

NATIONAL CENTRE FOR PADRE PIO

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*****EVENTS: AUGUST - DECEMBER 2024*****

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

AUGUST 4, 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 10, SATURDAY, TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS: Join us at 10:30 AM for a Traditional Latin Mass.

AUGUST 10, SATURDAY, "FIRSTS:" Padre Pio is known and recognized as the first stigmatized priest. But did you know there is another first? Father William Atkinson, whose cause for canonization is now in process, is the first quadriplegic ordained as a priest in the history of the Roman Catholic Church. Born in Philadelphia, he served at Monsignor Bonner High School for almost thirty years (1975-2004). Learn about his life and priestly ministry in this fascinating documentary shown on the "big screen" in the Spirituality Centre. All participants will receive prayer leaflets, while supplies last.

AUGUST 17 TO AUGUST 23, SATURDAY 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 Sunday, August 13 following the 11:30 AM Rosary summarizing the Church's use of relics.

AUGUST 19, MONDAY, FOUNDERS' DAY: Let us gather to commemorate the founding of the National Centre for Padre Pio and honor its founders, Vera and Harry Calandra. Join us for 11:30 AM Rosary, followed by Holy Mass at 12 Noon. A light reception will follow Mass in the narthex of the Spirituality Centre. **There is no cost to attend this reception; however, it is a ticketed event. Registration opens on July 19th.**

SEPTEMBER 8, SUNDAY, CATHOLIC CINEMA SUNDAYS FOR CHILDREN: Join us for some family fun as we show the film, *Brother Francis: The Story of Mary* at 12 Noon in Spanish, and 12:30 PM in English. Children of all ages are welcome to attend, and must be accompanied by an adult. We will celebrate the Blessed Mother's birthday with cake at 12:30.

SEPTEMBER 11, WEDNESDAY, DAY OF PEACE, PRAYER, AND REMEMBRANCE: On this Day of Peace, Prayer, and Remembrance, we gather to reflect on one of the deadliest days on American soil and remember all those who were impacted in any way from these violent attacks. Join Bishop Joseph Coffey of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, as we pause to pray for peace in our hearts, home, and world. We extend a special welcome and invitation to all military personnel, veterans, and first responders. **There is no cost to attend this retreat; however, it is a ticketed event. Registration opens on August 4th.** Bring your own packed lunch or pre-order and pre-pay \$17.00 for a boxed lunch when registering for your ticket on-line. **The deadline to order lunch is September 4th.**

SEPTEMBER 14 TO SEPTEMBER 22, SATURDAY TO SUNDAY, NOVENA OF MASSES TO ST. PIO: *Beginning with 10:30 AM Mass on Saturday, Sept. 14th*, we will commence the Novena of Masses to St. Pio as we prepare for his Feast Day on September 23.

Saturday, Sept. 14 – 10:30 AM Mass offered by Archbishop Joseph Kurtz, D.D.; Novena Prayers & Rosary following Mass

Sunday, Sept. 15 – 12:30 PM Mass offered by Archbishop Timothy Broglio, J.C.D. Novena Prayers & Rosary following Mass

Monday through Friday, Sept. 16th – 20th – 10:30 Mass, Novena Prayers & Rosary to follow;

Saturday, Sept. 21st – 10:30 AM Indoor and Outdoor Mass, followed by Saint Pio Procession; Rosary, Novena Prayers, and Benediction to follow

1:30 PM Indoor Mass for those unable to attend in the morning; Novena Prayers & Rosary following Mass

Sunday, Sept. 22nd – 12:30 PM Mass; Novena Prayers & Rosary following Mass

SEPTEMBER 23, MONDAY, THE FEAST OF SAINT PIO OF PIETRELICINA: Join us for Holy Mass at 12:30 PM offered by Bishop Alfred A. Schlert, D.D., J.C.L., fifth bishop of the Diocese of Allentown. ***Viva San Pio!***

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 3 TO OCTOBER 31, EACH THURSDAY, THE STORY OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS: Be inspired by this documentary, with a running time of 35 minutes, introducing us to the remarkable life of Blessed Carlo Acutis. The film will be shown each Thursday of October after our 11:30 AM Rosary.

OCTOBER 4, FRIDAY, A DAY WITH SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI: Spend some quiet time at the National Centre for Padre Pio in celebration of the feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi. Enjoy a heartwarming drama of a young Italian boy in Assisi who believes his dying donkey can be cured by taking the animal to the tomb of Saint Francis. There is no cost to attend the movie and no registration is needed. After the film, join us for Rosary at 11:30 AM and Holy Mass at 12 Noon.

OCTOBER 6, SUNDAY, CATHOLIC CINEMA SUNDAYS FOR CHILDREN: Join us for some family fun as we show the film, *Brother Francis: A Special Way to Pray – The Rosary* at 12 Noon in Spanish, and 12:30 PM in English. 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 9, WEDNESDAY, DAY OF RECOLLECTION WITH OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY: We welcome you to join us on this Day of Recollection which celebrates Our Lady of the Rosary. Author, national speaker, and retreat

leader, Christine Haapala will offer two poignant presentations on the Rosary. Enjoy a complimentary cupcake from our Cupcake Rosary Display, too. **There is no cost to attend this Day of Recollection; however, it is a ticketed event. Registration opens on September 9th.** The entire schedule for the day can be found on our website, www.padrepio.org. For more information or with questions about how to register, email angela@padrepio.org.

OCTOBER 12, SATURDAY, EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES AND THE FEAST DAY OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS: In celebration of the feast day of Blessed Carlo Acutis, join us for an exciting and intriguing presentation after our 11:30 AM Rosary, offered by Mr. Massimo Paris, who will speak on some of the most relevant Eucharistic miracles (of more than 130 on record). Mr. Paris will also speak of Carlo's life, making some connections also with the Holy Shroud.

OCTOBER 22, TUESDAY, FEAST OF POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II: Celebrate the feast day of this great saint with recitation of the Rosary at 11:30 AM, the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 12 Noon, and the Stations of the Cross according to Pope Saint John Paul II after the 3:00 PM Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

OCTOBER 26, SATURDAY, TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS: Join us at 10:30 AM for our quarterly Traditional Latin Mass.

NOVEMBER 1 TO NOVEMBER 30, MONTH LONG EXHIBIT, "HELL, PURGATORY, & PARADISE:" Thanks to the insight of fifteen-year-old Blessed Carlo Acutis and to the generous and accurate research completed by the writer and journalist Nicola Gori, it was made possible to achieve this exhibit which presents 100 testimonies of Saints and Mystics who have had visions of the Inferno (Hell), of Purgatory, and of Paradise. In this month of All Saints and All Souls, this exhibit confirms the reality to which each person is called after death.

NOVEMBER 1 TO NOVEMBER 8, FRIDAY 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.

NOVEMBER 5 TO NOVEMBER 19, EACH TUESDAY, "WORLD WITHOUT END: THE LAST THINGS:" Join us each Tuesday from November 5 to November 19 after 11:30 AM Rosary for Bishop Barron's film presentation, which centers our attention on the Catholic vision of death, judgement, heaven, hell, and purgatory.

DECEMBER 1, SUNDAY, CATHOLIC CINEMA SUNDAY FOR CHILDREN: Join us for some family fun as we show the film, *Brother Francis: O Holy Night – the King is Born* at 12 Noon in Spanish, and 12:30 PM in English. 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.

DECEMBER 7, 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, FRIDAY, "LIGHT LUNCH" IN HONOR OF ST. LUCY: Celebrate the feast of Saint Lucy with a lunch by candlelight as we view *A Time for Miracles*, the inspiring story of America's first native-born saint. Mother Seton, a convert to Catholicism, overcame the great tragedy of the deaths of her young husband and two children. **This is a ticketed event. Registration opens on November 6th. Deadline to register is Friday, December 6th.** Lunch includes a salad, hot entrée, side dish, bread/roll, dessert, and a beverage. Cost of lunch is \$23.00 Payment is transferable to another person but is not refundable.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ENTIRE CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE YEAR CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSTIE, WWW.PADREPIO.ORG/EVENT-CALENDAR

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF BUS GROUPS AND PILGRIMS

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

Daily Rosary and veneration of Padre Pio's glove each day at 11:30 AM

Chaplet of Divine Mercy each day at 3:00 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 or www.youtube.com/@padrepioinc. We live stream our Daily Rosary at 11:30 AM every day, and the Chaplet of Divine every day at 3:00 PM.

The Centre is CLOSED on New Year's Day, 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 27 as we begin Thanksgiving break, and on New Year's Eve.

Bus groups welcome! Call us at 610-845-3000 or visit 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 or 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 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.