

OUR LADY OF SORROWS – ST. ANTHONY

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY



March, April, May and June, 2019

MISSION STATEMENT: Our Lady of Sorrow-St. Anthony Rosary Altar Society is a parish confraternity whose members seek to enhance the spiritual, social and cultural life of our parish through liturgical service, prayer and devotion to the gospel teaching, while honoring the desire of our Lord to better know, love and venerate His Mother. Members of the Rosary Confraternity pledge to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary and to secure her patronage by recitation of the Rosary for the mutual spiritual benefits of all members throughout the world.

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Dear Rosary Altar Members and People of the Parish,

Our Blessed Virgin Mary is always an example to us; let us follow her in our faith to her Son, Jesus Christ, as we travel through our Lenten journey.

With Mother's Day close behind the Easter Season, we should remember to honor all Mothers as Jesus honored his own Mother.

Let us always remember to pray for our Priests, Deacons and all of the people of God's Church.

Sincerely yours in Our Lady,

Natalie Baranowski, President



GENERAL INFORMATION – Our devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and our Lord is expressed in a variety of ways, including: private recitation of the rosary, monthly group recitation of the rosary, attendance together at mass on the first Sunday of each month, prayer services throughout the year, and an annual Day of Recollection. We imitate Mary's willingness to help and serve others by laundering/ironing the altar linens, cleaning/refilling the holy water fonts, making rosaries for the missions, hospitals, schools and our military, making prayer shawls and distributing them to local nursing homes, hospices and all those who desire a shawl and we also make donations to the needy. We also help supply baked goods for the annual celebration of St. Joseph. In addition, we conduct a Palm Cross Sale, a Christmas Wreath Sale to help fund the above activities as well as scholarships to our OLS graduates and donations to the Church for its needs.

CORPORATE SUNDAY is held on the first Sunday of every month. The Rosary is recited following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows from July to December. From January to June, Corporate Sunday is held at the St. Anthony Campus with recitation of the rosary at 9:00 a.m. followed by the 9:30 a.m. Mass. All parishioners are invited to recite the Rosary for our parish community, world peace, an end to abortion and terrorism; for the intentions of the Pope and for the special intentions of all those in attendance.

MONTHLY MEETING are held on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Meeting Room at OLS. Because of Labor Day, the September meeting is held on the second Monday. Meetings are not held in January, July or August. Anyone interested in joining is welcome to attend any meeting.

ROSARY MAKERS GROUP – Anyone interested in learning to make rosaries, please contact Betty Adamczyk at (609) 586-6771. Rosaries are sent to the missions, soldiers and given to the First Communicants of our parish. We will send rosaries to those in need as supplies allow.

PRAYER SHAWLS – The Prayer Shawl Group meets at 1:30 p.m. on the second Monday of the month in the Church Meeting Room at OLS. Prayer shawls are made for patients in area hospitals, assisted living facilities and nursing homes. If you or anyone you know is interested in making prayer shawls, please contact Joyce Farina at (609) 888-0437. If you have any completed prayer shawls or if you wish to donate yarn, call Joyce and she will make arrangements to meet with you. We also ask that you refrain from dropping off any completed prayer shawls or yarn at the parish office; be sure to call Joyce instead.

NEW MEMBERS – New members are always welcome to attend any of our meetings and will be greeted warmly and friendly. Being a Rosarian honors Mary as the Mother in whose care Jesus has placed us, and our Lady's blessings will be without measure. Once you are inducted into the Confraternity, you are a lifetime member. The Confraternity is a National Confraternity so if you move you can become a member of your new Parish. If you are considering joining the Rosary Altar Society and have questions, please feel free to contact Melissa Demko at (609) 502-3670, or any Board Member.

SPIRITUAL BREATHING

Breathing is natural and essential to every human being on the face of the planet. Inhaling and exhaling are as important as food or water, in essence, every bit of the 12 to 14 breaths you take each minute is of utmost importance. You breathe when you drive, sleep, pray and eat, there are moments when you try to withhold from breathing but of course, you even have to fight to do that. It's natural and essential.

Did you know you can spiritually breathe? Staying filled with God's spirit can flow as naturally as the air that you're breathing right now. God's not far away from you. You can be connected to God's thoughts and His presence – and it's easy as A...B...C and 1...2...3.

Staying connected to God is as elementary as breathing. To be the person God is calling you to be, we must inhale His Spirit, just as we breathe oxygen into our lungs.

When His Spirit invades our hearts as oxygen invades our lungs, our hearts will burn with a relentless passion and a revived fire for God.

Embrace the truth that the oxygen for a Spirit-led life is dependent fully on God's Spirit. You can't just accept His invitation casually. I once heard a man say, "A Christian is a casualty." Pretty powerful words, right?

Instead of a causal walk – we must make it purposeful and continual, until one day it becomes as constant and as natural as breathing.

- Exhale Anxiety – Inhale Patience
- Exhale Depression – Inhale Joy
- Exhale Despair – Inhale the love of God
- Exhale Fear – Inhale God is with you
- Exhale Insecurity – Inhale Confidence in God

Breathing in Gods Spirit (His wisdom, His heart, His provisions), breath out everything else.

Submitted by Jennifer Carr

Do We Have Actual Physical Proof That Pontius Pilate Existed?

Whenever we recite either the Nicene Creed or the Apostles Creed we always mention a relatively minor Roman official in charge of the Roman province of Judea in the first century AD. Of course I am referring to Pontius Pilate whose real name technically was Pontius Pilatus.

He was the Roman official who condemned Jesus to the cross for what was from the Roman standpoint sedition against the Roman Emperor and Rome itself. This capital crime warranted a death sentence and Pilate sent Jesus to the horrible death of crucifixion. For this action (the condemnation of Jesus of Nazareth) this particular Roman official has achieved eternal historical and liturgical fame. Something I doubt he ever would have expected for sentencing to death one of several Jewish troublemakers he condemned in his 10 years (26 AD to 36 AD) as Procurator (Governor) of the province.

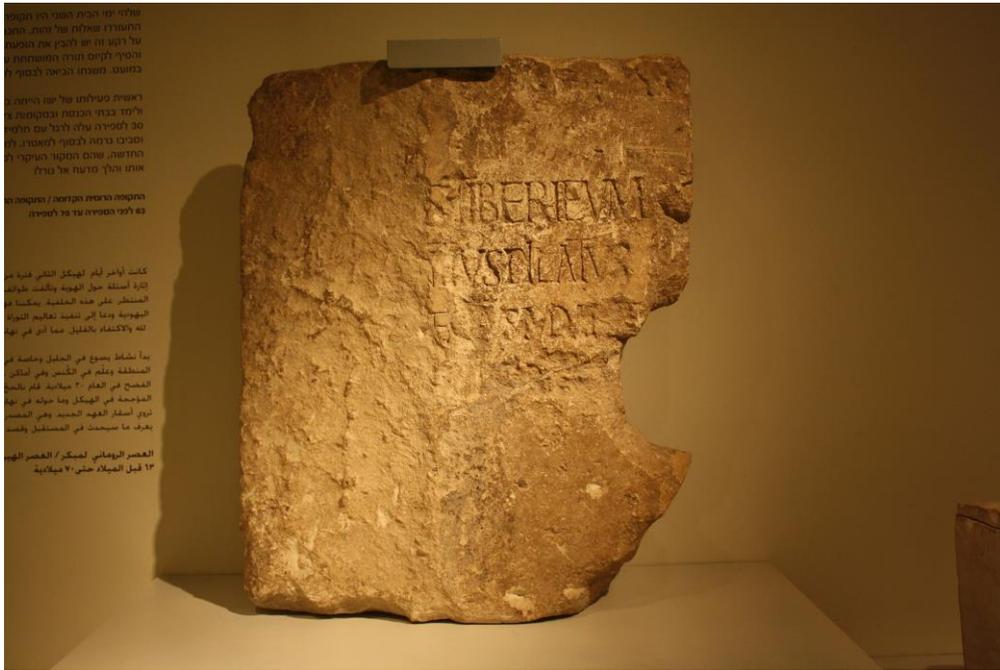
This article is not going to be a biographical presentation about Pilate what he was really like, what the historical written sources other than the Gospels say about him, and other historical or traditional details pertaining to him. At some point in a future article I will cover that topic. This article is designed to show the reader the actual solid archaeological evidence we have that proves beyond a doubt that Pilate indeed existed and functioned in first century Judea exactly as the Gospels indicate.

It should be pointed out that for years especially after the rise of liberal biblical criticism in the 19th century skeptics of Christianity maintained the position that Pilate was nothing more than a mythical figure and doubted his historicity. They made the point that he is only mentioned by biased authors with an agenda i.e. the New Testament authors and ancient pagan historians who talk about Pilate only with respect to his fabricated connection with the death of Jesus of Nazareth. This they maintained was hardly proof that he existed at all and he was at best a manufactured person to enhance a religious narrative.

All the theories of these well-educated “geniuses” crumbled into the dust when in 1961 archeologists digging in Caesarea Maritima in Israel made a remarkable discovery. Caesarea Maritima was the Roman styled city built by Herod the Great

that became the administrative capital and military headquarters for all the Roman Prefects/Governors of Judea. A Roman governor such as Pilate lived and governed his province the majority of the year from Caesarea Maritima. However whenever the annual Jewish festivals were held in Jerusalem Pilate along with portions of his army went south to Jerusalem to keep order. For it was at these festivals when thousands came to Jerusalem to visit the Temple, that trouble always seemed to break out.

The discovery that was made is called the "Pilate Stone" The Pilate stone is a damaged block (82 cm x 65 cm) of carved [limestone](#) with a partially intact inscription. The artifact is particularly significant because it is an archaeological find of an authentic 1st-century Roman inscription mentioning the name "Pontius Pilatus". On the partially damaged block is a dedication to the [deified](#) first Roman emperor Augustus and his wife [Livia](#) ("the Divine Augusti"), the stepfather and mother of the emperor [Tiberius](#), originally placed within a *Tiberieum*, probably a temple dedicated to Tiberius. Tiberius the emperor was technically Pilate's ultimate superior and Tiberius was the emperor at the time of the crucifixion of Jesus. Pilate had a Temple (Tiberieum was the name of it) built in Tiberius' honor in Caesarea Maritima and the stone was the inscription on that Temple. Below is a photo of the actual stone itself which is housed in the Israel museum in Jerusalem and what is written in Latin on the dedication stone and the proper translation of same:



The partial Latin inscription reads (conjectural letters in brackets)

[DIS AUGUSTI]S TIBERIEVM

[...PONTI]US PILATUS

[...PRAEF]ECTUS IUDA [EA] E

[...FECIT D]E [DICA]VIT

The translation from Latin to English for the inscription reads:

To the Divine Augusti [this] Tiberieum

...Pontius Pilate

...prefect of Judea

...has dedicated [this]

If that were not enough archeological proof of Pilate's existence please read the following excerpt from an article written on 12-4-2018 by the reputable magazine Biblical Archeology Review:

"On November 29, 2018, [news broke out of Jerusalem](#) that a ring had been discovered at Herod the Great's mountain fortress of Herodium, just 3 miles southeast of Bethlehem. Two facts about the simple copper-alloy piece of jewelry were reason for worldwide headlines. First, the ring was discovered at Herodium ... in 1969! The ring was actually unearthed during an excavation led by the Hebrew University of Jerusalem professor Gideon Foerster during the 1968–1969 seasons. However, only recently did a thorough cleaning and advances in photographic technology allow for the second interesting fact about this ring to be exposed: It bears the Greek inscription ΠΙΛΑΤΟ (PILATO)—the name of [Pontius Pilate!](#)"

Ring With Pilates Name On It:



“Pilate used Herod the Great’s former palaces as his own residences in both Caesarea and Jerusalem, so there’s reason to believe that Herod’s palace at Herodium may have been used as a Roman administrative center. Archaeological reports indicate that Pilate repaired the Herodium water system and that Herodium continued to be active during his rule.”

Now the ring itself is cheaply made and not the kind of ring you would expect a high Roman official to wear. However there is an explanation about this again found in the magazine article:

“It is entirely possible that the Pilate Ring unearthed at Herodium in 1969 and “discovered” this past year was not worn by the Roman prefect Pontius Pilate at all. Rather, it may very well have been worn by a regional administrator collecting taxes for the Romans, who simply stamped items and document seals bound for Pilate—PILATO. As the authors of the official excavation report state, “It is therefore unlikely that Pontius Pilatus, the powerful and rich prefect of Judaea, would have worn a thin, all copper-alloy sealing ring.”

Conclusion - Despite what the skeptics think and say the above mentioned archeologically documented stone and ring as well as several discovered coins Pilate had minted when he was in charge of Judea over the years, demonstrate beyond a doubt that there really was a Roman governor in Judea at [the time of Jesus](#) named Pontius Pilatus just as the Bible says. We can also be confident that just as the Gospels and other early Christian writings say he indeed played the central role in condemning Jesus to the cross that fateful Friday morning in Jerusalem.



Len Commini for the Rosary Altar Society February, 2019

BIRTHDAYS ARE SPECIAL, it celebrates another year of achievements, and a year to look forward to new goals and accomplishments. Let us celebrate the following Rosarians as they march on to a new year of wonder.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS – 9 – Barbara Dohrenwend, 12 – Carolyn Hawkes, 25 - Joyce Berryman, 27 – Deoke (Dee) Ali, 31 – Eugenia (Jean) Esposti

APRIL BIRTHDAYS – 7 – Rose Gervasoni, 15 – Joan Farletta, 19 – Judith (Judy) Komlosi, 26 – Mary Ellen Sullivan, 30 – Irene Foy and Rose Bartuska

MAY BIRTHDAYS – 2 – Martha Mahon, 3 - Lucille DiBiase, 12 – Eda Dorn, 23 – Louise Dechan, 24 – Susan Esposti

JUNE BIRTHDAYS – 11 – Jean Fell, 16 – Gerri Hoffman, 17 – Mary Halasz, 20-Blanche Migliarese, 26 – June Perrine, 30 – Mary Ann Sullivan

JULY BIRTHDAYS – 3 – Helen Imbalzano, 5 – Ericka Betencourt, 15 – RoseMarie Peissner and Diane DeCara, 23 – Charlie Peterson-Victor, 27 – Eileen Demko

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS – 7 – Jennifer Carr, 8 – Sharon Conte and Teresa Kmiec, 22 – Carol Inglese, 24 – Eileen Evans, 26 – Suzanne Groth, 31 - Michele Bailey

MARCH CALENDAR

Sunday – March 3 – Corporate Sunday – 9:00 a.m. Rosary followed by 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Anthony

Monday – March 4 – Monthly Meeting/Lenten Prayer Service

Wednesday – March 6 – Ash Wednesday

Saturday – March 9 – Palm Cross Sale Begins

Monday – March 11 – Prayer Shawl Group Meeting 1:30 p.m. at OLS Church Meeting Room

Monday – March 19 – St. Joseph Table – Drop off baked goods at 5:30 p.m. OLS

Sunday – March 31 – Palm Cross Sale Ends

FEAST DAYS AND HOLIDAYS

Saturday – March 17 – St. Patrick's Day

Monday – March 19 – St. Joseph's Day

APRIL CALENDAR

Monday – April 1 – Monthly Meeting/Guest Speaker

Wednesday – April 3 – Trip to Sight and Sound to see "Jesus"

Saturday and Sunday April 6 and 7 – Palm Cross Distribution

Sunday – April 7 – Corporate Sunday – 9:00 a.m. Rosary followed by 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Anthony

Monday – April 8 – Prayer Shawl Group Meeting 1:30 P.M. at OLS Church Meeting Room

FEAST DAYS AND HOLIDAYS

Sunday – April 14 – Palm Sunday

Sunday – April 21 - Easter

MAY CALENDAR – MONTH OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER

Sunday – May 5 – Corporate Sunday – 9:00 a.m. Rosary followed by 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Anthony

Monday – May 6 – Monthly Meeting/May Crowning/Induction of New Members

Monday – May 13 – Prayer Shawl Group Meeting 1:30 p.m. at OLS Church Meeting Room

FEAST DAYS AND HOLIDAYS

Sunday – May 12 – Mother’s Day

Monday – May 27 – Memorial Day

Thursday – May 30 – Ascension Thursday

JUNE CALENDAR

Sunday – June 2 – Corporate Sunday – 9:00 a.m. Rosary followed by 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Anthony

Monday – June 3 – Monthly Meeting/End of Year Dinner

Monday – June 10 – Prayer Shawl Group Meeting – 1:30 p.m. at OLS Church Meeting Room

FEAST DAYS AND HOLIDAYS

Wednesday – June 13 – Feast of St. Anthony

Thursday – June 14 – Flag Day

Sunday – June 16 – Father's Day

REMINDER – NO MEETINGS IN JULY OR AUGUST JULY BEGINS OUR CORPORATE SUNDAYS AT OUR LADY OF SORROWS, ROSARY IS FOLLOWING THE 8:00 a.m. MASS THEY ARE SCHEDULED FOR JULY 7 AND AUGUST 4