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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.



BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Saturday, January 9

5:00 Jozef Brzozowski *req. by Komor & Janusz Families*
Sara Grant-Weaver *req. by Grandma Weaver*

Sunday, January 10 The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 Stephanie Wasiak *req. by John & Helen Olsiak*

Antonela & Srecko Covic *req. by Finka Covic*

9:30 Filippo Stranges *req. by Fiorentina Stranges*

John & Mary Cahill *req. by Les & Peg Potapczyk*

11:30 People of the Parish

7:00 Domenic Morabito *req. by the Gelato Group*

Butch & Lucy Kitney *req. by Evelyn Kemp*

Monday, January 11

8:00 Assunta & Giuseppe DeMizio *req. by the DeMizio Family*

Nicola DiLibero *req. by the Family*

Tuesday, January 12 St Marguerite Bourgeoys

8:00 Fern Cormier *req. by Sam & Chris St. Angelo*

Patricia Sheppard *req. by JoAnn Bradford*

Wednesday, January 13 St Hilary

8:00 Michael Potalivo *req. by his Wife: Luisa*

Helen Doyle *req. by Dorothy Doyle*

Thursday, January 14

8:00 Fern Cormier *req. by Don & Donna Cormier*

Frannie Gabrielli *req. by the Kids*

Friday, January 15

8:00 Healing intention for Deacon Pat *req. by the Parish Staff*

Saturday, January 16

5:00 Charlie Ogilvie *req. by Jackie & Tony Phillip*

Margaret Nicholson *req. by John MacDonnell*

Sunday, January 17 World Day of Migrants and Refugees

8:00 Giuseppina Canali *req. by Anne & John Condotta*

Angelo Butera *req. by Emili & Michael Melymuka*

9:30 Adelino & Luigi Marcon *req. by Bruno & Ines Marcon*

Dick & Hadley Families *req. by Yvette Dick*

11:30 Gerald Shugg *req. by Cecile Shugg*

Mike Rotundo *req. by Jim & Dora Spencer*

7:00 People of the Parish

Sacramental Dates for 2016

First Reconciliation

(All Grade 2 Students)

Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 7:00 PM

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

BINGO Volunteers needed... Do you have 2 1/2 hours one Monday morning a month to work the St. Patrick's Bingo? Due to retirement our numbers are down and we could use and appreciate a few more volunteers. For more information contact Pat H at 905-358-7202.

The next **St. Patrick's Day Dance** is **Saturday March 12, 2016**

This Fun fund-raiser is run by a dedicated committee of volunteers.

Wanted a co-chairperson to help oversee the dance, to assist with phone calls prior to dance and to help co-ordinate Prizes, Decorations and Raffle Draws the night of the dance.

Interested persons please contact Colleen

905-374-4025 / colleen@vaxxine.com or the Church Office

Rest in Peace... We pray for the soul of Edward Power. May he rest in peace. Please remember his family in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are ill

Deacon Patrick O'Brien, Sharon Regular, Fr Tony McNamara, O.Carm., Bette Anne Chevalier, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Maria Melchiorre, Jeannette Fabian, Cleo Gagno, Donna Cormier, Maria Rosiana, Msgr Vincent Ferrando, Danielle Barranca, Carmela Fruci, Lucy Rizzo, Audrey Vendramin, Jeanne Lea, Gionni 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 Szuch, Faith Amadio, Margaret Smith, Carmella Modenti, Margaret Waghorn, Theresa Poirier, Bruno Maiolo, Carlo Trasmundi, Vito Fuccillo, BabyHope, Cheryl D'Ammizio, Kelly Laslo, Rose Vukmanich, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Alessia Comisso, Vicki Dubeau, Donna Bradley, Annette Brideau, George O'Kell, Mary Jo O'Kell, Wanda Winslow, 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

January 1 - 3: \$9,232.06

Christmas: \$27,058.25

Refugee Sponsorship: \$62,900.10

Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2016

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday, Jan 24, Feb 28 (infants only), no Mar Baptisms, April 17**

A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, Jan 12, Feb 16, **Monday Apr 4 at 7:00 pm.**

CWL NEWS... Ladies of the Parish, come and join us in the Church Hall after the 9:30am Mass on January 10, 2016 for our monthly CWL meeting. All returning members & new ones, come see what we do.

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!!!

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

Church Envelopes

Please make sure you pick up your Offertory Envelopes as soon as possible. They are in the sacristy, to the left of the altar. Many thanks



Dear Friends:

Today is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord! This is like another Epiphany, only its 33 years after His Birth! In the Jordan River, the Lord is now shown, revealed, manifested, to the world to be the **Son of God**. The Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove and then the world began to witness the beginning of Jesus' public ministry.



What I find touching is the expression of the deep, intimate relationship between the Father and the Son, Jesus! **"And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'"**

How beautiful are those words to hear! I'm sure every child likes to hear this, as children always want to be pleasing in the eyes of their parents. Nothing affirms a child more than to hear, **"My daughter, (son) I am so proud of you; I am so pleased with you."** Because of our Baptism, we have that same beautiful relationship with the Father. We are all God's beloved daughters and sons!

Our call in the year of our Lord, 2016 is to be true to our own Baptism calling and to live lives that are pleasing to God! We must radiate the joy and love of God to a world in desperate need of light. Our Baptism has the power to change and transform our lives, as does the Eucharist, so that we can be beacons of God's light. Maybe in reflecting on our own Baptism this week, we can find one area where a little light or joy is needed. Then go and make a difference! Have a blessed week.

Fr. Gerard



The soul is regenerated in the sacred waters of baptism and thus becomes God's child. **St. Maximilian Kolbe**

"The Church does not dispense the sacrament of baptism in order to acquire for herself an increase in membership but in order to consecrate a human being to God and to communicate to that person the divine gift of birth from God." **Hans Urs von Balthasar**

CONFIRMATION FORMS



Our Confirmation Information and Registration Forms have been distributed to the Grade 8's from St. Mary and St. Patrick Schools. They must be returned by

February 24. If you have a child in other schools who wish to be confirmed here at St. Patrick Parish, please arrange to pick up the Information Forms at the parish office as soon as possible.

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

REFUGEE UPDATE

We are still awaiting the arrival of our first refugee family. We received a note two weeks ago from Immigration and the Visa Office in Beirut, *"I am glad to inform you that Immigration has confirmed the approval of your application to sponsor Ayman Krait, Principal Applicant, with a family size of 3. (Ayman, Suzyi and Stephanie.)"* With a few more odds and ends, the house will be ready for this family. Hopefully they will arrive soon, and begin their transition to a new land. It has been highly recommended by our Diocese and by some Refugee experts, that we house the two families together for a period until they are more settled. We can only imagine how traumatized they must be, having been driven from their homeland, having witnessed some horrible things, and then having been in a Refugee Camp in Lebanon for some 18 months. We have a four-bedroom house on Maple Street which can certainly accommodate both families for a period. We still have some furniture to pick up from parishioners. We have also received a lot of clothing donations from our parishioners. Many thanks. Once we know the exact sizes of the 4 adults and 3 children we will publish it in the bulletin.

REFUGEE MEETING this Monday evening in **St. Patrick Church at 7:00 PM**. We ask all members of the Committee to try and be present. We also invite any parishioners who would like to attend. We will have a former refugee here to address our group, and to give us some insights into what to expect, and how to make the transition easier for the families. God bless you for your ongoing support.

Trivia Night! Come join us for the Second Annual **St. Patrick School Trivia Night** on Friday, February 5th, in St. Patrick's Gym. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the first round of questions begin at 7:00 p.m. There will be prizes for the winning team as well as door prizes and a 50/50 draw. A meal will be served after the 4th round of questions and adult beverages are available throughout the night. Tickets are \$20.00 each and teams of 8-10 people are welcome. This event is hosted by St. Patrick Catholic School and all proceeds raised from this event will go directly to the school. All inquiries and ticket information are to be directed to St. Patrick Catholic School at 905-354-6631 or at night to Tim Atkinson at 905-358-1587. If you are able to donate a door prize it would be GREATLY appreciated! So please, get your team together and come out and support St. Patrick Catholic School and have a fun night out

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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 Meetings resume on January 11, 2016

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.

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.

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