



Mass Intentions

Sat. Feb. 16
 5:00pm +**Manuel De Sousa**
 Sun. Feb. 17
 8:00am + **Giovanni & Teresa Zuccaro**
 9:15am **For the People of the Parish**
 10:30am +**Maria Vomiero**
 12:00 noon +**Angelo Tarantino**
 Wed. Feb. 20
 7:00pm +**Marie-Andrée Vergis, Lisa Faiella**
 Thurs. Feb. 21
 7:00pm +**Filomena Cestra, +Giulia Sciaccia, +Pietro Cestra**
 Fri. Feb. 22
 9:00am +**Marie-Andrée Vergis**

Feast Days This Week

Thurs. Feb. 21 – **St. Peter Damian**, bishop, doctor of the Church
 Fri. Feb. 22 – **Chair of St. Peter**, apostle
 Sat. Feb. 23 – **St. Polycarp**, bishop, martyr

Family Day

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 18, 2019 for Family Day. As well, there will not be an evening Mass. However, there will be a morning Mass at 10:00am.

Prayer for Families

We bless your name, O Lord,
 For sending your own incarnate Son,
 To become part of a family,
 So that, as he lived its life,
 He would experience its worries and its joys.
 We ask you, Lord,
 To protect and watch over this family,
 So that in the strength of your grace
 Its members may enjoy prosperity,
 Possess the priceless gift of your peace,
 And, as the Church alive in the home, bear
 witness in this world to your glory.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Baptism

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

Francesco Bruno Barletta
Jaelen Zale Hillary
Julia Guiseppina McKay
Evangelia Susan Nocera
Matteo Vince Petrasso

Family Skate

Knights of Columbus invite everyone to St. Padre Pio Parish Family Day skate on Mon. Feb. 18, from 5-6pm. Join other families from our parish for FREE skating at Al Palladini. Please bring a non-perishable food item in support of the Vaughan Food Bank. See you there!

Lent Begins March 6 in 2 ½ weeks!

How am I going to observe Lent this year? How am I going to make this a time for penance and repentance, for almsgiving, prayer and fasting? what attitudes that are not pleasing to God do I need to change?

Lent is a time when Jesus wants to renew all the members of God’s family and prepare others to be baptized into the Church. Two words describe the Lenten season clearly: Baptismal and Penitential.

Baptismal: Lent is centered on baptism. For us who have been baptized into Christ, it is a time for renewing our baptismal covenant. We are to continue to die with Christ to sin and live with him for God. This renewal – which is an ongoing, lifelong task, is a time of final preparation.

Penitential: Lent is also a period of repenting and doing penance. It is a time when Jesus calls us to be serious in living out our baptismal promises. We are called to root out sin from our lives, to turn back to the ways of Jesus Christ. We are invited to fast and do penance as part of our daily carrying of the cross. We are also encouraged to build up God’s Kingdom by placing God’s will at the centre of our lives.

Tax Receipts

Tax receipts will be available for pick up this weekend. Tax receipts are sorted alphabetically by last name. Receipts are issued for donations over \$50.00. Family of Faith tax receipts will be sent to you from the Family of Faith office.

Offertory Envelopes for 2019

Envelopes are 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. This will be the last weekend that they will be out.

Envelopes

Please destroy any envelopes you may have from previous years. Since donations are posted from envelope number, this will ensure that you receive proper credit from your current envelope number for your income tax receipt.

Pastoral Visitors

Pastoral Visitors are available to bring the Eucharist to those unable to attend Mass due to illness. If you know of someone in the Parish in need of this ministry, please call the office at 905-893-7879.

Website Prayer Line

Our parish receives on average 10 prayer requests per day from people all over the world who are in need of urgent prayer. These prayer requests are given to our parishioners who volunteer to pray for these requests. If you are interested in becoming a part of this valuable parish ministry, please contact Anna Catallo through the parish office at 905-893-7879 or info@stpp.church to leave your name. If you have an urgent prayer request, you can contact the office at info@stpp.church and leave your information.

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.

Pre-Authorized Giving – (PAG)

Parishioners are encouraged to sign up for Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG). It is a convenient, easy and automatic way to support your parish. Donations can be made to your weekly offering and/or the mortgage fund. All donations are tax deductible and can be stopped at any time. Donations will be withdrawn from your account on the 20th of every month. This allows the parish to meet its monthly obligations such as hydro, heat, payroll etc. Thanks to all of our parishioners who give so generously.

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 at 905-893-7879 ext. 201

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.

27th Annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally

Saturday, March 2, 2019 9am to 5:30pm

Metro Toronto Convention Centre – North Building
255 Front Street West

“Hope in the Midst of Suffering”

“we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character and character, hope.”
Romans 5:3-4.

Mass with Cardinal Collins. Guest speaker Fr. Mark Goring. Rally emcees are Peter Herbeck and Pete Burak. Powerful talks from the Renewal Ministries Team – Ralph Martin and Sr. Ann Shields, SGL Adults \$25.00

Visit: www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca or call 647-243-9441.

Simultaneous Youth Rally (ages 13-18)

Tickets \$15

Storms – “He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.” Psalm 107:29

Featured speakers Pete Burak, Rachel Herbeck, David Patterson. Special Guest musical artist – Connor Flanagan. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Mark Goring.

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