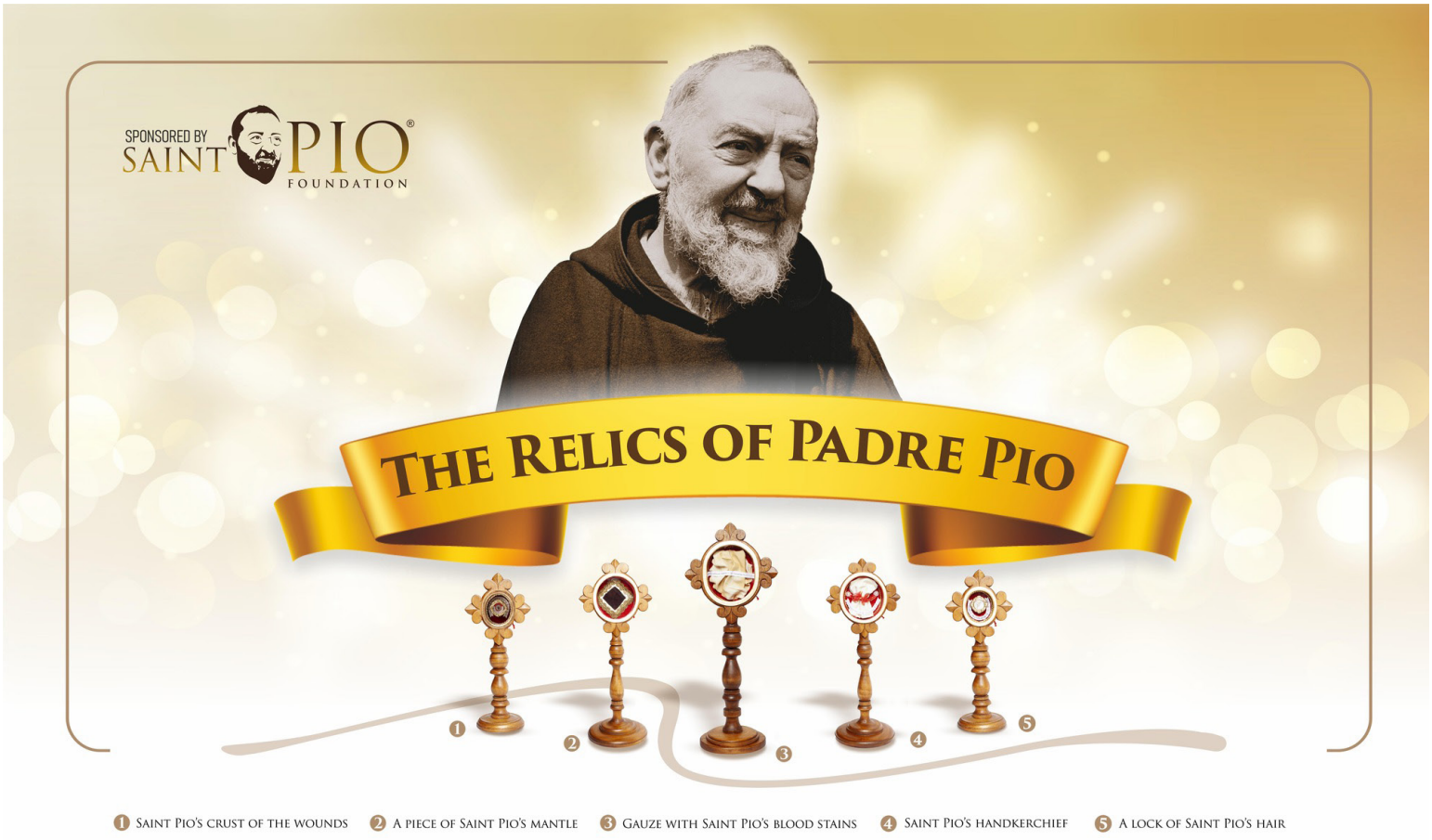


Francesco Forgione, OFMCap (1887–1968), better known as Padre Pio, was an Italian Capuchin friar, priest, stigmatist, and mystic. He was beatified in 1999 and canonized in 2002 by Pope John Paul II. His body is exposed in a golden crypt in the sanctuary of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, next to the convent of San Giovanni Rotondo, now a major pilgrimage site. Padre Pio is one of the world's most popular saints. He has become a special patron of the sick, as many healings have occurred through his intercession.

The U.S.-based Saint Pio Foundation continues to sponsor tours of the relics of Padre Pio in (arch)dioceses and parishes across North America. The majority of those attending the relics tour would never be able to travel to San Giovanni Rotondo or Pietrelcina to visit the places where the Saint was born, lived, and died.

The visitation of these relics allows the faithful to have a "spiritual encounter" with Padre Pio, to spend time in prayer, and to ask for his intercession.

The Relics of Padre Pio will be displayed for veneration at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Naperville on Tuesday, July 11, 2023.

All are invited to venerate the relics from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The relics will be displayed near the altar, with pews reserved for silent prayer and devotion. Recitation of the Holy Rosary and talks on the life and intercession of Padre Pio will occur throughout the day. Devotional items and books will also be available for purchase. The day will conclude with a special Mass in honor of Padre Pio at 7 p.m. ***See reverse for visitor and volunteer information.***

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

9:00 AM Relic veneration begins
6:30 PM Veneration line closes
7:00 PM Mass in honor of Padre Pio

Saints Peter and Paul will host the only 2023 Padre Pio Relic Tour in Illinois

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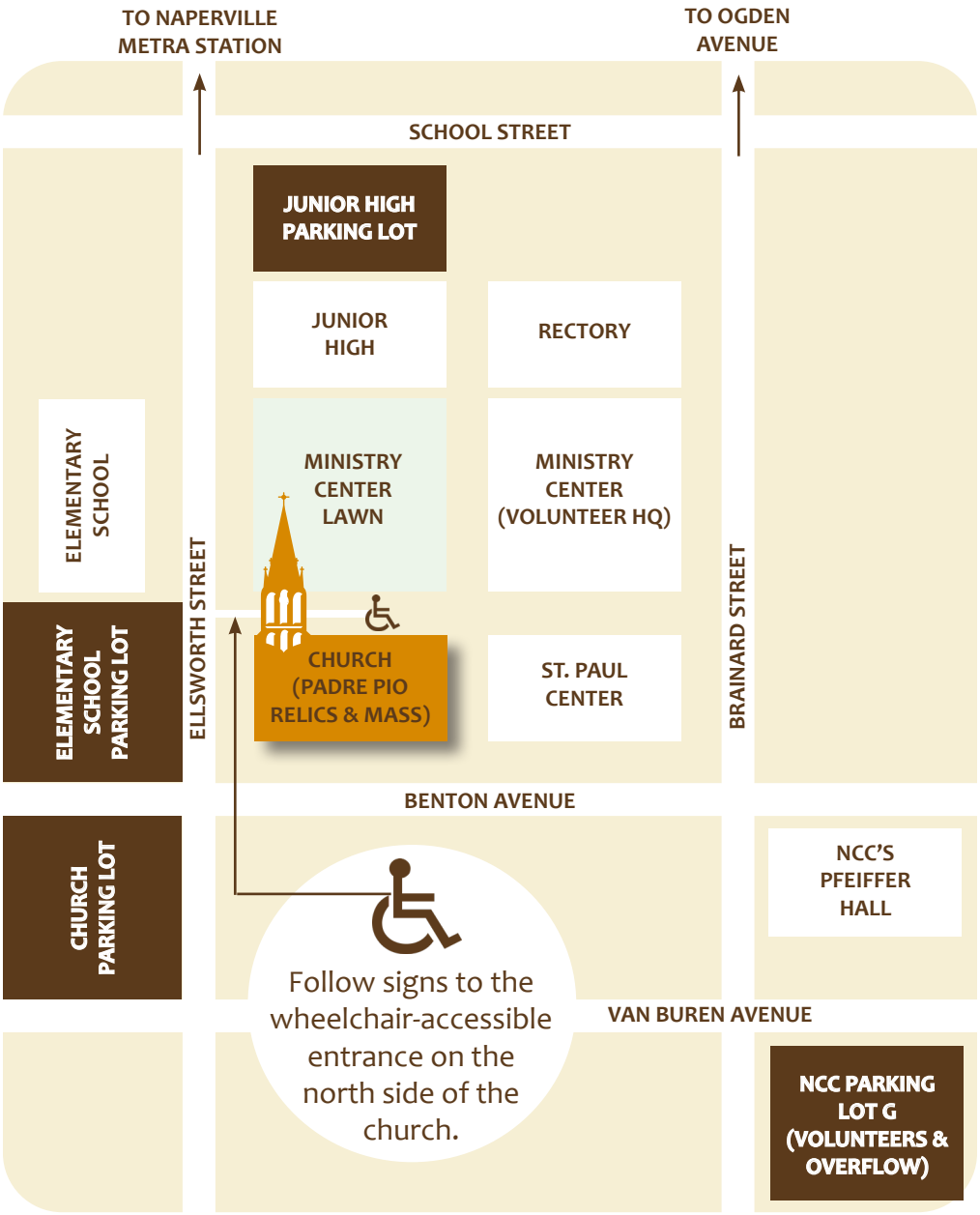
For more information, visit
sspeterandpaul.net/events/padrepio

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Visitor Information

In addition to neighborhood street parking, four free parking lots are available for visitors (*see below*). Handicapped parking is available in front of the church on Ellsworth Street. Please be considerate to neighborhood residents and follow all parking guidelines posted on local streets.

Visitors are asked to process through the veneration line that begins at the main (*west*) church doors; a wheelchair-accessible entrance and exit is located on the north side of the church.



Volunteers

We are grateful to many parish organizations for supporting this event, including the Knights of Columbus, the Legion of Mary, the Parish Life committee, and others. Many volunteers are needed throughout the day; most shifts are one hour long. Volunteers may sign up for multiple shifts as time allows.

Volunteer roles include relic guardians, ushers, Knights of Columbus Honor Guard, food servers for volunteers, and clerks to help visitors purchase devotional items.

Sign up for one or more shifts here: ***qrco.de/PIO2023***



The crusts of Padre Pio's wounds are one of five relics that will be on display for veneration.

About the Saint Pio Foundation

The Saint Pio Foundation is a premier national charitable organization that promotes awareness of Saint Pio and his mission by working with institutions and individuals who share the same vision to serve "those in need of relief of suffering." Funds raised by the Saint Pio Foundation are used to provide grants to American Catholic healthcare, and educational, social, religious, and cultural partner organizations. Free-will donations can be made to the Saint Pio Foundation during the Padre Pio event. ***saintpiofoundation.org***

About Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church

Saints Peter and Paul was founded in 1846 and is the oldest established parish in DuPage County—currently one of the most active in the Diocese of Joliet. Throughout its history, the parish has been a vibrant and vital part of the Naperville community through dozens of ministries that focus on parish life, worship, evangelization, and Christian service. Today Saints Peter and Paul Catholic School educates over 475 students in preschool through grade 8, and the parish serves over 4,000 families. Its campus includes seven buildings—including its stunning Gothic edifice with bell tower—on a seven-acre campus in the heart of Naperville, a Chicago suburb with a population over 145,000.