

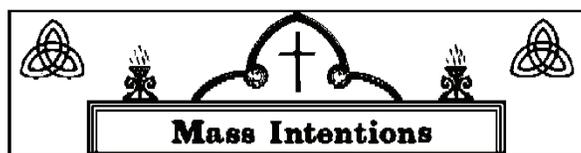
# The Parish Community of St. Padre Pio

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## PARISH TEAM:

Monsignor Gregory Ace, C.H.H. - Pastor  
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Deacon Curtis Boone - Deacon Assistant





Sat. Apr. 3  
 7:30pm **For the People of the Parish**  
 Sun. Apr. 4  
 10:30am + **Vincenzo & Angela Campobasso**  
 12:00 noon + **Samir Asal**  
 Mon. Apr. 5  
 7:00pm + **Maria da Gloria Fanha de Jesus**  
 Tues. Apr. 6  
 9:00am + **Patricia St. Amand**  
 Wed. Apr. 7  
 7:00pm + **Angelo Peragine, +Cliff Mayo & Marie  
 André Vergis**  
 Thurs. Apr. 8  
 7:00pm + **Deceased members of the Virgilio &  
 Romanelli families**  
 Fri. Apr. 9  
 7:00pm **In Thanksgiving to St. Padre Pio**

**Easter Sunday:** is the greatest day of the Christian year. We praise God for all of his wonderful works of creation and salvation, but especially for raising Jesus from the dead, and declaring him Lord. Jesus is the Saviour, the centre of world history. We rejoice today with all Christians for our heavenly Father has made us sharers in the grace of his Son. By baptism we die with him, are buried with him in death, and are raised with him. We share in his victory and his life.

**Easter Week:** We continue our rejoicing over the resurrection of Our Lord and his victory over sin and death. The daily Gospel readings this week describe the different occasions on which the Risen Jesus appeared to his followers.

**Easter Season:** Fifty days of Easter joy will bring us to Pentecost; then God's gift of life will be complete in the Holy Spirit.

**RCIA** – At the Easter Vigil, our catechumens,

**Faranak Ali**  
**Ann Castro**  
**Brian Chen**  
**Xiang (Sean) Ji**  
**Jiujiu Liu**  
**Qi Lu**  
**Liu Ping**  
**Inna Proskurovsky**  
**Livier Tapia**  
**Lina Yuan**  
**Congying (Joyce) Zhu**

were baptized and also received their First Communion and the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**Jon Irwin**  
**Steve Nephew**

Were received into the Catholic Church and also received their First Communion and the Sacrament of Confirmation.

We welcome all of them as members of our Parish Community.

### **ShareLife: Supporting mental health in our community**

Our parish's ShareLife Campaign is now underway. ShareLife Sunday is April 18th. In this time of Lent, please reflect on the great needs of our brothers and sisters who are helped through your generous support of ShareLife. Last year, generous ShareLife supporters enabled 21,000 people to receive affordable mental health care through family service agencies across the Archdiocese of Toronto, including our community. *Our parish goal for this year's campaign is \$85,400. Please give generously.*

**Thank you for supporting ShareLife!**

**Confirmation:** (for those who missed in 2020) Confirmation Masses will take place this week as follows:

Tues. Apr. 6 – Public & Private Schools at 6pm  
 Wed. Apr. 7 – Public & Private Schools at 6pm  
 Fri. Apr. 9 – Pope Francis School at 6pm

Because of the limited capacity during the pandemic, only a small number of students at a time may take part in the Mass. This would also include 9 guests for each student, including sponsor and parents. The Mass will be very simple – no singing (as per the Archdiocese), no lectors, no offertory procession, no robes, and no group photos (as per the Archdiocese). Everyone including the students should be wearing masks for the entire celebration. This is a very difficult time and we are trying to do our best to serve the needs of our students and their families.

**Weekday Masses** – On Wednesday evening of this week, and on Monday and Wednesday evenings of the next two weeks, there will be Confirmation Masses at 6pm. The 7pm Masses will continue as usual. However, because there will not be time to sanitize the pews after the Confirmations, parishioners are asked to use the side pews for the Parish Mass.

**Divine Mercy Celebration** – Since the Divine Mercy may not be sung because of the pandemic, and the Divine Mercy booklets may not be given out and returned, again because of the pandemic, there will NOT be a Divine Mercy Celebration this year.

**Stations of the Resurrection** – For the same reasons given above, there will not be the celebration of the Stations of the Resurrection this year.

### **Easter Symbols and Customs**

Easter Tree – An Easter tradition of European origin, the Easter tree symbolized the joyous season of rebirth. European children celebrated Easter by parading with pussywillows and birch branches laden with catkins. Originally, Easter trees were spring-blooming branches, brought indoors and placed in a vase of warm water. The warm temperatures and warm water 'forced' spring blossoms. Breaking of the buds symbolized the renewal of life and was a symbol of the Resurrection. Easter trees, in contemporary times, can be a natural branch, a living tree, peg rack trees, artificial trees such as the forsythia, or small replicas which beautifully display a selection of hanging eggs and other ornaments.

Easter Candle – At the Easter Vigil, a large candle, which represents the Risen Christ, is blessed. The Gospel tells us that Jesus is the Light of the World. The flame of the candle is a reminder of this and it is a symbol of Jesus showing himself to His disciples during the forty days after His Resurrection. From Easter to Pentecost the candle has a special place of honour in the sanctuary standing either near the altar or near the lectern. After the Easter season it is placed near the Baptismal font and is also used in the celebration of funerals. Many families use a small white Easter candle at home that is lit during the family meals all through the Easter season.

Easter Lamb – The Easter lamb, representing Christ, with the banner of victory, is one of the most significant symbols of the Easter season. It may be seen in pictures and on cards. The liturgical use of the Pascal lamb as a symbol of Jesus inspired the faithful of medieval times to eat lamb on Easter Sunday. In modern times the custom developed of having an image of the Easter lamb made of pastry or sugar as the centrepiece of the table during the Easter meal. Today many bakeries make these Easter lambs.

**Tax Receipts** have been mailed from the Archdiocese this year, due to the pandemic.

**Offertory Envelopes for 2021** are available for pick up in the Narthex. Envelopes are sorted alphabetically. Please do not touch all the boxes and please sanitize your hands after picking up our box. PLEASE DO NOT REARRANGE THE BOXES.

### **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. This allows the parish to meet its monthly obligations, such as hydro, heat, payroll etc. All donations are tax deductible and can be stopped at any time. Donations can be directed to your weekly or building fund offering or both and will be deducted from your bank account on the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. Thanks to all our parishioners who give so generously.

**Parish Donations** - you can now make your weekly envelope donation on the church website at [www.stpp.church/home.html](http://www.stpp.church/home.html) by using the *Parish Donations* blue donor box. Please indicate your envelope number on the form. A receipt will automatically be e-mailed back to you. Thank you for your generosity.

**Parish Office** will not be open to the public at this time. However, the telephones are answered daily if you require assistance with booking Mass intentions etc. Please call 905-893-7879.

**A Reminder** that the 10:30am Mass on Sunday is available to watch on our website: [www.stpp.church](http://www.stpp.church). One half hour after Mass is over; it will be available for playback for one week.

### **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.

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