

Facts from 1947 to 1960 Brescia

A group of charitable persons took care of the lodging of Pierina Gilli in a place far from Montichiari, according to the indications of the ecclesiastical authorities: they obtained that, at least, she was temporarily accommodated at the Convent of the Franciscan Sisters of the Lily in Brescia on 20th May 1949. This temporariness lasted 19 years.

Low Sunday in year 1966

On 17th April 1966, the first Sunday after Easter, called Low Sunday (Dominica in albis), the Most Blessed Virgin Mary apparently appeared to Pierina in Località Fontanelle among the fields of Montichiari, near the ancient spring of St. George, and apparently She invited all the sick to go to the miraculous spring to receive mercy and consolation. On 13th May 1966 the Virgin Mary asked to call it "Spring of Grace" and to build a basin to receive all Her sons, in particular the sick ones.



Solemnities of Corpus Christi and Transfiguration in year 1966

During the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, on 9th June 1966, Rosa Mistica apparently appeared to Pierina among the fields of mature wheat and apparently asked that the Eucharistic Bread made with that wheat, could become nourishment for so many repairing Communion. In the following Solemnity of the Transfiguration, on 6th August 1966, the Holy Virgin apparently asked to celebrate on 13th October the world-wide day of the Repairing Communion.

Last years

Pierina lived humble and hidden the last years of her life: in her daily life she obeyed to the provisions of the Ecclesiastical Authorities and continued to welcome all the pilgrims with the usual kindness and modesty in her small house and, as long as her health allowed it, for everyone she had good words, advices, and prayers above all. In 1990 her illness got worse and she was forced to remain on a wheelchair. Only then she stopped to visit and comfort the sick people. On 12th January 1991, after a long purification of body and spirit, she ended her earthly existence. In the presence of a large crowd of faithful and friends, who accompanied her until the cemetery of Montichiari, her funeral was celebrated.



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History and places of worship

FOUNDATION ROSA MYSTICA FONTANELLE



The events occurred in Montichiari Cathedral and in Località Fontanelle Montichiari, and the messages witnessed by Pierina Gilli are currently to be considered as a pure personal experience.

Therefore, what is here reported for information purposes only, remains under the sole examination of the Ecclesiastical Authority, without misleading the faithful into thinking that the judgement of the Church in relation to the events occurred has been modified in a positive way by the Holy See.

In this regards, please see the current **Directory about the Marian** worship in Località Fontanelle, by the Bishop of Brescia, Msgr. Luciano Monari, available on the Official Site of the **Foundation Rosa Mistica Fontanelle** (www.rosamisticafontanelle.it) and posted on the notice boards at Fontanelle.

In January 2014 the Foundation Rosa Mistica Fontanelle has been established. A foundation for cult and religion recognized also by the Italian law, which in accordance with the ecclesiastical authority intends to carry on the management of the places of worship at Località Fontanelle, already began by the homonymous Association, which is now dissolved in order to flow into the above mentioned Foundation.

The aims and activities of the Foundation, separate from the direct management of cult and liturgy, entrusted to an Episcopal delegate according to the indications given by a special Directory, can be synthetically outlined as follows: in a spirit of cooperation with the priests taking care of the worship, make all the necessary to give all pilgrims a dignified reception; grant that the worship can take place in a spirit of prayer, sacrifice and penitence; arrange suitable measures in order to prevent behaviours or actions against the public order and in the respect

of the place and the persons; proceed with the storage and study of the devotional facts and testimonials which have

made and make nowadays Località Fontanelle a place of Marian worship and prayer, recognizing that each final judgement in this regard is of exclusive competence of the Church; protect, without profit, the existing environmental features and intended use of the place called 'Fontanelle'.

Pierina Gilli (1911 – 1991)

Pierina was born in Montichiari on 3rd August 1911, first of nine sons, in a humble family of farmers, poor but rich in faith. She grew devoted to family, work and prayer, bearing with patience the poverty and the weak health. Even if soon she matured a desire for consecration to God among the Sisters of the Handmaids of Charity, the religious institute founded by Crocifissa di Rosa, she never achieved it, due to the continuous delays caused by sudden illnesses and severe misunderstandings. When she was about 30 years old, suddenly Pierina Gilli became protagonist of deep spiritual experiences connected to the devotion to Mary Rosa Mistica, who at present is known all over the world, and in this faithful witnessing she received her definitive Cross, made of other several physical and moral sufferings.

Events from 1946 to 1947

In the night between 23rd and 24th November 1946 – when her suffering reached her culmination due to a serious illness- Pierina stated that Maria Crocifissa di Rosa appeared to her and apparently invited her to look at a point in the room: «Then I saw a wonderful Lady, as if she was transparent, with a violet dress and a white veil

going from the head to the feet; she was holding the arms wide open; Her breast was pierced with three swords near Her heart». Saint Crocifissa di Rosa apparently explained that the Lady would be the Virgin Mary who came to ask Pierina «prayers, sacrifices and sufferings» to repair the sins of three categories of souls consecrated to God:

- ◆ the religious souls who betray their vocation
- ◆ the religious souls in mortal sin;
- ◆ the souls of priests who betrayed, becoming unworthy of their sacred ministry.

Afterwards, the Saint recommended the sanctification of the priests through the very effective means of prayer, sacrifice and penitence.



13th July 1947

Pierina asserted that the Virgin Mary appeared to her again, this time dressed in white, with three roses on Her breast instead of the three swords, that this time were at Her feet:

- ◆ the **white rose** would have indicated the spirit of prayer,
- ◆ the **red one** the spirit of sacrifice,
- ◆ the **yellow one**, with golden reflections, the spirit of penitence.

In that circumstance Pierina informed that the Virgin Mary apparently asked the 13th of each month to be celebrated as a day of Marian prayer with a special solemnity, preceded by 12 days of preparation through prayer and penitence.

Montichiari cathedral 1947

During the apparition dated 22nd November 1947, Rosa Mistica apparently announced to Pierina Her arrival on 8th December in Montichiari cathedral, to set up one Hour of grace, penitence and prayer in favour of great and countless conversions.

On 7th December 1947 the Virgin Mary apparently appeared, according to Pierina's declarations, together with the two little shepherds of Fatima, Francesco and Giacinta, to ask the consecration to Her Immaculate Heart, especially for the religious souls.

On 8th December 1947, in Montichiari cathedral, full of faithful, apparently the Sacred Immaculate Heart of Mary appeared to Pierina and apparently the Holy Virgin asked again the institution of the Hour of Grace and the desire of being invoked with the title of «Rosa Mistica»



Special celebrations

The 13th of each month

- ◆ Monthly day of Marian prayer preceded by 12 days of prayer and penitence

The 13th July

- ◆ It is a feast in honour of Our Lady, venerated at Fontanelle under the title of «Rosa Mistica»

The 13th of October or the second Sunday of October

- ◆ A day of prayer in reparation for the offences and sacrileges against the Holy Eucharist, with the World Union of the Repairing Communion. At the end of the celebrations the blessed bread is distributed.

8th December

- ◆ Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Preceded by a Novena. From 12 o'clock until 13 the Hour of Grace is celebrated.

Baptism of Jesus

- ◆ Solemn celebration with renewal of the baptismal promises

Low Sunday («Dominica in albis») or Divine Mercy Sunday

- ◆ In the joy of Easter we honor Maria Rosa Mistica with the renewal of our baptismal promises

The first Saturday of every month

- ◆ The first Saturday of every month is dedicate to Our Lady. Evening Marian procession :
At 20.00 in winter time
At 20.30 in summer time

Prayer to Holy Mary Rosa Mistica

Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Grace, Rosa Mistica, in honor of thy Divine Son, we prostrate ourselves at thy feet to implore God's mercy. We beg for help and grace, not relying on any merit of ours, but on the kindness of thy motherly heart, and confident that thou will grant our urgent requests.

Hail Mary...

Mother of Jesus, Queen of the Holy Rosary and Mother of the Church, Mystical Body of Christ, we implore the gifts of unity and peace for the world parched by discord, and those graces so able to convert the souls of all your children.

Hail Mary...

Rosa Mistica, Queen of the Apostles, let flourish around the Eucharistic Altars several religious and priestly vocations which, with the holiness of lives and their burning zeal for the salvation of the souls, could spread throughout the world the Kingdom of your Jesus! Fill us too with your heavenly favours!

Hail Holy Queen...