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Please Note!!!

Due to complications, our website (frrookeyicm.org) will not be ready as soon as planned – but please keep checking. Consequently, we will temporarily continue to mail our newsletter even to those who did not send in the *yellow form* (which must be sent in by all those who still desire to keep receiving the newsletter by mail).



IN THE MAIL BOX

Lymphoma Gone

Dear Father Rookey,

I'm still trying to recover from lymphoma, I had radiation on my throat, neck and lungs to dissolve the tumor. It's gone! Praise God!

I got to go on a trip to Lourdes and Fatima. Prayers are being answered and I'm so grateful. Our Lord and Lady have blessed me so. Thank you for your prayers.

WASHINGTON

April 2006

No Fluid in Lung

Dear Father Rookey,

My husband was having trouble with fluid on his left lung. The fluid was removed. Soon it filled up again, and again it was removed. You prayed with my husband.

He was scheduled for surgery on December 23rd and the doctors expected the worst as he had smoked for 55 years and was a construction worker who worked with asbestos.

The surgery went well. All tests were negative. It's five months later and there is no more fluid in the lung. Thank you so much for your healing prayers.

ILLINOIS

June 2006

Mass in Pancreas Disappears

Dear Father Rookey,

About 3 weeks ago, I called and you prayed for me. The doctor said that I had a large mass in my pancreas. When they went in to check there was no mass, only a small cyst which is okay. The doctor said he was sure it was cancer. Wrong! It's a miracle. Thanks to Jesus, Mary, St. Pio, and St Peregrine and to you for your prayers for me.

PENNSYLVANIA.

June 2007

Aneurysm Healed with Flying Colors

Dear Father Rookey,

Thank you for your prayers for my daughter. You told me she would come through with flying colors, and to write you what the doctor said after surgery. The doctor told the family she came through with flying colors. It was a very major abdominal aneurysm surgery. I'm very grateful for your prayers. Thanks again, Father Rookey, I will pray for you also.

WISCONSIN

June 2007

Prayer Heals Bacteria

Dear Father Rookey,

Back in July I phoned you to pray for my son . . . who is a seminarian. . . . He came home to be diagnosed with a . . . bacteria—much weight loss and malaise. You prayed for him over the phone and I want you to know that he has made a complete recovery. . . .

VERMONT

November 2007

Cough Leaves in 2 Days

Dear Father Rookey,

Last week I called you to pray for my health. I had a cough for five weeks and took different medicines for help. The cough went away for awhile then would return. Upon asking for your prayers, within two days the cough went away, and I am back to good health. Thank you so very, very much.

MICHIGAN
2007

From Miracle Prayer to Peaceful Passing

Dearest Father Rookey,

There aren't enough words to express my thanks to you as our intercessor to the Good Lord. When my husband was dying of lymphoma . . . we prayed the Miracle Prayer that he would have "no pain" and even the . . . nurses were amazed he did not experience any pain. . . . Jesus smiled on Him and he slipped off so peacefully.

ILLINOIS
2007

Four Blessings

Dear Father Rookey,

My husband and I saw you in May when I was 6 months pregnant. At our 20-week ultrasound, our son was diagnosed with Down Syndrome and had part of his bowel out of his body. When we met and prayed with you, my rosary turned to gold, we witnessed the miracle of the sun and finally, a yellow spot appeared on my shirt, which traveled to the middle of my belly and rested on our baby.

Our son was born on the Assumption, August 15th, 2007. Although he was born with Down Syndrome, a miracle did occur. He didn't require surgery of his bowel, as the surgeon was able to repair it by manipulating it back into his body. We truly believe our son is an angel in disguise here on earth. Already he is bringing out the best in us and in others around us. We love him dearly.

Thank you for praying for our son.

ILLINOIS
2007

Family Locates Son

Dear Father Peter Mary Rookey,

Today I am writing you with a thankful heart for your guidance and prayer in helping our family

locate the son of my daughter who was given out for adoption against her wishes. This son was located . . . and is doing well with his adoptive parents. The parents and true son recently had a wonderful weekend gathering. Thank you again from the bottom of my heart.

NORTH DAKOTA
2007

Prayer Leads to Return to Sacraments

Dear Fr. Rookey,

I thank you so much for your prayers over my and my husband's intentions

In early 2006 I wrote you with a number of prayer requests among them the amoral condition of our daughter living with her boyfriend. Thanks so much for your prayers and for our Blessed Mother's. God has granted our petition. Our daughter is now back to the Sacraments following a mixed marriage to her long time boyfriend. [My] son also received the grace of a collection of a long standing debt. By the mercy of God through your prayers, Fr. Rookey, my husband's emphysema very active in Guam was dormant during all the travels from Guam to Texas to England and back.

TEXAS
2007

Successful Surgery After Complications

Dear Father Rookey,

Six weeks ago I was to undergo a delicate eye operation. I asked for your prayers to Our Blessed Mother and remembrance in your masses for a successful outcome from the surgery. The procedure turned out to be more complicated than either the surgeon or I could have imagined when I had to be evacuated right in the middle of the surgery because of smoke filling the building and the fire alarm going off. Thanks to the excellent skills of the doctor and your prayers to God and Our Blessed Mother, the results have turned out to be completely successful.

MISSOURI
2007

Heart Better After Phone Call

Dear Fr. Rookey,

I was so surprised when you answered the phone when I called for prayer for my heart. Then you told me to let you know when my prayer was answered. Praise God! My doctor is very pleased. My heart

AVE MARIA!
January/February 2008

"Dear children! With great joy I bring you the King of Peace for Him to bless you with His blessing. Adore Him and give time to the Creator for whom your heart yearns. Do not forget that you are passers-by on this earth and that things can give you small joys, while through my Son, eternal life is given to you. That is why I am with you, to lead you towards what your heart yearns for. Thank you for having responded to my call." . . . *Our Lady Queen of Peace, December 25, 2007.*

Carissimi Brothers and Sisters: We write you on Epiphany Day otherwise known as Three Kings, Little Christmas in Italy-Befana when gifts are given to children. Religious Orders celebrate Christmas today. Mary blesses us with Jesus, she tells us. She reminds us these celebrations and gifts give joy only for a short time. Jesus gives us eternal joy. Make Him numero uno. We Servites continue to ask Mary to bless us with Jesus with an ancient blessing we repeat often: "May our Sorrowful Mother bless us with Her loving Child!"

Jesus assures us in His January 1st message to *lay apostle, Anne*: "You will not be abandoned!"

January 12 - Feast of Servite St. Anthony Mary Pucci: Parish priest of Viareggio, Italy, 45 years. Maria Valtorta, O.S.M. wrote her inspiring Poem of the Man-God 100 years ago in Viareggio. We rejoice to share the only English biography of St. Anthony, *SHEPHERD OF SOULS* . . . see last page of this newsletter.

Heartfelt thanks to you holy benefactors who support this Ministry from the most generous gifts, down to the "widows mite." You do it with love. May the God of love reward you richly.

February 6 -Ash Wednesday, Christianity begins the grace-filled forty days of Lent, Holy Week, joyful Resurrection! We join you all.

February 18 - Feast of our Servite VII founders.

Mother Nadine, (Omaha, NE) our deep gratitude to you, Theresa and all your prayer group for your message after forty days of prayer.

Dawn to Dusk . . . Guest Article by: Sabina Reyes, secretary.

Father Rookey starts his day as always with his morning prayers. He also tells us of his morning exercises which include push-ups and standing on his head. Yes, that's right, he stands on his head as he prays the Psalms! He then starts for the office which means an hour drive from his Priory to our office in Olympia Fields, IL. Be it snow, rain, or frigid cold, he never complains. He gets out of his car with the rosary in his hand; we know he has been praying all along the way. It is no wonder God hears his prayers . . . he is always knocking at His door.

Every morning Monday through Friday Father Rookey comes to the office. He seems always to be happy, energetic and ready to start a new day. Father peeks in the glass door and if he has the opportunity he will quietly sneak in. He has gotten by us a couple of times. What a surprise for us when we hear noises in his office . . . and there he is! How we laugh! He has the heart of a child.

A typical day in Fr. Rookey's Ministry Office is extremely busy. The telephone is always ringing non-stop. In fact if the telephone doesn't ring for a minute or two someone will check to see if we are getting a dial tone. Father Rookey is on the telephone blessing people from all over the world five to six hours a day. He does take a break for daily *private* Mass at 12:30 PM and for Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 PM where he prays for the intentions of all those people that have asked for his prayers. When his day is done he walks out of the office with his bag filled with letters, his homework! We get hundreds of letters in a week. He reads and prays over each and every letter that you folks send him.

Often times when people call the office one of the first things they ask is: "*How is Father Rookey? Tell him that I always keep him in my prayers.*" Anyone that has been a follower of Fr. Rookey knows that he just turned 91 years old on October 12. Father Rookey is better than "fine," he is blessed! We often look at him and know: *He is a living testament to the power of prayer* . . . *your prayers*. It is through your prayers that God has blessed our dear Fr. Rookey with 91 years. May Our Lord continue to bless Father Rookey and us in such a loving way.

SMILES – Abe Lincoln: "For Indian Commissioner I want a pure-minded, moral Christian man, frugal and self sacrificing." Senator Voorhees responded: "That man was crucified, AD 33."

Peggy Noonan: "If a candidate lacks humor, don't vote for him."

President Reagan: "We are told that 'God is dead.' Well He is not dead. We just can't talk to him in the classroom anymore."

With love to you all,

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