

Upon leaving Barrows Neurological Institute, on February 2, 1998, the Johnston family felt that the rosary beads should be shared with other patients. Marcie gave them to the doctor who operated on her to pass on to other children who were ill. The beads have been an inspiration to many patients and their families.

When Lorraine was a little girl, her uncle used to tell her stories about Padre Pio, she never imagined that he would enter into her life one day.

Several months later, Lorraine showed Marcie a picture of Padre Pio. Marcie jumped up and said "Mommy, that's the man who came to see me at the hospital, and gave me the blue rosary beads."

Marcie's parents met a couple from Massachusetts, at a Mass in honor of Padre Pio, who have been devoted to Padre Pio for many years. This couple have had many masses said in honor of Padre Pio, sometimes attended by between 200 to 1000 people in five different languages. The Johnston family decided that this couple could reach many more people through these masses than they could themselves at any one time.

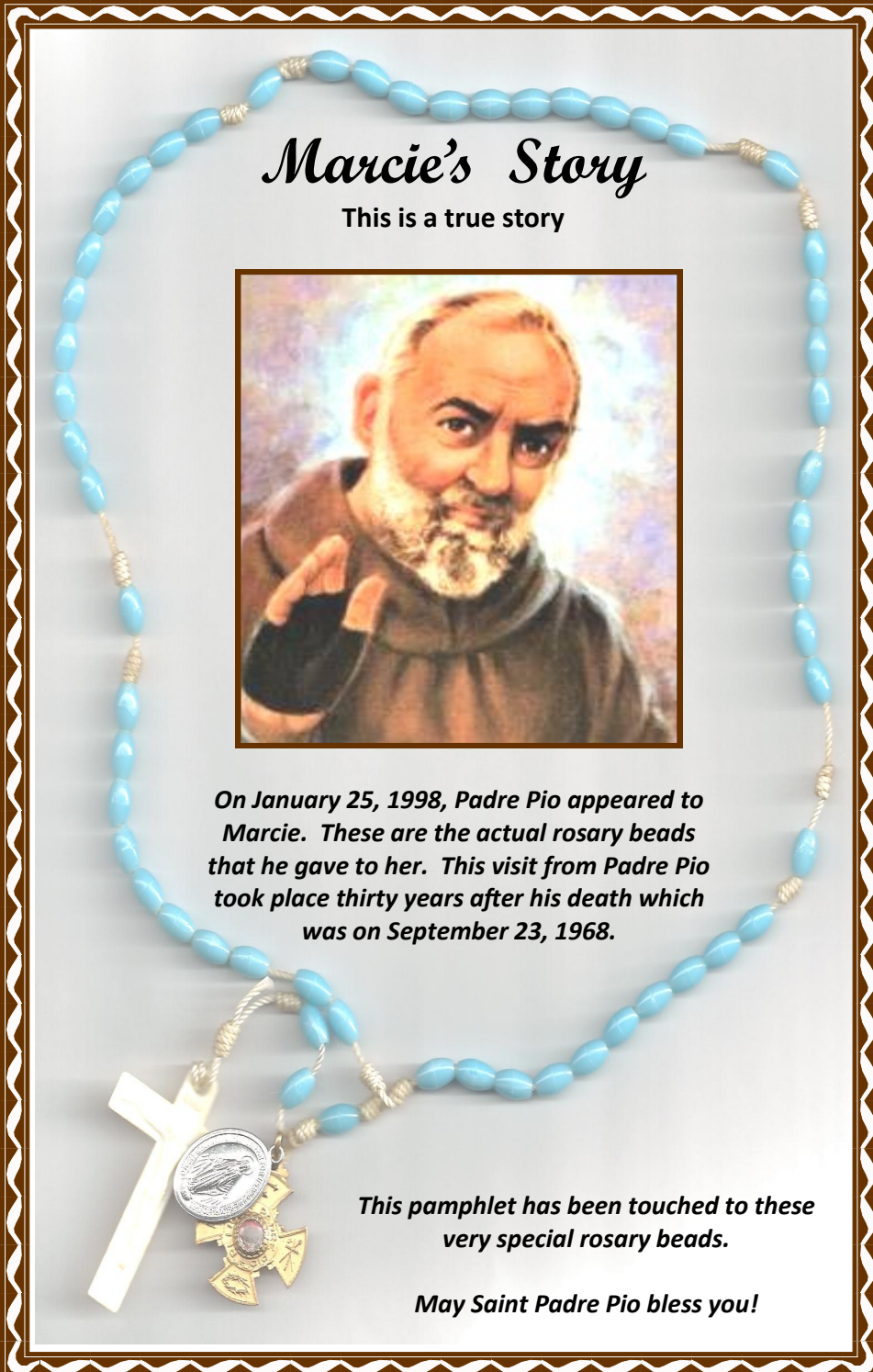
The Johnston family decided to have the rosary beads sent from the hospital to this couple. Since then, the beads have gone to nursing homes, hospitals, schools, and also have been venerated at Masses in Connecticut, New Hampshire, and Maine. The beads have also been to Italy and touched Padre Pio's tomb. They have reached many people, who have gained great comfort from them.

In January 2012, it will be fourteen years since Marcie underwent surgery. She and her entire family often mention how they have been truly blessed and have maintained a constant devotion to Saint Padre Pio.

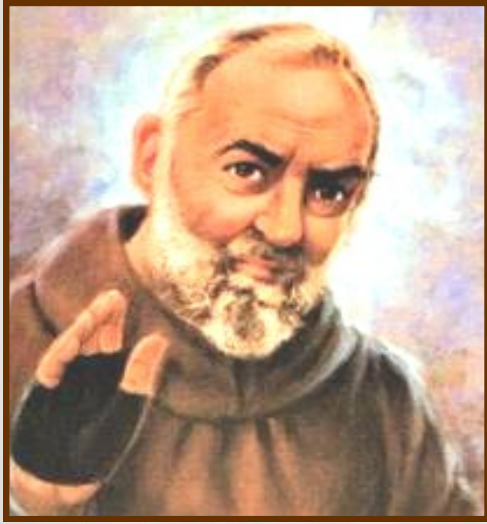
Marcie and her family pray that the rosary beads will bring faith, love and health to all those who pray with them. Through the intercession of Padre Pio, the Divine Mercy of Jesus and His Mother may we all be watched over and protected. God bless each and everyone of you and always remember the words of Padre Pio...

PRAY, HOPE AND DON'T WORRY

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Marcie's Story
This is a true story



On January 25, 1998, Padre Pio appeared to Marcie. These are the actual rosary beads that he gave to her. This visit from Padre Pio took place thirty years after his death which was on September 23, 1968.

This pamphlet has been touched to these very special rosary beads.

May Saint Padre Pio bless you!

Marcie's Story

(This is a true story. The names of the individuals, locations and hospital have been changed at the request of the family.)

Lorraine is the mother of identical twin girls, named Marcie and Nancy, born in 1985. Lorraine always felt blessed to have received this gift from God. She enjoyed raising and caring for her daughters. They were so much fun to be around, even when they got into mischief.

One day, out of the blue, Marcie started having seizures. She was only eight years old. At first Lorraine did not even know or understand what a seizure was and why this was happening to her family. This was the beginning of a nightmare.

Marcie's seizures progressed, sometimes having up to eighty seizures a day. She was always in the hospital or ill at home. She received every combination of medications available. Lorraine felt that she was losing her little girl right before her eyes. Her twin sister Nancy, although a child herself, spent her time both helping and protecting her sister.

Her parents began taking her to various doctors in the Chicago area, and none of the doctors could give them any answers. After awhile, they took her to Barrows Neurological Institute, Phoenix Arizona, for an evaluation of her condition. This is one of the most renowned hospitals in the world.

Marcie's neurologist treated her for five years with endless combinations of medications and special diets. He finally decided that she would have to undergo brain surgery. Marcie had to have the entire right frontal lobe of her brain removed. As serious as the surgery would be, Lorraine and her husband Phil, decided that they had no choice since Marcie's health was deteriorating.

Marcie wound up having what was a series of three brain surgeries:

The first operation: October 1997, was to drop electrodes deep into her brain for diagnostic purposes.

The second operation: a few months later, January 20, 1998, was an all day operation where the doctors placed five grids directly on her brain and began mapping her brain for a week.

The third operation: January 27, 1998, was another all day operation where they removed the electrodes and the entire right frontal lobe.

The Johnston family has always been religious, and through it all, they maintained their faith. They always prayed the rosary together and took Marcie to many churches praying for help and guidance.

Before she went into the hospital the last time, a friend of Lorraine's gave Marcie a medal of Padre Pio and told her that she would be praying to him to help Marcie... Lorraine pinned the medal on Marcie's pajamas.

Two days before Marcie went in for her third operation, January 25, 1998, Lorraine and her husband Phil, left her sleeping in her hospital room, it was about 5:30 in the morning. They told the nurses that they were going downstairs for a cup of coffee since Marcie was sound asleep.

When they returned, about twenty minutes later, they found Marcie awake, and on her bed was a pair of blue rosary beads. They asked her where she got them and she replied "the man with the long brown coat and the beard was here and gave them to me", she also told her parents that "he had gloves on with no fingers, and he told her she was going to be well."

Marcie's room was right next to the nurses' station, which was directly across from the elevator. Lorraine and Phil asked the nurses who had been in Marcie's room, and the nurses replied that no one had been on the floor or in her room since they had gone for coffee. They were the only people who had used the elevator. The nurses were certain of this since it was so early in the morning and they were sitting there the entire time. Everyone was perplexed and did not know what to think.

On the day of the surgery, the most amazing thing happened. When Marcie was being rolled out of the operating room, after undergoing all day brain surgery, and having her right frontal lobe removed, she immediately awoke saying "get this mask off of my face now". Marcie's parents, and the doctors, were amazed and speechless. They took her into ICU and she sat up in her bed. She began speaking and laughing as if she had never undergone surgery. The doctors could not explain this as they never had a patient react like this before.

No recuperation was necessary. Marcie walked out of the hospital a few days later and has been perfectly healthy ever since. She has no deficits, is on no medication and it is like she never had a seizure or any type of illness. No one can believe that she has had her right frontal lobe removed.