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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.

TWENTY-SECOND & TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, August 29 The Passion of St John the Baptist

5:00 Harold Mancini *req. by the Family*
Cyndi Carroll *req. by John & Helen Olsiak*

Sunday, August 30

8:00 Mike DeGuida & Lucy Janssen *req. by William Janssen Jr & Sr*
Felicitas & Hugh Sr & William Hockton *req. by Fr. Gerard*

9:30 Adelino Marcon *req. by Theresa*
Sam Radice *req. by the Herman Family*

11:30 Lia Nieuwesteeg *req. by the Family*
Bernice, Jack & John Buckner *req. by the Parish*

7:00 People of the Parish

Monday, August 31

8:00 Lidia Bonaldo *req. by Charlene & Family*
A Mass of Thanksgiving *req. by Dwy's Family*

Tuesday, September 1 World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

8:00 Herb Ogilvie *req. by Molly Ogilvie & Family*
Frances & Bob Comeau *req. by Friends*

Wednesday, September 2 Blessed André Grasset

8:00 Gus & Zorka Wach *req. by Friends*
John & Helen MacDonnell *req. by Friends*

Thursday, September 3 St Gregory the Great

8:00 Fr. Tony McNamara, O.Carm. *req. by Carmelites*
Fr. Ben Hogan, O.Carm. *req. by Carmelites*
Fr. Bart Larkin, O.Carm. *req. by Carmelites*
Fr. Lambert Zulkie, O.Carm. *req. by Carmelites*

Friday, September 4 Blessed Dina Bélanger

8:00 Domenic Marchese *req. by the Family*
Carlo Noce *req. by the Antonio Family*

Saturday, September 5

5:00 Gino Rampado *req. by the Rampado Family*
Fr. Malachi Smith, O.Carm. *req. by Carmelites*

Sunday, September 6

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 Ody Argenta *req. by Diana Argenta*
Felixsa & Jozef Brzozowski *req. by Komor & Janusz Families*

11:30 Sebastiano (Sam) Radice *req. by the Family*
Lucy Janssen, Mike DeGuida, Lucy DeMizio *req. by A. Luciano & Family*

7:00 James Shanahan *req. by Mary Anne Shanahan*
Jim Strange *req. by the Crowley Family*

Monday, September 7 Labour Day

8:00 Danny O'Kell *req. by St. Patrick's Catholic Womens League*
George O'Kell *req. by Friends*

Tuesday, September 8 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 Safety of our School children & Staff *req. by the Parish*
Angela & Reno Martin *req. by Friends*

Wednesday, September 9 St Peter Claver

8:00 Leo Persia *req. by the Persia Family*
Betty Sargeson *req. by Wayne*

Thursday, September 10

8:00 Pat & Aldo Visentin *req. by Friends*
Pat O'Brien *req. by Friends*

Friday, September 11

8:00 Giuseppe DeMizio *req. by Pasqualina DeMizio & Family*
Victims & Families of September 11, 2001

Saturday, September 12 The Most Holy Name of Mary

5:00 Pietro Pizzolato *req. by his Wife & Family*
Lidia Bonaldo *req. by Maria & Patrizia*

Sunday, September 13

8:00 Marco Bortolin *req. by his Wife: Anna & Family*
Vincenzo Grottola *req. by his Wife & Family*

9:30 Ovidio & Madeleine Rosati *req. by the Grandchildren*
Elmira, James & Danny Dick *req. by Yvette Dick & Colette Empey*

11:30 Andrew & Rondinelli Family *req. by Dora & Jim Spencer*
Immacolata Luciano *req. by Alessandro Luciano & Family*

7:00 People of the Parish

Collections

August 16: \$5,191.16

August 23: \$4,246.00

Many thanks for your generosity!

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Sandra Galassi, Shirley Machulla, Jim Strange and Maria D'Amico. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Ralph Davey, Fr. Terry Cyr, O.Carm., Armando Rossi, Gerry Laffradi

Please pray for those who are ill

Baby M, Mary Power, Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Sharon Bruder, Andrea Fisher, Francis Patterson, Leroy Collee, Maureen Tustin, Maureen Kealey, Fern Albert, Betty Crete, Sean Sandel, Marie Betts, Lori Ann Pizzolato, Cyndee Matvichuk, Rosanna Ricci, Karen Bradley, Ron Winslow, Carmine Astorino, Andy Scotnicki, Corinne Journeau, Arlene Collee, Betty & Joe Power, Judy, Mary Ann Quigley, Maria Nobile, Pat DiLorenzo Jr., Teresa Hebb, Jarod Hickey, Julian Cassidy, Carole Ann Ogilvie, Mary Frances Pye, Gus Bagarozza, Carol DeVilliers, Joe Young, Kelly Power, Marney Broderick, Sister Prem, Kerrie Szuch, Gregory Roulston, Cameron Boyes, Pasquale Abrunzo, Alice Dalton, John Nicks, John Calder, Victor Sincich, Nancy Praakel, Bernadette Moore, Norma Zanus, Patricia Williams, Mark Pepple, Nancy Huber, Danielle Barranca, Fern Albert, Kelly Laslo, Toni Brideau, Edward Brzozowski Jr., Nikki Mansfield, Lester Snow, John Cox, Leo Martin, Nicolina Compare, Dr. Andy Fisher, Alvin Learn, James Moody Sr., Nancy Jean Rose, Eric Corcoran, Carmella Modenti, Anna Hunt, Rose MacDonald, Elizabeth Stachura, Denise Colalillo, Brian Smith, Donna Bradley, Charlene Shannon, John Kealey, Margaret Smith, Anna Vergalito, Frank Sica, Helen Lelievre, Nancy Weiss, Jeanne Lea, Rebecca Evans, Samuel Potapczyk, Mary Lawrence, William JA De Foe, Bernard Martin, Joyce Weaver, Michelle Price, Emily Hanover, Donna Cormier, Margaret Waghorn, Drago Bicanic, Jeanne S, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffradi, Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Evelyn Rose Baker, Lorraine Spence, Vito Fuccillo, Tom Hilton, Robert & JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Marie Massolin, Jeannette Fabian, Maria Melchiorre, Jozefa Bilski, Francesco Albanese, Todd Reid, Mary Brennan, Conner Hawkswell, George Teibert, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Maria Guerin, Patricia O'Reilly, Audrey Vendramin, Faith Amadio, Patrick Kealey, Cheryl Granton, Walter Wallace, Florrie Heimbigner, Francois Chayer, Jadwiga Wozniak, Julie Nicholson, Stefanie Borin, Patrick McCarthy, Alessia Commisso, Trina Washington, Mary Jo O'Kell, Cheryl D'Amizio, Baby Nicholas, Baby Victoria, Pepper Martin Jr.

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

Rescheduled Confirmation Date

from: Saturday, May 30, 2020 @ 5:00 PM

to: October 20, 2020 at 7:00pm



!!!Project Share Needs our Help!!!

Food donations are at their lowest from June to August every year, and shelves often get close to being empty ... while the need doesn't diminish. This year has been rough for the poor and the hungry. We are asked to do all we can to get them through this challenging period. Project SHARE's most needed food items include peanut butter; protein items such as canned tuna, salmon, chicken, ham; and canned beans, pasta sauce, pasta, baby food and formula; cereals.

Lord, when did we see you hungry?

Weekday Rosary

Every morning at 7:30, the Holy Rosary is prayed in St. Patrick Church.

Keep Mary in mind, and Jesus will grow in your heart!

Galassi Family- Update



As announced in our last Bulletin, a young family in our parish and school are in need of help. A single mother, Sandra Galassi, has lost her battle to cancer. She has four children, three of whom are in St. Patrick and Saint Paul Schools: Michaela, 10; Matteo, 11;

Kaylina, 16; and Anthony, 18. There is a GoFund Me Page, or you can also drop off donations to St. Patrick Parish Office. Please make cheques payable to "Anthony Galassi". Gift cards for grocery stores or clothing stores would also be very much appreciated. The GoFundMe page is at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/sandra-galassi-final-wishes>. God bless you for any help you can give. May Sandra rest in God's gentle peace. And may her children be comforted and supported by our prayers and charity.



22nd Sunday (August 30th) Get Behind Me Satan

What a drastic shift in tone! In last Sunday's Gospel, Matthew 16, 13-20, Jesus said **"You are Peter and upon this Rock I will build my Church."** Now, in today's Gospel, Matthew 16, 21-27, things turn quickly! Jesus calls Peter, Satan, and a stumbling block! After Jesus tells the disciples of his impending death, Peter wants to save Jesus from pain. You can't blame him for that! But there's more involved than just Peter's desire to protect the Messiah whom he loves. Peter should have known better! After all, he's following the **Messiah, Jesus**. Peter should remember how many prophets got rejected and killed in his religious tradition! Right now, **even Peter himself**, is being called to accept a prophetic role and it will cost. **"If anyone wants to become my followers, let them deny themselves, take up their cross and follow me!"** And following Jesus is not always easy! Christianity is not an easy walk, not all smiles and good feelings! There's a cross Jesus invites Peter and **all of us** to willingly take up each day. We are most likely not going to suffer crucifixion as Jesus did, but it's clear he invites us **to make sacrifices** for his sake and for the sake of the gospel. May Jesus see in each of us what he saw in Peter, **a willingness to do the best we can to follow him**, even unto death. Let us join Peter, and try our best on our journey of following Jesus to Jerusalem. And may we never be a "stumbling block" for the Gospel!!!

23rd Sunday (September 6th) Forgiveness

In today's Gospel Jesus addresses disagreements and sins between a brother or sister. And then he tells us that **"whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven!"** If someone has sinned against us, offended us, done us wrong, Jesus commands us to go and be reconciled privately with that person! **Forgive each other**. The time is **NOW**. Forgiveness and reconciliation is not something we should put off. We get one chance at life. As a priest, I have seen so many people going to the grave leaving their families behind in agony and hurt... not only from grief... but from **family disputes and turmoil!**

That's not what life is about! It's beautiful what Jesus says at the end of this Gospel, **"Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."** If we have a dispute with someone, take the time to sit down and talk it out, knowing that God is right there in the thick of things. We must take that first step. Our God of love can help us through anything. It's actually un-Godly to let things fester for months and years. This is a **"WAKE UP" call**. Find happiness NOW... TODAY!!! Let Go and Let God! Who needs my hand in forgiveness... in reconciliation... this week? Who needs to hear me say, **"I'm sorry," or "I was wrong," or "I forgive you... let's move on?"** Let this be a week to bring peace and unity and Gospel love back into our lives and back into our families. Have a blessed and healing week!

SACRAMENT UPDATES

First Communion

When schools open up and when things have settled, we will be in touch with last year's Grade 2's, who still need to celebrate their First Holy Communion. We are also in the process of contacting the parents of our Grade 3 children [in schools other than St. Mary and St. Patrick] so we can celebrate First Communion with them also. We have a lot of catching up to do with our Sacraments! So please be patient.

Confirmation

We had a Zoom Conference with Bishop Bergie to discuss the celebration of Confirmation for those who were scheduled for May 30, 2020. The new date will be October 20, 2020 at 7:00 PM. Please see the Diocesan Guidelines on our Parish website. Because of Covid Restrictions, and limited space, the Confirmation celebration will be for the Confirmation Candidates and their parents only. They will still maintain their Sponsor, but the Sponsor will be unable to attend the liturgy. The Pastor will be the Sponsor by Proxy for all Candidates. Letters will be mailed out this week.

Mandatory Masks

Now that masks are mandatory in the Niagara Region, we ask all parishioners to wear a mask when attending Mass or other sacramental celebrations, unless you cannot do so for medical reasons. We also ask that you respect all protocols that we have in place for our safety. If you cannot follow the necessary protocols, or if you are not feeling well, it is best that you remain at home. All **Diocesan Updates** on policies for Mass are published on our parish website.

(<http://www.stpatricknf.ca>). I wish to thank all of you for your patience during this crisis. And a big thank you to our many volunteers. Our parish office will remain closed to the public until after Labour Day. All business will be conducted at the door from 10 AM to 3 PM Monday to Thursday, and from 10 AM to 2 PM on Fridays. Please call ahead so we can have certificates or Mass cards etc. prepared for you. God bless!

Volunteers Needed

After Labour Day Weekend, we hope to make available a printed Sunday Bulletin at the Church Exits. We will need two volunteers to pass out the bulletins after each Mass. The guidelines state that we cannot leave any printed materials to be touched and handled by everyone. So the volunteers would need to sanitize their hands and pass a bulletin to each family as they leave the side exits. Please let the parish office know at which Mass you can assist. Given that some people have returned to work, we could also use some more volunteers at the 9:30 AM and 7:00 PM Sunday Masses.



Congratulations and best wishes to those who were recently baptized

Easton Grebenc, Trenton Pine, Penelope Girardo

St. Patrick Breakfast Program

We are still waiting for new guidelines from our School Board about our Breakfast Program. Currently, it seems that each school class will not be having common activities with other classes. We may have to provide "bagged breakfasts" to give to each child. As soon as we have information, we will pass it on to you. We are going to do everything possible to ensure that no child goes to school hungry.

Mass Intentions

For those who wish, there are still some openings for Mass Intentions between now and December 31, 2020. Please drop your intentions in the Sunday Collection, bring them to the Parish Office, mail them to us, or email the fee to our direct deposit at stpatrick1895@hotmail.com. A Mass Intention is \$10.00. One of the greatest honours we can do for our deceased loved ones is to pray for them, and have Masses offered for them.

Little Flower Society Cards

Did you know that St. Patrick Parish Office has Mass Cards in stock from the Carmelite's Little Flower Society? We have Healing Mass Cards, Living Intentions, Five-Year Memorial Cards, and also Perpetual Memorial Cards. By using those cards, you not only comfort a family member or friend, but you also support the mission of the Carmelites, our Carmelite Vocation Efforts, and our Carmelite Formation Programs in several countries.



The members of the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** are seeking your financial assistance to help recover from the impact of COVID 19. Since March, we have had to suspend our 'Emergency Help Line' operation due to the almost total lack of income resulting from the closure of Churches and Bingo halls...our only sources of revenue. In addition, our revenue forecast for the balance of this year and into 2021 will remain lower until attendance restrictions at Churches and Bingo halls are relaxed by the Ontario Government. As a result, our Christmas Program will require severe cutbacks this year and in 2021. We have been blessed by your longstanding generosity and pray for your continued support.

Check out our website: <http://www.stpatricknf.ca>

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