



Sat. Nov. 10

5:00pm +**Tecla Tarantino**

Sun. Nov. 11

8:00am +**Pietro, Emelia, Aldo Filice**

9:15am +**Marianna & Domenico Sisi**

10:30am **For the People of the Parish**

12:00 noon + **Cris Ga**

Mon. Nov. 12

7:00pm +**Earl St. Amand**

Tues. Nov. 13

9:00am +**Claudio Martellacci**

Wed. Nov. 14

7:00pm +**Sadie Romanelli, +Anna Comella, +Emil & Anna Vogel, +deceased members of the Mazzucco & Biondi families**

Thurs. Nov. 15

7:00pm +**Luigi & Letizia Cavallo**

Fri. Nov. 16

9:00am +**Antonio Mancini & Serafino Catalo**

Feast Days This Week

Mon. Nov. 12 – **St. Josaphat**, bishop, martyr

Thurs. Nov. 15 – **St. Albert the Great**, bishop, doctor of the Church

Fri. Nov. 16 – **St. Margaret of Scotland, St. Gertrude**, virgin

Sat. Nov. 17 – **St. Elizabeth of Hungary**, religious

Remembrance Day Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018

Canadians pause today in silence to remember those who died in war, and to pray for victims of aggression and inhumanity throughout the world. This is a day to pray for peace, to consider what we are doing as individuals, as a community, and as a nation to bring God's peace to the world. This is a day as a believing community we may rededicate ourselves by prayer and action to the ideals Jesus gives us in the beatitudes.

However, this year marks a special anniversary – the 100th commemoration of the end of World War 1 on Nov. 11, 1918. The signing of the armistice (peace agreement) between the Allies and Germany took place at eleven o'clock in the morning – the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month." The Royal Canadian Legion has organized 'Bells of Peace,' a national bell ringing moment to coincide with sunset in each Canadian time zone to mark November 11th and the centennial of the end of the First World War. In our area, at 4:56pm, on Nov. 11th, bells will ring out from churches, City Halls and Civic Centres. This initiative will take place in many

other countries as well.

"Loving Father, have mercy on your people, and open our hearts to peace and love. Reward all who have died for this country, and grant that Canada and all nations may continue to work for peace and justice. Bless us in your service and help us to follow Jesus Christ, who is our saviour and our Lord for ever and ever."
Amen

Confirmation Candidates – This weekend at all the Masses, the Grade 7 students from our parish will present to the Pastor, a Confirmation Enrolment Promise Certificate. This is a sign of their own personal decision to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. In turn they will receive a wooden cross to wear. During this time, our parish community is asked to support our candidates through prayer and example.

Olive Wood – gifts from the Holy Land, such as Nativity scenes, crosses etc., will be available after all the Masses on the weekend of Nov. 17/18. Please support our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land.

Shepherd's Trust Collection – As parishioners, we reap the benefits of our priests' unselfish service to ourselves and our families for generations. Called by God to serve His people, their work in our homes, churches, schools, hospitals, prisons, and on our streets, has been a labour of love. They deserve our deepest gratitude and our continuing support. The collection for Shepherd's Trust will take place in all parishes for the Archdiocese on Nov. 17/18. Envelopes will be available this weekend. This is an opportunity for all of us to show our appreciation for all they have done for us in our happiest times and our most difficult moments. Their unfailing love, friendship and devotion to God's people must never be forgotten. The Shepherd's Trust does more than just bridge the gap in our clergy's retirement years; it says thank-you from the bottom of our hearts. Your generosity on November 17/18 will be deeply appreciated.

The CWL will have their membership drive on the weekend of Nov. 17/18 with a fundraising pizza sale after the 5pm and 12 noon Masses, and a bake sale after the 8am, 9:15 and 10:30 Masses. The CWL will not be selling poinsettias this year.

Bible Study - A Bible Study program will be given by Msgr. Greg in the chapel, beginning on Saturday, Nov. 17 from 9:30am to 11:00am. We will be continuing our in-depth study of the

Old Testament. If you would like to be a part of the Bible Study, please come out to the opening class in the chapel of St. Padre Pio church.

Canadian Food For Children – The CWL is once again collecting food on behalf of CFFC. Our parish has been instrumental in helping deliver food to some of the poorest nations in the world. The items being collected at this time are:
Rice, canned lentils, canned tuna and sugar.
Please do not bring any other food items as they cannot be used at this time.

The collection will continue until November 17/18. Thank you for your continued support of our poorest brothers and sisters.

Christmas Panettone Sale – The Knights of Columbus will be selling Panettone in the Narthex after all Masses from Nov. 10 to Dec. 9. Proceeds from events held by the Knights go to projects happening in our very own community.

St. Padre Pio Parish Annual Christmas Drive - Can you believe that Christmas is just around the corner? We are launching our annual Christmas drive to come together as a community in faith to help those in need. Our Angel Tree will be on display in the Narthex after every mass beginning the weekend of November 10 and 11. The tree will have angel ornaments which correspond to items of need for registered members of Family Services of York Region (FSYR) and Catholic Community Services of York Region (CCSYR). Family numbers, ages, clothing sizes, and other necessary information will be listed on the angel ornaments. To donate new items to the drive, please select an angel ornament from the Angel Tree, purchase the gift, and **return the angel ornament visibly attached to the unwrapped gift.** As this holiday season approaches, let's work together as a community of faith to help those in need by keeping Christ in Christmas!

Carol Concert – Our Parish is preparing for its Annual Carol Concert to be held on Sunday, Dec. 2 at 7pm. All choirs will participate to begin the festive season at St. Padre Pio.

Book of Life – A Book of Life containing all the names of our deceased relatives and friends is near the altar. While the Book of Life is out, you are invited to write the names of your loved one(s) who have passed away and their names will be remembered at Mass. If you have previously entered their names, there is no need to do so again.

Offertory Envelopes for 2019 will be ready for pickup in the Narthex shortly. Envelopes are sorted by envelope number. If you don't know or remember your envelope number, there are lists available by the envelope boxes. The lists are in alphabetical order with your envelope number beside your name. The envelopes will be left out only for a short time. Please pick them up as soon as possible. If you are new to the parish and would like to start using envelopes, please ask one of the ushers to get you a new box.

Baptism will be celebrated next Sunday, Nov. 18 at 1:15pm and family and friends should be here by 1pm.

Celebrating Advent and Christmas – Few times are more sacred for a family or household than Christmas. Along with the Advent season, Christmas time is rich in traditions, which despite modern commercial exploitation still stir our hearts and imagination. The Christmas tree, the manger scene, the music and carols, the lights shining in the winter darkness, joyfully proclaim the birth of Jesus Christ and call us to come and adore him. Christmas and Advent customs appear everywhere today. True symbols that they are, the living traditions of the season bring peoples and families together and connect us with our ancient faith. And they respond surprisingly to modern needs as well. The Christmas and Advent seasons uphold so many precious realities presently endangered: birth, children, family and the earth itself. In celebrating Christmas and Advent then, keep their message for today in mind. In a world where nature and our environment are threatened, let us make our Christmas tree and manger scene reminders of the beauty and sacredness of nature. How closely at this coming did Jesus bind himself to the animals of the field, as well as to the earth and open sky! Remembering the poor shepherds and the circumstances of the forgotten poor of our world. Let the child and Joseph and Mary teach us the dignity and importance of children and families in a society so neglectful of them. The Christmas and Advent customs come from peoples throughout the world. Let them remind us of the unity of all people under God. May the celebration of Advent and Christmas in our parish bring you and your family closer to the mystery you celebrate – the birth of Jesus into the world and our heart.

Sympathy – We offer our deep sympathy to Rita Badovinac and her family on the death of her mother, Maria Casaletti. May God grant her His eternal peace and joy and send comfort to all who mourn her passing.