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Office Hours:

Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:00, 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Closed on Weekends & Holidays

Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30 p.m.
or by appointment

Baptism

Once monthly at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday
Preparation for Parents
and Godparents required.

Marriage

Please contact the parish office
at least six months in advance.
Preparation weekend is required.

Schools

St. Patrick School (905) 354-6631
St. Mary School (905) 354-7744

Diocese of St. Catharines (est. 1958)

Most Rev. Gerard Bergie, D.D., Bishop
Most Rev. John A. O'Mara, D.D., Bishop-Emeritus

Parish Established 1858
Church Dedicated 1895

New Parishioners are asked to complete a parish registration form.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Saturday, April 16

5:00 Maria Di Libero *req. by the Family*
Carlo & Irma Pizzolato *req. by the Pizzolato & Dumele Families*

Sunday, April 17 World Day of Prayer for Vocations

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Adelino & Luigi Marcon *req. by Bruno & Ines Marcon*
Maria Gulla *req. by the Family*
Betty Sargeson *req. by Wayne*
11:30 Palmiro Goegan *req. by Anna Goegan & Family*
Pasquale & Concetta Maulucci *req. by John Di Paul*
7:00 Kevin & Louise Young *req. by the Family*
Butch & Lucy Kitney *req. by Evelyn Kemp*

Monday, April 18 Bl. Marie-Anne Blondin

8:00 Henry Lelievre *req. by Jeanne Lea*
Josep Tien & Maria Khuyen *req. by Duy Nguyen & Family*

Tuesday, April 19

8:00 Don Critelli *req. by Kathy & Rick Woram*
William Abbott *req. by the Abbott Family*

Wednesday, April 20

8:00 Cleo Gagno *req. by Helen & Peter Lelievre*
Richard Patrick Dawson *req. by Dianna Fessler*

Thursday, April 21 St Anselm

8:00 Deacon Pat O'Brien *req. by Peter & Carla Feltrin*
Dec'd of the Cormier Family *req. by Don & Donna Cormier*

Friday, April 22

8:00 Mae MacLean *req. by her Sons, Daughters & Families*
Msgr. Vincent Ferrando *req. by his Friends*

Saturday, April 23 St George & St Adalbert

5:00 Oscar Bonaguro *req. by the Family*
Mr. Fred S Cormier *req. by Don & Donna Cormier*
Oddina Andrighetti *req. by Albino & Family*

Sunday, April 24

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Luigi Marcon *req. by Louise Marcon*
Walter & Mary Besaw *req. by David & Dorothea*
11:30 Tom & Theresa Senese & Family *req. by Cecile Shugg & Fam*
Adam & Mary Shugg & Family *req. by Cecile Shugg & Family*
Josip (Joso) Grcevic *req. by the Family Sekulic*
7:00 Patricia Sheppard *req. by John Sheppard*
Dec'd mem Sheppard & O'Brien Families *req. by John Sheppard*

Upcoming Wedding at St. Patrick's in April

Alicia Gajnorio & Robert Gallagher

*Congratulations to Santina & Giovanni Le Rose
on their 50th Wedding Anniversary*

A Collection will be taken up next weekend for the Pope's Pastoral Works. Envelopes are at the doors of the Church today, please be generous.

Sacramental Dates for 2016

First Communion

St. Patrick and St. Mary Schools
Sunday, April 24, 2016 at 1:30 PM
Other Grade 2 Parishioners
Sunday, April 24, 2016 at 9:30 AM

Confirmation

Saturday, April 30, 2016 at 5:00 PM

Please refer to the Bulletin Board at the back of the Church for many important notices and events.

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Fr. Obioma Anyanwu, Mae MacLean, Alfred Rampado, Rita MacDonnell & Bob Sacco. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Val Johnstone, Shanda Gale, Bob Marshall, Kenneth Bruxer, Tony Laslo, Fran Smelko, Sharon Regular, Fr Tony McNamara, O.Carm., Bette Anne Chevalier, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Maria Melchiorre, Jeannette Fabian, Donna Cormier, Maria Rosiana, Danielle Barranca, Carmela Fruci, Lucy Rizzo, Barbara Phillips (Murray), Audrey Vendramin, Jeanne Lea, Gionni Bonaldo, Stan Manning, Iole Mancini, Alice Dalton, Baby Maximus, David Kealey, Joanna Daniels, Ray Sexton, Francesco Albanese, Mary Ann O'Shea, Doreen Fletcher, Rosalyn Dagleish, Susan & Rick Rogers, Kitty Decicco, Patricia Desrosiers, Evelyn Rose Baker, Jozefa Bilski, Charlene Shannon, Mary O'Shea, Dr. Andy Fisher, Dorothy Simon, Rebecca Evans, Marie Massolin, Maria Guerin, Anna Vergalito, John Jefferson Jill Leronowich, Vince(Jim) Baldassarro, Nancy Jean Rose, Guiseppina Paonessa, Phyllis Higgins, Patrick McCarthy, Norman Horth, Todd Reid, Muriel Pivarnyik, Helen Lelievre, Tom Hilton, Maria Colalillo, Walter Wallace, Stefanie Borin, John Cox, Joyce Weaver, Marie Cleary, Rita Bruneau, Orlando Garofalo, Kerrie Szuch, Faith Amadio, Margaret Smith, Carmella Modenti, Margaret Waghorn, Theresa Poirier, Bruno Maiolo, Carlo Trasmundi, Vito Fuccillo, BabyHope, Cheryl D'Ammizio, Kelly Laslo, Rose Vukmanich, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Alessia Commisso, Vicki Dubeau, Donna Bradley, Annette Brideau, George O'Kell, Mary Jo O'Kell, Baby Sebastian, Dorothy Doyle, Lorraine Murray, Patricia O'Reilly, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pepper Martin Jr., Vital & Emmanuel Chayer, Trina Washington, Chester Mottola, Shirley Machulla, Gerry Laffradi, Lorraine Spence, Baby Gabriel Paraskevopoulos

Please help us update our list of those who are homebound, infirm, or hospitalized by calling the parish office.

Collections

April 9 & 10: \$5,770.00
Easter & Easter Flowers: \$17,362.77
Ryan's Bowl: \$ 6,101.05
Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2016

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: Sunday, April 17, May 22, June 26, July 24, no Aug Bapt, Sept 25, Oct 16
A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, May 10, June 14, July 12, Sept 13, Oct 4 at 7:00 pm.

Fr. Obioma Anyanwu



Our Diocese is deeply saddened and shocked by the sudden death of Fr. Obioma Anyanwu. He was a good and faithful priest filled with enthusiasm, joy and love for the Lord. These qualities were appreciated by all of us, especially by the parishioners he has served.

He will be greatly missed. Fr. Obioma died suddenly while visiting his family in Nigeria this past week. We pray that God our merciful Father will grant Father Obioma eternal rest and peace. May Mary Queen of the clergy lead him to her Son, the Eternal High Priest.

PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND



Fr. Gerard is leading a 10-Day Pilgrimage to Ireland from September 14-24, 2016: *Churches and Shrines of Ireland*. There are brochures in the parish office and also at the back of the church. We will fly direct from Toronto to Dublin, 9 nights in 4-star hotels in Newry,

Donegal, Galway, Cork, Kilkenny, and Dublin, experiencing many great sights and sounds, prayers and Masses! Daily Irish Breakfast, eight 3-Course Dinners, Irish Party Show, ferry ride, Luxury Coach, Guide etc!!! This pilgrimage is limited to 40 people!!! Cost is \$3495 per person (including taxes and fuel surcharges), based on double occupancy. Don't miss out!!!! *For those who have reserved places, please sign up immediately with Brinkman Travel.*



Dear Friends,

Imagine, we're in the 4th Sunday of Easter already! Before we know it we will have Ascension Sunday and Pentecost Sunday! And before we know it we will be able to put away our shovels, salt, and winter clothes!

Today is **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**! We must do everything we can to foster good solid vocations to the Married Life, Single Life, Religious Life and the Priesthood. This is also known as Good Shepherd Sunday! Our Gospel Acclamation says, *I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep, and my own know me!* In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' words, *My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.*



Jesus tells us with great clarity and love that we belong to him. He also offers us eternal life. We are in His hands and also in the hands of His Eternal Father! That is so comforting to know. We need those nurturing and caring hands when life's struggles weigh us down.

Undoubtedly, the quality of our life is hinged on whether or not we have a good relationship with the Good Shepherd; whether or not we listen to his voice; and strive to do what he asks.

Maybe this week we can do something extra to deepen our relationship with God... perhaps attend a Daily Mass, take a sacred walk in nature appreciating God's created beauty, read a chapter from Sacred Scripture; spend some quiet time in prayer! Whatever we do, or wherever we go, God is already there!!! Have a blessed week.

Fr. Gerard

SHEPHERD'S VOICE

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.
- JOHN 10:27 NIV

O Lord our Shepherd, You care for Your flock across every desert and through every dark place. Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, seek out and restore all those who have lost their way, that we all may come together into the glory of Your Kingdom. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer for Vocations

O God, you sent your Son, Jesus, to bring eternal life to those who believe. I join him in praying for laborers for your harvest. May your Holy Spirit inspire men and women to continue his mission through your priesthood, diaconate, religious life and lay ministry. May this same Spirit make known your will for my life. Amen.

Is God calling You? If you feel called to serve as Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Altar Server, or Funeral Server, please call the parish office.

ARE YOU BEING CALLED?

Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations

I invite our **young people** to consider living a life dedicated to God as a Priest or Religious. I invite everyone in St. Patrick Parish to pray for vocations and just as important, to **encourage vocations**. If you've ever thought that someone might be called to the priesthood or religious life, **tell them!** Maybe they're waiting for someone to confirm what they've been feeling inside. We cannot bemoan the problem of fewer and fewer Priests and Religious, without recognizing our own responsibility in this regard. Let's do everything we can to foster and encourage Vocations!

How am I being called to feed the lambs of Jesus? Could it be as an ordained or consecrated person? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Michael Basque, Vocation Director of St. Catharines 905-684-0154 or email: vocations@saintcd.com

Catholic Marriage Tribunal...If you are considering remarriage in the Catholic Church or hoping to enter a marriage with someone previously married, please speak to a priest, or contact the St. Catharines Catholic Marriage Tribunal at 905-687-8817 or tribunal@saintcd.com



DID YOU KNOW?

For those of you who have Celiac Disease or are allergic to wheat products, our parish has special **Gluten-Free hosts** available. If you let us know before each Mass, we will have a special host consecrated for you. Please make yourself known to the presiding priest, and he will ensure he has it in his ciborium for you... or in a separate pyx. The onus is on you to let us know!

Hospital Visits... If you have a family member in hospital, and would like a visit from one of our priests, or wish to celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please let the parish office know, 905-354-7451. St. Patrick Parish covers the on-call pager for GNGH from Tuesday 8 AM until Wed 8 AM. The hospital staff can put you in touch with the on-call chaplain at any time.

Church Envelopes and Tax Receipts

Please make sure you pick up your Offertory Envelopes & Tax Receipts as soon as possible. They are at the main doors of the Church today.

Pilgrimage to St Anne De Beaupre July 24 to July 27, 2016

For Information please call Maria Chiovitti 905 356 9794

The Diocesan Separated & Divorced Healing Ministry Support Group meets every second & fourth Monday 7 - 9pm, at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154

Carmelite Spirituality Group ...You are invited to Mt Carmel Monastery on the second Sunday of each month to explore Carmelite spirituality. Mt Carmel Spiritual Centre, 2 - 5pm

Parish Registration

Please help keep our records up to date! You may bring this form to the parish office or place it in the collection.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **Postal Code:** _____

Telephone: _____

I am new in the parish and wish to register _____

I wish to use contribution envelopes _____

I have recently moved _____

We have married & wish to update our information _____

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