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Feast of the Holy Family

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all. Jesus Christ hear our prayer, for you are Lord forever."

Sat. Dec. 25
9:15 am +**George Ace**
Sun. Dec. 26
8:00 am +**Maria Cofone**
9:15 am +**Angelo & Elda Nonis**
10:30 am +**For the People of the Parish**
12:00 noon +**Deceased Members of Virgilio & Romanelli Families**
Mon. Dec. 27
7:00 pm +**Luigi Gatti**

Feast Days This Week

Mon. Dec. 27 – **St. John**, apostle, evangelist
Tues. Dec. 28 – **The Holy Innocents**, martyrs
Wed. Dec. 29 – **St. Thomas Becket**, bishop, martyr
Fri. Dec. 31 – **St. Sylvester I**, pope
Sat. Jan. 1 – **The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

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*

Masses for New Year's

New Year's is the feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. It is a major feast. Masses will be celebrated:
Friday. Dec. 31 at 5:00pm
Sat. Jan. 1 at 8:00am (Italian), 9:15am, 10:30am and 12 noon. (Please note that there will NOT be a 5pm on Sat. Jan. 1)

January 1st has a triple celebration. It is the feast of Mary, the Mother of God. It is the first day of the New Year. This is a time when we review the past year in both repentance and thanksgiving. We look forward in faith to beginning a new year in the service of God, the Church and the world; and we pray for peace in the word.

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*

World Day of Peace

"Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace, bring peace into the world. You died to save us all; raise us to new life with you and help us to be peacemakers. Lord Jesus Christ hear our prayer, for you are Lord forever."

Prayer at the end of the year

"All praise and glory are yours, Father of heaven and earth, Lord of all ages; you brought us to the end of another year in service. We praise you for the gifts you have given us and for the ways we have been left to use them for your people and your world. Forgive us, Father, for our failures this year; for neglecting your word; for failing to listen to your Spirit, for refusing to love you in others. As we begin a new year in your service, let your Son be our leader and your Spirit be our guide, your Word a lamp for our feet and strength to our hearts. Help us to work for your honour and glory and for the salvation of all your people. Praise and honour and glory are yours, Father through your Son, our Lord and brother, in the love and unity of your Holy Spirit, now and evermore." Amen

Offertory Envelopes for 2022 are available for pick up at the back of the church. Envelopes are sorted alphabetically. 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 touch all of the boxes and sanitize your hands after picking up your 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 20th 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 by using *Donate Box*. Please indicate your envelope number on the form. A receipt will automatically be e-mailed back to you. Thank you for your generosity.

Thank You

I would like to extend a very special thank you to all those who helped in any way with the Christmas celebrations, especially those who decorated the church, our musicians and singers, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Banner Bearers and Alter Servers.

Mass of Life & Hope January 12, 2022

On Wednesday, January 12th at 7:00pm, St. Padre Pio will be celebrating a special Mass of Comfort and Hope. The Side by Side Grief Support Ministry continues to pray for all those grieving the loss of their loved one.

Know that your faith, your Church, your Community, will continue to offer you support through the Holy Sacrifice of this Mass. All are welcome to attend.

Baptism Preparation Class - will be held on Monday, January 3, 2022 at 7:30pm, at the church, for Baptisms being celebrated in January 2022.

Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary during Coronavirus pandemic

O Mary,

You always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of your children, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

Mass Intentions will be taken again. If your intention was missed because of the pandemic, please call the Parish Office at 905-893-7879 or email: info@stpp.church to reschedule. All weekday and weekend Masses have resumed.

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

Items for Completion of the Church

Narthex: Acoustical Ceiling Panels
Back Sacristy: Upper storage room with stairs
Basement: Meeting Rooms and Kitchenette
Washrooms
Hall & Stage
Kitchen
Storage
Outside: Outdoor Amphitheater at rear of church
Topcoat 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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Nativity Scenes – St. Padre Pio presents its Eleventh Annual Display of Nativity Scenes, entitled 'Joy to the World'. This is a new display from previous years. The display, in the cabinets at the side entrance of the church, will continue until Sunday, January 9, 2022, the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, and the end of the Christmas season.

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

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