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May the Blessings of this Holy Season be with you Always.

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD



Sun. January 1

10:30 am – For the People of the Parish 12:00 pm – +Bill and +Dianne Antonini Wed. January 3

7:00 pm - For the Intentions of the Parish Prayer Line

Fri. January 6

7:00pm - +Candida & +Albino George

Feast Days This Week

Sun. Jan. 1 – The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Mon. Jan. 2 – St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen

Reminder that Mon. January 2 the Office will be closed and will be back to regular office hours on Tues. January 3.

Mon. January 2, 2023 Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am.

Please note there will be no evening Mass.

Parish Registration – The office is continuously working on updating the parishioner database. If you/family are not registered and would like to be registered with St. Padre Pio Parish, please see one of the Ushers following Mass and they will provide you with a Parishioner Registration Form. Weekly Offertory Envelopes are available for parishioners who wish to use them and who wish to receive a tax receipt at the end of the year.

Offertory Envelopes for 2023 are available for pick up in the Narthex beside the office. Envelopes are sorted numerically. 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.

PLEASE DO NOT REARRANGE THE BOXES Thank you for your generosity.

Missals for 2023 –are available for purchase in the Narthex for \$7.

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 20th of the month. Thanks to all our parishioners who give so generously.

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 the strength of hope.

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

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Help us start a conference (branch) of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Padre Pio Parish!

St. Vincent de Paul helps so many marginalized people, including the poor, elderly shut-ins, those with addiction and people in our community who have no where to turn. This is YOUR opportunity to answer Christ's call to serve your neighbours in need and respond to the less fortunate Please join our information meeting on

Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 7:30 PM at St. Padre Pio church

For more information, please contact Margaret Tersigni at

stpadrepio.stvincentdepaul@gmail.com

Nativity Scenes –, St. Padre Pio presents its Annual Display of Nativity Scenes, entitled 'Joy to the World. You will find displays, 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 Sun. Jan. 8, 2023 the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, and the end of the Christmas season.

Prayer Group - Our parish will resume weekly prayer meetings every Wednesday following the 7:00pm Mass beginning Wed. January 18, 2023. All are welcome to join us.

Procedures for Marriage Arrangements

Couples planning to be married must contact the priest at least one year in advance. This is an Archdiocesan law and applies to all parishes. At least one party must be a registered member of the parish. If either party has previously gone through any form of civil or religious marriage with another person, the priest is not permitted to set a date for the wedding until the Archbishop's office has been consulted. Once a date has been set with the church, then the other arrangements, such as the rental of a hall etc., can be made. In preparation for the marriage, the Catholic party should be attending Sunday Mass each week. The couple will also receive personal preparation for entering marriage through a Marriage Preparation program. Finally, the couple should remember that they are preparing mainly for a marriage, not a wedding. A wedding lasts one day, but marriage lasts forever!

Christmas Angel Drive - The committee would like to extend tremendous appreciation to all those who gave so generously to the Christmas Angel Drive. A total of \$24,795 was raised in gift cards and monetary donations. This exceeded our target goal of giving a minimum of \$500 per family! We were initially below our target but parishioners donated so generously especially on the last weekend of the drive. Your generosity goes a long way to help the many families in York region who are struggling by giving them a means to purchase the basic necessities of food and clothing. Family Services of York Region and Catholic Community Services of York Region delivered your donations in time for Christmas. The families were forever emotionally impacted by the generosity of this parish. Thank you, also, to those who gave their time to help make this drive such a success. THANK YOU all for coming together as a community of faith to bring hope and share your blessings during this Christmas season!

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."

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

Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Fr. George Parayil

Fr. George will be away on vacation for 2 weeks in India, from January 2 – 18, celebrating his nieces wedding. Please keep Fr. George and his family in your Prayers.





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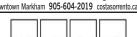
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