters (CSSF)
May	17, 2020	Religious Teachers Filippini (MPF)
May	24, 2020	Order of Friars Minor (Sacred Heart Province) (OFM)
May	31, 2020	Franciscans (Pulaski, Wisconsin) (OFM)
June	7, 2020	Conventual Franciscans (OFM Conv)

MY QUEEN AND MY MOTHER

Mary's whole task is to lead people closer to Jesus. The more we get to know Her and have a fervent devotion to Her, the better She can lead us to Her Son. Through the efforts of people like St. Pope John Paul II, devotion to Our Blessed Mother is making a fruitful comeback.

Jesus is never envious when we honor His Mother. On the contrary, He wills it, expressing it in the Fourth Commandment – “Honor thy father and mother” - and from the cross when he told John, “Behold thy mother” (John 19:27). Isn't the Blessed Virgin our Mother? Christ gave Her to us because He knew we needed a mother just like Her. Giving us an example in His own life, Jesus was a most loving Son and obedient to Mary (Luke 2:51). We are to imitate Him in every aspect of His life, and, through Jesus, we have that divine example of devotion to His Mother. We should never feel that we might be giving too much love to Her. We can never outmatch the love that Jesus had for His Mother. And Mary always leads us to love Her Son more and more

If you have not already done so, consider consecrating yourself to our Blessed Mother. You can do this by reading St. Louis-Marie de Montfort's book, “True Devotion to Mary” or by reading Fr. Michael Gaitley's book, “33 Days to Morning Glory.”

Fr. Don Calloway tells us, “If we want to conquer sin and evil, we must make a decision to live under the mantle of God's masterpiece: Mary Immaculate.” Here, too, is a Daily Consecration to Mary:



**My Queen and my Mother,
I give myself entirely to you;
and to show my devotion to you,
I consecrate to you this day my eyes,
my ears, my mouth, my heart,
my whole being without reserve.
Wherefore, good Mother,
as I am your own,
keep me, guard me,
as your property and possession.
Amen.**



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June 2020

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June	7, 2020	Conventual Franciscans (OFM Conv)
June	14, 2020	Capuchin Franciscan Friars (OFM Cap)
June	21, 2020	Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales (MSFS)
June	28, 2020	Sisters of St. Francis (Chicago) (OSF)
July	5, 2020	Sisters of St. Francis (Millvale) (OSF)

PRAYER TO ST. ANTHONY

O Holy St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your love for God
and charity for His creatures made you worthy when on earth
to possess miraculous powers. Encouraged by this thought,
I implore you to obtain for me (request). O gentle and loving St. Anthony,
whose heart was ever full of human sympathy,
whisper my petition into the ears of the sweet Infant Jesus,
who loved to be folded in your arms,
and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours. Amen.



Saint Anthony was born Fernando Martins in 1195 in Lisbon, Portugal, into a wealthy family. At age 15, he asked to be sent to the Abbey of Santa Cruz, where he learned theology and Latin and was ultimately ordained to the priesthood. When Franciscan friars settled a small hermitage not too far from the Abbey dedicated to Saint Anthony of Egypt, Fernando eventually received permission to join the new Franciscan order, where he was admitted and changed his name to Anthony. He then traveled to Morocco to preach the Gospel, but became very ill and was sent to Portugal to recover, but the return voyage was blown off-course, the boat arrived in Sicily and the group traveled to Tuscany. Anthony was assigned to the hermitage of San Paolo due to his health, where he spent his time praying and studying while recovering. Sometime later, Dominican friars came to visit the Franciscans and there was confusion over who would give the homily. The Dominicans were known for their preaching, so the Franciscans assumed one of them would provide the homily, but the Dominicans assumed the Franciscans would provide one. The head of the Franciscan hermitage then asked Anthony to speak on whatever the Holy Spirit inspired him to. Despite his objection, Anthony gave an eloquent and moving homily that impressed both groups. News of his eloquence soon reached Francis of Assisi, and he found a friend in Anthony.

In 1224, Francis entrusted his friars' pursuits of studies to Anthony. Anthony had a book of psalms that contained notes and comments to help when teaching students and, in a time when a printing press was not yet invented, it was very valuable to him. When a novice decided to leave the hermitage, he stole Anthony's valuable book. When he discovered it was missing, Anthony prayed it would be found or returned. The thief *did* return the book and returned to the Order as well. (The book is said to be preserved in the Franciscan friary in Bologna today.) Anthony occasionally taught at two universities in southern France, but he performed best as a preacher. Once, when he tried to preach the true Gospel of the Catholic Church to heretics who would not listen, he went out and preached his message to the fish, not for the instruction of the fish, of course, but rather for the glory of God, the delight of the angels and the easing of his own heart. When his critics saw the fish gathering, they realized it would probably be in their best interests to also listen to what Anthony had to say.

Anthony died in 1231 at only 35 years of age, and was canonized less than one year afterward by Pope Gregory IX. His body was found to be corrupted 336 years after his death, but miraculously his tongue was totally incorrupt, so perfect were the teachings that had been formed upon it. Because his teaching of the Catholic Faith was so simple and resounding, the most simplest, unlettered and innocent could understand his messages. It is for this reason he was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius XII in 1946. He is typically depicted with a book and holding the Infant Child Jesus in his arms, and is commonly referred to as the "finder of lost articles." St. Anthony is venerated all over the world as the Patron Saint for lost articles, and is credited with many miracles involving lost people, lost things and even lost spiritual goods. We all know someone who is "lost" in some way. Put that person under St. Anthony's protection and consider a nine week novena to him (nine Tuesdays) which are said at a number of parishes. His feast day is June 13.