



Sat. Mar. 7
 5:00 pm **For the People of the Parish**
 Sun. Mar. 8
 8:00 am **+Tony DiZio**
 9:15 am **+Primo & Franco Di Renzo**
 10:30 am **+Maria & Vincenzo Viggiani**
 12:00 noon **+Roman & Charlotte Pazder**
 Mon. Mar 9
 7:00 pm **+Benedetto & Giovanna Scricca & Patty Loschiavo**
 Tues. Mar. 10
 9:00 am **+Vito Malfara**
 Wed. Mar. 11
 7:00 pm **Intentions of Anna D'Agostini**
Intentions of Kevin & Kenn Ramos
+Natalino Masucci
+Janet Bonett
Holy Souls in Purgatory
 Fri. Mar. 13
 9:00 am **+Natalino Masucci**

Feast Days This Week

Mon. Mar. 9 – **St. Frances of Rome**, religious

The CWL will hold their General Meeting on Monday, March 9th, at 7:30pm in the Narthex. Memberships for 2020 will be accepted at that time. All women aged 16 and older are invited and encouraged to attend.

Stations of the Cross – will be celebrated this coming Friday evening at 7pm in the church.

Wedding – Next Saturday, March 14, we will be celebrating the wedding of **Ian Iatzko and Sarah Defilippis**. We offer them our best wishes and ask God to bless them and grant them happiness, peace, and joy and strength in trials, all the days of their lives together.

Baptisms – will be celebrated next weekend, March 15th at 1:15pm and family and friends should be here by 1pm.

Knights of Columbus – will begin selling Easter Colomba and Lindt Chocolates and chocolate Easter eggs in the Narthex after all Masses beginning next weekend up to and including Palm Sunday. Profits in the past have contributed in supporting parish projects and initiatives. Please support the Knights.

ShareLife: It's who we are!

Catholic agencies have been serving those among us who are poor, sick and marginalized since the founding of our diocese 178 years ago – it's who we are as Catholics in the Archdiocese of Toronto! We continue that legacy through ShareLife, which funds over 40 agencies that provide unconditional care, regardless of religious affiliation.

March 29 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

Canadian Food for Children - The CWL is hosting a food drive for Canadian Food for Children. It ends this weekend. The food items requested by CFFC are: Rice, Sugar, Vegetable Oil, Salt, and Canned Beans. We thank all parishioners who contributed in the past and hope that you continue to support this mission to help feed our brothers and sisters in need. In addition to the food items, we will be collecting eye glasses. If you have any used eye glasses that you have no use for, please bring them to the church. We will have a collection box available throughout the food drive and throughout the year. Let's help our brothers and sisters to see and put a smile on their faces.

The CALLED BY NAME vocations program allows each of us to nominate those in our parish whom we feel may have a call to the priesthood, religious life, or consecrated single life. Nominations are kept strictly confidential and are based on the character qualities described in the nomination form. Nominees must be between the ages of 17-45. Please return your nomination forms located in the narthex, either to the Parish office, or drop them in the special box in the narthex. *CALLED BY NAME* culminates in a final gathering event for nominees with Cardinal Collins. The program ends this weekend.

Fasting and Feasting

Lent is more than a time of fasting; it can also be a joyous season of feasting. Lent is a time to fast from certain things, and to feast on others.

Fast from judging others. **Feast** on the Christ dwelling in them.

Fast from the emphasis on differences. **Feast** on the unity of life.

Fast from apparent darkness. **Feast** on the reality of light.

Fast from thoughts of illness. **Feast** on the healing power of God.

Fast from words that pollute. **Feast** on words that purify.

Fast from discontent. **Feast** on gratitude.

Fast from anger. **Feast** on patience.

Fast from pessimism. **Feast** on optimism.

Fast from worry. **Feast** on Divine Providence.

Fast from complaining. **Feast** on appreciation.

Fast from negatives. **Feast** on affirmatives.

Fast from unrelenting pleasures. **Feast** on unceasing prayer.

Fast from hostility. **Feast** on peace.

Fast from bitterness. **Feast** on forgiveness.

Fast from self-concern. **Feast** on compassion for others.

Fast from personal anxiety. **Feast** on trust.

Fast from discouragement. **Feast** on hope.

Fast from acts that tear down. **Feast** on acts which build up.

Fast from thoughts that weaken. **Feast** on promises that inspire.

Fast from idle gossip. **Feast** on purposeful silence.

Fast from problems which overwhelm. **Feast** on prayer that undergirds.

Gift of Hope – The Gift of Hope Ministry was established as an extension of the St. Padre Pio Christmas Drive designed to help families in need throughout the year. In March, we will be helping a senior who lives by herself and is facing financial distress. Grocery gift cards, cleaning supplies and kitchen essentials have been requested. Please see the full list of requests posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. If you can help, please take a tag for one of the listed items of need and return the purchased item by March 31st. Thank you for uniting as a Catholic Community to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters in Christ.

The Indoor Stations of the Cross, "Jesus Falls the Third Time" is available. There is one portion left at a cost of \$5,600.00. This is a wonderful way to honour those who are still living or to remember those who have died. For more information, please call 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.

Income Tax Receipts –2019 tax receipts are available in the office for pick up during office hours.

Children's Liturgy – Will not be held on the weekends of March 14/15 and March 21/22 because of the March break. It will resume of March 28/29.

Rosary Group – we invite all parishioners to come together as a group to recite the Holy Rosary every Friday in the chapel after the 9:00am Mass.

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

Items for Completion of the Church

Narthex: Acoustical Ceiling Panels and Electrical Room to be completed

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 -are available for purchase in the gift store. They are available in denominations of \$25, \$50, \$100 and \$500. Longo's supports our parish by donating a percentage of the cards purchased to our mortgage fund. If you shop at Longo's why not purchase a gift card from the store and in doing so, help your parish. If you require large purchases for your company event etc., please call Maria in the Parish Office at 905-893-7879.