

# The Parish Community of St. Padre Pio

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## PARISH TEAM:

Father George Parayil - Pastor

Deacon Gary Thibodeau - Deacon Assistant

Deacon Curtis Boone - Deacon Assistant



*Oh Come  
Let us Adore Him*

## NATIVITY OF THE LORD



### Sun. December 25

8:00 am - +**Maria Rosario Alvarez**  
9:15 am – **For the People of the Parish**  
10:30 am – +**Nick Bertucci**  
12:00 pm – +**Manuel Rolo, +Joao Rolo,**  
+**Gloria Rolo**

### Wed. December 28

7:00 pm – Monthly Anniversary Mass

### Thurs. December 29

7:00 pm – +**Franco Angelucci, +For the Deceased Members of the Virgilio and Romanelli Families**

### Fri. December 30

9:00 am – **Blessings for the Jakubick and Gomulka Families**

### **Feast Days This Week**

Sun. Dec. 25 – **Christmas – The Nativity of Our Lord**

Mon. Dec. 26 – **St. Stephen – The First Martyr**

Tues. Dec. 27 – **St. John the Apostle - Evangelist**

Wed. Dec. 28 – **The Holy Innocents – Martyrs**

Fri. Dec. 30 – **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

### **Office Hours**

The office will be closed on:

Mon. December 26

Tues. December 27

Mon. January 2

**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. 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 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. Thanks to all our parishioners who give so generously.

### **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](mailto:stpadrepio.stvincentdepaul@gmail.com)

**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, December 28, at 7:00pm**

**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:

Sat. December 31 at 5:00pm

Sun. Jan. 1 at 8:00am (Italian), 9:15am, 10:30am and 12 noon.

**REMINDER:** Mon. December 26, Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am.

Please note there will be no evening Mass.

**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.



**Dear friends**

We traditionally put a light in the crib. I don't know the origins of that tradition. At a human level, it makes sense that where people are living, even for a few short days, there should be a light. But when you think that Jesus **is** the light, **then** it seems to me that the little light in our crib is meant to shine **outwards** rather than inwards.

In much the same way, we who are the disciples of Jesus are not called just to gather here once a week and to be comfortable in the light of Christ, we are called to **reflect** that light outwards so that it reaches into all the dark corners of the world. It is our mission to shine the light of compassion, truth and justice into the marketplace, into the board-room, into our schools, our hospitals and into all the places that we go. That is how we give Glory to God in the Highest. Every Christmas invite us for that.

We live our lives in between the birth of Jesus and His coming again at the end of time. The challenge for us, as St Paul says is "to be self-restrained and to live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing that will come". If, to use the words of Isaiah, "our gladness is greater", it is not because everything is sorted. It is because the Lord is near. Like the light shining in the darkness, that is what gives us the courage to live from day to day in justice and integrity.

I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and thank you for your support and generosity towards St. padre Pio Parish. I will be offering masses for you and for your family members, especially those who are sick or away from home at this time.

On behalf of Deacon Curtis, Deacon Gary and staff I wish you all Merry Christmas a very happy new year. May Baby Jesus bless you all.

*Fr. George Parayil*



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