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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

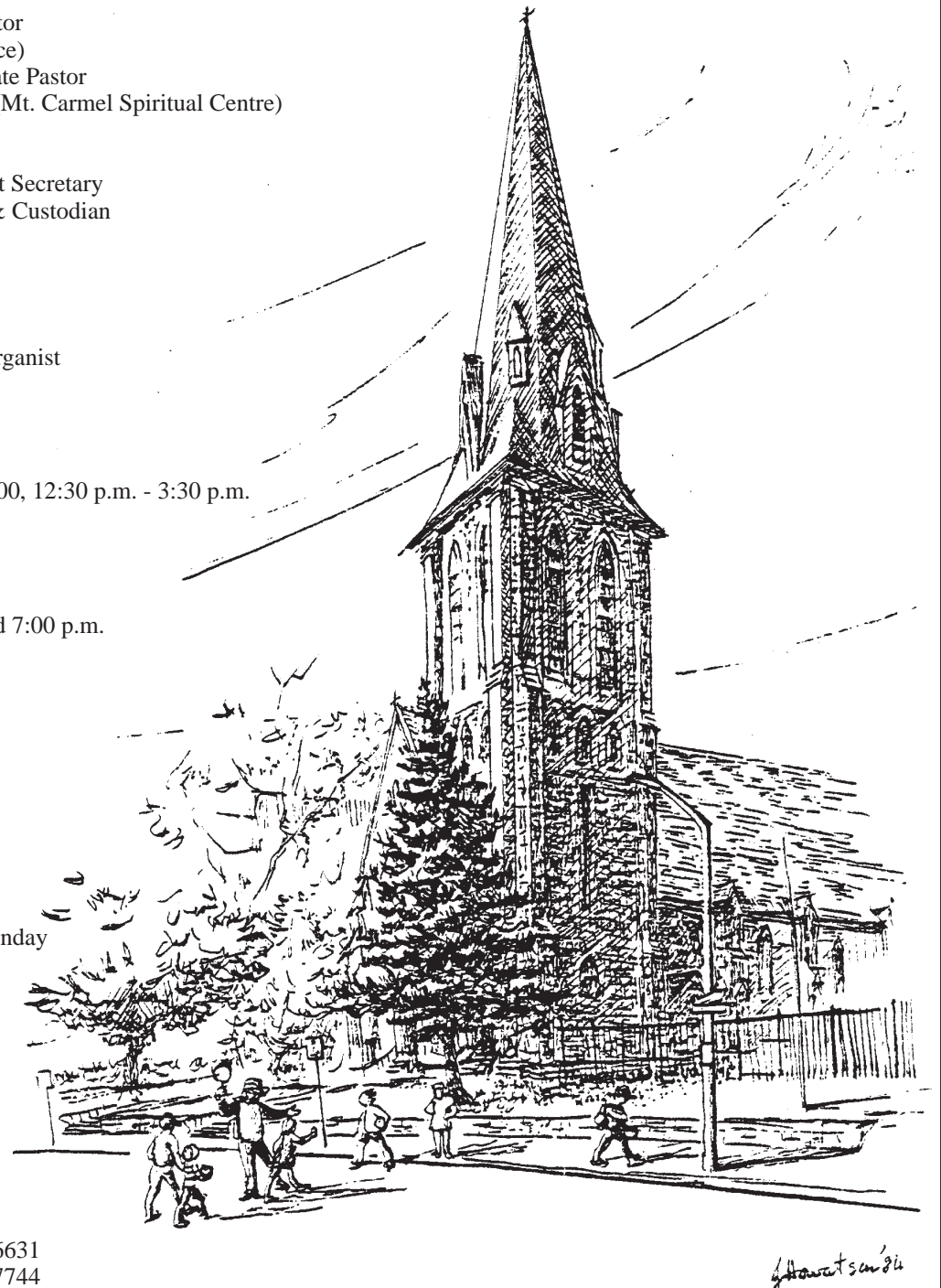
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Diocese of St. Catharines (est. 1958)

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.



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



Saturday, February 27

5:00 Charles Ogilvie *req. by his Wife: Debbie & Children*
 Felicitas & Hugh Hockton & William Hockton *req. by Mary Power*

Sunday, February 28 Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 Maria Gulla *req. by the Family*

Felice Mete & Santa Isabella *req. by Caterina Ruberto*

11:30 Hicks Family *req. by Audrey Vendramin*

Mary Dimitroff *req. by John & Maureen Kealey*

7:00 Butch & Lucy Kitney *req. by Andrea & Wayne*

Nicasio Rey *req. by the Rey & Navarro Families*

Monday, February 29

8:00 Victoria Ekpenyon *req. by her Daughter*

Peter Mong Nguyen *req. by the Family*

Tuesday, March 1

8:00 Johnny MacLean *req. by Mom, Dad & Jacob*

Vincenzina Catone *req. by Vince & Angela Catone*

Wednesday, March 2

8:00 Bernard Parulan *req. by the Family*

12:00 Mary Watson *req. by her Daughters: Valerie & Diane*

Msgr Vincent Ferrando *req. by his Friends*

Thursday, March 3

8:00 Deacon Pat O'Brien *req. by Helen Lelievre*

Friday, March 4 St Casimir World Day of Prayer

8:00 Gabby Gabrielli *req. by the Kids*

Saturday, March 5

5:00 Harold & Marc Bickerstafe *req. by Imelda Bickerstafe*

All Unborn Children *req. by Parishioners*

Pauline Puiunno *req. by the Family*

Sunday, March 6 Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 Luigi Canal *req. by his Wife & Family*

Giulio & Lucia Cavaliere *req. by Rocco & Giuseppina Cavaliere*

9:30 Downes Family *req. by Betty Fischer*

Elmira, James & Danny Dick *req. by Colette Empey & Yvette Dick*

11:30 Don Critelli *req. by Valerie Watson*

Immacolata Luciano *req. by her Children: Lucy, Anna, Frank & Angie*

7:00 People of the Parish

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

St. Patrick's Day Dance Saturday, March 12th

St. Patrick Parish Hall

From 8 p.m.-1 a.m. \$10.00 per person includes:

Beef on a Bun • Prizes • Cash Bar

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for tickets contact Colleen @ 905-374-4025 /

colleen@vaxxine.com or the Church Office 905-354-7451



Food Month

Let's make February FOOD MONTH! We are all invited to bring Macaroni and Cheese; cereals, canned pasta, canned soups, or tomato sauce to Mass on the weekends. Let's make a difference in our town!

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 Presenter Fr. Michael Wastag, O.Carm.

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Peter Mong Nguyen & Ron MacKenzie. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are ill

Sharon Regular, Fr Tony McNamara, O.Carm., Bette Anne Chevalier, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Maria Melchiorre, Jeannette Fabian, Cleo Gagno, Donna Cormier, Maria Rosiana, Danielle Barranca, Carmela Fruci, Lucy Rizzo, 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 Pivarnyk, Helen Lelievre, Tom Hilton, Maria Colalillo, Walter Wallace, Stefanie Borin, John Cox, Joyce Weaver, Marie Cleary, Rita Bruneau, Orlando Garofalo, Kerrie Such, Faith Amadio, Margaret Smith, Carmella Modenti, Margaret Waghorn, Theresa Poirier, Bruno Maiolo, Carlo Trasmundi, Vito Fuccillo, BabyHope, Cheryl D'Amazio, Kelly Laslo, Rose Vukmanich, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Alessia Comisso, Vicki Dubeau, Donna Bradley, Annette Brideau, George O'Kell, Mary Jo O'Kell, Baby Sebastian, Mae MacLean, 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

February 20 & 21: \$5,731.21

Refugee Sponsorship: \$66,279.10

Ryan's Bowl: \$ 2,903.05

Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2016

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday, no Mar Bpt, April 17, May 22, June 26, July 24, no Aug Bpt, Sept 25, Oct 16**

A **mandatory** meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, **Mon Apr 4, May 10, June 14, July 12, Sept 13, Oct 4** at 7:00 pm.

St. Patrick CWL News... next General meeting on Sunday March 6 after the 9:30am Mass

- **CARD PARTY** Wednesday, March 30 1:00pm tickets \$10 Cards, Prizes, Refreshments & 50/50 Draw call Theresa 905-358-9332 or Louise 905-358-7367

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!!! Selling out fast!



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.

BINGO News... A few weeks ago 5 parishioners responded to the request for volunteers to the Bingo committee. This group is one of 94 charities that work the Bingos and profit share with the OLG. In the fiscal year 2015 a donation of \$19,800.00 was given to St Patrick's Church Building Fund. Many thanks to these dedicated volunteers.



Dear Friends:

February is almost over! This weekend, we have our young couples here for their **Marriage Preparation Program**. Please keep them in prayer as they journey toward their wedding day. May they experience peace and joy in their preparations!



Today is the 3rd Sunday in Lent! Our scripture this Sunday gives us some wonderful insights into what our God is like. We have a God of **second chances**. Thank heavens. In Exodus, the Israelites wandered far from home... to Egypt. They strayed from God... evil befell them... but did God abandon them? Absolutely not! God's nurturing hands were held out to them. From the burning bush, Moses is called to lead his people from slavery to freedom! In the Gospel, we have a parable about a 3-year old fig-tree that bore no fruit. The owner wants to cut it down, but the gardener makes a plea to save it! It is given a second chance, one more year! This speaks not only of God's patience, but also of the urgency of the call to conversion. We are the fig trees. We have been planted in the Kingdom of God to bear fruit. We must make the best use of the life God gave us.

Let's face it, we all stray from God... times we are burdened by sin. We do things that are contrary to the Gospel, or fail to do the things that God asks. The Good News is, **God's nurturing hand is held out to all of us**. Hear God saying, "**Come back to me, I will give you a second chance**." A great week to examine our lives and consider the consequences of our sin. **SIN DOES HAVE CONSEQUENCES!!!!**... not only in the next life, but here and now. Next Saturday, March 5th, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered in every Parish in our diocese from **10:00 AM until 2:00 PM** with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. A wonderful opportunity to repent and turn to the Gospel, to get back on track!

This Gospel is about grace and mercy! As Pope Francis said, "God's name is MERCY." We are cultivated by a loving gardener who will help us bear the fruits of conversion and discipleship. The time for change is now, **today**, not tomorrow. Life is precious. Life is also short. We have to make the best use of every day that we are granted. Have a blessed week.

Fr. Gerard

A Smile for our Young Couples

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I PRONOUNCE YOU MAN AND WIFE ... YOU MAY NOW UPDATE YOUR FACEBOOK STATUS

"The church is not a theological classroom. It is a conversion, confession, repentance, reconciliation, forgiveness and sanctification center, where flawed people place their faith in Christ, gather to know and love him better, and learn to love others as he designed." *D. Tripp*

The Shroud of Turin - Man of the Shroud Exhibit

St. Alfred Parish, St. Catharines, invites you to attend the **Man of the Shroud** exhibit being held March 2-8, 2016. This exhibit is an extensive display on the history, science and significance of the Shroud of Turin. Since medieval times, the Shroud of Turin has been venerated as the cloth in which Jesus' body was wrapped in the tomb. The Gospel of John (20:6-7) describes it as having been left behind in the tomb at the resurrection. This reproduction will be placed in a worshipful setting conducive to prayer and observation, hanging above the altar in St. Alfred Church. Many artifacts, reconstructed according to features found on the shroud will also be on display.

Exhibit hours: Wednesday March 2 – Friday March 4 and Monday March 7 – Tuesday March 8 (10 am – 4 pm & 6 pm – 9 pm); Saturday March 5 (10 am – 4 pm & 7 pm – 9 pm); & Sunday March 6 (1 pm – 4 pm & 6 pm – 9 pm).

Weekday Mass Schedule for Lent

Monday-	8:00 AM
Tuesday-	8:00 AM
Wednesday-	8:00 AM & 12:00 Noon
Thursday-	8:00 AM
Friday-	8:00 AM



Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7:00 PM followed by **Benediction** and **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**.
Reconciliation will also be available!

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our Church bulletin. The advertising will begin in May 2016 & supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. **Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.**

Annual Diocesan **Respect for Life Mass...Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord** Monday April 4, 2016 7:00pm Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria **Presider: Most Reverend Gerard Bergie**
 CWL, K of C, & other groups are invited to send representatives & carry banners
Reception to follow For more info: Elise 905-684-7569 or Martina 289-686-6122

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. 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.

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

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

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

St. Thomas More Church... **Spaghetti Supper Sunday March 6 noon-4:30pm \$10 adults \$5 children 2 - 10 yrs. All proceeds to D & P**

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

Reconciliation

On Saturday, March 5, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered in every Parish in our diocese from **10:00 AM until 2:00 PM** with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Brochures for Examination of Conscience are at the doors of the church.

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