



Sat. March 24

5:00pm +**Letizia Gullo**

Sun. March 25

8:00am +**Antonio & Giuseppina Sicilia**

9:15am **For the People of the Parish**

10:30am +**Guido & Ines Palombo**

12:00 noon +**Angela Campobasso**

Mon. Mar. 26

7:00 +**Tecla Tarantino**

Tues. Mar. 27

9:00am **Intentions of Daniel & Summer Hunter**

Wed. Mar. 28

7:00pm +**Maryanne Leyzak**

**Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday)** – Holy Week begins on Passion or (Palm) Sunday, which joins the foretelling of Jesus' regal triumph and the proclamation of the passion. The commemoration of the entrance of the Lord into Jerusalem is celebrated with a solemn procession in which the people carry palm branches in imitation of the Hebrew children who went to meet the Lord singing "Hosanna". The passion narrative occupies a special place in the Passion Sunday liturgy.

**Paschal Fast** – Good Friday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat. Fasting means one small meal during the day and a little nourishment at two other times of the day. The law of fasting binds those from 18-59 years of age. Abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 and older. Although not obligatory for Holy Saturday, the Church recommends that the Paschal Fast be kept on this day as well. We eat less food than normal and cut out entertainment. We wait until the Easter Vigil to wear our spring finery.

**Parking** - Please remember that there is NO PARKING along the North side of St. Padre Pio Gardens. Please obey parking regulations as we expect larger crowds for the next two weekends. There's lots of parking at the west end of the church.

### **Living the Gospel by supporting the Deaf community**

Imagine you were a Deaf child and your parents and siblings didn't know sign language. Your parents could gesture in a rudimentary way, but how do you share your joys, fears and needs? Silent Voice teaches American Sign Language and Deaf culture to families so they can share a common language. Says one grateful parent, "I'm so passionate about Silent

Voice because their Family Communication Program rescues children from social isolation." Last year more than 750 Deaf children and adults received help through ShareLife-supported programs at Silent Voice.

**April 22 is the next ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.**

**Life-size Shroud Replica** – A 14 ½ foot full size cloth replica of the Shroud of Turin will be on display in the church from next weekend until 12 noon on Holy Saturday. The original Shroud is believed to be the burial shroud of Jesus. It shows the front and back of a man who had been scourged and crucified. This replica is produced from high resolution digital scans taken by the Official Documenting Photographer for the Shroud of Turin Research Project that made a full extensive examination of the Shroud. This is the most accurate rendition of the Shroud and reproduces every detail of the original, including the bloodstains, scorches and image areas. A license granting permission for public display has also been given. The Shroud Replica is now owned by the Church of St. Padre Pio.

**Replicas of the Passion** – Along with the replica of the Shroud of Turin, other replicas, relating to the Passion, are also on display at the same time. These include the Crown of Thorns, three iron nails and hammer, a Roman spear, the Flagellum (the whip used for scourging), an alabaster jar with ointment, Roman dice, the sponge on a stick, thirty silver coins, the Titulus Crucis (the sign placed on the Cross – "Jesus the Nazarene, King of the Jews"), and the Great Chalice of Antioch – The Holy Grail, and other items. These will continue to be on display throughout the Easter season.

**Children's Liturgy** will not be held on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday.

**New Beginnings** – will meet Tues. March 27 at 7pm in the Chapel

### **National Catholic Mission - Vision TV presents:**

#### **Invitation to the Lord's Supper:**

*Monday, March 26 at 8pm ET*

*Friday, March 30 at 8am ET*

*Friday, March 30 at 12pm ET and*

#### **Jesus' Pascal Sacrifice**

*Tuesday, March 26 at 8pm ET*

*Saturday, March 30 at 8am ET*

*Saturday, March 30 at 12pm ET*

**St. Padre Pio Youth Group** –for all young people aged 11-17. The Youth Group meets twice a month on Friday at St. Andrew School at 8:15am. Upcoming events:  
 Apr. 6 – Mass –Talent Sign up  
 Apr. 20 – Youth Group’s Got Talent  
 May 4<sup>th</sup> – Rosary Making  
 May 18<sup>th</sup> – Rosary Walk

**Relic Rock of Calvary** – On Good Friday evening, after the procession with the statue of the Dead Saviour, the Relic Rock of Calvary will be solemnly brought into the church. This is an actual piece of the Rock of Calvary, obtained from an archaeological excavation, conducted in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. The Church is erected over the site of Calvary and the Tomb of Jesus, making it the most sacred site in the world. This piece of Rock, as part of Calvary, was there during Christ’s crucifixion and death. The Armenian bishop who was in charge of the excavation gave this special piece of Calvary to the Sisters of Sion. In 2016, the Sisters donated the Relic Rock of Calvary to the Church of St. Padre Pio. You will have an opportunity to venerate it on Friday evening.

**Good Friday Collection** – On Good Friday there will be a special collection in all churches throughout the world for the Holy Land. Our Bishops will forward the proceeds of the collection to the Commissary in the Holy Land, who in turn will forward them to Jerusalem in view of encouraging the vitality of Christian communities and assisting in the upkeep of the Holy Places. Please give generously to respond to the many needs of Jesus’ land. Thank you!

**Knights of Columbus** are selling Easter Colomba and Lindt Chocolates and chocolate Easter eggs in the Narthex. This is the last weekend. Profits in the past have contributed in supporting parish projects and initiatives. The Knights of Columbus are having their annual state charity raffle in support of Special Olympics Ontario and Arthritis Society. Tickets are \$5/ea. The final draw will take place on July 12, 2018. There are over \$500,000.00 in prizes with a grand prize of \$200,000.00 cash and several car and truck top prizes. Last year there were several winners from our Parish.

**Italian Mass** – Because of the special Holy Thursday Mass for the parish, there will NOT be an Italian Mass on Thursday of this week. Also, there will NOT be Confessions on Thursday evening.

**HOLY WEEK**  
**Wednesday, March 28**

**7:00pm Mass**

**7:45pm Tenebrae Service**

The word means 'darkness'. It is a service, based on the Office of Readings and Morning Prayer, anticipated from Holy Thursday morning. Candles are gradually extinguished during the service, as well as lights in the church turned off. At the end of this dramatic service, the church is in total darkness, preparing for the Easter Triduum.

**Holy Thursday, March 29**

(Holy Thursday is NOT a holy day of obligation)

**7:30pm Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper**

**9:00pm Rosary (English)**

**10:00pm Rosary (Italian)**

**11:00pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy**

**11:30pm The church is closed**

**Good Friday, March 30**

(Good Friday is NOT a holy day of obligation)

**9:00am The church is open**

**9:30am Rosary (English)**

**10:30am Rosary (Italian)**

**11:30am Chaplet of Divine Mercy**

**3:00pm Good Friday Service**

**7:00pm Stations of the Cross (with Youth Group and Statue of the Dead Saviour)**

**9:00pm The church is closed**

**Holy Saturday, March 31**

**9:00am The church is open**

**9:30am Rosary (English)**

**10:30am Rosary (Italian)**

**11:30am Solemn Chaplet of Divine Mercy (sung)**

**12:00noon the church is closed (to prepare for Easter)**

Note: no 5pm Mass

**6:30pm The church is open**

**7:45pm Vigil Mass**

**Easter Sunday, April 1**

**8:00am Italian Mass**

**9:15am Mass to accommodate families with young children**

**10:30am Mass**

**12:00pm Mass**

**Sympathy** – We offer our deep sympathy to Alex Hatfield and her family on the death of David Brant. May God grant him His eternal peace and joy and send comfort to all who mourn his passing.