



Sat. May 12

5:00pm **For the People of the Parish**

Sun. May 13

9:15am **+Antonio, Isabella & Patricia Virgilio and deceased members of the Romanelli family**

10:30am **+Grazia & Vincenzo Cristello**

12:00 noon **+Concetta Staniscia**

Tues. May 15

9:00am **+Rev. Msgr. Terence D'Souza**

Thurs. May 17

7:00pm **+Maria Vomiero, +Mario Palumbo, +Maria Proscio**

Fri. May 18

9:00am **+Alfie Evans**

### Feast Days This Week

Mon. May 14 – **St. Matthias**, apostle

**Ascension of the Lord** - Within the fifty days of Easter, the feast of the Ascension emphasizes Jesus' return to the Father and its consequence: his command to make disciples of the whole world. The letter to the Ephesians tells us that Jesus is head of the Church, his body on earth. We see him asserting this authority both in Acts and the Gospel as he takes leave of his followers. Through preaching, the ministry of the sacraments, and instruction, the church continues Christ's work of making disciples. It is the Spirit of Christ who gives us faith and strength and makes it possible for us to continue Jesus' work in the world. We look forward to the day when the entire human family will recognize God to be God, and Christ will be worshipped as King and Head of humankind.

**Mother's Day** – This is a special time for us to remember our mothers, those living and those who have gone to be with the Lord. We also honour in a special way, Our Lady, who is our spiritual Mother and Mother of the Church. I would also like to extend my wishes to all the mothers of our parish for a Happy Mother's Day!

*"Holy God, you compare your own love for your people to the love of a mother for her own children. Look with kindness on our mothers, give them comfort in moments of sorrow and joy in their work for their families. Listen to their prayers and bless them in all they do for you. Let them share with Jesus, your Son, and Mary, our mother, in the everlasting happiness of heaven. Father, we ask this grace through Christ our Lord."* Amen.

**A Rose For Life** – The Knights of Columbus will

be distributing rose emblems in support of Pro-Life, at the end of each Mass this weekend, for a small donation.

There will **NOT** be a garage sale this year.

**Confirmation** – We offer our congratulations to all those who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this week:

Mon. May 14 @7pm – Pope Francis School & Public & Private Schools

Wed. May 16 @ 7pm – St. Andrew School

A special thanks to all the teachers and families for their help in preparing the students for this sacrament. Because of the Confirmations, there will NOT be daily Masses on Monday or Wednesday of this week.

**Wedding** – Next Saturday, May 19, we will be celebrating the wedding of Ebin Pappu and Angela Koipuram. We offer them our best wishes and ask God to bless them and grant them happiness, peace, and joy and strength in trials, all the days of their lives together.

### ShareLife - ASCENSION SUNDAY

**Living the Gospel by supporting mental health wellness** - In 2016, over 2,000 people accessed individual, couple and family counselling at Catholic Family Services of Peel-Dufferin, a ShareLife-funded agency. Often, clients sought help to address depression. Given that depression has replaced back injury as the number one reason for absenteeism at work, these services are helping clients maintain employment and stay out of poverty. By supporting ShareLife agencies like CFS Peel-Dufferin, you're helping people find health and happiness.

**May 27 is the next ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.**

**The Catholic Women's League** is celebrating their 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at St. Padre Pio and will be celebrating with a special Mass next Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at the 12 noon Mass. CWL members will be assisting in all ministries during that Mass.

**The CWL** would like to invite all women to their annual "Women's Breakfast" which takes place on Saturday, May 19, 2018, from 9:30 to 12 pm. The event will be in honour of "Our Lady of Lourdes". It will be held at Roma's Hospitality Centre in Mississauga. Join us for a morning of faith, fun, food and fellowship. Tickets will be on sale until May 12/13.

**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:  
May 18<sup>th</sup> – Rosary Walk

**Save the Date!** Our Parish-Wide Variety Show will take place on Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for more information on how to get involved.

**May – Rosary Month** – members of the Knights of Columbus are reciting the rosary each Sunday at 11:40am in the Chapel.

**Items in the Store** – The gift store in the Narthex of the church is selling items for First Communion and Confirmation.

**St. Padre Pio Golf Tournament – New Golf Tournament Location**

Our 15th Annual Summer Golf Classic will be held at The Carrying Place Golf and Country Club on Tuesday, July 17th. Details to follow...

**The Knights of Columbus** will be hosting the annual St. Padre Pio Parish Picnic on Sunday, July 22 in the Parish parking lot Rotunda in front of the church. The event will include a BBQ lunch with lots of fun and games for parents and children. Admission is free. Don't miss it.

The CWL will be hosting our annual Strawberry Fest on June 9 & 10. There will be raffle prizes, baked goods and of course, fresh strawberries. All parish bakers that bring in their baked goods will receive a complimentary basket of strawberries. Thank you for your support.

**Pentecost** – Following the example of Mary and the apostles (Acts 1:14), the Church prays during the days between Ascension of the Lord and Pentecost for the coming of the Spirit. The following are some suggested prayers that may be used at home:

Opening Prayer: (said each day)

*Blessed are you, Lord God, king of the universe: You have forgiven us our sins and have called us to be your holy people. Give us your Spirit to guide us each day so that we may die to sin and live with Jesus for you. Father, we ask this grace through Jesus, our brother and our Lord, in the communion of your Holy Spirit. Amen*

**For the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit**

**Day 1:** Blessed Spirit of **Wisdom**, help me to seek God. Make Him the centre of my life and order my life to Him, so that peace and love may reign in my soul.

**Day 2:** Blessed Spirit of **Understanding**, enlighten my mind, that I may know and love Your Truth and make it truly my own.

**Day 3:** Blessed Spirit of **Counsel**, enlighten and guide me in all my ways, that I may always know and do Your holy will. Make me prudent and courageous.

**Day 4:** Blessed Spirit of **Fortitude**, give me help in overcoming obstacles in my life and the courage to stand up for justice and truth in every situation.

**Day 5:** Blessed Spirit of **Knowledge**, help me to know good from evil. Teach me to do what is right in the sight of God. Give me clear vision and firmness in decision.

**Day 6:** Blessed Spirit of **Piety**, possess my heart, lead me to a true faith in You, to a holy love of You, that with my whole soul I may seek You and find You, my best, my highest joy.

**Day 7:** Blessed Spirit of **Holy Fear**, penetrate my inmost heart that I may be ever mindful of Your presence. Make me flee from sin, and give me intense reverence for God and for my brothers and sisters who are made in God's image.

Closing prayers: One Our Father, One Hail Mary, One Glory Be

**Pentecost** – The liturgical colour for Pentecost is red. Why not wear something red next weekend.

**R.C.I.A.** – Any person who would like to become a Catholic is asked to register now for the 2018-2019 session which will begin in the Fall. We have 4 catechumens registered so far. Also any Catholic who would like to deepen their faith is welcome to attend the program. For more information, please call the Parish Office at 905-893-7879 and ask for Peggy. We have 4 candidates registered so far.

**Longo Gift Cards** – are available. You can purchase the cards from the parish store in denominations of \$100, \$50, and \$25. For each purchase, Longo's will donate back to our Mortgage Fund. These make excellent gifts for your family, friends or employees. If your company wishes to purchase Longo cards for your employees as a gift, please contact Maria at 905-893-7879 ext. 201.