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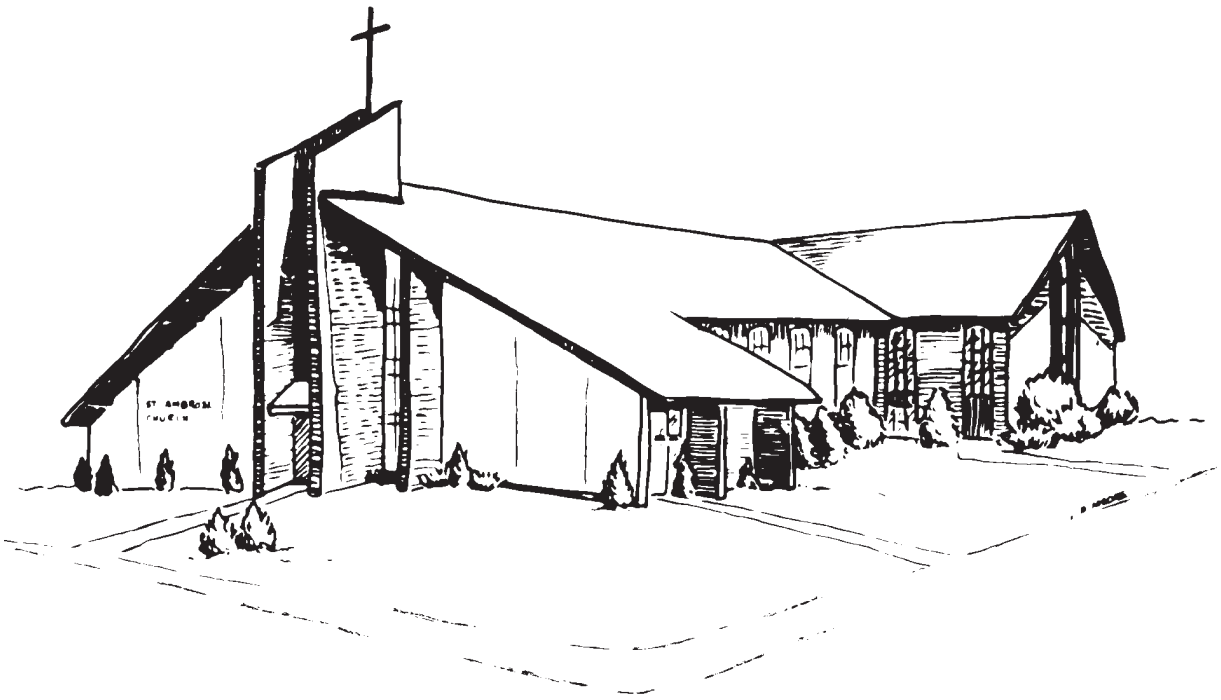

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday 9am to 4pm
Friday 9am to 2pm

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

BAPTISM

Please contact the parish office for information on booking a Baptism date and the dates of upcoming Baptism preparation meetings.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

- Tuesday to Friday from 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.
- Saturday from 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
- Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

MARRIAGE

Adequate preparation including Marriage Preparation Course is required.
Contact the parish office at least 12 months in advance.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

Please inform us of hospitalization or confinement to home due to illness.

SCHOOLS

St. Anne	519-621-8920
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Msgr. Doyle High School	519-622-1290
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Saint Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
Feast Day September 23

In one of the largest such ceremonies in history, Pope John Paul II canonized Padre Pio of Pietrelcina on June 16, 2002. It was the 45th canonization ceremony in Pope John Paul's pontificate. More than 300,000 people braved blistering heat as they filled St. Peter's Square and nearby streets. They heard the Holy Father praise the new saint for his prayer and charity. "This is the most concrete synthesis of Padre Pio's teaching," said the pope.

Many people have turned to the Italian Capuchin Franciscan to intercede with God on their behalf; among them was the future Pope John Paul II. In 1962, when he was still an archbishop in Poland, he wrote to Padre Pio and asked him to pray for a Polish woman with throat cancer. Within two weeks, she had been cured of her life-threatening disease.

Born Francesco Forgione, Padre Pio grew up in a family of farmers in southern Italy. Twice his father worked in Jamaica, New York, to provide the family income.

At the age of 15, Francesco joined the Capuchins and took the name of Pio. He was ordained in 1910 and was drafted during World War I. After he was discovered to have tuberculosis, he was discharged. In 1917, he was assigned to the friary in San Giovanni Rotondo, 75 miles from the city of Bari on the Adriatic.

On September 20, 1918, Padre Pio had a vision of Jesus. When the vision ended, he had the stigmata in his hands, feet, and side. (*Stigmata is the appearance of bodily wounds in locations corresponding to the crucifixion wounds of Jesus Christ, such as the hands, wrists and feet*.)

Life became more complicated after that. Medical doctors, Church authorities, and curiosity seekers came to see Padre Pio. In 1924, and again in 1931, the authenticity of the stigmata was questioned; Padre Pio was not permitted to celebrate Mass publicly or to hear confessions. He did not complain of these decisions, which were soon reversed. However, he wrote no letters after 1924. His only other writing, a pamphlet on the agony of Jesus, was done before 1924.

Padre Pio rarely left the friary after he received the stigmata, but busloads of people soon began coming to see him. Each morning after a 5 a.m. Mass in a crowded church, he heard confessions until noon. He took a mid-morning break to bless the sick and all who came to see him. Every afternoon he also heard confessions. In time his confessional ministry would take 10 hours a day; penitents had to take a number so that the situation could be handled. Many of them have said that Padre Pio knew details of their lives that they had never mentioned.

Padre Pio saw Jesus in all the sick and suffering. At his urging, a fine hospital was built on nearby Mount Gargano. The idea arose in 1940; a committee began to collect money. Ground was broken in 1946. Building the hospital was a technical wonder because of the difficulty of getting water there and of hauling up the building supplies. This "House for the Alleviation of Suffering" has 350 beds.

A number of people have reported cures they believe were received through the intercession of Padre Pio. Those who assisted at his Masses came away edified; several curiosity seekers were deeply moved. Like Saint Francis, Padre Pio sometimes had his habit torn or cut by souvenir hunters.

One of Padre Pio's sufferings was that unscrupulous people several times circulated prophecies that they claimed originated from him. He never made prophecies about world events and never gave an opinion on matters that he felt belonged to Church authorities to decide. He died on September 23, 1968, and was beatified in 1999.

Tuesday, September 21
7:00 pm + AURORA CALCAO - Mario
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm**

Wednesday, September 22
7:00 pm + ALHANDRINA FIGUEIREDO – her family
+ MARIA GOMES – Maria & John Correia
- intentions of Rocco and Sandra Scarfone
- Intentions of Tony and Shirley Borges - Ilda
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm**

Thursday, September 23
7:00 pm – intentions of Sanjeeve Anthony - Deepa
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm**

Friday, September 24
7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURGATORY -
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm**
Prayers for the Souls in Purgatory at 6:30 pm

Saturday, September 25
CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
5:00 pm – for the intentions of John Pham and Theresa Tran, on the occasion of their anniversary
- In thanksgiving to Santo Pio – Teresi Family
+ BILL SHERIDAN – Mary Cooper

Sunday, September 26
9:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners
11:00 am + SAMANTHA DeSOUSA – mom and dad

Holy Communion Parent Meeting

(For Parents of students who did not receive the Sacrament in the Spring)

Parents are asked to attend an information meeting **in the Church** on the following date:

Parents of Holy Spirit School students:

Wednesday, Sept 29 at 7:00 pm

Parents of St. Anne and St Vincent students:

Thursday, September 30 at 7:00 pm

Two meetings are being held in order to accommodate the reduced capacity of people permitted in the Church.

CAMBRIDGE RIGHT TO LIFE will be holding their annual "**Walk for Life**" fundraiser this month to continue their work of defending "Life" from conception until natural death. Supporters and participants will walk a 5km route of their choice on or around Saturday September 25th, individually or with friends.

Please sponsor our parish Deacon, Nick Cherri, who will represent our parish. Sponsorship donations can be dropped off at the parish office or in the collection baskets. Please provide your name, address and phone number. Cheques are made payable to "Cambridge Right to Life"

Thank You.

The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph will pray for your intentions during the Novena to Little St. Therese, September 23rd to October 1st, 2021.

Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support?

You can participate in the Novena to St. Therese.

Send your prayer intention request with your name and address to:

Carmel of Saint Joseph
1127 Carmel-Koch Road, R.R. #1
St. Agatha, ON N0B 2L0

Or website http://www.thecarmel.ca/contactus.aspx

Knights of Columbus Council 2184 will hold their first in-person meeting in 19 months on Monday, September 27th at 7:30 p.m. at St Patrick's Church. Vaccinations, masks and social distancing required. Please pass this news to other Knights of Columbus members.

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL HAS RE-OPENED

NEW – online signup

https://volunteersignup.org/B4PEL

Go to the above website for the days/time that are in need of weekly volunteers. Follow the instructions to sign up for a particular time.

We ask that attendees please adhere to the health protocols:

- Only 4 people permitted in the room at a time. If there are already 4 people in the room when you arrive, please wait near the stairs for someone to leave.
- Please use the hand sanitizer and wear an appropriate facial mask.
- We encourage you to wipe down the chair arms when you leave with the cleaning spray provided.
- If you are the last person in the chapel, please dim the lights and place the wooden panel in front of the door to the monstrance.

Verification of Adorers: a list of current Adorers, and their day/time for adoration, will be posted near the chapel. Please sign beside your name to indicate that you are still attending or make a correction if necessary. Thank you.

Adorer phone numbers/email: Those who are weekly adorers are kindly asked to contact the parish office to provide their phone number and/or email address. We would like to keep our list up-to-date.

Ministers of the Word (lectors)

Do you hear the call to the Ministry of the Word? Lectors proclaim the Word of God during Masses on weekends, special feast days and holidays. Lectors are put on a rotating schedule. If you would like to assist, please contact Barb at the parish office in order to register for the required **Ministers of the Word Formation Day**, provided by the Diocese of Hamilton in October.

Act of Consecration to St. Joseph

Dearest St. Joseph, I consecrate myself to your honor and give myself to you, that you may always be my father, my protector and my guide in the way of salvation.

Obtain for me a greater purity of heart and fervent love of the interior life.

After your example may I do all my actions for the greater glory of God, in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Blessed St. Joseph, pray for me, that I may share in the peace and joy of your holy death. Amen.

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