



Sat. June 16

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

Sun. June 17

8:00am +**Antonio Sicilia**

9:15am +**Antonio Virglio & Don Romanelli**

10:30am +**Loretta & Sam Sammut**

12:00 noon +**Wilfredo Garcia**

Mon. June 18

7:00pm +**Samira Asal**

Tues. June 19

9:00am +**Angelo Nonis**

Wed. June 20

7:00pm **Intentions of Gladys Vergis-Mayo**

Feast Days This Week

Thurs. June 19 – **St. Romuald**, abbot

Thurs. June 21 – **St. Aloysius Gonzaga**, religious

Fri. June 22 – **St. Paulinus** of Nola, bishop

St. John Fisher, bishop & **St. Thomas More**, martyr

Father's Day – Today is Father's Day. We wish all fathers of our Parish a very happy day and the blessing of God our heavenly Father.

"Lord Jesus, our brother, we praise you for saving us. Teach us to love you and your Father by keeping your commandments. Bless these fathers, and deepen their love for their wives and families. By their work and example and prayer, may they lead their children to follow you. Lord Jesus, hear our prayer as we offer you glory for ever and ever." Amen

Sixteenth Anniversary of the Founding of St. Padre Pio Parish

– Sixteen years ago, the beginning of the Parish of St. Padre Pio was celebrated as a two-day event on June 15/16, 2002. On Saturday, June 15, the World Youth Day Cross came to Woodbridge. After it arrived at Immaculate Conception Church, it was brought by truck to the new park on the southeast corner of Major Mackenzie and Islington Ave. This park is an historical site commemorating the journey of St. Jean de Brebeuf, possibly through this very area. A statue of St. Jean de Brebeuf and the native, Joseph Chihoatenhwa has been erected here, with the figure pointing toward the direction of the church. The ceremony at Le Parc St. Jean-de-Brebeuf included the blessing of the park by Monsignor Greg and an unveiling of a model of the new statue by the artist Antonio Caruso, one of our own parishioners. A model of the statue has also been donated to the Church of St. Padre

Pio. The climax of the celebration was the arrival of the World Youth Day Cross at the park. The presence of the cross was very significant. The young people carrying the cross were called portageurs – recalling the portages of aboriginal peoples and early Canadian missionaries such as St. Jean de Brebeuf. In memory of the fact that this was a portage area, the whole development has been called "Carrying Place." A sign with this designation is found outside the present Rectory. The World Youth Day cross was then brought to the site of the future St. Padre Pio Church, on the northwest corner of Major Mackenzie and Islington. After the welcoming of the Cross and opening prayer, a special blessing to dedicate the site as 'holy ground' was said. Also, a new sign, indicating that this is the future site of St. Padre Pio Church was unveiled. At the end of the ceremony, hundreds of balloons were released. On Sunday, June 16th, a special Mass was celebrated at St. Andrew School. At the opening of the Mass, the Papal Bull of the Canonization of Padre Pio and the Decree of the Official Establishment of the Parish of St. Padre Pio was read, followed by a Letter of Appointment of Father Greg as the new Pastor. Then the unveiling and blessing of the new statue of St. Padre Pio took place. At the end of Mass, the new relic of St. Padre Pio was presented with a special blessing given. Everyone then congregated outside where 36 doves were released. As we continue to move forward, we ask God's blessings on all the families and members of our Parish of St. Padre Pio.

Prayer for our Parish - *"Blessed are you, Lord God, King of the universe: we praise you for calling us to be your people, and for saving us in Jesus Christ your son. Bless the people of this parish and help us to grow in your love. Let our lives and our worship be pleasing to you. Fill us with your Spirit, and shower us with His gifts so that we may serve all your children. Father, we ask this through Christ our Lord."*

School Masses This Week:

Tues. June 19 @ 10:30 – Closing Mass and Graduation Mass for Pope Francis School at the school

Wed. June 20 @ 10am – Closing Mass and Graduation Mass for St. Stephen School at the church.

Wedding – Next Saturday, June 16, we will be celebrating the wedding of Domenic Pellegrino and Alexandria Piccirilli. 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.

St. Padre Pio Parish Presents: Lyrics and Melodies! Join us on Sunday, June 24th at 7pm for our annual variety show! This show will feature songs and rhythms from a variety of music genres, and will be supported by spoken word, narratives of quotations about music, and personal recounts of what music means. Youth and adults are invited to perform and will be accompanied by a professional live band. For more information, please contact stpadrepio.creativeevents@gmail.com or follow us on Instagram at [stpadrepio.creativeevents](https://www.instagram.com/stpadrepio.creativeevents).

Golf Tournament – On Tuesday, July 17/18 the Parish of St. Padre Pio will be hosting their 15th annual Golf Tournament at Carrying Place Golf & Country Club. The day will be filled with fun and exciting events such as 18 holes of golf and cart, various games, BBQ lunch and a full-course dinner. Registrations for the event starts at 10:30am and costs \$175 per golfer. Shotgun tee off starts at 12:45pm. Lunch will be at 11:30am. Opportunities are available, including lunch, cart refreshment and hole sponsorships. For more information, to sponsor or to register, please see the Golf Committee's table in the narthex or contact stpadrepiogolf@gmail.com.

2018 St. Padre Pio Dinner Dance Save the Date - Please mark your calendars and Save-The-Date for our annual St. Padre Pio Dinner Dance to be held on Saturday, November 3rd at Roma's Hospitality Centre. The theme this year is in honour of All Saints. Tickets will remain at \$75 and will be available at this early bird price until Sept. 22/23, 2018. This year's event is sure to have something for everyone... Great fellowship, great food, raffle and door prizes and a live band for all you dancing queens! Tickets will go on sale in September. Begin organizing your tables now!

Baptism: We offer our congratulations to the parents of the children baptized last weekend:

Peter Jr. Massimo Felice Cortese
Avalyn Mae Creador
Avery Rose Creador
Chloe Michele Garritano
Marissa Rose Gomes
Vincenzo Giuseppe Locurto
Michela Francesca MacDonald
Evelyn Marie Nuqui
Nolan Zucal
Mikayla Lily Zorzi

Living the Gospel by helping isolated seniors
In partnership with Catholic Family Service agencies and six parishes in Peel Region and Simcoe County, ShareLife is funding a pilot project that connects trained volunteers with isolated and lonely seniors. Volunteers cultivate relationships by conducting home visits, making phone calls, and linking seniors with community resources. Through your generosity, ShareLife is connecting these seniors with the support they need. **Please make a sacrificial gift to ShareLife through your parish or sharelife.org.**

Strawberry Fest – The CWL thanks the parish so much for their generous support of our council. We raised just over \$2,200.00 and left over flats were donated to The Passionist Sisters.

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!

Stained Glass Windows – There are now only two large windows available, based on the life of Christ. They are:
Teaching the Multitudes -5 portions available
Feeding the 5,000 – 7 portions available
Each window will be sold in 10 portions at a cost of \$6,500 per portion. The entire window is \$65,000. A plaque will be placed below the window, once your portion has been paid in full. This is a wonderful way to honour those who are still living or to remember those who have died. For more information, please contact the office at 905-893-7879. There are still 2 portions of the Powers and Principalities window available for purchase in the Chapel. Each portion is \$5,000 and can be paid over a five year period.

Sympathy – We offer our deep sympathy to Terri De Cotis and her family on the death of her brother, Gino Pirruccio. May God grant him His eternal peace and joy and send comfort to all who mourn his passing.

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. Please contact Maria at 905-893-7879 ext. 201.