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SEELOS CENTER NEWS

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from the National Shrine of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, C.Ss.R.

Dear Friends of Fr. Seelos,

In the mid-19th century, Fr. Seelos served the people who lived in what is called the Irish Channel in New Orleans. Three churches made up the “ecclesiastical square” on Constance Street – St. Alphonsus served the English speaking; St. Mary’s Assumption served the German speaking; and Notre Dame served the French speaking until it was destroyed by a hurricane in 1918. Fr. Duffy, C.Ss.R., oversaw all three churches, with an additional Redemptorist priest assigned to care for each parish. A German native, Fr. Francis Seelos was named “prefect” of St. Mary’s Assumption Church, but he could often be found in the English and French speaking churches as well. With all the schools and convents associated with the parishes, there was always plentiful ministry for him to exercise.

The occasion for mentioning this history of the New Orleans part of Seelos’ life in the March Newsletter is that St. Patrick’s Day is remembered this month, obviously important in the Irish Channel. The day is celebrated every year in March with a lively parade down Magazine Street, one block away from the church, after Mass at the Redemptorist church at noon. Instead of beads thrown from the floats as in Mardi Gras parades, the makings of Irish Stew – cabbages, potatoes, carrots and onions – are tossed as mementos. I’m quite sure Fr. Seelos, known for his friendly presence and giving spirit, would have enjoyed such a great party.

Fr. Seelos served in many locations throughout the United States, but this month we remember him as the tireless apostle in the Irish Channel, always available to any who needed his ministry. We celebrate with him who now knows St. Patrick in the banquet place of heaven. May the powerful intercession of our great saints be with us unto our own day.



Fr. Richard Boever, C.Ss.R.

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HEALING MASS

April 19, 2020

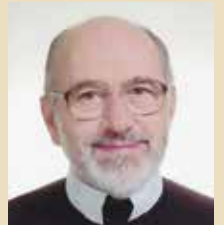


Come celebrate the Sacraments of Penance and Anointing with us.

**Sunday, April 19
St. Mary’s Assumption
Confessions 12:00 pm
Mass 1:00 pm**

We are pleased to welcome as our featured celebrant and homilist,

Fr. Donald Miniscalco, C.Ss.R.



from the National Shrine of St. John Neumann in Philadelphia. Since 1980, Fr. Don has been devoted to conducting parish Missions around the world. In 2003, Pope John Paul II bestowed the *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice* honor on Fr. Don in recognition of his service in evangelism.

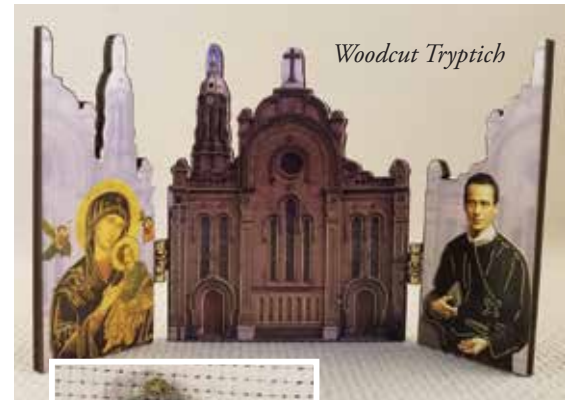
The Shrine will be closed Saturday, March 14 for the annual Irish Channel St. Patrick’s Day Parade.

HOT IN THE SHOP: LENTEN & EASTER ITEMS

The Seelos Shrine Gift Shop features several gifts and items for the Lenten and Easter seasons. To order these items, please visit the Gift Shop in the Welcome Center or call (504) 525-2495.



Books, CDs,
Pamphlets, Statues,
Relic Items and More
for Children and
Adults



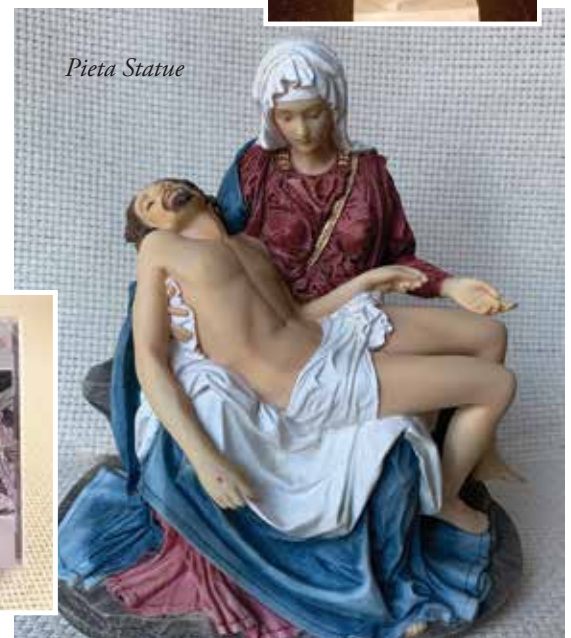
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NEW:
Heaven Sent
Holy Oil
Rollerball
Bottle



Kneeling
Seelos
Statue



Pieta Statue

 **Coming Soon: A NEW Seelos Shrine Website!** 

Be one of the first to visit our new site – keep an eye on your monthly newsletter and inbox for updates!

ONLINE SHOPPING • SCHEDULE A GROUP TOUR • DONATE ONLINE • REQUEST A MASS
EVENT CALENDAR • SUBMIT PRAYER PETITIONS & STORIES OF HEALING • AND MORE!

Blessings for the Sick

Hospital visits with a Seelos Crucifix



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GRACES RECEIVED & PRAYERS ANSWERED

SAND SPRINGS, OK

After his daily duties, our parish priest returned to the rectory with a terrible headache and went to lie down. The pastor checked in on him later, found him non-responsive and called EMS. At the hospital he was in critical condition and was put on life support.

Many people were praying for him. We were notified that he probably would not recover. There was talk of making the decision to take him off life support in a few days. When I heard this news, I knew I wanted to pay him a visit to thank him and pray for him. I brought my Blessed

Seelos first class relic with me and placed it on his forehead. When I touched his head with the relic, he flinched! The next day, Father began to communicate with the nurses. He steadily improved. A short time later he had brain surgery and recovered very well from that. His speech and memory are fine. We feel so blessed to have him back.

Fr. Seelos is very special to our family and I wonder if he interceded to help a brother priest to be able to minister for a longer time here on this earth.

EAST LONGMEADOW, MA

During the Christmas season, our parish priest asked if we would pray for a young boy who was suffering from a brain tumor and facing surgery. I prayed two Seelos

novenas for this little boy's recovery. At morning mass, I saw the young boy sitting with his parents and grandmother. They said he was well on his way to recovery.

KANSAS CITY, MO

Our family visited the shrine of Blessed Seelos to give thanks for his powerful intercession on behalf of the birth of our child. He became stuck during the delivery and was not breathing. He received CPR and after 8 minutes, began breathing. Due to a lack of oxygen, he contracted Hypoxic Ischemic Encephalopathy. After his traumatic delivery, we began praying to Blessed Seelos. We knew God would

help us with whichever cross He wanted to bless our family with. The doctors were always supportive but they were not optimistic. After the first 5 days, the tide kept improving and he had a good appetite. As time went on, he continued to develop at an age-appropriate rate. In fact he can be a little mischievous at times. We are so grateful to be acquainted with Blessed Seelos.



Share Your Testimonial! Click, Mail or Visit

Your words offer encouragement to others in need of Seelos' intercession.

www.seelos.org - 919 Josephine St., New Orleans, LA 70130

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Monday-Friday 9am-3pm & Saturday 10am-3:30pm



WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRAVEL TO THE BEAUTIFUL BAVARIA OF BLESSED SEELOS?

Blessed Seelos spent half of his life in Bavaria, within a culture that supported the deeply held convictions that flowed from the atmosphere of Catholicism. The Bavaria of Seelos is beautiful. For devotees of Blessed Francis, the experience of what he left behind to become a missionary to the United States makes his followers admire him all the more.

famous **Marieplatz** central square, and stop for a visit to the university where young Seelos studied.

Next, we'd venture to the **Shrine of Our Lady of Altötting**, where the Redemptorist community lived at the time Seelos joined the Congregation and awaited the paperwork needed to emigrate to the United States.



3. Then, we'd travel to **Augsburg** and **St. Stephen's Abbey**, where Seelos continued his education. We would visit the **Augsburger Kammgarnspinnerei**, a former worsted spinning mill-turned-museum displaying the development of spinning, weaving and printing on fabrics. Finally, we'd stop at **Hohenschwangau Castle** and take the **Tegelberg Cable Car** up 2,125 meters for a beautiful view of the Ammer Mountains before returning to Munich for shopping and our flight home.



The Seelos Center would like to know if you might enjoy a trip to Bavaria, rooted in the places important to Fr. Seelos.

Would you like to visit Bavaria with other pilgrims who hold Blessed Seelos dear? The following is a sampling of what we might look forward to on this special trip.

1. We'd begin with an overview of the Bavarian capital city of **Munich**, enjoy a glass of beer or coffee in the world-

2. From Munich, we would proceed to **Füssen** to see Seelos' childhood home and the Church of St. Mang where he attended Mass and school in his early days and where his father served as the sexton. Füssen is near **Neuschwanstein Castle**, the inspiration for the castle in Disney World. This is a must-see location we would visit.

Interested? Please contact us at seelosnola@gmail.com or (504) 525-2495 and let us know. If there is enough interest, we will develop this idea further.

SUPPORT THE MISSION OF THE SHRINE



LIGHT A CANDLE: A vigil candle will burn near Seelos' sacred resting place for an offering of \$3.



REQUEST A RELIC: 3rd Class Relics are available in either laminated prayer cards or as a crocheted memento for an offering of \$2.50 each.



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VISIT SEELOS.ORG OR CALL (504) 525-2495 TO ORDER

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- The ministry and maintenance of the Shrine
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Make checks payable to "National Shrine of Blessed Francis Seelos".

Please remove change my name and address as follows:

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If you would like to continue to receive "Seelos Center News" and have not submitted your yearly renewal, please fill out the form to the left and mail it with a \$12 donation in the enclosed envelope. Your contribution is tax deductible and helps to defray the cost of printing.

If you would like to remove or change an address, please fill out and mail the form to the left or call (504) 525-2495.

Please allow a minimum of 30 days to process your request.

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