Parish of St. Pio Prayer Anthology (#59)

<u>Focus Point:</u> As we enter the month of May and excitedly await Spring, First Holy Communion and the May Crowning of our Blessed Mother it's a great time to reflect on the questions How often do we say the Rosary? How often <u>should</u> we say the Rosary? In 1917, the Blessed Mother gave these words to the Children of Fatima: "Say the Rosary every day to bring peace to the world and an end to the war." During today's tumultuous times those words carry the same meaning. So, can we offer up some time each month, week or even each day to pray to the Blessed Mother through the Rosary? Praying to Mary to intercede for us and bring our intentions to her Son brings our focus to also be on Jesus. In this busy world maybe rather than "say" the whole Rosary quickly simply to "get it done" can we instead "Pray" as much of the Rosary as we have time for that day? Father Joe maintains that "praying the Rosary can answer our Prayers in ways we never imagined". It will bring us closer to God and bring about change that we didn't even know we needed!!

<u>Prayer:</u> Dear Lord, Please bless me with the eyes to see the importance of including the Blessed Mother in my Daily Prayer. Help me to to gain her understanding of the Glory and Joy of the Resurrection despite the Crucifixion of Her Son. Let me thank Her each day for my many Blessings. Please let Her guide me to pray each day for all souls in purgatory and the conversion of hearts. Let my love for Her bring me closer to You and as She did let me hold all things in my heart with great humility and motherly love.

Our Lady of Fatima, Pray for us.