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PARISH TEAM:

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

*As the leaves turn gold and yellow...
The air turns crisp...
Thanksgiving comes, a time to remember...
Our blessings and make good cheer
with all those who are so dear.
Wishing you a Thanksgiving
as special as you are.*





Sat. October 8

5:00 pm– +**Bernie Pasquantonio**

Sun. October 9

8:00 am – **For the People of the Parish**

9:15 am – +**Antonietta Belli**

10:30 am - +**Josephine Sammut**

12:00 pm – +**Maria Del Mastro**

Mon. October 10

9:00am – +**Fr. George Nadakkan, +Anna Kutti Paulose, Thanksgiving Blessings for Victoria Brion**

Tues. October 11

9:00 am – +**Barbara Maria Mahon**

Wed. October 12

7:00 pm – +**Giuseppe (Joe) Natale, +Elena Antoniali, +Stefano Sforza, +Nicoletta Sardone**

Thurs. October 13

7:00 pm – +**Pio Sili, +Danny Perciballi, +Domenico Perciballi**

Feast Days This Week

Mon. October 10 – **Thanksgiving Day**

Tues. October 11 – **St. John XXIII**, pope

Fri. October 14 - **St. Callistus I**, pope, martyr

Mass Schedule – because of the Thanksgiving holiday, there will not be an evening Mass on Monday, October 10 and the parish office remains closed. However, there will be a 9:00am morning Mass on Monday to celebrate Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving Day - Monday, October 10

Today it is fitting for God's people to offer public thanks for all the gifts we have received. The bountiful produce of the earth is a visible sign of the many blessings God wants to shower on us through Jesus. Our God also wants us to share the goods of the earth with all people.

"Blessed are you, lord our God, creator of heaven and earth and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: We praise you for your glory and thank you for your goodness to us. We praise you for your generous gifts and for bringing fruitful results to our labours. As we rejoice in your kindness, we pray also for those who are in need. Open our hearts to them, and teach us to be as generous to others as you are to us. Heavenly Father, help us all to follow Jesus our Lord, and so bear eternal fruit for you. Blessed are you, Lord our God, for ever and ever," Amen

Support the Vaughan Food Bank – Celebrate Thanksgiving by helping the Vaughan Food Bank in the fight against hunger. Please bring non-perishable food items to Mass. Donations will be accepted up until Monday, October 17.

Catechism Teachers Needed

First Communion and Confirmation Catechism Teachers are needed to help teach sacramental preparation to students in the public and private schools. Classes will be held in person. For more information, please contact Almerigo Borgo at almerigojborgostpadrepiochurch@rogers.com.

Children's Liturgy –We invite children aged 4-9 to attend and learn about the WORD OF GOD at a level that they can understand at the 5:00, 10:30 & 12:00 Masses.

THE POWER OF THE CROSS: A MUSICALLY IMMERSSED PASSION PLAY

The Parish of St. Padre Pio will be creating a Passion Play, which will also be a major fundraising event for the church. Entitled **The Power of The Cross**, the play will be held on the evening of Palm Sunday (**Sunday, April 2, 2023, 7:30 PM**), at St. Padre Pio Church. **We are looking for volunteers to perform, people to help behind the scenes, as well as sponsors and advertisers for the souvenir program.** If you would like to be involved in this community project, aimed at assisting in our Parish needs and bringing the community together into our beautiful parish of St. Padre Pio, please contact: Liana Del Mastro at stpadrepiopassionplay@gmail.com.

Website Prayer Line – Our parish receives many prayer requests per day from people all over the world who are in need of urgent prayer. These prayer requests are given to our parishioners who volunteer to pray for these requests. If you are interested in becoming a part of this valuable ministry, please contact Anna Catallo through the parish office at 905-893-7879 or info@stpp.church and complete the prayer form.

Monthly Memorial Mass – Families are invited to our monthly memorial mass in commemoration of the loss of a loved one. The memorial mass will be celebrated on the last Wednesday of each month. A family member will be invited to light a candle and gather around the altar in honor of a loved one when the names are called. Anniversary Mass Donation envelopes are available in the narthex. Our next mass will be held on **Wednesday, October 26 at 7:00pm**

Are you able to host a Ukrainian family?

When hearing reports of the war in Ukraine, and the millions of Ukrainians that have been forced to flee their homeland, many have asked what they can do to help. Over 80,000 Ukrainians have already arrived to Canada through a special visa program created by Immigration Canada. An additional 500,000 have applied to the program and are expected to arrive in the coming months. Many are arriving to Toronto and are without family here in Canada to help them. Among those will be some who are vulnerable to human trafficking, particularly seniors, single women, and women with children. There is an immediate need for families to host for a period of between one and six months some of those who have arrived. If you would like to learn more about hosting a Ukrainian family, please go to [Archdiocese of Toronto - Ukrainian Crisis \(archtoronto.org\)](http://Archdiocese of Toronto - Ukrainian Crisis (archtoronto.org)) and register for a virtual information session.

Pakistan Floods -Humanitarian Relief

Devastating floods in Pakistan have displaced hundreds of thousands, at one point leaving a third of the country inundated with water. More than 1,500 people have died following record rainfall with 33 million throughout the country affected by this disaster.

Since June, Pakistan has experienced three times more rainfall than an average monsoon season. Flooding and landslides have destroyed homes, crops, health centres, roads and bridges.

There is an elevated risk of the spread of malaria, dengue fever and other diseases. Priorities include clean water, shelter and health care for those directly affected by this tragic situation.

The Archdiocese of Toronto will channel donations through Catholic partners (including Caritas Canada – Development and Peace as well as the Archdiocese of Karachi) to support relief efforts underway. Please note that these organizations are **not** subject to the government matching funds program.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website – www.archtoronto.org
- By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to: St. Padre Pio Parish – Pakistan Floods – Humanitarian Relief

The Office of Admissions of St. Michael's College School is now considering applications for September 2023. St. Michael's College School is Ontario's only independent Catholic School for young men from Grade 7 to Grade 12. Open houses for prospective students and their families will be held on **Thursday, October 20 and Tuesday, October 25 beginning at 7:00 pm.** We invite you to register at ApplySMCS.com

Municipal Elections 2022 – Cast Your Vote!

A municipal election will be held on **Monday, October 24, 2022.** All Catholics are strongly encouraged to exercise their democratic right to vote. To help learn more about the candidates for Catholic School Board Trustee, Cardinal Collins has given permission for these candidates to distribute literature to parishioners departing Mass on weekends from October 1/2 through October 22/23. We hope you'll take the time to get to know those seeking elected office for this important role. To ensure your vote for Catholic School Board Trustee, at the polling booth, verify that you are registered as a separate school supporter. If your support status is incorrect ask for an application to Amend Voters' List. This form may be completed and submitted at the polling station. Thank you for your interest and involvement in this fall's municipal election!

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.

Baptism

We offer our congratulations to the parents of the children baptized on October 2:

**Adrian James Cappabianca
Alessia Greco
Rio Braganza-Singh**

Sympathy – We offer our deep sympathy to Rosa Romano and her family on the death of her husband Luigi Romano and Rossana Sorbara on and her family on the death of her father Gennaro Rago. May God grant them, His eternal peace and joy, and send comfort to all who mourn their passing.

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