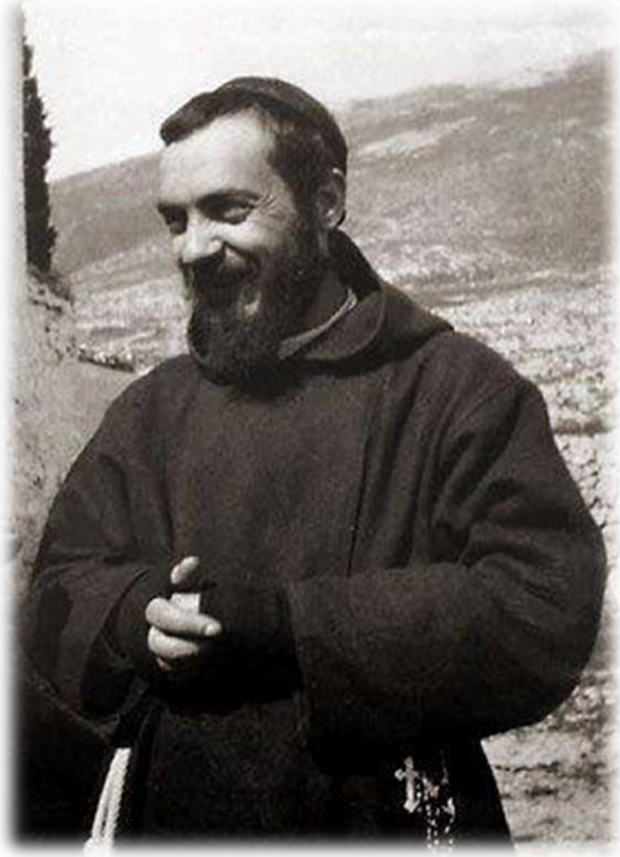


National Centre for Padre Pio Barto, PA

"The Home of Padre Pio in the USA"



2026 Calendar of Events

*"Stay with me, Lord, for it is You alone I look for,
Your love, Your Grace, Your Will, Your Heart, Your Spirit,
because I love You and ask no other reward
but to love you more and more."*

Padre Pio

National Centre for Padre Pio Hours of Operation

Monday through Saturday

9:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Sunday

11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Daily Schedule

Confessions

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays

9:30 AM to 10:15 AM

Sundays

11:30 AM to 12:15 PM

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is not celebrated on Thursdays.

Masses

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays

10:30 AM

Mass is not celebrated on Thursdays.

Sunday Mass is celebrated for pilgrimage groups at 12:30 PM
upon advance request.

Daily Prayer

Each day at 11:30 AM, Padre Pio went to the balcony of the church for his private recitation of the Rosary. In light of his tradition, the National Centre for Padre Pio prays the Rosary each day at this time, as well. If you can't join us in person, join us via livestream on Facebook or You Tube at 11:30 AM for the Rosary and at 3:00 PM for the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Facebook: <https://www.Facebook.com/PadrePioInc>

YouTube: <https://YouTube.com/@PadrePioInc>

If you miss the livestream, come back at any time of the day or night to pray with us. Please note that while we make every effort to begin prayer on time, we are occasionally a bit early or a bit late due to circumstances occurring at the National Centre on a particular day. We also sometimes incur technical difficulties with our livestreaming. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

First Saturday Masses with Devotions and Benediction

The First Saturday Devotions, according to Sister Lúcia of Fátima, were requested by the Virgin Mary in an apparition at Pontevedra, Spain, on December 10, 1925. At the National Centre for Padre Pio, First Saturday Devotions consist of the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, devotional prayers, Benediction, the blessing of religious articles, recitation of the Rosary, and veneration of the relic glove of Padre Pio.

Saturdays,

January 3, February 7, March 7,

No Mass on Holy Saturday, April 4,

***May 2,**

**Beatification Mass and May Crowning as Part of the Entrance Procession*

June 6,

*The National Centre for Padre Pio will be closed on July 4th
in observance of Independence Day.*

August 1, September 5,

October 3, November 7, and December 5, 2026

Confessions - 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM

Mass with Devotions, Benediction, and

Blessing of Religious Articles - 10:30 AM

Rosary with Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio

Following Benediction



Promise of Our Lady of Fatima to Sister Lúcia of Fatima

I promise to assist at the hour of death, with all the graces necessary for salvation, whoever on the First Saturday of five consecutive months will: go to Confession (within eight days before/after the First Saturday), receive Holy Communion, pray five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the Mysteries of the Holy Rosary. All offered with the intention of making reparation to my Immaculate Heart.

Epiphany Relic Exposition & The Closing of the Jubilee Year

Together on this Solemnity of the Epiphany we will mark the closing of the *Jubilee Year of Hope* with a sacred relic exposition. The exposition includes relics from the crib and swaddling cloth of our Lord, stone from the spot of Jesus' birth, veil of the Blessed Virgin Mary, cloak of Saint Joseph, bones of the three kings, relic of the tomb of the holy innocents, bones of Saints Ann and Joachim, bones of Saints Elizabeth and Zachariah, and the bone of Saint John the Baptist. Participants will also be offered the rare opportunity to venerate a statue of the infant Jesus that belonged to Padre Pio and was kissed by him.



Sunday, January 4, 2026

Exposition - 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Confessions - 11:30 AM to 12:15 PM

Rosary - 11:30 AM

Mass - 12:30 PM

Relic Presentation - Immediately Following Mass

Joseph Santoro

Director of Programming & Mission Outreach

National Centre for Padre Pio and

Regional Delegate to the USA

for the International Crusade for Holy Relics in Fatima

Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3:00 PM

What Is Epiphany Sunday?

In the Catholic tradition, the Solemnity of the Epiphany is also known as Three Kings Day. Epiphany commemorates the first pilgrimage in the Christian tradition: the journey of the Magi (Wise Men) to worship the infant Jesus and God's revelation in Jesus Christ to all nations of the world. While the traditional date for Epiphany is January 6th, the Sunday observance on the first Sunday following January 1st is common in the United States.

Epiphany Sunday also marks the time-honored Christian tradition of *“chalking the doors.”* The formula for the ritual is simple. Take chalk of any color and write the following above the entrance of your home: 20 + C + M + B + 26. The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar who came to visit Jesus in the stable in Bethlehem. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat*: “May Christ bless the house.” The + signs represent the cross, and the “20” at the beginning and “26” at the end mark the year. Taken together, this inscription is performed as a request for Christ to bless those homes so marked and that He stay with those who dwell therein throughout the entire year.

Sunday, January 4, 2026

12:30 PM Mass

Blessed chalk will be distributed following Mass
(while supplies last)

so that you can begin the tradition of *“chalking the door”*
of your own home each year on the Solemnity of the Epiphany.



Second Annual Novena to Our Lady of Hope

Devotion to Our Lady of Hope is one of the oldest Marian devotions. The first shrine bearing that title was erected at Mezieres, France in the year 930. On January 17, 1871, Our Lady of Hope appeared in the French village of Pontmain. There she reveals herself as the 'Madonna of the Crucifix' and gave the world her message of 'Hope through Prayer and the Cross.' The basilica built at Pontmain by the Oblates of Mary Immaculate is one of the greatest French pilgrimage sites, noted for its miracles of grace. The Oblate Fathers introduced devotion to her in America in 1952. Her feast day is celebrated on January 17th.

Join us in praying this special novena to honor the Virgin Mary under the title of Our Lady of Hope. Pray this novena along with us either in person at the National Centre for Padre Pio or via livestream on Facebook or YouTube.

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Thursday, January 8 to Friday, January 16, 2026

Following the 3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet



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Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church, Potomac Falls, VA.*

"Mary is the reason for all my hope."

Padre Pio

Padre Pio Prayer Group

Padre Pio envisioned the prayer groups as a way to cultivate the faith and to unite both our intentions and actions to Jesus in a community setting. Prayer Group sessions at the National Centre for Padre Pio in Barto, PA are not held virtually, and no registration is necessary to participate in the monthly Prayer Group sessions. If you do not reside near Barto, PA, please go to www.pppg.org to find the location of a Prayer Group near you. If you would like to start a Prayer Group in your parish, please contact Father Francis Sariego, the National Director, using the contact form at www.pppg.org.

Saturdays,
January 17, February 21, March 21,
April 18, May 16, June 20,
July 18, August 15,
*September 19,

**Novena to Saint Pio Day 6 - No Prayer Group - See Novena Mass Schedule
October 17, November 21, and December 19, 2026*

Prayer Group Schedule

Confessions - 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM

Mass with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 10:30 AM

*All pilgrim groups and visitors to the National Centre for Padre Pio
are welcomed and invited to follow the Prayer Group schedule.*

Spiritual Talk - Following Mass

Rosary with Benediction - Following Spiritual Talk

Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio - Following Benediction
Prayer Group concludes by approximately 12:00 PM.



Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary with the Writings of Padre Pio

On this *Feast of the Presentation of the Lord*, which is traditionally called *Candlemas*, you are invited to pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary intertwined with Gospel passages and the writings of Padre Pio. The celebration of the *Feast of the Presentation of the Lord* occurs 40 days after the birth of Christ. In obedience to the Old Law, the Lord Jesus, the first-born, was presented in the Temple by His Blessed Mother and His foster father. This is another “epiphany” celebration insofar as the Christ Child is revealed as the Messiah through the canticle and words of Simeon and the testimony of Anna the prophetess. Christ is the Light of the Nations, hence the blessing and procession of candles on this day. Since Ancient times the Doctors of the Church have given special meaning to the candles used in *Candlemas* as a symbol of the Incarnate Christ: The beeswax is a symbol of His pure body, the wick His soul, and the flame His divinity.

Monday, February 2, 2026

11:30 AM



Feast of Saint Blaise and the Blessings of Throats

Saint Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia and is associated with the healing of throats. He is believed to have been martyred in the persecution of Licinius in the early 4th century and is venerated by the Eastern Church, as well. In memory of Saint Blaise, the blessing of throats will be offered following Mass.



Tuesday, February 3, 2026

Veneration of the Relic of Saint Blaise - 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Mass - 10:30 AM

Blessing of Throats - Following Mass

Feast of Saint Agatha

While we normally do not have Masses on Thursdays at the National Centre for Padre Pio, we make an exception today on this Memorial of Saint Agatha. Following Mass, a special blessing with the relics of Saint Agatha and Saint Pio will be offered for those affected by breast cancer. A statue of Saint Agatha along with her relic will remain on display the entire day for those who wish to seek her intercession.

Thursday, February 5, 2026

Mass - 10:30 AM

Blessing with the Relic of Saint Agatha - Following Mass

A statue and the relic of Saint Agatha will be on display in the Spirituality Centre all day for veneration.



First Friday Masses with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Mass is celebrated every First Friday of the month followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament concludes at 3:00 PM with the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Please Note:

*The National Centre for Padre Pio is CLOSED
Thursday, January 1 and Friday, January 2, 2026*

Fridays,

February 6, March 6,

No Mass on Good Friday, April 3

May 1, June 5,

The National Centre for Padre Pio will be closed on July 3rd.

August 7, September 4,

October 2, November 6, and December 4, 2026

Confessions - 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM

Mass - 10:30 AM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and

Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus - Following Mass

Rosary with Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio

11:30 AM

Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:00 PM



*“Abandon yourselves fully
to the divine heart of Jesus,
like a child in the arms of his mother.”*

Padre Pio

First Friday Holy Hours with Jesus, Mary, and the Saints

Visit Our Lady of Grace Chapel on the first Friday of each month to make your holy hour before the Real Presence of Jesus. Each month, pamphlets will be available for chapel use to assist you in praying with the designated saint for that month.

Please Note:

*The National Centre for Padre Pio is CLOSED
Thursday, January 1 and Friday, January 2, 2026*

Friday, February 6, 2026

Venerable Augustus Tolton

Friday, March 6, 2026

Saint Joseph

No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Good Friday, April 3, 2026

Friday, May 1, 2026

Saint Pio

Friday, June 5, 2026

Saint Anthony

The National Centre for Padre Pio will be closed on July 3rd.

Friday, August 7, 2026

Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Friday, September 4, 2026

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Friday, October 2, 2026

Saint Francis of Assisi

Friday, November 6, 2026

Blessed Solanus Casey

Friday, December 4, 2026

Venerable Fulton Sheen



First Saturday Mass with Devotions and Benediction

Saturday, February 7, 2026

Confessions - 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM

Mass with Devotions and Benediction - 10:30 AM

Rosary with Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio

Following Benediction

Have a “Blessed” Morning Series

Join us on select mornings as we take a look at the inspiring lives of beatified men and women who serve as models of faith with the additional opportunity to venerate their relics.

Monday, February 9, Tuesday, June 9,

Thursday, July 30, and Monday, October 5, 2026

11:00 AM

Immediately followed by the Rosary
with Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio
and the “Blessed” of the Morning

Have a “Blessed” Morning: Blessed Maria Speranza of Jesus

In this first session of our *Have a “Blessed” Morning Series*, learn about the little girl who “*stole Jesus*” and grew up to spread devotion to Jesus’ Merciful love everywhere in the world. The similarities between Blessed Maria and Padre Pio will also be explored. Our morning will conclude with recitation of the rosary and veneration of the relic glove of Padre Pio and Blessed Maria Speranza.

Monday, February 9, 2026

Presentation - 11:00 AM

Immediately followed by the Rosary
with Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio
and the Relic of Blessed Maria Speranza of Jesus



Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of the Sick

Pope Saint John Paul II designated February 11 as World Day of the Sick, *“a special time of prayers and sharing, of offering one’s suffering for the good of the Church and of reminding us to see in our sick brothers and sisters the face of Christ who, by suffering, dying, and rising, achieved the salvation of humankind.”* Join us for a Blessing of the Sick with Holy Water from the Lourdes Grotto in France following morning Mass. Opportunity to venerate the relics of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Bernadette will follow the Blessing of the Sick.

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

Mass - 10:30 AM

Blessing of the Sick - Following Mass

Relic Veneration - Following the Blessing of the Sick

Rosary - 11:30 AM

The Song of Bernadette Movie - 12:15 PM

Movie Running Time: 156 Minutes

Museum Tree Room



Saint Valentine

Married couples are invited to celebrate the feast of Saint Valentine with Mass and the blessing of wedding rings. A relic of Saint Valentine will also be available for veneration for all those in attendance.

Saturday, February 14, 2026

Mass and the Blessing of Wedding Rings and Couples - 10:30 AM



Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent and a day of universal fast and abstinence in the Church. Ashes will be blessed and imposed after the homily of Mass.

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Mass - 10:30 AM



Stations of the Cross with Padre Pio

In this Lenten season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, let us journey with Jesus on the way to Calvary. As we walk the way of the Cross with Jesus, we also walk with our brothers and sisters who carry crosses of their own. Join us either in person at the National Centre for Padre Pio or via livestream on Facebook or YouTube.

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Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026

and Tuesdays and Fridays of Lent

Following the Rosary

Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio - Following Stations

Please Note:

*On Friday, March 13th, the Stations of the Cross
will be prayed at 2:30 PM as part of our Lenten Retreat.*

Padre Pio Prayer Group

Saturday, February 21, 2026

Confessions - 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM

Mass with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 10:30 AM

*All pilgrim groups and visitors to the National Centre for Padre Pio
are welcomed and invited to follow the Prayer Group schedule.*

Spiritual Talk - Following Mass

Rosary with Benediction - Following Spiritual Talk

Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio - Following Benediction

Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary Film Presentations

This Lent, you are invited to reflect on the mysteries of Christ and His Passion and rediscover the power of the Rosary. Immediately following the recitation of the Rosary and prior to the 12:30 PM Mass on designated Sundays, we will view a short film presentation that focuses on a different sorrowful mystery of the Rosary each week. Each episode, filmed in the Holy Land, integrates reflective insights on the life of Christ, captivating stories with breathtaking scenery, illuminating sacred art, and inspiring music.

Sunday, February 22, 2026

The Agony in the Garden

Sunday, March 1, 2026

The Scouring at the Pillar

Sunday, March 8, 2026

The Crowning with Thorns

Sunday, March 15, 2026

The Carrying of the Cross

Sunday, March 22, 2026

The Crucifixion

Immediately following the 11:30 AM Rosary
Running Time - 30 Minutes



Commemoration of the Exhumation of Saint Pio's Remains

Join us for the Litany of the Saints sung in Latin in front of the effigy of Saint Pio's tomb in our museum followed by prayer to Padre Pio and veneration of his relics.

Tuesday, March 3, 2026
Following the 10:30 AM Mass



First Friday Mass with Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, March 6, 2026

Confessions - 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM

Mass - 10:30 AM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and

Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus - Following Mass

Rosary - 11:30 AM

Stations of the Cross - Following Rosary

Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio - Following Stations

Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:00 PM

First Saturday Mass with Devotions and Benediction

Saturday, March 7, 2026

Confessions - 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM

Mass with Devotions and Benediction - 10:30 AM

Rosary with Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio

Following Benediction

The Three Pillars: A Lenten Retreat with Father John Frink

During the sacred season of Lent, the Church urges us to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. But what do these core practices really entail? Join Father John Frink as he leads us to reflect on how these three pillars of Lent can help us deepen our relationship with God and neighbor, cultivate spiritual growth, overcome temptation, and foster a more virtuous life. **There is no cost to attend this Lenten Retreat; however, it is a ticketed event.** Register at www.padrepio.org by clicking on the event calendar for March 13th. Registration opens on February 6th. Bring your own packed lunch or pre-order and pre-pay \$20.00 for a boxed lunch when registering for your ticket online. The deadline to order lunch is Friday, March 6th. Lunch payment is non-refundable but is transferable to another person.



Friday, March 13, 2026

Confessions - 9:00 AM to 9:30 AM

Welcome, Opening Prayer, and

Conference #1 - 9:30 AM

Mass - 10:30 AM

Father John Frink

Pastor, Saint Francis De Sales Parish

Robesonia, PA and

Spiritual Director of the Padre Pio Prayer Group of

The National Centre for Padre Pio

Rosary with Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio

Following Mass

Confessions immediately following Mass until 12:15 PM

Lunch with Free Time to Visit the Museum,

Gift Shop, and Our Lady of Grace Chapel

12:15 PM

Conference #2 - 1:30 PM

Stations of the Cross - 2:30 PM

Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3:00 PM



Solemnity of Saint Joseph and the Chaplet of Saint Joseph

Saint Joseph has been honored on March 19th since the end of the 19th century. He was declared Patron of the Universal Church in 1870 by Pope Pius IX and Guardian of the Redeemer in 1989 by Pope John Paul II. He is the patron saint of workers, carpenters, fathers, Austria, Belgium, Bohemia, Canada, Mexico, Peru, and South Vietnam. Pay tribute to him by praying the Chaplet of Saint Joseph on this day.

Thursday, March 19, 2026

10:30 AM - Mass

Chaplet of Saint Joseph with
Veneration of His Relic - Following Mass

A statue and the relic of Saint Joseph
will be on display all day for veneration.



Soup and Bread Reflection: The Story of Father Walter Ciszek



Enjoy a soup and bread Lenten lunch while listening to a presentation focusing on Jesuit Priest, Father Walter Ciszek. Venerable Walter Ciszek is our local priest hero whose priestly ministry continued even in the Soviet gulag where he was imprisoned. **Register for this Soup and Bread Reflection at www.padrepio.org by clicking on the event calendar for March 20th.**

Registration opens on February 13th, and the cost is \$15.00. Registration deadline is Friday, March 13th. Lunch payment is non-refundable but is transferable to another person.

Friday, March 20, 2026

12:00 PM to 1:30 PM

Guest Presenter: Father Eugene Ritz, JCL

Vicar for Clergy - Diocese of Allentown, PA

Co-Postulator for the Canonization Cause of Father Walter Ciszek



Padre Pio Prayer Group

Saturday, March 21, 2026

Confessions - 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM

Mass with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 10:30 AM

*All pilgrim groups and visitors to the National Centre for Padre Pio
are welcomed and invited to follow the Prayer Group schedule.*

Spiritual Talk - Following Mass

Rosary with Benediction - Following Spiritual Talk

Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio - Following Benediction

Chaplet of the Seven Joys & Sorrows of Saint Joseph

Even in the early Church, holy men like Saint John Chrysostom described Saint Joseph in terms of a life that was filled with both joys and sorrows. However, it is said that this devotion of seven joys and sorrows can be traced back to the Middle Ages, to an incident involving two Franciscan priests traveling in a ship along the Belgium coast. A storm hit, sinking the ship, and for three days and three nights, the two priests clung to a plank, praying to Saint Joseph. At some point, Saint Joseph appeared to them, guided them to safety, and taught them the practice of reciting seven Our Fathers and seven Hail Marys in honor of his Seven Joys and Seven Sorrows. As the devotion grew, Venerable Gennaro Sarnelli (1702-1744) and others formalized this into a chaplet with meditations.

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Immediately Following the 10:30 AM Mass



The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday, April 2, 2026

No Mass/No Confessions

Rosary with Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio - 11:30 AM

Solemn Recitation of Padre Pio's *Meditation on Our Lord's Agony*

Following the Rosary

Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3:00 PM

Good Friday, April 3, 2026

Relics of the Passion of Our Lord will be on display in Our Lady of Grace Chapel throughout the day including relics of the veil of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Apostles, and Saint Mary Magdalen.

Confessions - 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM

No Mass is celebrated on Good Friday.

"The Passion of the Christ" Movie - 9:15 AM to 11:25 AM

This "R" rated movie is filmed in the Aramaic Language with English subtitles. (Museum Tree Room)

Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary

Intertwined with Gospel Passages and the Writings of Padre Pio

Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio - 11:30 AM

Outdoor Stations of the Cross Procession

with the statues of the Dead Savior & Our Lady of Sorrows

1:00 PM

(Beginning in the Spirituality Centre)

Stations of the Cross will be prayed in multiple languages escorted by a brass band playing religious and funeral hymns in between each station. This is a similar style to how Good Friday processions are done in Europe and especially in San Giovanni Rotondo. We invite those who would like to participate to dress all in black to show mourning for our Lord.



Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3:00 PM

National Centre for Padre Pio Closes - 3:15 PM

Holy Saturday, April 4, 2026

Confessions - 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM

No Mass is celebrated on Holy Saturday.

Rosary - 11:30 AM

Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3:00 PM

Easter Sunday and Easter Monday - Closed

The Virgin of Revelation

Following our daily Rosary, join us for a presentation on the apparition of Our Lady of Revelation and discover how her statue came to be located at the National Centre. Learn more about the revelations of Our Lady to Bruno Cornacchiola - a message of conversion and repentance.

Saturday, April 11, 2026

Following the Rosary



Visit the outdoor grotto of the Virgin of Revelation opposite our Museum entrance.

An Afternoon with the Merciful Jesus

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, take time to meditate on Jesus as the source of all mercy as our Chaplain, Father Mathew George leads us in prayer and reflection.

Sunday, April 12, 2026

Confessions - 11:30 AM to 12:15 PM

Rosary with Veneration of the
Relic Glove of Padre Pio and the
Relic of Saint Faustina - 11:30 AM

Mass with Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament - 12:30 PM

Reflection by
Father Mathew George - 2:45 PM
Divine Mercy Chaplet and
Benediction - 3:00 PM



Novena to Padre Pio for Our Children

In spiritual preparation for the commemoration of Padre Pio's Beatification, please join us in lifting our hearts to God in intercessory prayer to Padre Pio for the children of the world. Pray this novena along with us either in person at the National Centre for Padre Pio or via livestream on Facebook or YouTube.

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Thursday, April 23 to Friday, May 1, 2026

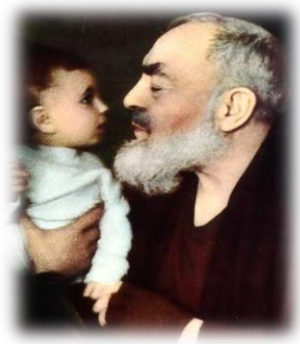
Announced Novena Intention for the Day

and Novena Prayer

Following the 3:00 PM Divine Mercy
Chaplet

Sign up for the novena at:

<https://www.padrepio.org/pray/children/>



Father Dolindo Ruotolo and The Surrender Novena

Father Dolindo Ruotolo was an Italian Franciscan priest who dedicated his life to prayer and spiritual counsel and to whom Padre Pio once said, "*The whole of paradise is in your soul.*" One of the treasures from the words which Jesus spoke to Father Dolindo was the teaching about total abandonment to God. The Surrender Novena which Father Dolindo received in prayer from Jesus leads us to set aside our fears, anxieties, and stress and draws us back to trust in God. In this novena, Jesus is talking not only to Father Dolindo but also to each of us.

Find the Novena at: divinewilluk.com/surrender-novena.



A Retreat with Father Pio Mandato, FMHJ

Join Father Pio Mandato, FMHJ as he aids us in reflecting upon the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and how Padre Pio lived it and experienced it. There is no cost to attend this retreat; however, it is a ticketed event. Register at www.padrepio.org by clicking on the event calendar for April 24th. Registration opens on March 17th. Bring your own packed lunch or pre-order and pre-pay \$20.00 for a boxed lunch when registering for your ticket online. The deadline to order lunch is Friday, April 17th. Lunch payment is non-refundable but is transferable to another person.

Friday, April 24, 2026

Welcome & Opening Prayer - 9:30 AM

Conference #1 - 9:45 AM

Mass - 10:30 AM

Rosary with Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio - 11:30 AM

Confessions, Lunch, and Free Time to Visit the Museum,

Gift Shop, and Our Lady of Grace Chapel - 12:00 PM

Conference #2 with Exposition - 1:30 PM

Divine Mercy Chaplet with Benediction - 3:00 PM



About Our Retreat Director

Father Pio Mandato is a Franciscan Missionary Hermit of Saint Joseph. Father Pio lived in Padre Pio's hometown of Pietrelcina, Italy, received his First Holy Communion from Padre Pio, and celebrated his first Mass as a priest at the very same church and altar where Saint Pio had celebrated his first Mass. Father Pio resides in the Diocese of Scranton, PA and serves as the Chaplain for the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth.



Feast of “Our Lady Crowned” of Foggia

Celebrate Mass and pray the Rosary on this feast of Maria Santissima Incoronata (Our Lady Crowned) of Foggia, the first recognized apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Following Mass, recite the Rosary and listen to a presentation on the apparition's significance.

Saturday, April 25, 2026



Mary Pyle Day

Come learn about the life and legacy of this saintly spiritual daughter of Padre Pio. Those attending the presentation will be given prayer cards promoting her Beatification. A relic of Mary Pyle will also be on display for those who wish to venerate it and seek her intercession.

Sunday, April 26, 2026

Following the 12:30 PM Mass



Brother Andre Bessette and His Devotion to Saint Joseph

On this first Friday and the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker, learn about Saint Andre Bessette, his lifelong devotion to Saint Joseph, and what inspired approximately one million people to file past his coffin.

Friday, May 1, 2026

Presentation - Following the Rosary

*"When you invoke Saint Joseph,
you don't have to say much.
Say, If you were in my place, Saint Joseph,
what would you do?
Well, pray for this on my behalf."
Saint Andre Bessette*

Commemoration of Padre Pio's Beatification

Saturday, May 2, 2026

Confessions - 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM

Mass with Devotions and Benediction - 10:30 AM

(May Crowning of Our Lady of Fatima will take place as part of our Entrance Procession.)

Rosary with Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio

Following Benediction

Padre Pio and The Home for the Relief of Suffering

Please join us after the Rosary for a talk on Padre Pio and the *Home for the Relief of the Suffering* which was founded by Padre Pio in San Giovanni Rotondo

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

Following the Rosary



Feast of the Apparition of Saint Michael of Gargano

Please join us after the Rosary for a talk on the apparition of Saint Michael in Gargano, Italy, in the southern Italian region of Puglia. An image of Saint Michael and a precious relic from the cave of the apparition will be on display all day for veneration. Let us celebrate another great Saint of Gargano!

Friday May 8, 2026

Presentation - Following the Rosary

Who was Father Bill Martin?

William (Bill) Martin from Brooklyn, New York first met Padre Pio when he made a trip to San Giovanni Rotondo in 1959. Bill visited Padre Pio again in 1964. Being in Padre Pio's presence had been so uplifting that when it was time to say goodbye, Bill found it very difficult to leave. As Bill was waiting for the bus to take him to Foggia, one of the members of the Capuchin community came running toward him and told him that Padre Pio wanted him to stay on at the monastery. Bill was overjoyed at the news. He became a Third Order Franciscan and was thereafter known to everyone as Brother Bill. Brother Bill became Padre Pio's personal assistant and worked closely beside him on a daily basis. One afternoon, he and Padre Pio were sitting together in the sunroom just outside Padre Pio's cell. Enjoying the time of silence, each was occupied with his own thoughts. Brother Bill was thinking to himself what a great blessing it had been for him to have been able to spend so much time close to Padre Pio. He knew how fortunate he was and he wondered who had obtained this wonderful grace for him. Was it Padre Pio or was it Our Lady who was responsible? Although Brother Bill had not shared his thoughts with Padre Pio, at the exact moment that he was thinking about it, Padre Pio turned to him and said, *"It was Our Lady."* After Padre Pio's death, Bill was ordained to the priesthood and took the name Father Joseph Pius.



Feast of Our Lady of Fatima

Celebrate the feast day of Our Lady of Fatima with an outdoor Rosary procession with the statue of Our Lady of Fatima. Then join us following the procession for a presentation on Padre Pio's love for Our Lady of Fatima and his devotion to her.



Wednesday May 13, 2026

Outdoor Rosary Procession - 11:30 AM

Presentation - 1:00 PM

Padre Pio Prayer Group

Saturday, May 16, 2026

Confessions - 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM

Mass with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 10:30 AM

All pilgrim groups and visitors to the National Centre for Padre Pio are welcomed and invited to follow the Prayer Group schedule.

Spiritual Talk - Following Mass

Rosary with Benediction - Following Spiritual Talk

Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio - Following Benediction

Feast Day of Saint Rita

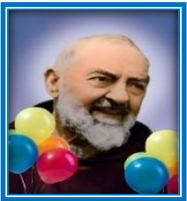
Celebrate the feast day of Saint Rita of Cascia with daily Mass and a blessing with her bone relic.

Friday, May 22, 2026

10:30 AM

Happy Birthday, Padre Pio!

Celebrate Mass in honor of Padre Pio's birthday followed by an outdoor procession with his statue and a birthday celebration with music for all to enjoy (weather permitting).



Sunday, May 24, 2026

Mass with Outdoor Procession - 12:30 PM

Memorial Day

The National Centre will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.

Monday, May 25, 2026

Latin Masses

Please join us for Mass in the “*Extraordinary Form*” commonly referred to as the Traditional Latin Mass. The priest faces the altar with the people, offering a sacrifice to God. Except for the homily, the Mass is sung, chanted, or spoken entirely in Latin.

Saturdays,

May 30, August 29, November 14, 2026

Mass - 10:30 AM

Rosary with Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio

Following Mass

Did Padre Pio Say Mass in Latin?

Yes, he did, but this is not to be interpreted as a disapproval of the new liturgy. Padre Pio was in his late seventies when the new liturgy was introduced and had great difficulty with his eyesight. It was therefore normal for him, as for other aged priests, to be dispensed from changing his manner of saying Mass. He was also permitted to celebrate the Mass of the Immaculate Conception every day. However, after his own Mass, Padre Pio was accustomed to assist at two further Masses, both celebrated according to the new rite. **He never made any derogatory statement in regard to the reform of the liturgy introduced by the Holy See.**

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Saint Cono of Teggiano

A statue and bone relic of Saint Cono will be on display all day for veneration as we celebrate his feast day. A blessing with the relic will take place immediately after the Mass. Following the Rosary, a talk on the life of the gentle Saint of the Vallo di Diano and his similar desire to serve God at an early age like Padre Pio will be offered.



Wednesday June 3, 2026

Mass - 10:30 AM

Followed by a Blessing with the

Relic of Saint Cono,

Presentation on Saint Cono,

and the Rosary

First Friday Mass with Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, June 5, 2026

Confessions - 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM

Mass - 10:30 AM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and

Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus - Following Mass

Rosary with Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio - 11:30 AM

Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:00 PM

First Saturday Mass with Devotions and Benediction

Saturday, June 6, 2026

Confessions - 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM

Mass with Devotions and Benediction - 10:30 AM

Rosary with Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio

Following Benediction

Have a “Blessed” Morning with Blessed Anna Maria Taigi

In this second session of our *Have a “Blessed” Morning Series*, we are reminded that it is possible to surrender our hearts to God in any state of life to which we are called. Anna Maria was a wife, mother of seven, and a professed member of the secular Trinitarians. She frequently experienced ecstasies, worked miracles, foretold deaths, and had visions about future events. Blessed Anna Maria Taigi is the perfect example of how the laity can soar to the heights of sanctity, even amid difficult and challenging circumstances.

Tuesday, June 9, 2026

Presentation - 11:00 AM

Immediately followed by the Rosary

with Veneration

of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio

and the Relic of

Blessed Anna Maria Taigi



Consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

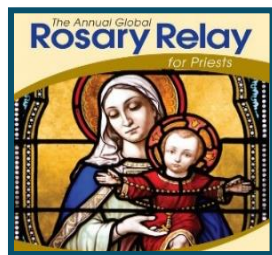
At their November 2025 General Assembly, the U.S. bishops approved the consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart in June 2026, as part of the Church's commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the United States. Through this act of consecration, the bishops seek to renew devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and to recognize the kingship of Christ, perfecting the temporal order with the spirit of the Gospel.

Download the Prayer of Consecration at:

<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/prayer-consecration-sacred-heart-jesus>

Worldpriest Global Rosary Relay

On this Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, each of the participating prayer location countries prays a particular mystery of the Rosary at a specific allocated time on the day of the relay in thanksgiving to God for our priests and to implore the protection and loving care of Our Lady, Mother of all priests, for her priestly sons. By midnight on June 12, 2026, the entire world will have been encircled in prayer on *Worldpriest Rosary Relay Day*. As part of the family of the Church, you are invited to join your prayers to the prayers of millions throughout the world. It is an opportunity for us to raise our hearts to God for all priests in the exercise of their ministry; that they will be blessed, through our prayers, with God's grace for their priesthood; that in this worldwide community of prayer for them, they may experience our gratitude and support; and finally that they will persevere in unity with Christ and his Church in shepherding the Lord's flock to the safe pasture of His Kingdom. The National Centre for Padre Pio offers our prayers, in a particular way, for Bishop Alfred Schlert and all the priests of the Diocese of Allentown, PA on this 65th Anniversary year of the diocese.



Friday, June 12, 2026

Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary

11:30 AM

Behold This Heart

On this Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, learn about the revelation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to Saint Margaret Mary, the merciful theology of Saint Alphonsus de Liguori, and the Little Way of Saint Therese of Lisieux in a short film presentation featuring Father Michael Gaitley.

Friday, June 12, 2026

Following the 11:30 AM Rosary

Running Time: 23 Minutes

*"Abandon yourselves fully to the divine heart of Jesus,
like a child in the arms of his mother."*

Padre Pio

Saint Anthony of Padua

Saint Anthony of Padua, known as the "Evangelical Doctor" is the patron saint of Portugal, of the poor, and of lost articles. He was a gifted orator and preacher and the first Franciscan friar to teach theology to his fellow friars. In his honor, a statue of Saint Anthony along with his bone relic will be on display all day for veneration. After the 10:30 Mass, those present will be blessed with Saint Anthony's relic with distribution of Saint Anthony's blessed bread!

Saturday June 13, 2026

Mass - 10:30 AM

Blessing with the Relic of Saint Anthony and
Distribution of Blessed Bread - Following Mass



Outdoor Shrine Dedicated to Saint Anthony

Padre Pio Day of Grace

Commemorate the anniversary of the canonization of Padre Pio with a day dedicated to seeking his intercession for graces to become more Christ-like in our thoughts, words, and actions.



Tuesday, June 16, 2026

Confessions: 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM

Mass with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 10:30 AM

Rosary with Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio - 11:30 AM

Lunch - 12:00 PM to 12:30 PM

Free Time - 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM

Free Time Options:

Confessions

Eucharistic Adoration in the Spirituality Centre

Personal Prayer in Our Lady of Grace Chapel

Visit the Museum and Gift Shop

Presentation: *Volume IV of the Letters of Padre Pio* - 1:30 PM

Father Mathew George, CMI

Resident Chaplain of the National Centre for Padre Pio

Benediction and Divine Mercy Chaplet - 2:30 PM

Padre Pio Prayer Group

Saturday, June 20, 2026

Confessions - 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM

Mass with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 10:30 AM

*All pilgrim groups and visitors to the National Centre for Padre Pio
are welcomed and invited to follow the Prayer Group schedule.*

Spiritual Talk - Following Mass

Rosary with Benediction - Following Spiritual Talk

Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio - Following Benediction

Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

The statue and bone relic of Saint John the Baptist will be on display all day for veneration. Blessing with the relic will immediately follow the 10:30 AM Mass.

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Mass - 10:30 AM

Blessing with the Relic of Saint John the Baptist - Following Mass



Painting of Saint John the Baptist located in Our Lady of Grace Chapel

The National Centre for Padre Pio will be closed on Friday, July 3rd and Saturday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. This year, our nation commemorates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.



Feast of Saint Maria Goretti

In honor of the feast day of Saint Maria Goretti, enjoy an inspirational storyboard display that vividly highlights the life and spirituality of this young virgin martyr. On July 6th, her relic will be available for veneration following the 10:30 AM Mass and a film presentation entitled, *Saint Maria Goretti: Fourteen Flowers of Pardon* with a running time of 60 minutes will follow the Rosary.

Relic Veneration - Following the 10:30 AM Mass

Film Presentation - Following the Rosary

Monday, July 6, 2026

Storyboard Display

Monday, July 6 to Sunday, July 12, 2026

Alessandro Serenelli, the man who murdered Saint Maria Goretti in 1902 after she resisted his attempt to violate her, was sentenced to 30 years in prison. During his trial, he shamelessly blamed Maria for her own death, claiming he was acting in self-defense against an attack he alleged she initiated. In prison, his violent temper led to frequent outbursts, and he was placed in solitary confinement. Six years into his sentence, Maria appeared to him in a vision. She was in a garden, gathering 14 white lilies and handing them to him one by one - a sign of forgiveness. This encounter pierced his heart, filling him with grace and deep repentance for his crime. From that moment, his life changed completely. He served the remainder of his sentence peacefully, and his remarkable transformation led to his early release. Afterward, he personally sought and received forgiveness from Maria's mother. Later, Alessandro joined the Capuchin Franciscans as a lay brother, living a humble life of work and penance as a gardener and laborer. He died reconciled with God on May 6, 1970, at the Capuchin convent in Macerata, Italy, remembered for his conversion and quiet holiness.



“He loves, He hopes, He waits.”

Saint Maria Goretti

Anniversary of the Relic Image of the Holy Veil of Manoppello
Joyfully celebrate with us on this first anniversary of the enthronement of the relic image of the Holy Veil of Manoppello which took place here at the National Centre for Padre Pio on July 15, 2025.

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

Mass - 10:30 AM

Main Celebrant: Padre Antonio Gentili, OFM, Capuchin

Rector of the Basilica Shrine of the Holy Face

Manoppello, Italy

Outdoor Procession with the Relic Image - Following Mass



Our Lady of Mount Carmel and the Carmelite Saints

Celebrate Mass in honor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel followed by enrollment in the brown scapular and an outdoor Rosary procession with the statue of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Relics of the veil of the Blessed Virgin Mary and many Carmelite Saints and Blesseds will be on display for veneration throughout the day.

Thursday, July 16, 2026

Mass with Scapular Enrollment
and Rosary Procession - 10:30 AM



Padre Pio Prayer Group

Saturday, July 18, 2026

Confessions - 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM

Mass with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 10:30 AM

*All pilgrim groups and visitors to the National Centre for Padre Pio
are welcomed and invited to follow the Prayer Group schedule.*

Spiritual Talk - Following Mass

Rosary with Benediction - Following Spiritual Talk

Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio - Following Benediction

Feast of Saint Christopher and the Blessing of Vehicles

Saint Christopher is the patron saint of travelers and drivers. Following the 10:30 AM Mass, vehicles in all our parking areas will be blessed. Through this blessing, we ask God to safeguard drivers and passengers from accidents, dangers, and other harm while traveling. A car blessing also serves as a reminder of the importance of safe driving, responsible and respectful road behavior, and of God's presence in daily life.

Saturday, July 25, 2026

Following the 10:30 AM Mass

World Day of Prayer for Grandparents & the Elderly

In honor of the Saints Ann and Joachim, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and grandparents of Jesus, we will be collecting new, unused and unwrapped baby formula, baby clothes, diapers, wipes, and other essential items for mothers in need as a shower gift to our Blessed Mother. All items collected will go to *Mary's Shelter* in Reading, PA.

Sunday, July 26, 2026

Mass - 12:30 PM

Followed by the Blessing of Grandparents and

Veneration of the Bone Relics of Saints Ann and Joachim

Outdoor Rosary Procession with the Statue of Saint Ann followed
by Baby Shower Cupcakes for the Blessed Mother - 1:30 PM



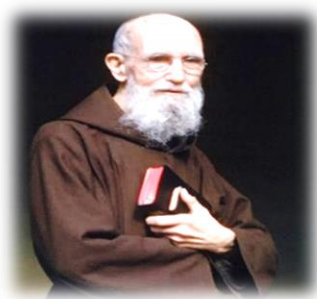
Have a “Blessed” Morning with Blessed Solanus Casey

Like Padre Pio, Blessed Solanus Casey was a humble Capuchin friar who remains a powerful intercessor. Although he was unable to preach or hear confessions due to his academic struggles, he served as a porter, answering the monastery door and providing spiritual solace and practical help to thousands. His holiness in ordinary life, devotion to the poor and sick, and ecumenical spirit led to his beatification in 2017. Consider joining us for this *Have a “Blessed” Morning* session as we explore his life and spiritual legacy.

Thursday, July 30, 2026

Presentation - 11:00 AM

Immediately followed by the Rosary
with Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio
and the Relic of Blessed Solanus Casey



Marian Apparitions and Shrines Exhibit

This international exhibit devised and realized by Saint Carlo Acutis displays over 100 storyboard panels illustrating Marian apparitions and shrines throughout the world. In this month that celebrates Our Lady of Soccorso, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, take some time to explore the many occasions throughout history that Mary has come down from heaven to appear to her children here on earth to assure us that her prayers for us are being offered to God.

Saturday, August 1 to Sunday, August 30, 2026

Monday to Saturday - 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Sundays - 11:00 AM to 3:30 PM

First Saturday Mass with Devotions and Benediction

Saturday, August 1, 2026

Confessions - 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM

Mass with Devotions and Benediction 10:30 AM

Rosary with Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio

Following Benediction

Mass and Procession in Honor of Our Lady of Soccorso

Celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Soccorso with Mass and an outdoor procession. The statue of Our Lady of Soccorso, located in the rear of the Spirituality Centre is housed at the National Centre for Padre Pio on behalf of the Soccorso Society. The statue was once located at Saint Michael of the Saints Parish in the Germantown section of Philadelphia. The parish closed in 1982.

Sunday, August 2, 2026

Mass - 1:00 PM (*No 12:30 PM Mass will be celebrated.*)

Outdoor Procession - Following Mass (Weather Permitting)

The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major

Our Lady of Snows is a title given to the Blessed Mother which originated in the Fourth Century. The Virgin Mary appeared in dreams to a wealthy, childless couple and Pope Liberius, asking for a church to be built in her honor on Rome's Esquiline Hill. To mark the spot, she promised a miraculous snowfall, which occurred on the night of August 5th, despite it being summer, leading to the construction of what became the Basilica of Saint Mary Major.

Wednesday August 5, 2026

Mass - 10:30 AM

Followed by a Presentation on the Transverberation of Padre Pio



A Retreat with the Relic Image of the Holy Veil of Manoppello

Join us for a spiritual retreat centered on the Transfiguration of Jesus which includes Mass and a Solemn Entrance Procession with the relic image of the Holy Veil of Manoppello which was enthroned at the National Centre for Padre Pio in 2025.



Thursday, August 6, 2026

Confessions - 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM

Mass of the Transfiguration with
Solemn Entrance Procession
10:30 AM

Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary
intertwined with Gospel passages and the writings of Padre Pio
11:30 AM

Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio
and the Relic Image of the Holy Veil of Manoppello
Following Rosary

Presentation - 2:00 PM

*A Little-Known Last-Minute Visit by Padre Pio
to a Little-Known Image of Jesus*

Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3:00 PM

First Friday Mass with Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, August 7, 2026

Confessions - 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM

Mass - 10:30 AM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and
Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus - Following Mass
Rosary with Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio - 11:30 AM
Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy Chaplet
3:00 PM

Padre Pio Prayer Group

Saturday, August 15, 2026

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Confessions - 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM

Mass with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 10:30 AM

Please note: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

Talk on Padre Pio and the Blessed Mother - Following Mass
An Icon of the Madonna delle Grazie of San Giovanni Rotondo
will also be on display.

Outdoor Rosary Procession with the Statue of

Our Lady of the Assumption - Following Talk

Benediction and Veneration of the Veil of the Blessed Mother
and Relic Glove of Padre Pio - Following Procession

Our Lady of Assumption of Monte di Procida

The statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary Assumed into Heaven which adorns the Narthex of the Spirituality Centre at the National Centre for Padre Pio is a replica of the one venerated in the Parish Church of Monte di Procida, Naples, Italy. The church was originally built as a small chapel in 1644. Over the years, it was enlarged and embellished to how we see it today. Initially, to promote the people's devotion to Mary Assumed



into Heaven, a picture was placed in the church; then, in 1814 the community of the Faithful of Monte di Procida, commissioned the sculptor, Francesco Verzella, to sculpt a statue of Mary Assumed into Heaven for their church. In 1889, the community of Monte di Procida solemnly gifted the statue of Our Lady with a precious crown and golden circlet of stars. On September 21, 2003, the Committee of the Citizens of Monte di Procida in America, on behalf of all the people from Monte di Procida living in the United States, placed in the National Centre for Padre Pio in Barto, Pennsylvania a reproduction of the statue venerated in their native city, as a sign of their indissoluble bond with the Centre and as a sign of their determination to remain united in the faith and in a fraternal communion of love.

A Day of Healing with Saint Rocco and Saint Pio

Join us for Sunday Mass and a day of prayer for healing through the intercession of two powerful intercessors.

Sunday August 16, 2026

Mass - 12:30 PM

Followed by the Blessing of the Sick
with the Relics of Saint Rocco and Saint Pio
Outdoor Rosary Procession with the Statue

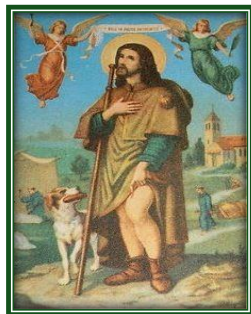
of Saint Rocco and an Image of

Our Lady of Cardoneto,

Patroness of Ottati, Italy

Talk on Saint Rocco - 2:00 PM

*This talk will focus on how Padre Pio often encouraged people
to seek the healing intercession of this patron saint of the sick.*



Group Pilgrimages

The National Centre for Padre Pio in Barto, PA joyfully opens the doors of its spiritual home to all those who seek a serene and welcoming environment in the spirit of Franciscan hospitality. Located on a 106-acre campus in Berks County, PA, the National Centre for Padre Pio is an oasis of peace, tranquility, and healing where souls are nourished; a sanctuary of prayerfulness to anyone who is desolate, lonely, or in need of physical or emotional healing; and a refuge for those who beg for God's help through the intercession of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina. Built to resemble Padre Pio's friary in San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy, the National Centre strives to continue Padre Pio's salvific mission of leading more souls to Jesus Christ. The National Centre for Padre Pio is wheelchair and stroller accessible and offers ample free parking for cars, buses, and RVs. Plenty of grassy areas are available for the kids to run and play, too! To schedule your group pilgrimage of 15 or more people, visit our website at www.padrepio.org and click on the "Visit" tab. Scroll down to "*Schedule a Pilgrimage*" to complete the on-line form.

Use the link below to download a complete
Pilgrimage Planning Guide!

[Schedule A Pilgrimage - National Centre for Padre Pio: National
Centre for Padre Pio](#)

Founder's Day

Join us for a day of prayer as we honor the memory of the founders of the National Centre for Padre Pio, Vera and Harry Calandra.

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

Mass - 10:30 AM

Litany of Saint Pio - Immediately Following Mass

Rosary with Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio - 11:30 AM

A Mother's Promise

Running Time: 38 Minutes

The film, "*A Mother's Promise: The Story of the National Centre for Padre Pio*" offers an inside look at the story behind the promise of our foundress, Mrs. Vera M. Calandra, to bring Padre Pio to the world, as told by several of her daughters and file footage of Mrs. Calandra herself. This film is narrated by Drew Mariani and features Bishop Alfred Schlert and Bishop Keith Chylinski.

After the Film, our Executive Director will give a closing reflection on the organizational genius of Vera Calandra.

Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3:00 PM

After meeting Padre Pio in September of 1968, Mrs. Vera Calandra returned to the United States filled with a sense of trust in the immediate intervention of almighty God in her life and with the comfort of being under the paternal care of Padre Pio. When her daughter's miraculous cure was confirmed by doctors both Mr. and Mrs. Calandra returned to San Giovanni Rotondo in 1969 to offer their thanks. Encouraged by the Friars who lived and worked by Padre Pio, the Calandra family founded this centre in the United States dedicated to sharing the life and spirituality of Padre Pio with all in need. Mrs. Calandra's generous heart



would not permit her to keep silent about this great gift from God in the person of Padre Pio. Thus, she was invited to speak throughout the United States and the English speaking world about the example and spirituality of Padre Pio always emphasizing the paternal care he showered upon those who would come to reverently seek his spiritual guidance and protection especially upon those souls who sought his help along their path of spiritual growth and closeness with God. In

this manner countless souls became beloved spiritual children of Padre Pio. The sculpture pictured represents Padre Pio, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Calandra and their daughter Vera Marie. The remaining five Calandra children are represented by the roses gracefully laid on Mrs. Calandra's lap.

Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary & the Writings of Padre Pio

On this feast of the Queenship of Mary, join us in praying the *Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary* intertwined with Gospel passages and the writings of Padre Pio.

Saturday, August 22, 2026

11:30 AM Rosary with Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio

The Smiling Pope

On this day in 1978, Pope John Paul I was elected. Thirty-three days later he was found dead of an apparent heart attack – making his reign one of the shortest in papal history. The cause for his canonization was begun by his successor, Pope John Paul II. Pope Francis named him Venerable in 2017 and presided over his beatification on September 4, 2022. Come learn more about his life and spirituality and why a “smile” can be the greatest tool of evangelization. Opportunity will also be provided to venerate rare relics of this soon-to-be canonized saint.

Wednesday, August 26, 2026

Following the 11:30 AM Rosary



Don't Miss Out!

Stay up to date on our news and events

by signing up at www.padrepio.org

to receive the newsletter of the National Centre for Padre Pio.

A Celebration of "Firsts"

On this Memorial of Saint Augustine, let's celebrate Pope Leo XIV as the first American pope from the United States and the first Augustinian to be elected pope. We will view the documentary on Saint Augustine that recounts the conversion story of one of the most influential figures in Church history. In doing so, we will recognize how the core foundational values of Augustinians - truth, unity, and love - will shape the present papacy.

Friday, August 28, 2026
Following the 11:30 AM Rosary



*"I am a son of Saint Augustine, and Augustinian.
He said, 'With you I am a Christian,
for you a bishop.'
So may we all walk together towards that homeland
that God has prepared for us."*

Latin Mass
Saturday, August 29, 2026
Mass - 10:30 AM

The Ulma Family Exhibit

The National Centre for Padre Pio is privileged to offer our pilgrims the exhibit entitled, *"The Good Samaritans of Markowa: The Sacrificial Love of the Ulma Family."* This is an extraordinary opportunity to learn about the Ulma family, a peasant family that lived during the Nazi occupation of Poland. During fierce Jewish persecution, Jozef, Wiktoria, and their six children opened their small home to two Jewish families at great risk for their own family. On March 24, 1944, German officers stormed into their home and killed the entire family, along with the Jews they were sheltering. On September 10, 2023, they were the first family to be declared "Blessed" as a family. The exhibit features panels which tell the history of the Ulma family through documents and photos of their daily life, together with the words and teachings of Pope Saint John Paul II on the family.

Tuesday, September 1 to

Sunday, September 6 and

Tuesday, September 8 to

Sunday, September 13, 2026

The National Centre will be closed on

Monday, September 7, 2026



The *Ulma Family Documentary*, with a running time of 70 minutes, will be played every day of the exhibit immediately following the 11:30 AM Rosary on weekdays and following the 12:30 PM Mass on Sundays. There is no cost to view this film, and no registration is necessary.

Mass with Veneration of the Ulma Family Relic

Thursday, September 10, 2026

10:30 AM

Father Timothy Tarnacki, OSPPE

Director of the Office for

Ministry with Young Adults

Archdiocese of Philadelphia



"In proclaiming the entire family "blessed" and in the decision to beatify an unborn child, the Church wishes to confirm and emphasize the beauty, importance and sanctity of matrimony and family life."

Father Witold Burda

Postulator of the Ulma Family's Cause for Canonization

First Friday Mass with Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, September 4, 2026

Confessions - 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM

Mass - 10:30 AM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and

Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus - Following Mass

Rosary with Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio - 11:30 AM

Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy Chaplet
3:00 PM

First Saturday Mass with Devotions and Benediction

Saturday, September 5, 2026

Memorial of Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Confessions - 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM

Mass with Devotions and Benediction - 10:30 AM

Rosary with Veneration of the Relics of
Mother Teresa and Padre Pio - Following Benediction

Labor Day

The National Centre will be closed in observance of Labor Day.

Monday, September 7, 2026

Gift Shop

Don't forget to stop by our well-stocked gift shop on your next visit to the National Centre for Padre Pio. Choose from a wide variety of faith-based items, inspirational devotionals and religious articles, including rosaries, books, statues, saint medals, prayer cards, candles, blessed oil, and Padre Pio related items.

Memorial Gifts

A *Memorial Gift* to the National Centre for Padre Pio is a beautiful way to remember the life of a loved one or honor a group. The Centre offers a number of memorial items available for naming, as well as the opportunity to add the name of a friend, family member, or group to the *Tree of Padre Pio* located in our museum and pictured below. Please call our office at 610-845-3000 for more information.



Nine Day Novena to Saint Pio and Feast Day Weekend

Monday, September 14, 2026: Day 1

Blessing of those affected by autism & children with special needs

Tuesday, September 15, 2026: Day 2

Deceased loved ones & the Holy Souls

Wednesday, September 16, 2026: Day 3

For Conversions

Thursday, September 17, 2026: Day 4

Blessing of those affected by strokes & all nervous disorders

Friday, September 18, 2026: Day 5

Blessing of those affected by cancer & their families

Monday to Thursday Masses - 10:30 AM

Followed by Novena, Blessing, and Rosary



Saturday, September 19, 2026: Day 6

*Blessing of Fire Fighters, Police, First Responders,
Veterans, Armed Forces & Their families*

Indoor Mass - 10:30 AM Followed by Novena and Blessing

Celebrant: Bishop Alfred A. Schlert, D.D., J.C.L.

Outdoor Mass (Weather Permitting) - 10:30 AM

Outdoor Italian Procession with the Statue of Saint Pio

Escorted by the Italian Festival Band - 12:00 PM

Indoor Mass - 1:30 PM

Sunday, September 20, 2026: Day 7

*Blessing of babies & expectant mothers & families trying to conceive
Rosary - 11:30 AM*

Mass - 12:30 PM followed by Novena & Blessing

Outdoor Eucharistic Procession & Benediction - Following Blessing

Monday, September 21, 2026: Day 8

Blessing of those affected by all infectious diseases

Tuesday, September 22, 2026: Day 9

Blessing of those suffering with addiction

Masses - 10:30 AM Followed by Novena, Blessing, and Rosary

Wednesday, September 23, 2026: Feast Day of Saint Pio

Masses - 10:30 AM & 1:30 PM

Outdoor Procession with the Statue of Saint Pio

Immediately Following the 10:30 AM Mass

Escorted by the Italian Festival Band

Padre Raffaele Pianisi Day

On this day, we joyfully honor Venerable Rafaelli of Sant'Elia a Pianisi with the Society of Sant'Elia a Pianisi. Padre Raffaele was born Domenico Petrucelli on December 14, 1816. Domenico entered the Capuchin Franciscans in 1835 and was given the name Raffaele. He was ordained a priest on March 29, 1840. Padre Raffaele devoted his life to priestly ministry as a confessor, counselor, and spiritual director. He died on the evening of the Epiphany, January 6, 1901, and was buried in the hometown cemetery where people already venerated him as an extraordinary spiritual father. The following words were penned by Padre Pio on April 5, 1956, about the "Holy Monk" Padre Raffaele.

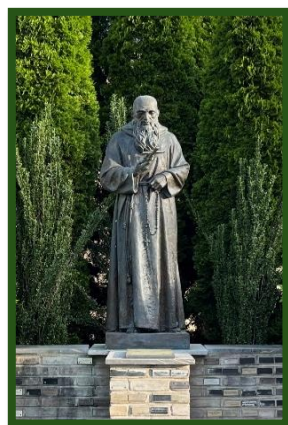
*"O chosen and innocent soul, Padre Raffaele,
I am not worthy to have been chosen as one of those
who knew the pilgrimage of your earthly life.*

*But I thank God for granting me the grace
to know the perfume of your virtue.*

*Your life captures my mind and heart;
may it please God to enable me to imitate you
even to the smallest degree.*

*Now that you enjoy the vision of God,
pray for me and the Province so that your spirit
and that of the Seraphic Father (Saint Francis)
may always radiate from each one of his Brothers."*

Padre Pio



Saturday, September 26, 2026

Bilingual Mass (English/Italian) - 10:30 AM

Main Celebrant and Homilist: Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio

Bishop Emeritus of Brooklyn and

Spiritual Director of the Society of Saint'Elia a Pianisi

Concelebrants:

Father Giuseppe Triscuoglio

Parish Priest of Sant'Elia - Pianisi, Italy

Father Mathew George, CMI

Resident Chaplain - National Centre for Padre Pio

Rosary - 11:30 AM

Talk on Padre Raffaele (English/Italian) - 1:30 PM

Feast of the Archangels: Gabriel, Michael, and Raphael

Today we celebrate the biblical messengers who signify God's transcendence and loving care. Gabriel, meaning "*God's strength*" is the patron of telecommunications and the postal service. Michael, meaning "*Who is like God*" is the patron of security forces and of the sick. Raphael, meaning "*God's remedy*" is the patron saint of travelers and the blind.

Tuesday, September 29, 2026

10:30 AM - Mass

Followed by Outdoor Procession with the Statue of Saint Michael

Rosary - 11:30 AM

1:00 PM - Talk of Padre Pio's Devotion to Saint Michael



Month of the Holy Rosary

October is traditionally called the month of the Holy Rosary. A statue of Our Lady of the Rosary of Pompeii will be on display for the entire month in our Spirituality Centre



Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit

Eucharistic Miracles help us to appreciate the central event of the Mass. View an extraordinary month-long exhibit of over 100 photographic panels presenting Eucharistic Miracles recognized by the Church. These miracles have occurred throughout the world over the centuries and were researched and presented by Saint Carlo Acutis in an Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles in 2005. Be inspired to draw closer to the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, the source and summit of the Christian life! Bus groups are welcome; fill out the form on our website at www.padrepio.org by clicking the “Visit/Schedule a Pilgrimage” tabs. Individuals and families do not need to register.

Thursday, October 1 to Saturday, October 31, 2026

Monday to Saturday - 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Sundays - 11:00 AM to 3:30 PM



First Friday Mass with Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, October 2, 2026

Confessions - 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM

Mass - 10:30 AM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and

Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus - Following Mass

Rosary with Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio - 11:30 AM

Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:00 PM



Movie in the Morning with the Angels

On this memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels, enjoy fellowship with complimentary coffee and angel food cake as we view an episode of Bishop Fulton Sheen's classic television program in which he explores the meaningful role that Angels play in our world.

Friday, October 2, 2026

12:00 PM

Movie Running Time: 30 Minutes

*"How close to us stands one of the celestial spirits,
who from the cradle to the grave
never leaves us for an instant."*

Padre Pio

First Saturday Mass with Devotions and Benediction

Saturday, October 3, 2026

Confessions - 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM

Mass with Devotions and Benediction - 10:30 AM

Rosary with Veneration of the Relics of

Saint Pio and Saint Francis of Assisi

Following Benediction

Saint Francis of Assisi Feast Day & Blessing of Animals

Join us in celebrating the Feast Day of Saint Francis of Assisi with a *Blessing of Animals*. We will gather at the outdoor statue of *Saint Pio and the Children* in our front parking lot area. All dogs must be leashed, and all other animals must be in carrying cases or held in the arms of the owner for the safety and wellbeing of all those in attendance. Owners (and pets) 😊 do not need to be Catholic to participate!

Sunday, October 4, 2026

3:30 PM

Front Parking Lot



Have a “Blessed” Morning with Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

Join us for our final 2026 *Have a “Blessed” Day* session as we prayerfully reflect on the life and legacy of Redemptorist Father, Francis Xavier Seelos. Seelos dedicated himself to the life of a missionary “with a constant smile on his lips,” preaching in both English and German, throughout the United States.

Monday, October 5, 2026

Presentation - 11:00 AM

Immediately followed

by the Rosary

with Veneration of the

Relic Glove of Padre Pio

and the Relic of Blessed

Francis Xavier Seelos, C.Ss.R.



The Story of Saint Carlo Acutis

Be inspired by this documentary introducing us to the remarkable life of Saint Carlo Acutis. Let us aspire to his example of holiness in his great love for the Eucharist in both the ordinary and the extraordinary moments of life.



Fridays,

October 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2026

12:00 PM to 12:35 PM

Following the 11:30 AM Rosary

Veneration of the Relic Glove

of Padre Pio - Following Film

Padre Pio Prayer Group

Saturday, October 17, 2026

Confessions - 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM

Mass with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 10:30 AM

*All pilgrim groups and visitors to the National Centre for Padre Pio
are welcomed and invited to follow the Prayer Group schedule.*

Spiritual Talk - Following Mass

Rosary with Benediction - Following Spiritual Talk

Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio - Following Benediction

Feast of Pope Saint John Paul II

Pray the Stations of the Cross with Pope Saint John Paul II as we celebrate his feast day.

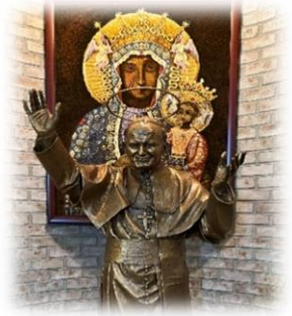
Thursday, October 22, 2026

11:00 AM

Immediately followed by the Rosary

“On Good Friday in 1991, Pope John Paul II, according to longstanding papal tradition, led a crowd of people at the Roman Colosseum through the Stations of the Cross. However, he changed the format, altering the fourteen stations and adding a fifteenth. Some of the traditional ones were kept, while others were dropped and new ones were inserted. All of the stations the Holy Father used had as their basis incidents recorded in the gospels.”

*Taken from The Stations of the Cross with Pope John Paul II
by Joseph M. Champlin*



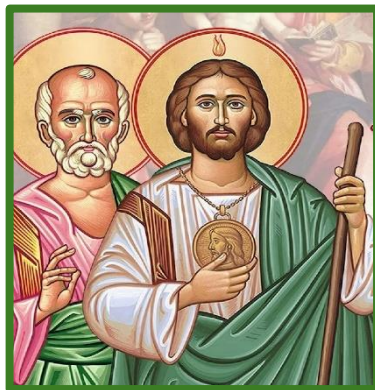
Feast of Saints Simon and Jude

Saints Simon and Jude are both mentioned in the Roman Canon. Simon, called the “Canaanite” and the “Zealot” most likely preached in Egypt and Persia. Jude or Thaddeus, meaning “courageous” preached in Palestine and Persia. Jude is the patron saint of those in despair or in hopeless situations (perhaps because of the similarity of his name with that of Judas Iscariot who betrayed Jesus and despaired).

Wednesday October 28, 2026

Mass - 10:30 AM

Blessing with a Bone Relic of Saint Jude - Following Mass



Celebrating All Saint's Week and the Feast of the Holy Relics

Let's journey with the Saints and Blesseds of the Catholic Church as we venerate 600 of their major relics in a special **FOUR DAY ONLY** relic exposition. This exposition will showcase authenticated relics of Jesus and the Holy Family, some dating back to Biblical times. Also, included in this exposition, just to name a few, are the blood of Padre Pio, the hair of Pope Saint John Paul II, a piece of linen from the death bed of Saint Carlo Acutis, and the hair scarf of Mother Cabrini. Relics of the apostles and evangelists are also exhibited for veneration.

Exposition:

Thursday, November 5 to Saturday, November 7, 2026

9:00 AM to 4:30 PM

and

Sunday, November 8, 2026

11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Mass Times:

Thursday, November 5, 2026 - 10:30 AM Mass

Friday, November 6, 2026 - 10:30 AM

Saturday, November 7, 2026 - 10:30 AM and 2:00 PM

Sunday, November 8, 2026 - 1:30 PM (No 12:30 PM Mass)

Relic Presentation:

Saturday, November 7, 2026

1:00 PM

Presenter: Joseph Santoro

Director of Programming & Mission Outreach

National Centre for Padre Pio and

Regional Delegate to the USA

for the International Crusade for Holy Relics in Fatima



First Friday Mass with Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, November 6, 2026

Confessions - 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM

Mass - 10:30 AM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and

Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus - Following Mass

Rosary with Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio - 11:30 AM

Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy Chaplet
3:00 PM

First Saturday Mass with Devotions and Benediction

Saturday, November 7, 2026

Confessions - 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM

Mass with Devotions and Benediction - 10:30 AM

Rosary with Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio
Following Benediction

Purgatory, Heaven, and Hell Exhibit

Thanks to the insight of Saint 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 Purgatory, Paradise (Heaven), and the Inferno (Hell). In this month of *All Saints* and *All Souls*, this exhibit confirms the reality to which each person is called after death.

Wednesday, November 11 to Sunday, November 22, 2026

Monday to Saturday - 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Sunday - 11:00 AM to 3:30 PM

*“We believe in the communion of all the faithful of Christ,
those who are pilgrims on earth,
the dead who are being purified,
and the blessed in heaven,
all together forming one Church;
and we believe that in this communion,
the merciful love of God and his saints is always (attentive) to our prayers.”*
Catechism of the Catholic Church #962

Love for the Poor Reflection and Discussion Session

World Day of the Poor was established by Pope Francis and is celebrated annually on the Sunday before the Feast of Christ the King (this year on November 15th). To ready our hearts for this observance, let us reflect on the first Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Leo XIV entitled, *Delexi te*, “I Have Loved You” which was signed on the Feast of Saint Francis in 2025. In it, Pope Leo encourages us to appreciate the close connection between Christ’s love and his summons to care for the poor. **There is no cost to attend this reflection and discussion session; however, it is a ticketed event. Register at www.padrepio.org by clicking on the event calendar for Friday, November 13th. Registration opens on October 13th. Complimentary refreshments will be served.**

Obtain a free copy of the Apostolic Exhortation at:

https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20251004-dilexi-te.html

Friday, November 13, 2026

12:00 PM to 1:30 PM

Latin Mass

Saturday, November 14, 2026

10:30 AM

Padre Pio Prayer Group

Saturday, November 21, 2026

Confessions - 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM

Mass with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 10:30 AM

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Spiritual Talk - Following Mass

Rosary with Benediction - Following Spiritual Talk

Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio - Following Benediction

Thanksgiving

The National Centre for Padre Pio will be closed in observance of

Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 26

and Friday, November 27, 2026.

Christmas Tree of Remembrance

This Advent, we invite everyone who mourns the loss of a family member or friend to remember, honor, and celebrate the life of your loved one by placing a rose ornament on our *Christmas Tree of Remembrance* located in the narthex of the Spirituality Centre. The rose is symbolic of Saint Pio whose spiritual presence was often signified by the smell of roses. Write the name(s) of your loved one(s) on the back of the ornament then hang it on the Christmas tree. One ornament per family, please.



Feast Day of Our Lady of Libera of Pietrelcina

The statue of Our Lady of Libera will be on display in the Spirituality Centre for the entire day. Immediately following the 11:30 AM Rosary, we will have a talk on the Madonna della Libera and Padre Pio's love for his Beloved Patron.

Thursday, December 3, 2026

Talk - Following the 11:30 AM Rosary



First Friday Mass with Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, December 4, 2026

Confessions - 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM

Mass with the Blessing of the Nativity Scene - 10:30 AM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and

Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus - Following Mass

Rosary with Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio - 11:30 AM

Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy Chaplet
3:00 PM

First Saturday Mass with Devotions and Benediction

Saturday, December 5, 2026

Confessions - 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM

Mass with Devotions and Benediction - 10:30 AM

Rosary with Veneration of the Relics of

Saint Nicholas and Saint Pio - Following Benediction

Children's Gingerbread Decorating Workshop

Have some fun with Santa and his friends while exploring your creativity and imagination by decorating your own gingerbread house. Cost is \$20.00 per child and includes Christmas snacks and drinks. Tickets go on sale November 1, 2026, and the deadline to purchase tickets is November 30, 2026. For tickets, go to www.padrepio.org/event-calander starting on November 1st.

Saturday, December 5, 2026

9:30 AM to 11:00 AM

Gallery (Lower Level of Museum)



Celebration of the Reason for the Season

Join us for our annual Christmas Concert with live entertainment and our featured performer Joe Politi, renowned for his Sinatra-inspired performances in New York jazz clubs. Joe will entertain us with our favorite Christmas carols and sing-alongs. After the concert we invite you to gather for the lighting and blessing of the National Centre's Christmas tree with Santa and complimentary hot chocolate and sweet treats. There is no cost to attend the concert; however, free will offerings are always gratefully accepted. Bus groups welcome! Fill out the form on our website at www.padrepio.org by clicking the "Visit/Schedule a Pilgrimage" tabs. Individuals and families do not need to register.



Saturday, December 5, 2026
1:00 PM

Chaplet of Saint Nicholas

The Chaplet of Saint Nicholas is a prayer of mercy and protection, as he is the patron saint of those in danger, children, the weak, vulnerable, and those in need.

Sunday, December 6, 2026
Following the Divine Mercy Chaplet



*"The giver of every good and perfect gift
has called upon us to mimic God's giving,
by grace, through faith, and this is not of ourselves."
Saint Nicholas*

The Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception

A statue of the Immaculate Conception will be on display all day for personal prayer and devotion on this Holy Day of Obligation.



Tuesday, December 8, 2026

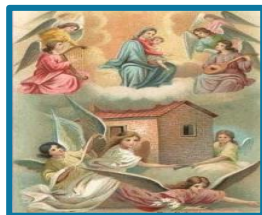
Mass - 10:30 AM

Feast of Our Lady of Loreto

Join us for a talk on the significance of the *Holy House of Loreto*. An image and relics from the *Holy House of Loreto* will also be on display all day in the Spirituality Centre.

Thursday, December 10, 2026

Talk on the *Holy House of Loreto*
Following the 11:30 AM Rosary



Advent Novena to Saint Pio of Pietrelcina

Let us offer this novena to Saint Pio in thanksgiving for all the graces received this past year through his intercession. Each day of the Novena consists of a Scripture passage, an excerpt from the writings of Padre Pio, a daily prayer that coincides with the day's intention, and concludes with the novena prayer. Pray this novena along with us either in person at the National Centre for Padre Pio or via livestream on Facebook or YouTube.

Facebook: www.Facebook.com/PadrePioInc

YouTube: <https://YouTube.com/@PadrePioInc>



Sunday, December 13 to
Monday, December 21, 2026

Following the 3:00 PM
Divine Mercy Chaplet

*"May our hearts become like the manger,
ready to welcome the Infant Jesus with love and gratitude."*

Padre Pio

Padre Pio Prayer Group

Saturday, December 19, 2026

Confessions - 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM

Mass with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 10:30 AM

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Spiritual Talk - Following Mass

Rosary with Benediction - Following Spiritual Talk

Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio - Following Benediction

Christmas

The National Centre for Padre Pio

will be closed in observance of Christmas from

Wednesday, December 24 through Saturday, December 26, 2026.

Epiphany Relic Exposition 2027

Mark your calendar for our 2027 Epiphany Relic Exposition. The exposition includes relics from the crib and swaddling cloth of our Lord, stone from the spot of Jesus' birth, veil of the Blessed Virgin Mary, cloak of Saint Joseph, bones of the three kings, relic of the tomb of the holy innocents, bones of Saints Ann and Joachim, bones of Saints Elizabeth and Zachariah, and the bone of Saint John the Baptist. Participants will also be offered the rare opportunity to venerate a statue of the infant Jesus that belonged to Padre Pio and was kissed by him.

Sunday, January 3, 2027

Exposition - 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Confessions - 11:30 AM to 12:15 PM

Rosary - 11:30 AM

Mass - 12:30 PM

Relic Presentation - Immediately Following Mass

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Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3:00 PM



What is a Franciscan Friar?

The Franciscans are referred to as “friars,” from the Latin *frater*, meaning “brother.” Franciscans are essentially an order of brothers striving to live the Gospel with the same simplicity and fervor as their founder, Saint Francis of Assisi. After growing up in a wealthy family and then experiencing a powerful conversion at the age of 25, Francis donned the clothes of a penitent and began to live a very poor lifestyle, dedicating himself to prayer and service of the poor. Before long, inspired by his fervent lifestyle, men began to join Francis and to imitate his way of life. This gave rise to the birth of the Franciscan Order in 1223.

What is a Capuchin Franciscan?

In the 16th century, a group of Franciscans were inspired to live the Franciscan lifestyle in a more radical manner, returning to the original emphasis on prayer and poverty. These men broke away from the Franciscans and began a reform movement which stressed the priority of contemplative prayer and a more rigorous austerity. Wearing habits with hoods, they soon garnered the name *cappuccio*, the Italian word for “hood.” The Capuchins received approval of their way of life and were recognized as an official, independent branch of the Franciscans in 1525. Padre Pio was a Capuchin.

Excerpted from: www.capuchins.org



Perpetual Remembrance Candle Enrollment

“Padre Pio was once asked why he prayed for the happy death of his great-grandfather, who had passed away many years ago. He answered, *“For the Lord, the past doesn’t exist; the future doesn’t exist. Everything is an eternal present. Those prayers had already been taken into account. And so, I repeat that even now I can pray for the happy death of my great-grandfather.”*

“The Holy Souls: Viva Padre Pio” by Father Alessio Parente

How powerful prayer is! Here at the National Centre for Padre Pio, we receive hundreds of calls per week from people requesting prayers for a loved one in need. Without a doubt, the question we are asked the most when people call with their intentions is, “how long is my intention prayed for?”

The answer is simple: here in Barto, your intentions are remembered every single day. Every monthly Mass, daily Rosary, and Divine Mercy Chaplet are offered for the intentions of all of those who contact the National Centre for prayers.

A Perpetual Remembrance Candle burns near the reproduction of Padre Pio’s tomb in our museum, under which lies a first-class relic of Padre Pio. That candle remains lit as a perpetual reminder of the names that have been sent to us for prayer here at the “Home of Padre Pio in the USA.”

Please use the form included in this booklet to submit the names of any loved ones, living or deceased, that you wish to have enrolled in this new prayer program. We are asking for an offering of \$2.00 *per name*, and you are invited to submit as many names as you’d like. Please feel free to include extra paper if you need more room!



Names for Perpetual Remembrance Enrollment

Requested offering: \$2.00 per name

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

Total donation for names listed:

Additional offering to help the Centre with its mission (optional):

Make check payable to and mail to:

The National Centre for Padre Pio

P.O. Box 206 - Barto, PA 19504

Flower Sponsorship

Are you looking for a meaningful way to remember a deceased loved one or to honor a friend or family member on a special occasion, such as a birthday, wedding, or anniversary? Please consider contributing toward a **floral arrangement, plant, or décor piece** at the National Centre for Padre Pio. If you are interested, please complete, and mail the form below with your check.

Make check payable to and mail to:

The National Centre for Padre Pio

P.O. Box 206 - Barto, PA 19504

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email (so that we can send you a photo of the arrangement) _____

In memory of (deceased) _____

OR

In honor of (living) _____

Occasion (if any) _____

Main Altar of Spirituality Centre \$175.00 _____

Padre Pio Statue (Spirituality Centre) \$150.00 _____

Chapel Altar \$175.00 _____ Padre Pio Statue (Chapel) \$50.00 _____

Our Lady of Fatima Shrine (Narthex) \$150.00 _____

Sacred Heart/Immaculate Heart \$50.00 _____

Crucifix \$50.00 _____ Saint John Paul II \$50.00 _____

Saint Francis \$50.00 _____ Saint Therese \$50.00 _____

Saint Joseph \$50.00 _____ Donation (Any Amount) _____

Requested for (check one):

First Saturday Mass _____

Second Wednesday Mass _____

Third Saturday Mass _____

Special Feast Day at the National Centre for Padre Pio _____

Outdoor Gardens/Statues _____ (Plants will be chosen.)

Advent _____

Christmas Season _____

Lent _____ (Plants will be chosen unless a solemnity occurs.)

Easter Season _____

Specific Date _____





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