



Sat. Nov. 17

5:00pm +**Maria Mazzoli-Spadafora**

Sun. Nov. 18

8:00am +**Maria Vomiero**

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

10:30am +**Ernesto Mollicone**

12:00 noon + **Vincenzo & Maria Viggiani**

Mon. Nov. 19

7:00pm +**Ebby O’Hanlon**

Tues. Nov. 20

9:00am +**Deceased members of the DeLuca family**

Wed. Nov. 21

7:00pm +**Sandra Romanelli, +Teresa &**

**Girolamo Delle Donne, +Giuseppe &**

**Leonardo Calce, +Maria Masucci, +Alfred Costar, +Modesto Galang**

Thurs. Nov. 22

7:00pm +**Antonio, Isabella & Patricia Virgilio**

**& deceased members of the Romanelli**

**family, +Erminia & Vincenzo Nardi**

Fri. Nov. 23

9:00am +**Cristina & Remigio D’Antonio**

### Feast Days This Week

Wed. Nov. 21 – **The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Thurs. Nov. 22 – **St. Cecilia**, virgin, martyr

Fri. Nov. 23 – **St. Clement**, pope, martyr,

**St. Columban**, abbot

Sat. Nov. 24 – **St. Andrew Dung-Lac**, priest, & **Companions**, martyrs

**Shepherd’s Trust Collection** – will be taken up today. The mission of the Shepherd’s Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support for this important work.

**Parent Meeting for First Reconciliation and First Communion** – There will be a meeting for the parents of the children who will be receiving First Reconciliation and First Communion this coming year. The meeting will take place at the church this Monday evening at 7:30pm. It is very important that all parents attend! Also, the

meeting is for parents only – children should not attend.

**Mass of Comfort and Light** – The Catholic Family Services of Toronto Foundation and the New Beginnings Ministry at St. Padre Pio Church invite you to attend a Mass of Comfort and Light on Wednesday, November 21 at 7:00pm at St. Padre Pio Church. The time before Christmas can be very difficult for those among us who may be struggling with the loss of a loved one or from a recent divorce or separation. Our invitation is to gather into the warmth and Light of Christ, finding support and courage in Him, the One who loves us. The Mass of Comfort & Light is a celebration of Faith, Hope and Love.

**Olive Wood** – gifts from the Holy Land, such as Nativity scenes, crosses etc., will be available after all the Masses this weekend. Please support our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land.

**The CWL** will have their membership drive this weekend, 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.

**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 until Dec. 8/9. 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!

**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.

**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 ends this weekend. Thank you for your continued support of our poorest brothers and sisters.

**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.

**Knights of Columbus** will have the Installation Ceremony of their new executive at the end of the 12 noon Mass next Sunday.

**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.

**Advent begins in 2 weeks!**

### Preparing for Advent

Advent has two themes: it prepares us for Christmas; when we recall Jesus' first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to His Second Coming at the end of the world. Advent is a season of joyful expectation. During advent, each Sunday's Gospel has a specific theme. The Old Testament readings, especially those from Isaiah, are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times. The selections from the writings of the apostles present exhortations and instruction on different themes this season.

**The Advent Wreath** - The Advent wreath is circular in shape with four candles. Three of the candles are

purple to represent penance and longing; they are lit during the first, second and fourth weeks. One of the candles is rose coloured to symbolize joy; it is lit during the third week in glad anticipation of the birth of Jesus. Evergreens, a symbol of eternal life, and purple ribbons symbolic of penance are added in preparation for the Lord's coming.

**Healing Mass** – Our next Healing Mass will take place on Wednesday, December 12 at 7pm, in honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas.

**Longo's Gift Cards Christmas Drive**– the Parish Office will be taking orders for our annual Longo Card Christmas Drive. Cards are available in any denomination. Just drop off your cheque to a committee member and pick up your cards the following weekend. Please consider giving Longo cards to charities, friends, family, clients or employees this Christmas. Your gift will also support our Mortgage Fund. Please call the Parish Office at 905-893-7879 to place your order.

**Stained Glass Windows** - There are now only two large windows available, based on the life of Christ. They are:

**Teaching the Multitudes** -1 portion available  
**Feeding the 5,000** – 4 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.

### Items for Completion of the Church

Narthex: Acoustical Ceiling Panels  
Back Sacristy: Upper Storage Room with stairs  
Basement: Meeting Rooms and Kitchenette  
Washrooms  
Hall and Stage  
Kitchen  
Storage  
Outside: Outdoor amphitheatre at rear of church  
Top coat for paving  
Two wells at sides of church – rocks  
Landscaping (trees, shrubs, plants, flowers)

If you or someone you know would like to assist in any way with these projects, please contact the Parish Office at 905-893- 7879.