



THE CARDINAL AND THE BUTTERFLY

After a loss, it is common for people to see signs that their loved one is still with them. Often these signs come in the way of a bird or a butterfly.

Cardinals are beloved birds. They are exquisitely vibrant and their rich, bold color catches our attention at once. For many bird lovers, seeing a cardinal holds special meaning, while inducing spiritual feelings. The cardinal is mystical; for many, the Cardinal symbolizes that a loved one has made a visit to them and that their legacy lives on. It is often said that the vibrant red bird is an uplifting, happy sign, a reminder that those we have lost will live forever in heaven, so long as we keep their memory alive in our hearts. Hearing cardinals sing can evoke precious memories of happier times when we were together.

Though only through coincidence, the highest officials of the church are called Cardinals and wear bright red robes.

Butterflies are graceful and quite unique. They symbolize hope, rebirth or resurrection due to the

metamorphosis process emerging from caterpillar to butterfly. Many people have experienced visits from a butterfly after the loss of a loved one; the butterfly fluttering around them, encircling them several times. They feel as though there is a connection and a message that shows that their loved one continues to live on in another state.

Butterflies come in an array of colors, while yellow is mostly associated with and appearing soon after a loved one passes away. The loved one is reminded of hope and the promise of being reunited with their loved one in heaven.

Cardinals and butterflies often come to us during moments of happiness, as well as moments of sadness. Many people feel when they see a cardinal or butterfly, it's a sign that their loved one is sending a message that they are safe and happy. It is comforting, to those here on earth, when you are missing or going through a difficult time. This is their way of letting you know that they will always be there with you. Cardinals can convey other meanings, such as love, honesty, and fortuity.

Grief is a process which can take a lifetime to understand and deal with it. Finding comfort in memories and keeping our loved one's legacy alive are two important ways to find comfort in a life's change.

We proudly offer a variety of ongoing care support resources, including special events for families to celebrate the lives of their loved one. This year, our annual Butterfly Release will take place on Saturday, September 9, 2023, at 10:00 am at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery and 2:00 pm at Ascension Garden Cemetery. Join us to release a butterfly in honor of your loved one.





Michael Perotto

President of Bartolomeo & Perotto Funeral Home
Licensed Funeral Director, since 1988

Growing up living above a funeral home granted Mike early access to the funeral care industry. He announced to his parents, Phil and Dorothy, at the ripe-old age of four that he would be a funeral director someday. His dad gently prodded and had him “working” at the funeral home at the age of 6 with small jobs, cleaning and moving the smaller flower arrangements. Though in the beginning it was more about keeping a young boy busy, it sparked his interest which eventually grew into a career.

Mike attended Canton College for Mortuary Science. After completing his residency, he earned his funeral director’s license in 1988. Since then, he’s been an integral part of growing the business with his dad, Phil, and brother, David. A large part of his commitment to funeral care is being involved in industry-related organizations. He has previously served as President of both the Preferred Funeral Directors International (PDFI) and the local Rochester Genesee Valley Funeral Directors Association. Mike is currently serving as a board member for the Greece Rotary.

He now has his own sons Michael and Jon and has enjoyed watching them grow into young men

who are now creating their own distinct futures. Mike’s sons both played lacrosse in high school and college, giving him the opportunity to watch many spirited and memorable games. Not to be forgotten, Mike’s third “son” Rocky is a faithful companion but is also a friendly staff member at Bartolomeo & Perotto Funeral Home as a grief therapy dog.

Aside from his past days of keeping lacrosse stats on the sidelines, Mike is a true outdoorsman who loves to hunt, hike, fish, enjoy beautiful sunsets/sunrises, or just sit around a campfire with friends. When he gets some spare time, he likes cooking and perfecting his timing and flavors in the food smoker.

Over the years the Bartolomeo and Perotto family have found such gratification in helping the people in their community at times when they have needed it most. Their foundation of honoring life stories has spanned over 100 years.

Thank you for your dedication to caring for families at a challenging time of hardship and loss. We appreciate you!

St. Mary Magdalene

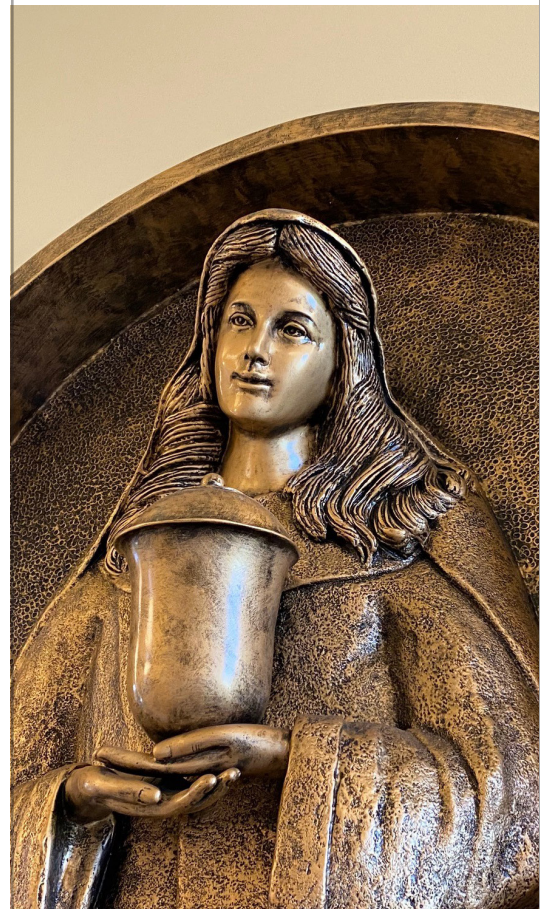
FEAST DAY JULY 22, 2023

Mary Magdalene was well known as a sinner, she was very beautiful and extremely proud, but after she met Jesus she felt great sorrow for her evil life.

Mary Magdalene according to the four canonical gospels, traveled with Jesus as one of his followers. She was a witness to Jesus’ crucifixion and resurrection. She was present during the final hours of Jesus’ mortal life as He suffered on the cross and was also present when He was buried. She was at the foot of his cross, unafraid for herself, and thinking only of his sufferings.

In a time when women were regarded as second-class citizens, God gave Mary – a woman – a highly significant honor by appearing to her first and charging her to spread the news of his resurrection. St. Mary Magdalene’s redemption and subsequent life of devotion to Christ serve as a powerful example of Christ’s love and power.

Mary Magdalene’s plaque can be found at our Ascension Garden Cemetery, in Henrietta off Pinnacle Rd. A wing dedicated to her sainthood is located inside the northeast wing of the mausoleum. There, you can learn more about her life and story of redemption.



St. Pius X

FEAST DAY AUGUST 21, 2023

GLORIOUS POPE OF THE EUCHARIST, SAINT PIUS X, YOU SOUGHT "TO RESORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST." OBTAIN FOR ME A TRUE LOVE OF JESUS SO THAT I MAY LIVE ONLY FOR HIM. HELP ME TO ACQUIRE A LIVELY FERVOR AND A SINCERE WILL TO STRIVE FOR SANCTITY OF LIFE, AND THAT I MAY AVAIL MYSELF OF THE RICHES OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST IN SACRIFICE AND SACRAMENT. BY YOUR LOVE FOR MARY, MOTHER AND QUEEN OF ALL, INFLAME MY HEART WITH TENDER DEVOTION TO HER.



St. Pius X, also known as Pope Pius X, is the patron saint of First Communicants and pilgrims.

Born Giuseppe Melchiorre Sarto on June 2nd, 1835 in the town of Riese formerly in the Austrian Empire. He was the son of a poor village shoemaker and the oldest of eight children. He wanted to become a priest, so two priests from his parish helped him through school. He was very bright and a hard worker at the Padua seminary. After he was ordained in 1858, he was made an assistant to the pastor in a small Italian town in the mountains. Everybody loved him because he was so kind. His soul was on fire with the love of God, especially

when he preached about the Blessed Sacrament. He was consecrated in 1884, then later became the Bishop of Mantua. In 1893 he became a Cardinal, and began his Papacy on August 4th, 1903, after Pope Leo XIII. He passed away on August 20th, 1914.

Pius X is known for strongly opposing modernist interpretations of Catholic doctrine, and for promoting liturgical reforms and scholastic theology. He initiated the preparation of the 1917 Code of Canon Law, the first comprehensive and systemic work of its kind. The Catholic Church venerates him as a saint.

Throughout his life, he remained a fierce advocate of traditional Catholic doctrines, promoting orthodox theology and rejecting modernist interpretations. He is credited with the publication of Code of Canon Law, a collection of all Catholic Laws in one volume. He was devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary, believing that through Her, all things would be restored in Christ.

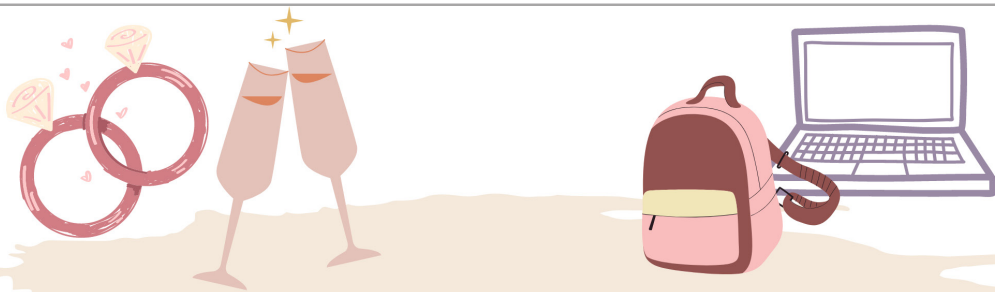
He was canonized on May 29th, 1954 after being recognized for two separate miracles. His feast day is celebrated on August 21st.

We have a wing dedicated to St. Pius X in the North Wing of our All Saints Mausoleum.

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EVENTS & HOLIDAYS

TUESDAY, JULY 4: Offices closed for Independence Day. *Our offices will reopen on Wednesday, July 5th at 9:00 am.*

SATURDAY, JULY 15: July Mass (8:30 am)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15: August Mass (8:30 am)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4: Offices closed for Labor Day. *Our offices will reopen on Tuesday, September 5th at 9:00 am.*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9: Annual Butterfly Releases, 10:00 am Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, 2:00 pm Ascension Garden Cemetery

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16: September Mass (8:30 am)

For the most up-to-date information, please visit our calendar of events on our website, join our email list for all announcements and follow us on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram.

STAFF CELEBRATIONS!



Exciting Updates from our Staff

Our staff have been busily working while also keeping up with many different aspects of their own personal lives. The past 4 months there have been many things to celebrate between the office and field staff.

Several of our staff members have become grandparents, with most of them becoming grandparents for the very first time! The first baby boy was born in March and the next two grand-baby boys were born in June, both on the very same day! Two grand baby girls were born in early spring, one in March and one in April. All babies are doing well! Congrats to all parents and grandparents! We hope you enjoy the precious moments with your little ones!

We also have two staff members whose children got married. One married in May, and the other recently in June. We want to congratulate these parents and these couples and wish the newlyweds a long and happy life together!

Two of our staff members have children who recently graduated high school. Both ceremonies were a day apart in June. We wish

these young adults a bright and successful future as they transition into the next phase of their life. Congrats to the graduates and their parents!

One of our staff members graduated from Genesee Community College in May with her Associate's Degree in Paralegal Studies. Congratulations and we wish you all the best in choosing your next adventure!

We enjoy celebrating all of these special times with one another and look forward to many exciting things in the future!



FEAST & HOLY DAYS

MONDAY, JULY 3: St. Thomas, patron saint of judges and architects.

SATURDAY, JULY 22: St. Mary Magdalene, patron saint of perfumers and represents the power of repentance.

TUESDAY, JULY 25: St. James, patron saint of hatmakers, rheumatoid sufferers, and laborers.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26: St. Anne, patron saint of women in labor.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20: St. Bernard, patron saint of Cistercians, Burgundy, beekeepers, candlemakers, Gibraltar, and many more.

MONDAY, AUGUST 21: St. Pius X, patron saint of First Communicants and pilgrims.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31: St. Joseph of Arimathea, patron saint of undertakers.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3: St. Gregory, patron saint of musicians, singers, students, and teachers.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21: St. Matthew, patron saint of bankers and tax officials.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23: St. Padre Pio, patron saint of civil defense worker, adolescents and his birthplace of Pietrelcina, Italy.

We offer locations dedicated to the Saints at both our locations. For more information, please email events@holysepulchre.org. We would be happy to help you locate a specific area dedicated to a Saint.

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