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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 and 11:30 a.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.

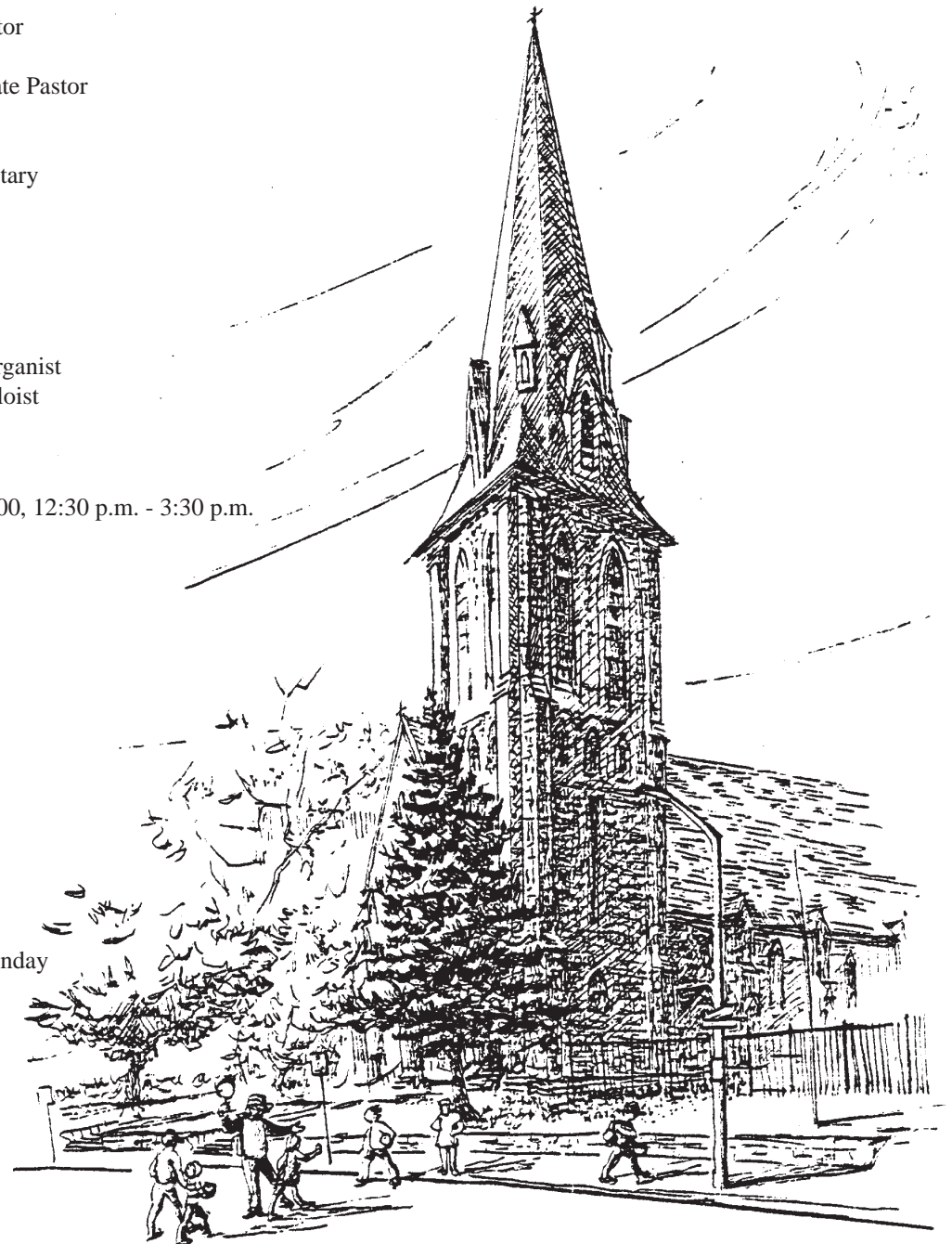
Schools

St. Patrick School 905-354-6631
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Diocese of St. Catharines (est. 1958)
Most Rev. Gerard Bergie, D.D., Bishop

Parish Established 1858
Church Dedicated 1895

New Parishioners are asked to complete a parish registration form.



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, February 18

5:00 Herb Ogilvie & Carol Ogilvie req. by John Olsiak
Nodi Caverson req. by Mary Jane Stranges

Sunday, February 19

8:00 Peter Mong req. by the Nguyen Family
Lucy Janssen req. by William Janssen Jr & Sr

9:30 People of the Parish

11:30 Domenic Rondinelli req. by Jim, Dora & Family
Vince Nobile req. by his Sister: Antonietta

Monday, February 20

8:00 Gaetan Buteau req. by Lillian
Frances Campaner req. by the Campaner Family

Tuesday, February 21 St Peter Damian

8:00 Frances & Bob Comeau req. by Friends
Marie & Jack Cadman req. by Friends

Wednesday, February 22 Ash Wednesday

8:00 Alice Mary Adams req. by Aileen & Bryce Adams
Dec'd mem of the Lelievre & Liberty Families req. by Belle Liberty

12:00 Jerry Slak req. by Friends

Dec'd mem of the Shannon, Guitar & Legace Fam req. by Charlene S

7:00 Fr. Bruce Taggart, O.Carm. req. by Carmelites
Ria Van Noort req. by Friends

Thursday, February 23 St Polycarp

8:00 Lucia DeLucia req. by Pasqualina DeMizio & Family
Francis & Pat Patterson req. by the Family

Friday, February 24

8:00 Deceased Carmelites
Anna Vergalito req. by Angelo Pizza

Saturday, February 25

5:00 Tony Panetta req. by the Panetta Families
Leo Martin req. by Eda Martin & Family

Sunday, February 26 First Sunday of Lent

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 Pacifico Sacco req. by the Family
Rene Plouffe req. by the Herman Family

11:30 Dennis Bowers req. by Frances Stewart
Erminia Di Giorno req. by Rachel Marcon

CWL News... Please note that your *CWL dues of \$40* are now past due for the 2023 calendar year ... as soon as possible please place your money / cheque in an envelope and label it with your name and *CWL dues for 2023* and place it in the collection ... or drop it off at the office or contact Maggie Scott at mccott@bhncdsb.ca or 905-246-6212.
The next meeting will be held, Wednesday, March 8 at 6:30pm in the Hall.

2023 Church Envelopes & 2022 Tax Receipts

Please make sure you pick up your Offertory Envelopes & Tax Receipts as soon as possible. They are in the sacristy, to the left of the altar, if you are here at Mass on the weekends. Call the Office (905-354-7451) to arrange for pick up during the week. Many thanks.

Annual Benefit Gala with honorary guest

Most Reverend Gerard Bergie, D.D, Bishop of St. Catharines
Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education
Supporting students in need and providing scholarships
Friday, March 3, 2023 at Club Roma, 6:00pm \$100/person
905-735-0242 ext 214 or linda.marconi@ncdsb.com

Plastic Milk Bags

St. Pat's will be collecting plastic milk bags. These will be used to make 3' X 6' sleeping mats for the homeless. A church group in NOTL has many volunteers and several looms to do this project. A basket will be placed at the main entrance of the church for drop off. A sample of the mat is also on display.

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

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Peter Zuj and Maureen Kealey. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Karyn McEvoy, Mary F Hanlon, Cole Farnham, Robert Power, Tony Laslo, Andrew Zacharuk, Patrick Macri, Alba Rondinelli, John Pritty, David Gallina, Nancy Waters, Leila Khan, Natalie Speth, Cecilia Shugg, Mary Hanlon, Jeanne S, John & Laura Giampa, Christine Pritty, Antoinette Vescio, Charlene Shannon, Sandra DeFoe, Missy Bilotta, Mary Lou Gallardi, Flori Heimbigner, Toni Brideau, Robert Morningstar, Leon French, Elaine Pampena, Tony Cuvillo, Rita Ross, Karen Watt, Ron O'Neill, Teresa Calzonetti Spiller, Justin Vaillancourt, Jim & Betty Calzonetti, Eric Van Noort, Marcellina Mativo, William JA De Foe, Sr. Carol Forhan CPPS, Judy, D.D., Estelle Critelli, Bernadette Moore, Andrea Fisher, Sister Prem, Leroy Collee, Kelsey Liles, Julian Cassidy, Kelly Laslo, Mahmat, Joe Young, Angelina Greco, Maureen Tustin, Betty Crete, Jeannette Fabian, Teresa Hebb, Rose MacDonald, Edward Brzozowski, Lori Ann Pizzolato, Andy Scotnicki, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pat DiLorenzo Jr., Joe Power, Karen Bradley, Corinne Journeau, Tom Hilton, Carmine Astorino, Arlene Collee, Betty & Mary Ann Quigley, Nancy Weiss, Mark Pepple, Anna Hunt, Bob Marshall, Brian Smith, Gregory Roulston, Cameron Boyes, Danielle Barranca, Kerrie Szuch, John Nicks, Pasquale Abrunzo, Samuel Potapczyk, John Calder, Todd Reid, Anna Chayer, Patricia Williams, Victor Sincich, Nancy Praakel, Jeanne Lea, Norma Zanus, Nancy Huber, John Cox, Nikki Mansfield, Nicolina Compare, Denise Colalillo, Carmella Modenti, Donna Bradley, Elizabeth Stachura, Margaret Smith, Rebecca Evans, Michelle Price, Vito Fuccillo, Bernard Martin, Joyce Weaver, Drago Bicanic, Emmanuel & Aline Chayer, Margaret Waghorn, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Lorraine Spence, Patricia O'Reilly, Evelyn Rose Baker, Francesco Albanese, Gloria Smelko, Conner Hawkswell, Jackie, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Jozefa Bilski, Mary Jo O'Kell, Robert & Maria Melchiorre, Mary Brennan, Faith Amadio, Cheryl Granton, Alessia Comisso, Maria Guerin, Trina Washington, Isabell Frost, Jadwiga Wozniak, John O'Leary, Baby Victoria, Patrick Kealey, Walter Wallace, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Patrick McCarthy, Stefanie Borin, Pepper Martin Jr., Cheryl D'Amazio
Please help us update our list of those who are homebound, infirm, or hospitalized by calling the parish office.

Collections

February 12: \$5,987.12
Giving Bowl: \$3,316.40 (to date)
Many thanks for your generosity!

Children Sacramental Dates 2023

First Reconciliation: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 @ 7:00 PM
First Communion: Sunday, May 7, 2023 @ 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM
(If you are a parishioner at St. Patrick Church, and have a child who does not attend St. Patrick or St. Mary Schools, and would like to celebrate their sacraments here, please contact the parish office for the registration forms.)

Baptism Schedule for 2023

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: Sunday February 19, March 26 Infants Only, April 23, May 21 & June 25
A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, March 14, April 11, May 9 & June 13 at 7:00 pm.

Sacrament of Baptism... Congratulations on the birth of your child! If you wish to have your child baptized, please register in the parish (if you haven't already done so). One of the parents must come into the parish office, meet with the pastor or his designate, so we can complete the proper forms, and gather the necessary information. We encourage parents and Godparents to make an effort to attend liturgies in the parish community. We also have a mandatory evening of preparation for parents and Godparents!

Retrouvaille – MARCH 10-12 /23 Retrouvaille is a marriage program that helps couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. Retrouvaille helps to improve communication, build stronger marriages and helps couples to reconnect. For more info visit www.retrouvaille.org or email teamrecine@gmail.com or call 905-664-5212.

Check out our website: <http://www.stpatricknf.ca>
and watch Mass on our Facebook page



Dear Friends,

This is the last Sunday before the Season of Lent begins! It's hard to believe that Ash Wednesday is this week. Time flies.

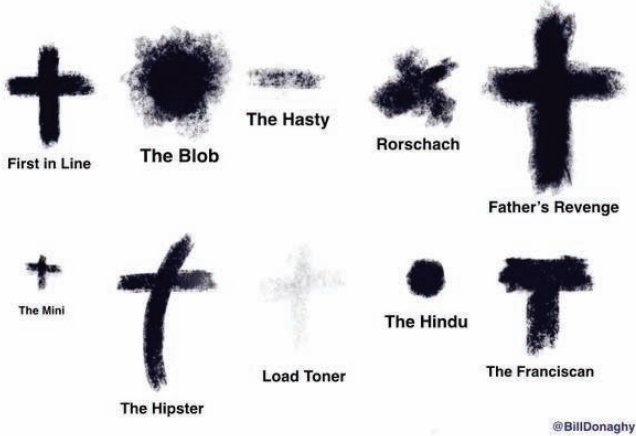
Today's Gospel is a continuation of the *Sermon on the Mount*! Jesus tells the crowds.... You have heard that it was said... but I say... *Do not resist an evildoer; turn the other cheek; give your cloak as well; go a second mile; give to all who beg from you; do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you! Love your enemies, and pray for your persecutors!*

These are tough teachings. And sadly, many ignore them, and deem them unrealistic! Why? Because they go against the grain! These are Jesus' commands of love. His **New Law of LOVE!** These **LAWS** are to be part of our lives. Living these can set us apart from the way of the world, counter-cultural, going against the grain, a radical love. God does not give us commands that are impossible to obey. He certainly gives us ones that are difficult, and challenging. And we must try our best daily, always remembering that life is lived, **one day at a time.**

Maybe this week we can re-read the Sermon on the Mount... and ask ourselves, **where am I falling short? Where am I excelling? Where can I improve?** We must continually scrutinize our actions to see if we are living up to the standards set by Jesus. He never said that following him would be easy. He did promise that he would be with us through it all! As we begin Lent, let's give God glory and praise by trying our best to live his radical ways! Many blessings!

Fr. Gerard

A Catholic Guide to Ashes



Happy Family Day

This Monday, February 20th is **Family Day** in Ontario! It's named *Islander Day* in Prince Edward Island, **Louis Riel Day** in Manitoba, *Heritage Day* in Yukon, and *Family Day* in B.C., Ontario, Alberta and Saskatchewan. Maybe this Monday, we can take the sacred time to do some special activities with our families and our children. In fact, insist on it! Maybe a hike, a skating session, a walk in a park, make Hot Chocolate! Turn off our computers and TV's for a day and enjoy each other's company! Bring out the Board Games, rent a movie, clean your room, pray at the family table! Let's strengthen our bonds!!! May God bless our families and keep us close to his heart!



Ash Wednesday- February 22nd

Mass Schedule
8:00 AM; 12:00 Noon; 7:00 PM

"You don't know how to pray? Put yourself in the presence of God, and as soon as you have said, 'Lord, I don't know how to pray!' you can be sure you've already begun." *St. Josemaria Escrivá*

My whole strength lies in prayer and sacrifice; these are my invincible arms; they can move hearts far better than words." *St. Therese of Lisieux*

Weekday Mass Schedule for Lent

Monday	8:00 AM
Tuesday	8:00 AM
Wednesday	8:00 AM
Thursday	8:00 AM
Friday	8:00 AM



Stations of the Cross

Friday 7:00 PM followed by *Benediction* and *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*

Three Traditional Lenten Practices

Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are three traditional spiritual exercises to consider during Lent. Properly approached and utilized, they will indeed facilitate a change of heart and conversion in our lives. As one writer says, **"prayer, fasting and almsgiving are not the point of Lent, they are the tools of Lent."** They are like three legs of a tripod. *Prayer* nourishes our spirits; *Fasting* disciplines our bodies and puts us in solidarity with those who suffer from hunger; and *almsgiving* enlarges our hearts as we commit ourselves to the good of others.



The Giving Bowl
"A Lenten Sacrifice" for St. Pat's!

Once again this Lenten Season, we will have a special container at the front and back of the church. All donations will assist a food program which the late Mr. Ken Walsh helped initiate in Eastern Uganda in 2007. Each day **The Giving Bowl** feeds some 1000 children at local Schools. This is the only hot meal these children get each day! There are other elements to the program, including medical help, clothing, etc. **Ms. Isabel Bujor**, the director, who recently returned from visiting Eastern Uganda, will be speaking to our parish community at some point during Lent. Please place your donations into these containers during Lent! If you wish to donate by cheque, please make payable to **The Giving Bowl**. *Lord, when did we see you hungry or naked or ill?*

Turkey/Syria Donations

If you would like to make a donation to the Turkey and Syria relief, you can make a cheque payable to **St. Patrick Church**, indicating **Turkey/Syria** on the "memo line" of your cheque. Funds received will be used now and in the coming months for food, medical supplies, shelter, and other essentials to meet basic human needs. These funds will also serve to meet long term needs to help families go back to a more stable life.

Project Share sends a big thank you for the weekly donations of food. If you are out and about shopping, and you see a sale, pick up canned meats, canned sauces, pasta, tuna, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese etc. Please continue to bring food items to Mass for Project Share! It is very much appreciated and needed. Every item helps! **"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"**



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