



Sat. Sept. 22

5:00pm + **Martin Callaghan**

Sun. Sept. 23

8:00am + **Gaetano & Francesca Paesano**

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

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

12:00 noon + **Nick Bertucci**

Mon. Sept. 24

7:00pm + **Patricia Petrolo**

### Feast Days This Week

Mon. Sept. 24 – **Bl. Emilie Tavernier–Gamelin**, religious

Tues. Sept. 25 – **Sts. Cosmas & Damian**, martyrs

Wed. Sept. 26 – **St. John de Brebeuf, & St. Isaac Jogues**, priests, and **Companions**, martyrs -Secondary Patrons of Canada

Thurs. Sept. 27 – **St. Vincent de Paul**, priest

Fri. Sept. 28 – **St. Wenceslaus**, martyr,

**St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions**, martyrs

Sat. Sept. 29 – **St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St.**

**Raphael**, archangels

### Feast of St. Padre Pio –Sunday, September 23,

**2018** - Born Francesco Forgione to poor farmers in Pietrelcina, Italy in 1887, St. Padre Pio was marked by God to receive abundantly rich blessings. He took the habit of the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin in 1903 and was ordained a priest in 1910. On Sept. 20, 1918, while praying before the crucifix, Padre Pio received the stigmata, the visible marks of the wounds of Christ's crucifixion. For the next 50 years, these wounds bled daily, reminding him in a most intimate way of the Lord's passion. He died on September 23, 1968. Today marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. At the Mass of canonization in 2002, Pope John Paul II said; "Throughout his life, (Padre Pio) always sought greater conformity with the Crucified, since he was very conscious of having been called to collaborate in a special way in the work of redemption."

Padre Pio devoted himself to a fervent celebration of the sacrament of Reconciliation. It is reported that he would often spend 10 to 12 hours daily hearing confessions. Of course, St. Padre Pio's effectiveness came not from himself but from his intimate union with God, which was nurtured by his long hours spent in prayer. The saint repeatedly counseled; "I am a poor Franciscan who prays." Despite the mystical gifts he received from God and the miracles that frequently surrounded his ministry, Padre Pio was fundamentally one who prayed.

From St. Padre Pio, we should be inspired to meditate on the mystery of Divine Mercy and celebrate regularly the sacrament of reconciliation. Above all, we should recognize our own call to be people who pray.

**Prayer to Honour St. Padre Pio** - *All powerful God, you gave the grace to St. Padre Pio of sharing in the Passion of your Son. Grant us, through his intercession, that we may be conformed to the death of Jesus in order to share in the glory of his resurrection. May we who follow the example of St. Padre Pio honour you by our faithful service and constant charity towards our brothers and sisters. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.*

**Eighth Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church** – Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 marks the 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Solemn Dedication of the Church of St. Padre Pio. It is also the feast day of St. Padre Pio.

**Prayer for the Anniversary of the Dedication of St. Padre Pio Church** - *Father, as we recall the dedication of this church when You filled it with Your glory and holiness, may we give ourselves once more to Your service. Let our worship always be sincere and help us to find Your saving love in the church. Increase the Spiritual Gifts You have given to Your Church, so that Your faithful people may continue to grow into the new and eternal Jerusalem. May we become the temple of Your presence and the home of Your glory. Grant this through Christ our Lord*

**Healing Mass** – As a part of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the death of St. Padre Pio in 1968, we will be having a Healing Mass on Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Prayer Teams will be available after the Mass to pray for people. For those who have a serious illness, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be administered. Also a pair of Relic-Gloves of St. Padre Pio will be available to be venerated as we ask for his special intercession for physical, emotional, and spiritual healing. Please invite anyone who needs healing of any kind to attend this celebration.

**Baptism** – We offer our congratulations to the parents of the children baptized last Sunday:

**Frankie Sicily Blue D'Angelo**  
**Georgie Knox Catherine D'Angelo**  
**Giulia Valentina Gelsomino**  
**Kiera Josephine Hivon**  
**Nicholas Paolo Panetta**

**Victoria Paniccia  
Salina Everleigh Cruz Salerno  
Giovanni Domenico Trambacco  
James Matthew Viggiani**

**The next baptism** class for the parents and Godparents of the children being baptized in October will be Monday, September 24 at 8:00pm.

**First Reconciliation and First Communion** -There will be a very important meeting for the parents (ONLY) of the children who are receiving the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion. This includes parents from St. Andrew, St. Stephen, St. Padre Pio, and Pope Francis Schools and the Public & Private Schools. The meeting will take place on Monday, September 24 at 7:30pm. At this meeting the dates for these sacraments will be presented along with the basic requirements needed for the children to receive these sacraments.

**Confirmation** -There will be a very important meeting for the parents (ONLY) of the students of Grade 7 who are receiving the sacrament of Confirmation. This includes the parents from St. Andrew, St. Stephen, St. Padre Pio, and Pope Francis Schools and the Public and Private Schools. The meeting will take place at the church on Tuesday, September 25th at 7:00pm. At this meeting, the dates for the sacrament will be presented along with the requirements needed for the students receiving Confirmation.

**2018 St. Padre Pio Gala-** Please mark your calendars for our annual St. Padre Pio Dinner Dance to be held on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at Roma's Hospitality Centre. Tickets will go on sale the weekend of Sept. 22/23/18 and are \$100 per adult, \$75 for children 12 and under. Start organizing your tables now for a wonderful evening filled with great entertainment, food and fellowship. For sponsorship opportunities or to donate a prize for the silent auction or raffle please contact: [stpadrepiogala@gmail.com](mailto:stpadrepiogala@gmail.com)

### **Life Chain**

**Could you not watch one hour with me?  
Sunday, Sept. 30**

Life Chain is a peaceful way to stand and pray against abortion and show our support for those who have no voices. There is currently no law against abortion in Canada making it legal through all nine months of pregnancy. There are approximately 100,000 abortion performed in Canada each year. Please join us on Sept. 30th as we pray for our precious pre-born and those who have been wounded by abortion. Parking is available in the church

parking lot. **The time is 2-3pm at the corner of Major Mackenzie Drive and Islington Ave.**

**Prayer Meeting** – will resume on Wed. Oct. 3 at 7:30pm in the Chapel. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy this praise-filled weekend.

**Special Collection** - Next weekend, a special collection will be taken up for the NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA. Each year the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is asked to speak out, give leadership, or provide guidelines for the faithful on a wide variety of topics in our daily lives. In order for our Bishops to be able to make proper judgments on modern topics, they must have the benefit of research and expert advice. Continuing research into the needs of our people needs to be carried on. Research and gathering information require staff, time and money. Finding ways to provide channels to the Bishops from the people of God also requires resources. Through the yearly Bishop's collection for the needs of the Church in Canada, an appeal is made to all Catholics to be generous in supporting the work of their bishops. In addition to contributions, the members of the Church are also asked to pray for the work of the bishops and to participate in and cooperate with the various projects of the CCCB. Envelopes are available at the back.

**Marian Procession** – We are having a procession in honour of the Blessed Virgin on Monday, Oct. 1 after the 7pm Mass. The candlelight procession, led by the Knights of Columbus, will go around the outside of the church and then return inside. Those who are attending the 7:00pm Mass will be invited to follow behind in the procession. This is a wonderful way to publicly express our devotion to the Blessed Virgin in October, the month of the Rosary.

**Thanksgiving** – celebrate Thanksgiving by helping the Vaughan Food Bank in the fight against hunger. Please bring non-perishable food items to Mass. Donations will be accepted up until Monday, Oct. 8.

**Separated, Divorced?** –St. Clare of Assisi Support Group is a ministry dedicated to assisting those who have suffered a loss through separation and divorce. Together we explore our grief, experience healing and renew our faith. Start date is Oct. 2/18 from 7-9pm. For more information or to register, please contact:  
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