



Sat. Dec. 29

5:00pm +**Letizia Gullo**

Sun. Dec. 30

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

10:30am +**Aldo Pugiotto**

12:00 noon +**Michele & Felicia Galati**

Mon. Dec. 31

5:00pm +**deceased members of the Riddell family**

Tues. Jan. 1

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

12:00 noon + **Antonio & Rosaria Congiusti**

Wed. Jan. 2 +**Juana Naya Ramos**

Thurs. Jan. 3

7:00pm +**Francesco Venio**

Fri. Jan. 4

7:00pm +**In Thanksgiving**

Feast Days This Week

Mon. Dec. 31 – **St. Sylvester I**, pope

Tues. Jan. 1 – **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

Wed. Jan. 2 – **St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen**, bishops, doctors of the Church

Thurs. Jan. 3 – **The Most Holy Name of Jesus**, martyrs

Fri. Jan. 4 – **St. Elizabeth Seton**, religious

A Blessing for Families

*Blessed are you, eternal God,
King of the Universe;*

You have called us in Jesus to be your beloved people,

Living pure and blameless lives in your sight.

Bless our family who ask for your grace.

Let your Spirit guide our words and deeds,

So that our light may shine before all and lead all who know us to give you praise.

*May our home be filled with the Spirit of love,
With obedience and faith and the strength of hope.*

Father all-holy, we praise your name, and ask this blessing through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Masses for New Years

New Year's Day is also a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. It is a serious sin to miss Mass either on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation. Masses for New Year's will be celebrated:

Mon. Dec. 31 at 5:00pm

Tues. Jan. 1 at 8 am (Italian), 9:15am, 10:30am and 12 noon.

January 1st – has a triple celebration. It is the feast of Mary, the Mother of God. It is the first day of the New Year. This is a time when we review the past year in both repentance and thanksgiving. We look forward in faith to beginning a new year in the service of God, the Church and the world; and we pray for peace in the world.

New Year's Day

Blessed are you, Lord God, maker and ruler of the universe; you have brought us to the beginning of another year in service.

Remember your love for us in Jesus Christ, and help us to live for your honour and glory for the salvation of all. Jesus Christ, hear our prayer, for you are Lord forever.

World Day of Peace

Lord Jesus, prince of Peace, bring peace into the world. You died to save us all; raise us to new life with you, and help us to be peacemakers. Lord Jesus Christ, hear our prayer, for you are Lord forever.

Prayer at the end of the year.

All praise and glory are yours, Father of heaven and earth, Lord of all ages; you brought us to the end of another year in the service. We praise you for the gifts you have given us and for the ways we have been left to use them for your people and for your world. Forgive us Father, for our failures this year; for neglecting your word; for failing to listen to your Spirit, for refusing to love you in others. As we begin a new year in your service, let your Son be our leader and Your Spirit be our guide, your word a lamp for our feet and strength to our hearts. Help us to work for your honour and glory and for the salvation of all your people. Praise and honour and glory are yours, father through your Son, our Lord and brother, in the love and unity of your Holy Spirit, now and evermore. Amen.

First Friday – Friday is the first Friday of the month. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am and 7:00pm. Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place after the 9am Mass.

Mortgage Fund Collection – will be taken up at all Masses next weekend.

Children's Liturgy - The Children's Liturgy Program will resume on Jan. 12/13/19.

Prayer Meeting - The Prayer Meeting will begin again on Wednesday, January 16 at 7:30 in the Chapel. Please feel free to join in an evening of praise and worship.

Bible Study - The Bible Study will resume on Saturday, January 19th at 9:30am in the Chapel.

Offertory Envelopes for 2019 are ready for pickup in the Vestibule. 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. 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.

Winter – Please note that we have been notified by Landscape Ontario that there will be a shortage of salt this coming winter. We will do our best to keep the snow and ice away from all steps and walkways. Please be careful when walking on the property and be safe!

Stained Glass Windows – Only 4 portions left!

Feeding the 5,000 – 4 portions available

The window will be sold in 10 portions at a cost of \$6,500 per portion. 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.

Longo Gift Cards – Longo gift cards are available. You can purchase the cards from the parish store in denominations of \$100, \$50, \$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

Baptism – Our next Baptism preparation class will be held on Monday, January 7th at 7:30pm in the Chapel for the parents and Godparents of the children being baptized in January.

Nativity Scenes -St. Padre Pio Parish presents its Eighth Annual Display of Nativity Scenes, entitled 'Joy to the World'. This is an entirely new display from previous years, representing many different countries and cultures, artistic styles and materials. All of them present the different ways that artists have interpreted the birth of Jesus through the ages. Jesus was born for all people, so his birth is depicted reflecting the different artistic styles found in many cultures. The display, in the cabinets at the side entrance of the church, will continue until Sunday, January 13, 2019, the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, and the end of the Christmas season.

Development Office – If you have appreciated publicly traded securities that you don't want to pay capital gains tax on, consider using them to make your offertory gift for 2018. The Development Office of the Archdiocese of Toronto can assist you on this. You can also use securities to consolidate all of your other Church giving. If you make an annual gift to ShareLife, for example, we will arrange to have your parish credited with your gift.

To learn more or to ask for a donation form, please call the Development Office at 416-934-3411 or visit

www.archtoronto.org/development/ to download the form.

Best Wishes for the coming year! Deacon Gary, Deacon Curtis and I would like to take this opportunity to extend our very best wishes to everyone for a very Happy New Year! Also, thank you so much for the kind Christmas greetings that we received over the holidays!

Sympathy – We offer our deep sympathy to Letizia Bianchini and her family on the death of her husband, Vito Bianchini and to Maria de Sousa on the death of her father, Manuel de Sousa. May God grant them His eternal peace and joy and send comfort to all who mourn their passing.