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Weekly Bulletin Sunday September 23, 2007 – Sunday September 30, 2007

The Ladies Cedars Club of Flint

40th Anniversary Celebration

October 27, 2007
Woodfield Country Club
1000 Woodfield Dr.
Grand Blanc Michigan 48439
Dinner-Hafli (Dance)
Entertainment: Usama Baalbaki

Dinner & Hafli Tickets- \$50.00 per person
Hafli Only Tickets- \$30.00 per person
Cocktail Hour 6:00pm-7:00pm
Dinner served at 7:00pm
Hafli 9:00 until ?

The Ladies Cedars Club of Flint has been serving the community and worldwide organizations for 40 years.

Please join us in celebration of this great milestone.

Contact: Victoria Zerka-Linden for tickets
Phone Number: (810)-577-7273



*The American Friends of
Notre Dame University- Louaize (AFNDUL)*

cordially invite you to attend the

2007 AFNDUL FALL BANQUET

*Sunday, November 18, 2007 at 7:00 pm
(Seating starts at 6:00 pm)*

*Saint Sharbel Church Hall
31601 Schoenherr Road
Warren, MI 48088*

Ticket Price is \$35
*(includes three-course meal, wine, soft drinks and entertainment)
B.Y.O.B.*

For more information or to purchase tickets, please call one of the following numbers:
(734) 432-5428
(734) 454-4255
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Clergy

Rev. Father Jihad Younes
Deacon Martin Rachid
Subdeacon Earl Matte
Subdeacon Charles Rossie

Parish Staff

Pam Aziz – Parish Secretary
Darrell Frye – Maintenance
Pat Haley – Caterer

Parish Leaders

Albert Zerka – Parish Council
Dee Gardner – Choir Director
Dottie Byrnes – Organist
Freda Hearsch – Religious Education
Cindy Shaheen – Altar Society
Jeanette Walterhouse – Morningstar
Rob Kowalk – Spiritual Growth Coordinator



Liturgy Schedule

Monday	9a.m.
Tuesday	9a.m.
Wednesday	9a.m.
Thursday	9a.m.
Friday	12noon
Saturday	5p.m.
Sunday	10a.m.
2 nd Sunday of the month	10a.m. (English) 12noon (Arabic)

Adoration

Friday 11a.m.

Confessions

½ hour before liturgy on Saturday and Sunday and by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism, please contact the priest at least **1 month** before the intended date for the baptism.

Sacrament of Marriage, please contact the priest at least **6 months** before the intended date for the wedding.

Sick calls, please notify the Church office as soon as possible if you want communion for your sick. We usually do sick calls on Wednesdays.

Pray for our sick and homebound Parishioners:



Nadeem Gebrael
Eddie Rashid
Nadia Sob

Marge Okal
Sarah Marshall
Hanneh Chammas
Hap Maroun
Joe Faris
Doris Beck
Ann Faris
Dorothy Mattar
Sharon Griffiths



Our Lady of Lebanon Office Hours

Monday 9am – 5pm
Tuesday 9am – 5pm
Wednesday 9am – 5pm
Thursday 9am – 5pm
Friday 9am – 5pm

Fr. Jihad has forms from the Consulate of Lebanon for passport renewals, marriage & birth registrations. If you need any of these forms please see Fr. Jihad.



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 23: 2nd Sunday after the Holy Cross St. Padre Pio, Confessor

10A.M: (1Cor 15:19-34; Mt 24:1-14) Reader: Robert Pollack

- Rep. Kimberly Gardner by Duane & Dee Gardner
- Rep. Maroun Family by Sam

MONDAY 24: St. Thacla, First Woman Martyr

- Rep. Margaret LaBranch by Josie Knight

TUESDAY 25:

- Rep. Mayford Penhaligon by Dan & Karen Badgley

WEDNESDAY 26:

- Rep. Wajdi Badr by George & Virginia Rizk

THURSDAY 27: St. Vincent de Paul, Confessor

- NO MASS

FRIDAY 28:

12NOON

- Intentions of Brian & Kelly Aziz & Family by Family

SATURDAY 29: St. Cyprianus known as Rouhana the Cantor

5PM

- Rep. Mike Rizik by George & Virginia Rizk

SUNDAY 30: 3rd Sunday after the Holy Cross St. Gregory the Illuminator, Martyr

10A.M: (1Phil 3:17-4:1; Mt 24:23-31) Reader: David Allen

- Rep. Sylvia Zerka by Duane & Dee Gardner
- Rep. Joe Ferris by Sue Stubbart

SUNDAY Oct 7: 3rd Sunday after the Holy Cross St. Sarkis and St. Bacchus, Confessors

10A.M: (1Thes 5:1-11; Mt 24:45-51) Reader: MYO

- Rep. Norman Weissert by Yvonne
- Rep. Betty Mansour by John & Ceal Abdella

Weekly Contributions

August 26: \$3128
 September 2: \$2336
 September 9: \$2159
 September 16: \$2486



Quote of the Week

Before we can begin to see the cross as something done for us, we have to see it as something done by us." John Stott

Announcements

There will be an Altar Boy meeting on Saturday, September 29, 2007 at 10am. If you have any questions please see Fr. Jihad or Johnny Solomon.

On Sunday, October 7, 2007 we will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary to the priesthood of the Most Reverend Gregory Mansour. Mass will be celebrated at 10:30am and following mass there will be a brunch in his honor. All are invited.

The Altar Society will be having their Annual Harvest Dinner on Sunday, October 28, 2007. Dinner will be served from 4pm to 6pm. Tickets will be available soon following Saturday and Sunday liturgy



Church cleaning
for the Month of
October:

Joanne Potts

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 7 Bishop Gregory's Anniversary
- 7 Breakfast with St. George's Parish
- 27 Ladies Cedars Club Anniversary Hafli
- 28 Altar Society Harvest Dinner

NOVEMBER

- 23 MYO Retreat

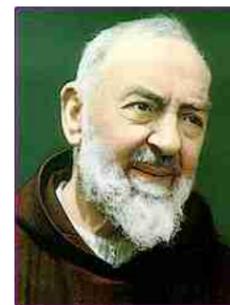


Altar Server Schedule

- September 30: Team 1
- October 7: Team 2
- October 14: Team 3

St. Padre Pio

Confessor



Pio (Francesco Forgione) was born to Mamma Peppa and Grazio Forgione in the little town called Pietrelcina, in Southern Italy, during the month of flowers, May 25th 1887. He was fifth of eight children. His Mamma Peppa confided he was different from other boys: "he was never impolite or misbehaved". He had celestial visions and diabolical oppressions from the age of five years and he saw and spoke with Jesus and Our Lady and with his Guardian Angel, but unfortunately this heavenly life was interwoven with hell and with the devil.

In 1903, Discipline and ill health had been woven together to crown the youth of Pio. Doctors diagnosed him as consumptive and were sure he would die. Strong in spirit Pio received the Capuchin Franciscan garb initialling religious life and therefore; Noviciate with its intense study, prayer, austerity, penance and finally vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience.

In 1909, we find him at Pietrelcina because of his illness, at his mother's side. Now another intense chapter of extraordinary life opens with mystical afflictions an invisible stigmata and terrible battles with devils that wanted to destroy him began. Yet, "It all happened here", he said, his whole future was prepared here. On August 10, 1910, he was ordained a Priest in the Cathedral of Benevento.

In 1916, we find him in the church of San Giovanni Rotondo, soon to become his Jerusalem, with the mystical and historical calvary of Gargano, where he was soon recognised as the "saintly friar" by the locals. Here he became a "victim of love", by the reparation for sin, propitiator and regenerator of the many crowds who flocked to him, to venerate his bleeding wounds of his hands and feet. This very important event occurred in Father Pio's life on September 20, 1918, while he was praying in front of a Crucifix located in the choir in the little old church, when a strange personage like an angel, gave him the stigmata. Those stigmata have been remained opened and bleeding for fifty years. This was one of the reasons for which doctors, scientists, journalists and common people have gone to San Giovanni Rotondo for years, in order to meet the "Saintly friar".

In a letter dated October 22, 1918, Padre Pio told his experience of crucifixion: "... What I can tell you about my crucifixion? My God! What a confusion and what humiliation I feel when I try to show somebody else

what you have done in me your scanty creature! It was the morning of the 20th. (September) and I was in choir, after the celebration of the Holy Mass, when a rest, similar to a sweet sleep surprised me. All the inside and external senses, as well as the same faculties of the soul were in an indescribable quiet. There was a depth silence around me and inside me; a peace overcame me and then it all happened in a flash I felt abandonment with the complete deprivation of everything. While all this was taking place, I saw before me a mysterious appearance, similar to the one I had seen on August 5th, differing only because His hands, feet and side were dripping blood. The sight of Him frightened me: what I felt at that moment is indescribable. I thought I would die, and would have died if the Lord hadn't intervened and strengthened my heart, which was about to burst out of my chest! The appearance disappeared and I became aware that my hands, feet and side were pierced and were dripping with blood". You can imagine the torment that I experienced then and that I am almost experiencing every day. The wound of the heart assiduously bleeds, particularly from the evening of Thursday until Saturday. My God, I die of pain, torment and confusion that I feel in the intimate of the soul. I am afraid I'll bleed to death! I hope that God listens to my moans and withdrawals this operation from me... "

He usually woke up in the early morning (we could say at night) in order to get himself ready for the Holy Mass. In fact, every morning, at 4 a.m. there were always hundreds and sometimes even a thousand people waiting for the door of the church to open. After the Mass he used to spend most time of his day in prayer and confessions. After fifty years of stigmata he died September 23, 1968, thus he closed his mission of the Heart's desire, with the real cross and the real crucifixion of his body.

Then, for years, from every part of the world, the believers went to this stigmatised priest, to get his powerful intercession from God. Fifty years lived in the prayer, in the humility, in the suffering and in the sacrifice, whether to effect his love, Padre Pio had two initiatives in two directions: the vertical one toward God, with the constitution of the "Groups of prayer", the horizontal one toward his suffering community, with the construction of a modern hospital: "House Relief of the Suffering."

In September 1968, thousands of devotees and Padre Pio's spiritual children were assembled in conference at St. Giovanni Rotondo to commemorate together the 50 anniversary of the stigmata and to celebrate the fourth international conference of the Prayer Groups. Nobody would have imagined that at 2:30 a.m., September 23, 1968 the earthly life of Father Pio of Pietrelcina would end.

<http://www.padrepio.catholicwebservices.com>