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Sat. Nov. 7
 5:00 pm **For the People of the Parish**
 Sun. Nov. 8
 9:15 am +**Domenico & Marianna Sisi**
 10:30am +**Earl St. Amand**
 12:00 noon +**Chris Ga**
 Mon. Nov. 9
 7:00pm +**Anna Comella**
 Tues. Nov. 10
 9:00am +**Luciano de Luca**
 Wed. Nov. 11
 7:00pm +**Emil & Anna Vogel, +Tecla Tarantino, +Marie-André Vergis, +Joao Rolo, Souls in Purgatory**
 Fri. Nov. 13
 9:00am +**Sadie Romanelli**

Feast Days This Week

Mon. Nov.9 – **The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**
 Tues. Nov. 10 – **St. Leo the Great**, pope, doctor of the Church
 Wed. Nov. 11 – **St. Martin of Tours**, bishop Remembrance Day
 Thurs. Nov. 12 – **St. Josaphat**, bishop, martyr

Remembrance Day – Wednesday, Nov. 11
 Canadians pause today in silence to remember those who died in war, and to pray for victims of aggression and inhumanity throughout the world. This is a day to pray for peace, to consider what we are doing as individuals, as a community, and as a nation to bring God's peace to the world. This is a day as a believing community we may rededicate ourselves by prayer and action to the ideals Jesus gave us in the beatitudes.
"Loving Father, have mercy on your people, and open our hearts to peace and love. Reward all who have died for this country, and grant that Canada and all nations may continue to work for peace and justice. Bless us in your service and help us to follow Jesus Christ, who is our savior and our Lord for ever and ever." Amen

Shepherd's Trust Collection – As parishioners, we reap the benefits of our priests' unselfish service to ourselves and our families for generations. Called by God to serve His people, their work in our homes, churches, schools, hospitals, prisons, and on our streets, has been a labour of love. They deserve our deepest gratitude and our continuing support. The collection for Shepherd's Trust will take place in all parishes for the Archdiocese on Nov. 14/15. Envelopes will be available this weekend. This is an

opportunity for us in our happiest times and our most difficult moments. Their unfailing love, friendship and devotion to God's people must never be forgotten. The Shepherd's Trust does more than just bridge the gap in our clergy's retirement years; it says thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Your generosity on Nov. 14/15 will be deeply appreciated.

ShareLife Sunday: Last weekend to contribute to our Parish Campaign

People with addictions are among the many marginalized groups supported by your gift to ShareLife.
 "These uncertain times are especially difficult for our addiction clients who already face isolation, food and housing insecurities, and struggle with mental wellness," reports St. Michael's Homes, a ShareLife-funded agency. "We suspect the need will continue to increase throughout the pandemic and into a post-Covid environment."
 Your gift to ShareLife ensures St. Michael's Homes can continue to help people overcome addiction, as demand for their programs grows.
This weekend is ShareLife Sunday and the final day to make your donation to our parish campaign. If you give by the end of the weekend, you can double the impact of your donation. A generous donor is matching gifts up to \$500,000. Please give during the special collection or anytime using the ShareLife envelopes in the pews. You can also give securely online at sharelife.org/donate.

First Communion - We offer our congratulations to the students of St. Andrew School who are receiving their First Communion on Tuesday and Friday of this week. These celebrations were delayed because of the pandemic. Because of space limitations, these Masses are only open to the families of the children and their guests. We thank the teachers for helping to prepare the children for this sacrament.

Baptism: Baptisms will be celebrated next Sunday at 1pm and family and friends should be here by 12:45pm.

Wedding – Next Saturday, Nov. 14, we will be celebrating the wedding of Nicola Parrotta and Kristina Gizzi. 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.

Sacraments for 2021 – Registration: Teaching preparation for the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation

for 2021 will begin shortly. However, because of the uncertain situation regarding possible vaccines etc. in early 2021, dates for the actual celebrations of these sacraments may not be given at this time. But registration will begin now. If your child attends one of the Catholic schools in our parish, a letter and registration form have already been sent home. If your child attends one of the public or private schools, you must go to the parish website, www.stpp.church, for registration information. The registration forms along with a copy of the baptism certificate must be returned as soon as possible. For any further information, please call the parish at 905-893-7879.

Gift Store -Will be opened after the 10:30Mass on weekends. Only one person at a time please.

Offertory Envelopes for 2021 – will be available shortly. We are determining the safest way for our parishioners to be able to pick them up. Stay tuned!

**A Guide to St. Padre Pio Church
DIVINE MERCY SHRINE**

“Let therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

In the large plaque, Divine Mercy radiates from the heart of Jesus. The blue and red rays stand for the water and blood which flowed from his side on the Cross. They have come to symbolize the two sacraments of Baptism and the Eucharist. – Baptism in which we receive God’s divine life, and the Eucharist in which we Maintain and grow in God’s life. Because of these gifts, we know we can trust in Jesus for all things.

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 of our parishioners who give so generously.

Longo gift cards are available for purchase in denominations of \$25, \$50 and \$100. For each purchase, Longo’s will donate back to the Mortgage Fund. These make excellent gifts for your family, friends or employees. Please contact Maria at 905-

893-7879 ext. 201 to make arrangements to pick up the cards.

A reminder that the 10:30am Mass on Sunday is available to watch on our website:
www.stpp.church

Advent Begins in 3 Weeks.

Celebrating Advent and Christmas – Few times are more sacred for a family or household than Christmas. Along with the Advent season, Christmas time is rich in traditions, which despite modern commercial exploitation still stir our hearts and imagination. The Christmas tree, the manger scene, the music and carols, the lights shining in the winter darkness, joyfully proclaim the birth of Jesus Christ and call us to come and adore him. And during this pandemic, we need these signs of hope even more. Christmas and Advent customs appear everywhere today. True symbols that they are, the living traditions of the season bring peoples and families together and connect us with our ancient faith. And they respond surprisingly to modern needs as well. The Christmas and Advent seasons uphold so many precious realities presently endangered: birth, children, family and the earth itself. In celebrating Christmas and Advent then, keep their message for today in mind. In a world where nature and our environment are threatened, let us make our Christmas tree and manger scene reminders of the beauty and sacredness of nature. How closely at this coming did Jesus bind himself to the animals of the field, as well as to the earth and open sky! Remembering the poor shepherds and the circumstances of the forgotten poor of our world. Let the Child and Joseph and Mary teach us the dignity and importance of children and families in a society so neglectful of them. The Christmas and Advent customs come from peoples throughout the world. Let them remind us of the unity of all people under God. May the celebration of Advent and Christmas in our parish bring you and your family closer to the mystery you celebrate – the birth of Jesus into the world and our heart.

Blessed Michael McGivney – The feast day of Blessed Michael McGivney will be celebrated on August 13th. Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us.

All Souls Envelopes – Because of the pandemic this year, the Book of Life containing all the names of our deceased relatives and friends will not be put out. So, you will not be able to write in any new names this year. However, there will be a wooden box at the front where you can drop an ‘All Souls’ envelopes with the names of your loved ones who have passed away. The envelopes are available in the Narthex of the church.

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