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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.

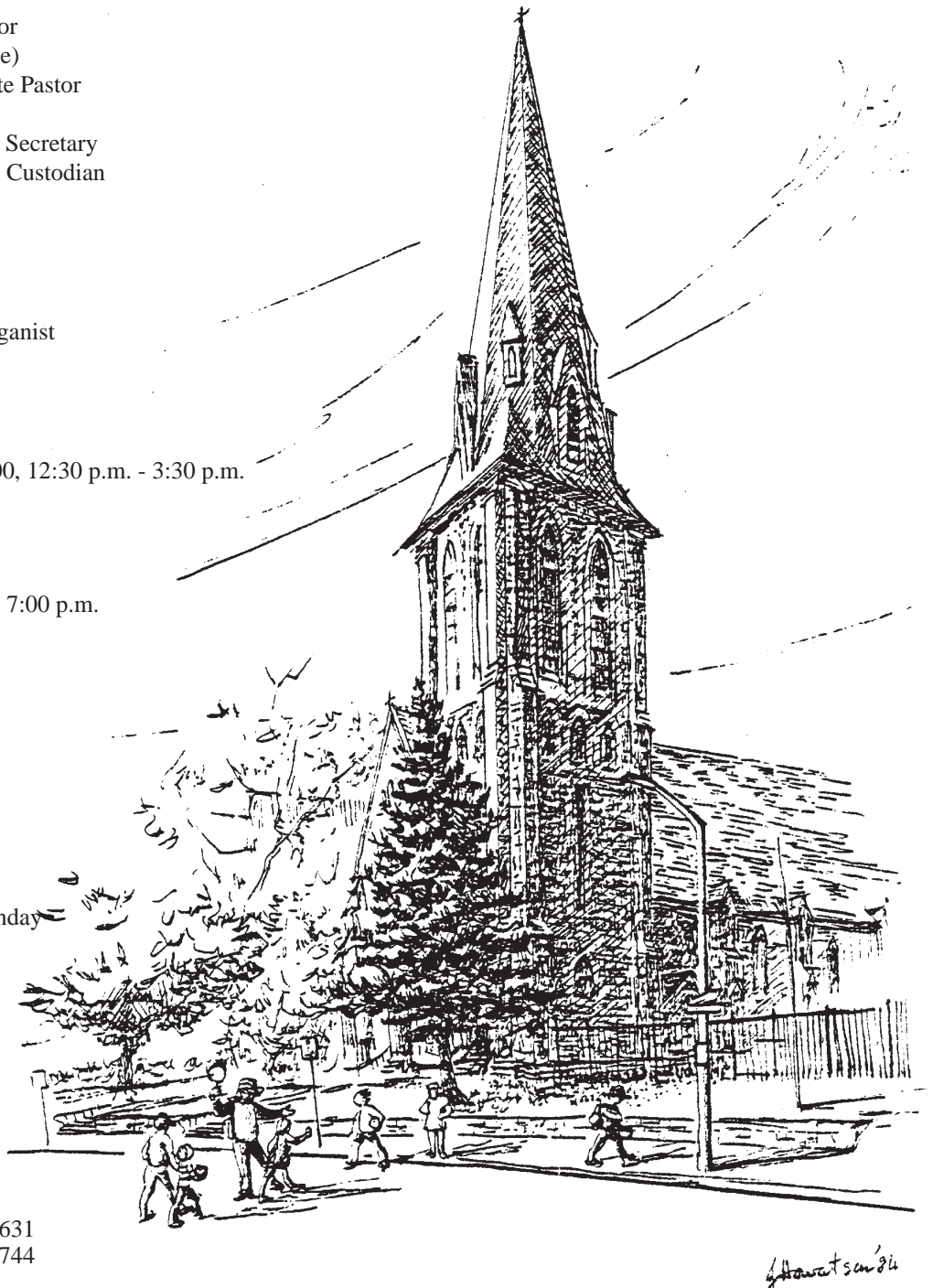
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Diocese of St. Catharines (est. 1958)

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.

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, February 25

5:00 Margaret Nicholson *req. by the Nicholson Family*
Dec'd of the Cormier & Tremblay Fam *req by Don & Donna Cormier*

Sunday, February 26

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Irene House *req. by Monique Grouix*
Maria Gulla *req. by the Family*
11:30 Pacifico Sacco *req. by the Family*
Judy Mahony *req. by the O'Callaghan Family*
7:00 Faiz & Ensaf Krait *req. by Ayman & the Krait Family*
Joe Caputo *req. by Friends*

Monday, February 27

8:00 Jean Lundy *req. by Lisa Racz*
Butch & Lucy Kitney *req. by Andrea & Wayne*

Tuesday, February 28

8:00 Aline Cormier *req by the Family*
Dec'd mem. of the Hicks Family *req by Audrey Vendramin*

Wednesday, March 1 Ash Wednesday

8:00 Vincenzina Catone *req. by Vince & Angela Catone*
Johnny MacLean *req by Dad, Mom & Jacob*
12:00 Sharon Howse *req by Irene Recktenwalt*
Patricia Power *req. by Mary Power*
7:00 Irene House *req. by Monique Grouix*
Marcy Mallett *req. by Ange Martin*

Thursday, March 2

8:00 Carmela Fruci *req. by Barbara Sacco*
William Comnack *req. by Belle Liberty*

Friday, March 3 World Day of Prayer

8:00 Carmela & Raffele Persia *req. by the Family*
Dorothy Doyle *req by Ange Martin*

Saturday, March 4 St Casimir

5:00 Teresina & Vincenzo Fiore *req. by the Family*
John & Mary Dunphy *req by the Family*

Sunday, March 5 First Sunday of Lent

8:00 Robert Bell *req. by the Family*
Annette Brideau *req. by Berni Wancha*
9:30 Luigi Canal *req. by Concetta Canal & Family*
Michael & Monica O'Leary *req. by David & Dorothea Besaw*
11:30 Sebastiano Sam Radice *req. by the Family*
Dominic & Pauline Puinno *req. by the Family*
7:00 People of the Parish

Children's Sacramental Dates 2017

First Reconciliation: Wednesday, March 8, 2017 @ 7:00 PM
First Communion: Sunday, May 7, 2017 @ 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM

RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION

For the parents of children in St. Patrick parish who do not attend St. Patrick or St. Mary elementary schools.

If you wish your child to make their Sacraments here, would you give your name and your child's name to the parish office as soon as possible. We want to be able to keep in touch with you, keep you up to date and meet with you and your child to help you prepare for these important sacraments.

2017 Church Envelopes & 2016 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. Many thanks.

St. Patrick's CWL will be hosting a Pre - World Day of Prayer Mass on Monday, February 27, 2017 at 7:00pm in the Church with refreshments to follow in the hall, all are invited to attend.



Please continue to bring food items to Mass for Project Share! Every item helps!
"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Boris Dimitroff, Jerry Keenan, Annette Brideau and Patricia (Patsy) Power, Aunt of Fr. Gerard. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Loreto Rey, Mary Lawrence, Camelia Pellegrino, John Flynn

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Melissa Brideau, Leon Dopke, Bernard Martin, William JA De Foe, Emily Hanover, Leo Martin, Drago Bicanic, Baby Victoria, Michael Brazeau, Nancy Weiss, Shanda Gale, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffradi, Wendy & John Calder, Pauline Miner, Manfred Hawlitzky, Edna McDonell, Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, Sharon Regular, Fr Tony McNamara, O.Carm., Bette Anne Chevalier, Maria Melchiorre, Conner Hawkswell, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Jeannette Fabian, Donna Cormier, Maria Rosiana, Danielle Barranca, Lucy Rizzo, Barbara Phillips (Murray), Audrey Vendramin, Jeanne Lea, Gionni Bonaldo, Stan Manning, Iole Mancini, Alice Dalton, Baby Maximus, David & Patrick Kealey, Joanna Daniels, Ray Sexton, Francesco Albanese, Mary Ann O'Shea, Rosalyn Dagleish, Kitty Decicco, 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, Walter Wallace, Stefanie Borin, John Cox, Joyce Weaver, Kerrie Szuch, Faith Amadio, Margaret Smith, Carmella Modenti, Margaret Waghorn, Theresa Poirier, Carlo Trasmundi, Vito Fuccillo, Baby Hope, Cheryl D'Ammizio, Kelly Laslo, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Alessia Commisso, Vicki Dubeau, Donna Bradley, Mary Jo O'Kell, Baby Sebastian, Lorraine Murray, Patricia O'Reilly, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pepper Martin Jr., Vital & Emmanuel Chayer, Trina Washington, Shirley Machulla, Lorraine Spence, Baby Gabriel Paraskevopoulos, Patricia Desrosiers, Helen Rotella, Brian Smith, Maria Benevento, Jeanne S, Michelle Price, Kelly Dettlor

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

Collections

February 18 & 19: \$6,054.04
Heating Expenses: \$2,265.00
Ryan's Bowl: \$1,785.15
Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2017

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday, Feb 26, May 28, June 25, July 23 & Aug 27, NO Baptisms in March or April**
A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on **Monday, Feb 13, Tuesday, May 16, June 13, July 11 & Aug 15 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 all the necessary information. We encourage parents and Godparents to make an effort to attend liturgies in the parish community. We also have a special evening of preparation for parents and Godparents! Many blessings!

St. Patrick's Day Dance, Saturday March 18, 2017

St. Patrick Parish Hall From 8 p.m.-1 a.m.
\$10.00 per person includes:
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Check out our website: <http://www.stpatricknf.ca>

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends:



This weekend we welcome Bishop Gerard Bergie to our parish, as we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with 24 of our students. May God bless our Confirmandi, and may they always feel the deep presence of the Holy Spirit in their daily lives. May God bless Bishop Bergie for his wonderful ministry in our Diocese.

Every day is a good day to stop and reflect on the deep love that God has for us. **Isaiah 49:14-15** is our first reading this Sunday. It has even been written into a very beautiful hymn. It reminds us that **God never forgets us!** Never! He has carved us in the palm of His hand! That is so good and comforting to know, especially when we go through difficult times.

Today's Gospel, **Matthew 6:25-34**, is a continuation of the *Sermon on the Mount*. It teaches us so poetically about God's love and care for us. We are told that our heavenly Father **knows our needs**; that **we must seek his kingdom** and his righteousness; all else will be given to us; and that **we must trust in God** to take care of today and **not worry** about tomorrow. That takes a lot of trust and faith... but remember God always keeps His word!

God is still very much aware of our daily struggles. He understood the crowds on the Mountain of the Beatitudes that day! He knows our situation just as he knew theirs. God must always be our first consideration, and God is the one we must trust to help us through life. Never forget what Isaiah says, "I will not forget you my people!" We need to own that, and feel that when the way gets rough. AS we embark upon the Season of Lent, maybe we can use this Sermon on the Mount (Mt 5-7) as a catalyst for our daily prayer! Many blessings!

Fr. Gerard



www.catholiccartoonblog.blogspot.com

Mass Schedule

8:00 AM; 12 Noon; and 7:00 PM
(Bring a food item for Project Share)

Weekday Mass Schedule for Lent

Monday-	8:00 AM
Tuesday-	8:00 AM
Wednesday-	8:00 AM & 7:00pm (starting March 15)
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*



SECOND REFUGEE FAMILY

Our second Refugee Family of 4 (The Maaloufs) in Lebanon received word that their application has been approved, and they will receive a date very soon to come to St. Patrick's! In preparation for their arrival and in assisting our first Refugee Family of 3 (The Kraits), move into a new apartment, if anyone has any of the following items, please drop them off to the office or at the side door of the house asap. The supplies we had on hand were used to help a local family of 4 last summer, and all the rest was sent to Haiti during their crisis last November. The items needed are: **Cooking Utensils; Pots and Pans; Queen Bed Frame; Iron; Good used area rugs; Table Lamps; Serving Dishes and Platters; Cleaning supplies; Mops and brooms; Light Bulbs; Laundry detergent/Bounce.**

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.



**Ryan's Bowl Food Program
"A Lenten Sacrifice" for St. Pat's!**

This Lent we will have a special container at the front and back of the church. All donations will assist a food program in which some of our parishioners helped initiate in Eastern Uganda. Each day *Ryan's Bowl* feeds over 1000 children at local Catholic Schools. This is the only hot meal these children get each day! Please place your donations into these containers during Lent! If you wish to donate by cheque, please make payable to *Ryan's Bowl Food Program*. "Lord, when did we see you hungry?"



Did you know? The program is called "*Ryan's Bowl*" in memory of **Ryan Condon of Niagara Falls, Ontario**. Ryan was struck and killed by a drunk driver in Thunder Bay on November 26, 2006. His memory lives on through this wonderful endeavour. This is a Registered Charity under the

Canada Revenue Agency, and they issue their own receipts for Income Tax Purposes. Approximately 90% of their funds go directly to the Lunch Program. The other 10% is used for school fees for the most desperate, a school uniform to replace the most tattered, also notebooks and pencils, and in dire cases, to purchase a goat for very needy families. Check out their website: <http://projectafrica.ca/>

Forty Days for Life

From March 1 to April 9, members of our community will be taking part in **40 Days for Life (prayer vigil)**... a groundbreaking, coordinated international mobilization. We pray that, with God's help, this will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our city, and beyond.

LOCATION: Public right-of-way outside Greater Niagara General Hospital. North Street. Niagara Falls, Ontario

Time: from 8:00AM to 8:00PM Check out the website.

To Join : https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/niagara-falls/calendar/?start_date=20170113

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