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Carol Martin - Director of Music
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Anthony Scaringi - Pianist and Organist
Ashley Gallardi - Soloist

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.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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*

Monday, April 25 St Mark

8:00 Henry Lelievre *req. by Jean Lundy*
 Lori Laffradi *req. by Gerry Laffradi*

Tuesday, April 26 Our Lady of Good Counsel

8:00 Msgr. Vincent Ferrando *req. by his Friends*
 Dominic & Lucietta Marchese *req. by the Family*

Wednesday, April 27

8:00 Lily Pettay *req. by the Catholic Womens League*
 Mary St. Angelo *req. by the Catholic Womens League*

Thursday, April 28 St Peter Chanel & St Louis Grignon de Montfort

8:00 Mae MacLean *req. by Charlene Shannon & Family*
 Healing Intention for Bob Marshall *req. by Janice Murray & Valerie Watson*

Friday, April 29 St Catherine of Siena

8:00 Tom & Elizabeth Kobik *req. by the Family*
 Rosina Marcon *req. by Louise Marcon*

Saturday, April 30 St Pius V & St Marie of the Incarnation

5:00 Carmela Bologna *req. by the Rampado & Scozzafava Fam.*
 Aline Cormier *req. by Linda Cormier*
 Vincent Audibert *req. by his Wife: Nina*

Sunday, May 1

8:00 George Cole *req. by Fred & Judy Murray*
 Dec'd mem Shannon, Guitar & Legace Families *req. by Charlene Shannon*
9:30 Michael, Monica & Cyril O'Leary *req. by David & Dorothea*
 Elmira, James & Danny Dick *req. by Colette Empey & Yvette Dick*
11:30 Felice Renda *req. by the Family*
 Immacolata Luciano *req. by Children: Lucy, Anna, Frank & Angie*
7:00 People of the Parish

Upcoming Weddings at St. Patrick's in April & May

Alicia Gajnorio & Robert Gallagher
Vanessa Johnstone & Antonio Rizzi
Samantha DeProphetis & Dale Littlewood

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

Sacramental Dates for 2016

Confirmation
 Saturday, April 30, 2016 at 5:00 PM

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.

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 Herb Ogilvie, Kenneth Bruxer and Mark Patterson. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Val Johnstone, Maria Melchiorre, Shanda Gale, Bob Marshall, Tony Laslo, Fran Smelko, Sharon Regular, Fr Tony McNamara, O.Carm., Bette Anne Chevalier, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Jeannette Fabian, Donna Cormier, Maria Rosiana, Danielle Barranca, Carmela Fruci, Lucy Rizzo, Barbara Phillips (Murray), Audrey Vendramin, Jeanne Lea, Gianni 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'Amizio, 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 16 & 17: \$5,570.00
 Ryan's Bowl: \$ 6,171.05
 Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2016

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday, 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.**

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.**

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 _____



Dear Friends,

This is a special weekend for our parish community as some 36 little children will celebrate their First Holy Communion. With great joy we welcome them to the Table of the Lord! **Next Saturday at the 5:00 PM Mass**, Bishop Bergie will be here to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Another joyous event for our parish, and for our young adults.



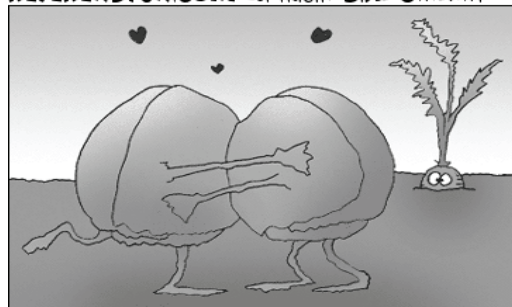
In today's Gospel, Jesus is with his friends for one last time. It's just before the Passover. After Judas had departed, Jesus said, I give you a new commandment, **that you love one another, just as I have loved you.** These words are deeply

embedded into our Christian hearts and souls! The basic command for Christian life. "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." **As I have loved you?** How has he loved us? The greatest love story of all human history! Imagine, God became one of us. Took on our flesh and blood, to save us. He held nothing back. He was nailed to a cross for me and you. From that dark Good Friday, all that is Christian stems. All love stems!

We know how Jesus loved us. But how do we **love one another**? This is not a gentle invitation, **this is a command!** My prayer is that we will reflect on this Gospel, and see how we are doing as His disciple! Maybe we can renew our commitment to follow this commandment of love. For this love calls for a way of life, modeled on the life of Jesus! Maybe look deep into our hearts! I'm sure we'll find things there that are not in line with this commandment of love. Perhaps its pettiness, negativism, self-centeredness, judging, unforgiveness, jealousy, racism, sexism, ageism, greed, anger! Whatever we find that is contrary to Jesus' love, maybe we can do something about it this week! God has enough grace and mercy for everyone! Have a blessed week!

Fr. Gerard

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BELOVED LETTUCE, LOVE ONE ANOTHER

"Spread love everywhere you go: first of all in your own house. Give love to your children, to your spouse, to a next door neighbor... Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness; kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile, kindness in your warm greeting." --Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of people.
That is what love looks like. --St. Augustine of Hippo

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



Confirmation

Next Saturday, April 30, 2016 at the 5:00 PM Mass, Bishop Gerard Bergie will be here to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Welcome to Bishop Bergie, and please keep our Confirmandi in prayer!

The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit
Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude (courage), Knowledge, Piety (reverence), and Fear of the Lord (wonder and awe).

The Sacrament of **Confirmation** is a sacrament of anointing by the Holy Spirit, one of the three Persons of the Holy Trinity. He is the comforter and helper that Jesus promised to send his Apostles, who came to them on the day of Pentecost. The sacrament is the bestowal of Pentecost into the soul, and is the final sacrament of initiation into the Catholic Church. The bishop or priest prays for those being confirmed to receive the Holy Spirit and his Seven Gifts. This rite marks each person with a spiritual seal. Why are there seven gifts? God has revealed this about the nature of the Holy Spirit in Sacred Scripture: "And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him: the spirit of wisdom, and of understanding, the spirit of counsel, and of fortitude, the spirit of knowledge, and of godliness. And he shall be filled with the spirit of the fear of the Lord. (Isaiah 11:2-3)."



A Weekly Reminder

Without GOD, our week would be:
Sinday, Mournday, Tearsday, Wasteday, Thirstday,
Fightday & Shatterday.

Remember: Seven days WITHOUT GOD makes One WEAK!!

Knights of Columbus Hennepin Council 1652...All you can eat Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner Wednesday, April 27 4 - 7pm 6101 North Street \$8/person children under 10 \$5 (takeout available)



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.

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

One Family In Christ: Embracing Catholic Education
Congress Keynote speaker: Fr. Tom Rosica, CEO of Salt & Light Television 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 5, 2016 at Saint Michael Catholic High School RSVP: bit.ly/congressRSVP
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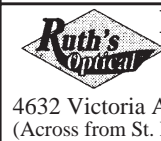
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