

# NATIONAL CENTRE FOR PADRE PIO

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## \*\*\*\*\*EVENTS: AUGUST - DECEMBER 2023\*\*\*\*\*

**Please check our website and Facebook page often for notices and updates regarding events and commemorations scheduled to take place at the Centre.**

**AUGUST 6, SUNDAY, MASS AND PROCESSION OF LA MADONNA SANTISSIMA DEL SOCCORSO:** Celebrate the Feast of the Madonna Santissima del Soccorso di Castelfranci, Avellino, Italy; Mass at 1:00 PM, followed by the procession of her statue through the grounds of the Centre (weather permitting).

**AUGUST 7 TO AUGUST 13, MONDAY TO SUNDAY, EXPOSITION OF RELICS OF SAINTS AND MARTYRS:** The Exposition will open to the public each day at 12:00 PM and close at 3:00 PM. We will have a brief presentation on Sunday, August 13 following the 11:30 AM Rosary summarizing the Church's use of relics.

**AUGUST 11, FRIDAY, SAINTS PHILOMENA AND CLARE:** St. Pio held St. Philomena in great esteem and never doubted her intercessory powers. Join us in praying the Chaplet of St. Philomena in honor of her feast day at 11:30 AM and then stay for Mass at 12:00 PM to celebrate the feast of St. Clare.

**AUGUST 12, SATURDAY, PRAY, HOPE, AND DON'T WORRY DAY OF RENEWAL:** Padre Pio prayer group members throughout PA, NJ, and neighboring regions are invited, along with their spiritual directors, to attend this Day of Renewal, hosted by famed Catholic author **Gary Zimak**. Although this event is primarily for Padre Pio Prayer Group members, anyone is welcome to register and attend. Event begins at 10:00 AM and concludes at approximately 3:15 PM. There is no cost to attend, however, this is a ticketed event; registration opens on July 12. Bring lunch or pre-order and pay \$16.00 for a boxed lunch when registering for your ticket. *\*Note: deadline to order lunch is August 5.* Complete event details can be found on our website, [www.padrepio.org/event-calendar](http://www.padrepio.org/event-calendar). For more information or with questions about how to register, email [angela@padrepio.org](mailto:angela@padrepio.org).

**AUGUST 19, SATURDAY, FOUNDERS' DAY:** Let us gather to commemorate the founding of the National Centre for Padre Pio and honor its founders, Vera M. and Harry E. Calandra. Join us for Mass at 10:30 AM, Rosary and Confessions at 11:30 AM, and "*The Stigmatist*," a video presentation by our late founder, Vera M. Calandra, at 12:30 PM.

**SEPTEMBER 3, SUNDAY, CATHOLIC CINEMA SUNDAYS FOR CHILDREN:** Join us for some family fun as we show the film, *My Catholic Family: Padre Pio* at 12 Noon. Children of all ages are welcome to attend, and must be accompanied by an adult. Sweet treats will be available for donations from our movie snack cart.

**SEPTEMBER 14 TO SEPTEMBER 22, THURSDAY TO FRIDAY, NINE DAY NOVENA TO ST. PIO; Beginning at 10 AM with Rosary and 10:30 AM Mass on Thursday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>,** we will commence the Nine Day Novena to St. Pio as we prepare for his Feast Day on September 23.

**Thursday through Saturday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>** - 10 AM Rosary & 10:30 Mass, Novena Prayers to follow;

**Sunday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>** – 11:30 AM Rosary & 12:00 PM Mass; Novena Prayers to follow

**Monday through Friday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>** -- 10 AM Rosary & 10:30 AM Mass; Novena Prayers to follow

*(Following Mass on Monday, Sept. 18, enjoy a movie in the Spirituality Centre celebrating St. Joseph of Cupertino, another great Franciscan mystic. Complimentary coffee and tea available; movie running time 105 minutes.)*

**Confession begins 1 hour prior to the start of each Mass; Rosary begins 30 minutes prior to start of each Mass**

**SEPTEMBER 23 & 24, SATURDAY & SUNDAY, FEAST DAY WEEKEND:** Join us in our weekend celebration of Padre Pio! Mass and Confession times below, more info on other activities will be posted online at [www.padrepio.org](http://www.padrepio.org).

**Saturday, Sept. 23, the Feast of Saint Pio** – Confession from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM; Holy Mass 10:30 AM (indoor and outdoor) & 1:30 PM (indoor only). Our St. Pio Procession will take place after 10:30 AM Mass.

Rosary prayed 30 minutes prior to each Mass.

**Sunday, Sept. 24** – Rosary at 11:30 AM, followed by Holy Mass at 12:00 PM.

*Please note: Extended hours on Sunday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM to 4:30 PM.*

**SEPTEMBER 29, FRIDAY, CHAPLET OF SAINT MICHAEL:** Join us at 9:30 AM in honor of the Feast of the Holy Angels as we pray the Chaplet of St. Michael. Chaplet will be livestreamed in addition to Daily Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy on this day.

**OCTOBER 1 TO 31, MONTH LONG EXHIBIT "REAL PRESENCE IN THE EUCHARIST":** The exhibit consists of over 100 panels, collected and composed by Blessed Carlo Acutis, presenting Eucharistic Miracles that have taken place over the centuries in various countries of the world and which have been recognized by the Church. Learning this information will help one to understand what we as Catholics believe: Christ is present body, blood, soul and divinity in the Holy Eucharist! Join us each day of the exhibit immediately following our 11:30 Rosary for documentary on the life and devotion of Blessed Carlo Acutis.

**OCTOBER 1, SUNDAY, CATHOLIC CINEMA SUNDAYS FOR CHILDREN:** Join us for some family fun as we show the film, *My Catholic Family: St. Therese of Lisieux*, at 12 Noon. Children of all ages are welcome to attend, and must be accompanied by an adult. Sweet treats will be available for donations from our movie snack cart.

**OCTOBER 4, WEDNESDAY, DAY OF RECOLLECTION WITH SAINTS FRANCIS AND PIO:** Spend the morning in prayer, worship, and fellowship as we welcome Fr. Mark Pattock, CAP, and celebrate these two great saints who bore the wounds of Christ. Event begins at 10:00 AM and concludes at approximately 3:15 PM. There is no cost to attend, however, this is a ticketed event; registration opens on September 4. Bring lunch or pre-order and pay \$16.00 for a boxed lunch when registering for your ticket. *\*Note: deadline to order lunch is September 27.* Complete event details can be found on our website, [www.padrepio.org/event-calendar](http://www.padrepio.org/event-calendar). For more information or with questions about how to register, email [angela@padrepio.org](mailto:angela@padrepio.org).

**OCTOBER 11, WEDNESDAY, FEAST DAY OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS:** Join us after the 12:00 PM Mass for a presentation by Dr. Annamae J. Hein on the Miracles of the Eucharist through a short biography of the life and mission of Blessed Carlo, and explain transubstantiation and some scientific findings of the most famous Eucharistic Miracles.

**OCTOBER 21, SATURDAY, A VISIT WITH SISTER DEIDRE BYRNE, POSC:** The Centre is honored to welcome Sr. Diedre Byrne, who will report on the current status of the Pro-Life movement and remind us of the importance of remaining steadfast in our faith and in the state of grace during these turbulent times. Sr. Diedre will speak immediately following the 10:30 AM Prayer Group Mass; you do not have to be a member of our Padre Pio Prayer Group to attend.

**OCTOBER 25, WEDNESDAY, WHAT'S ON THE BOOKSHELF:** Join in on the conversation as we discuss **Padre Pio**, by Fabrizio Contessa. Purchase your copy at the gift shop here at the Centre or online at [www.padrepio.org/shop](http://www.padrepio.org/shop).

**OCTOBER 28, SATURDAY, TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS:** Join us at 10:30 AM for our quarterly Traditional Latin Mass.

**NOVEMBER 1, WEDNESDAY, ALL SAINTS DAY SPECIAL FEATURE:** Spend part of your holy day with us to view an EWTN original docudrama, which brings to life Saint Margaret of Costello, "*Seeing Through God's Eyes*," which we will show immediately following 11:30 AM Rosary.

**NOVEMBER 2, THURSDAY, FEAST OF ALL SOULS:** Confession from 11:15 AM – 11:45 AM, 11:30 AM Rosary followed by 12:00 PM Mass in honor of the Feast of All Souls.

**NOVEMBER 6 TO NOVEMBER 10, MONDAY TO FRIDAY, EXPOSITION OF RELICS OF SAINTS AND MARTYRS:** The Exposition will open to the public each day at 12:00 PM and close at 3:00 PM. We will have a brief presentation on Monday, November 6 after the 11:30 AM Rosary summarizing the Church's use of relics.

**NOVEMBER 8, WEDNESDAY, THE LIFE OF MARY PYLE:** Please join us as we welcome Susan DeBartoli as she delves into the life and spirituality of Mary Pyle, a well-known spiritual daughter of Padre Pio, whose Cause for Canonization is in the initial phases. Susan's presentation will begin following 12:00 PM Mass, and she will be available afterward for a meet and greet. Her book, **Welcoming the Christ Child with Padre Pio**, will be available for purchase and book signing – just in time for Advent!

**NOVEMBER 11 AND 12, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, DIVINE MERCY RETREAT WITH FATHER CHRISTOPHER ALAR:** By popular demand, we welcome back Fr. Christopher Alar, MIC. Don't miss this unique opportunity to hear and understand more deeply the power and message of Jesus' mercy. Entire weekend retreat schedule can be found on our website, [www.padrepio.org](http://www.padrepio.org).

**DECEMBER 2, FIRST SATURDAY MASS AND CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION:** First Saturday Mass at 10:30, after which we will pray our First Saturday Devotions and venerate the Relic of St. Pio; at 1PM, you join us for our annual Christmas Concert featuring Joe Politi. After the concert, we invite you to join us for hot chocolate, a treat, and the lighting of the Centre's Christmas tree; Bus groups welcome, call to book in advance...and, we expect a visitor from the North Pole!

**DECEMBER 13, WEDNESDAY, "LIGHT LUNCH" IN HONOR OF ST. LUCY:** On this feast day of Saint Lucy, enjoy a hot lunch by candlelight while viewing the heartwarming romantic comedy, *The Bishop's Wife*. Lunch and film begin at 12:00 PM. Cost of the luncheon is \$22.00, and includes salad, hot entrée, side dish, bread, dessert, and a beverage. You must be preregistered and prepaid or you will be unable to participate in the event. Registration opens November 13 and must be completed by December 6. For more information or with questions about how to register, email [angela@padrepio.org](mailto:angela@padrepio.org).

**DECEMBER 17, SUNDAY, CHILDREN'S ADVENT CELEBRATION:** Celebrate Advent with some fun and faith-filled activities at the Centre, beginning at 12:30 PM. Invite your young children, grandchildren, Godchildren, or nieces and nephews. Older siblings are welcome to join their younger siblings as their "guardian angels" for the day. We'll view a film, *Nicholas: The Boy Who Became Santa*, complete a fun, simple craft project, and enjoy a sweet treat.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ENTIRE CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE YEAR CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSTIE, [WWW.PADREPIO.ORG/EVENT-CALENDAR](http://WWW.PADREPIO.ORG/EVENT-CALENDAR)**

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**FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF BUS GROUPS AND PILGRIMS**

**Centre hours: Monday to Saturday, 9AM - 4:30 PM, Sunday 11 AM to 4 PM.**

**10:30 AM Mass and Devotions on the First Saturday of Each Month**

**12 Noon Mass on the Second Wednesday of Each Month (Suspended in January, February, & March)**

**Padre Pio Prayer Group – 10:30 AM on the Third Saturday of Each Month; Mass begins at 10:30 AM**

Unable to join us in person? Many of our events are live streamed at [www.facebook.com/padrepioinc](http://www.facebook.com/padrepioinc) or [www.youtube.com/@padrepioinc](http://www.youtube.com/@padrepioinc). We live stream Daily Rosary at 11:30 AM every day, and the Chaplet of Divine Monday through Friday at 3:00 PM.

The Centre is **CLOSED** on New Year's Day, January 2, Easter Sunday, Easter Monday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Black Friday, and December 23 through December 26 for Christmas.

**Special Hours: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on November 22 as we begin Thanksgiving break and New Year's Eve.**

*Bus groups welcome! Call us at 610-845-3000 or visit [www.padrepio.org](http://www.padrepio.org) to book your date today!*

*For questions about any of the events above or for help with pre-registration, email [angela@padrepio.org](mailto:angela@padrepio.org) or [nicholaspio@padrepio.org](mailto:nicholaspio@padrepio.org)!*

*Bringing your lunch? Picnic tables available under the pavilion! Pavilion seats approximately 200 and is situated on lush lawn for kids to safely play. Restrooms conveniently located outside off Museum main entrance.*

*Catered lunch on site for your group, prepared especially for you by Chef Nina of Café San Pio! Contact Nina directly to choose your menu and to reserve your meal: [ninadamico@msn.com](mailto:ninadamico@msn.com) or telephone: 610-517-0674. Minimum 20 people. Café San Pio is open every weekend from April to December serving espresso, cappuccino, soft drinks, pastries and more!*

**Be sure to consult our website and Facebook page for any event updates, and convenient driving directions.**