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 Every Fall!*

**On 12 October -Fr. Peter
 will celebrate his
 93rd Birthday**



IN THE MAIL BOX

Depression Healed Over Phone

Dear Father Rookey,

I had a serious issue the past months due to depression and the devil. I was always depressed, treated my parents badly and was going down the wrong road. After speaking with you on the phone I suddenly have an excitement to do things. I also treat the people that love me with respect and kindness. I am now wearing my medal with Mary, Jesus and a dove on it and I feel great. I feel like I am back to my own self and I am grateful for what you have done for me. Thank you so much for getting me back to normal Father. I got my life back. God bless you.

RHODE ISLAND

February 2009

Perseverance Leads to Healing

Dear Father Rookey,

I would like to thank you for all your prayers. I have melanoma that has spread to my lymph nodes. I called you before every test and surgery. I always seemed to get a bit of bad news at every appointment, but I kept praying and calling you. Finally after having a PET scan and MRI, I got good news, they came back clean. I am forever grateful.

WISCONSIN

February 2009

Severe Shingles Healed

Dear Holy Father Rookey and his wonderful staff,

Thank you for always being there for us. You are so saintly Fr. Rookey that it is a true privilege and honor to be able to speak with you. I spoke with you over the phone about my son who was suffering for over 2 months with severe pain of shingles. We had many Dr. visits but no relief. I knew you could bless him through me and at a great distance. You did it! Believe me, Father for the first time in months he said "I think I'm feeling better." Please receive our gratitude and love and thanks.

NEW JERSEY

February 2009

No More Nosebleeds

Dear Very Rev. Father Rookey,

I called your office requesting prayer for a surgical procedure which I was to have for nosebleeds. I was concerned that this might be due to a more serious condition. All went well and a good diagnosis was received. I thank you for all your prayers and I praise and thank Jesus for His healing and Mary His mother for watching over me

ILLINOIS.

March 2009

Conceived After Blessing

Dear Father Rookey,

I called you In November to ask you to pray that I could conceive. We are grateful to God for the gift of your prayers. My husband and I are expecting our baby in August. God bless you and thank you for your prayers. Thank you and may the Lord continue to bless you in your ministry.

ILLINOIS

March 2009

ATTENTION E-MAILERS

Please provide us with your e-mail address so we can speed our newsletters to you electronically.



Kindly send your name, address and email to us at newsletter@frrookeyicm.org. Thank you.

“Vision” Brings About Healing

Fr. Rookey,

I called you on Thursday, Feb. 19, 2009 leaving a message to pray for me. I was having a problem with my lungs and eyes after spraying my bathroom with an aerosol grout sealer. On Friday morning around 3:00 AM, I had a vision of you Father. On that day I started feeling better. I'm doing okay getting back to myself again. Thank you for the healing you gave me. I feel so blessed. I love you and the beautiful ladies at ICM.

MICHIGAN
March 2009

Favorable Test Results

Dear Fr. Rookey,

Earlier this week, I e-mailed you requesting prayers for God's will to be done in the outcome of my CT-scan scheduled this morning for possible recurrence of cancer. I have just received the wonderful news that my scan indicated no sign of any trouble. I want to thank you for sending my request to Mary and Jesus. I especially want to thank them for listening to my prayers. It is such a gift to know that I will again be able to enjoy sunrises, sunsets, the song of birds and the laughter of my grandchildren. Praise be to God!

NEBRASKA
April 2009

Blessing of Fertility

Father Rookey,

Last January I called you asking for a blessing of fertility for my husband and me. Four months later we were weeping tears of joy at the news of our pregnancy. On January 2nd I gave birth to our beautiful healthy boy. . . . We are so grateful for your blessing and prayers. We simply cannot express our appreciation enough. God bless you and all that you do. You will forever be in our hearts and prayers.

ILLINOIS
February 2009

Back Problem Stopped Progressing

Father Rookey,

I was just told of your website by a friend who told me about a healing Mass presided over by Father Rookey back in December 2001. My mother, my 11 year old daughter, and I attended. The prayer intention I wrote out and placed in the basket was that my daughter's scleroderma would stop progressing. She had been diagnosed that Memorial Day and in September it was spreading, and just about to cross over her knee which would have crippled her. We

were told it had the potential to spread for at least the next 5 years. After we all received the healing from Father Rookey and the prayer intention, not only did my daughter's scleroderma stop spreading, but it pretty much went away and you can barely see it. We have always attributed this miracle from God to the healing Mass we attended with Father Rookey. God bless you.

TEXAS
March 2009

Multiple Healings

Dear Fr. Rookey,

It is one year later when I called you to pray for my husband who was having pain in his right shoulder for many years after an injury. He was having different types of therapies but they did not help too much. You prayed over him on the phone. Since that time he is free of pain and he is enjoying sleeping on his right side. Thank you for your powerful intercession.

About seven or eight months ago I called you and you prayed for my brother. He had a kidney stone that later passed through his bladder. He said it was so painful and he was having blood in the urine. The Dr. wanted to do surgery. The next day when I called him he told me that the stone came out the night before. He could not believe it. The Dr. agreed with us that it was a miracle. Praise God!

I called you 3 months ago when I was in the hospital with chest pains and breathing problems. The Dr. told us that he needed to do a cardiac catheterization. You prayed for me over the phone and told me to call you with good news. My test results came out good. May Jesus continue working through your prayers and healing ministry.

NEW HAMPSHIRE
May 2009

Heart and Kidneys Healed

Dear Father Rookey,

I am writing you to thank you for your healing prayers. I feel that it was a miracle. I called you in January '09 asking for your healing prayers for my nephew. . . . He was on a ventilator and given very little hope. He was diagnosed with endocarditis, which is an infection attacking his heart and also he had kidney failure. After many prayers, he had surgery to replace the aorta valve and after a month and a half of antibiotic therapy he recovered. His kidneys began to work and he will not need dialysis. Many thanks for your prayers. God bless you.

PENNSYLVANIA
April 2009

Ave Maria!
Third Quarter '09

"Dear children! Today I call you anew to conversion. Little children, you are not holy enough and you do not radiate holiness to others, therefore pray, pray, pray and work on your personal conversion, so that you may be a sign of God's love to others. I am with you and am leading you towards eternity, for which every heart must yearn. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Dear Children! . . . August 25. Dearest Mother Mary, as I read your message: "Today I call you anew to conversion. You are not holy enough. . . pray, pray, pray. . . to be a sign of God's love for others," – I read a deeply spiritual July 28, 09 letter from prisoner Collins, Maximum Security Prison, Zambia, Africa – "My dear Father, I kindly wish to make myself very clear that my current situation needs not silver or gold, but the word of God. . . . All I honestly desire from you most is to encourage me and stay with me in prayers to the final end of me whether to be hanged alive or released." I believe dear holy Mother Mary that prisoner Collins is answering your "renewed call to conversion." We promise to answer you too!

His Holiness Pope Benedict's Prayer Intention for this month is: "That the word of God may be better known, welcomed and lived as the source of freedom and joy."

This YEAR FOR PRIESTS tells the importance of the mission of the priests in the Church and world, the Pope points out in his recent General Audience. St. John Mary Vianney's particular devotion for the Mother of God reminds us how all priests are entrusted to the Blessed Virgin. It also reminds us of St. Anthony Mary Pucci, OSM, our Servite Pastor of St Andrew Parish in Viareggio, Italy for 45 years. He was a contemporary of the Cure' of Ars; both were Marian dedicated priests. Blessed Pope John XXIII canonized St. Anthony Mary Pucci in 1962 at the opening session of Vatican II Council as a model to all Council participants.

SPECIAL IN SEPTEMBER:

8 - Birthday of Our Lady Mary

14 - Exaltation of Our Lord's Holy Cross

15 - Mary, Mother of Sorrows – Day to pray our VII Sorrows Rosary!

7th September to 17th we'll be praying for you in Our Lady of Medjugorje, Yugoslavia . . . So no phone calls or appointments with Fr. Rookey these days – Sorry.

**Witness by Dr. Krestina Litviak, MD, volunteer in
International Compassion Ministry:**

On August 21, 2009, among the people who came for Fr. Rookey's blessing was a mother and her 11 year old son. During prayers before the blessing this little boy started rubbing his eyes and suddenly fell to the floor. His mother was concerned, but Fr. Rookey said that he was all right and that he is resting in the Spirit. Then the little boy told his mother that he was OK. After a few minutes he got up and was blessed by Fr. Rookey. Before leaving the Chapel I asked him how he was. He said, "I'm OK." Then he looked at his mother and said, "Mom, I want to tell you something." She asked him what he wanted to say. He said, "I saw a bright light coming from Fr. Rookey towards me, and then I fell." Later I saw him by the window crying.

SMILES:

† Eve: "Adam, do you love me? Adam: "Who else?"

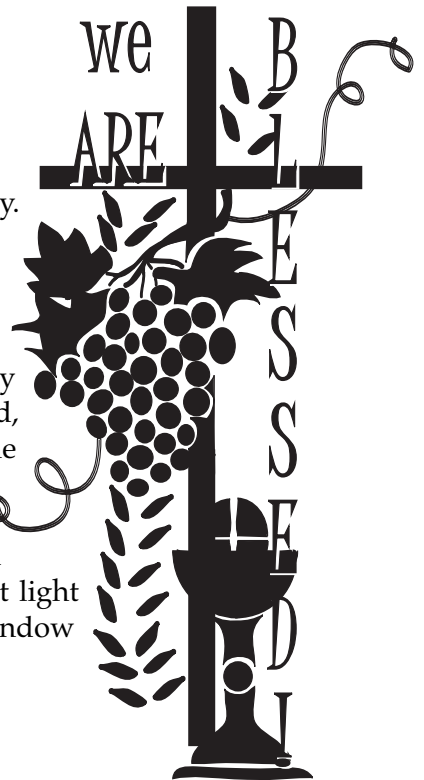
† Blooper in a church bulletin: "The congregation is asked to remain seated until the end of the recession."

† Outdoor sign at Midway Presbyterian church, Anderson, SC: "God wants spiritual fruit, not religious nuts."

Be assured of my daily prayers and Masses for all your intentions—**especially in Medjugorje.**

Peter Mary Rookey, O.S.M.

Fr. Peter MARY Rookey, O.S.M.



Lump Disappears

Dear Fr. Rookey,

I feel so bad for not writing sooner. I have called you several times requesting your prayers and blessing. In 2007 I asked for your prayers when they found a lump in my breast. I called you for prayers and blessing. I went back for another test and spoke with the surgeon. He told me the lump was gone – not there anymore. Praise God!

ILLINOIS
May 2009

Loved Ones Healed

Dear Father Rookey,

My husband and I called and gave a prayer request for healing . . . who was diagnosed with cancer. We are so happy to hear he has been cured of Sarcoma. The doctor's cannot explain the cure. His son . . . was waiting for a liver transplant when he was cured without the transplant. My cousin . . . had a large mass between his heart and lung. He has been taking chemo and the doctor's are in awe over how much the tumor has shrunk. These healings are because of your intercession to God. We can't thank you enough for your prayers.

FLORIDA
July 2009

Healing and Forgiveness

Hello Fr. Rookey,

I hope you are well. I want to thank you for your ministry. I thank the Lord for leading pilgrims to me in Medjugorje, who told me about you because I live in Chicago. I saw you afterwards with my mother last January. She was very impressed meeting you. I am especially grateful because when I saw you I had Lyme disease. I never mentioned the problem, but I haven't had a problem with it since then. More blessings: My mother who often had difficulties with her sister, was deeply offended by her upon her return. Tossing and turning that evening, she suddenly decided with great clarity to forgive her "and that felt so good" she remarked to me afterwards. You are a blessing to all those whose lives you touch.

ILLINOIS
May 2009

† PRAY . . . PRAY . . . PRAY . . . PRAY . . . PRAY . . . PRAY . . . †

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