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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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, January 13

5:00 Helen Rose Doyle *req. by the Family*
John Cahill *req. by Les & Peg Potapczyk*

Sunday, January 14 World Day of Migrants & Refugees

8:00 Marie-Ange & Clarence Adams *req. by Bryce & Aileen Adams*
John Buckner *req. by Parish Staff*

9:30 Adelino Marcon & Cavallin Family *req. by Theresa Marcon*
Donald Jackman *req. by Muriel Lafford*

11:30 Antonio Pietrobon *req. by Ody & Diana Argenta*
Salvatore Elia *req. by Theresa & Angelo Elia & Family*

7:00 People of the Parish

Monday, January 15

8:00 Dorothy Ann Doyle *req. by the Family*
Da Minh Hau & Da Minh Vong *req. by Duy's Family*

Tuesday, January 16

8:00 Christine Nolan *req. by the Young Family*
Caterina Ruberto *req. by the Young Family*

9:15 St. Patrick & St. Mary's School Mass

Wednesday, January 17 St Anthony

8:00 John Buckner *req. by Fred & Lisa Persia*
Elena Di Carlo *req. by Angelo Pizzi*

Thursday, January 18

8:00 Emilio F Zannuti *req. by Joseph & Loreta Antonio*
Caterina Ruberto *req. by Veronica Grant*

Friday, January 19

8:00 Helen MacDonnell *req. by the Family*
John & Mary Ruzylko *req. by the Family*

Saturday, January 20 St Fabian & St Sebastian

5:00 Victor Smatana *req. by the Family*
Ardiuno & Assunta Maiuri *req. by Peter & Stefanie Maiuri*

Sunday, January 21

8:00 Giuseppe Cavaliere *req. by Luigi Cavaliere*
Giulio, Giuseppina & Albert Canali *req. by John & Anne Condotta*

9:30 Dec'd of the Albert & Lelievre Families *req. by Fern Albert*
Caterina Ruberto *req. by Stu & Mary Lou Gallardi*

11:30 Mike Rotundo *req. by Jim & Dora Spencer*
Anthony Hung Nguyen & Dominico Luu Tien & Dominico Luu Bich
req. by the Nguyen Family

7:00 People of the Parish

Baptism Schedule for 2018

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday, January 21, February 11, April 15, May 13, June 17, July 15 & August 19**
A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, Jan & Feb meeting is together on January 16, April 3, May 1, June 5, July 3 & August 7 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!

Ontario Early Years Centre is located in St. Patrick School. Open Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 8:30am to 12 Noon. It is a FREE program with fun activities for the little ones. Call 905-357-2398 for more details, or check out the website: niagaracatholic.ca/oeycncf

Please note: 2017 Tax Receipts are at the main doors of the Church for Ryan's Bowl donations. Thank you!

Church Envelopes 2018

Offertory Envelopes are available in the sacristy, to the left of the altar, please pick yours up today. Many thanks.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Jack Horth, Wendy Calder

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, Courtney Doody, Marie Cadman, John Calder, Melissa Briedeau, Toni Briedeau, John Nicks, Leon Dopke, Anna Hunt, John Kealey, Helen Lelievre, Samuel Potapczyk, Baby Julian, Baby Noah, Mary Lawrence, Bernard Martin, William JA De Foe, Emily Hanover, Leo Martin, Drago Bicanic, Baby Victoria, Nancy Weiss, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffrati, Pauline Miner, Edna McDonnell, Fr Tony McNamara, O.Carm., Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Trudy Smelko, Maria Melchiorre, Conner Hawkswell, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Danielle Barranca, Iole Mancini, Jeannette Fabian, Donna Cormier, Maria Rosiana, Lucy Rizzo, Barbara Phillips (Murray), Alice Dalton, Audrey Vendramin, Jeanne Lea, Stan Manning, Baby Maximus, David & Patrick Kealey, Francesco Albanese, Mary Ann O'Shea, Rosalyn Dagleish, Kelly Dettlor, Kitty Decicco, Evelyn Rose Baker, Jozefa Bilski, Charlene Shannon, Rebecca Evans, Marie Massopolis, Maria Guerin, Anna Vergalito, John Jefferson, Todd Reid, Jill Leronowich, Nancy Jean Rose, Vince(Jim) Baldassarro, Patrick McCarthy, Norman Horth, Muriel Pivarnyk, Tom Hilton, Walter Wallace, Stefanie Borin, John Cox, Joyce Weaver, Kerrie Szuch, Faith Amadio, Margaret Smith, Carmella Modenti, Margaret Waghorn, Theresa Poirier, Vito Fuccillo, Baby Hope, Donna Bradley, Cheryl D'Amizio, Kelly Laslo, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Mary Jo O'Kell, Alessia Commisso, Vicki Dubeau, Baby Sebastian, Lorraine Murray, Patricia O'Reilly, Mary Brennan, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pepper Martin Jr., Vital & Emmanuel Chayer, Carmella Price, Brian Smith, Baby Gabriel Paraskevopoulos, Trina Washington, Shirley Machulla, Lorraine Spence, Helen Rotella, Jeanne S, Dr. Andy Fisher, Carlo Trasmundi, Frank Sica

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

Collections

Christmas : \$31,335.00

January 6 & 7: \$5,642.00

Many thanks for your generosity!

CWL News...The next CWL Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 10 at 6:30pm in the Hall. (Please Note: New time)

The Sanctuary Candles to be used during 2018 at the Blessed Sacrament Altar have been generously donated by Fred Persia and Family in memory of Leo Persia

Is God calling You?

If you feel called to serve as Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Altar Server, or Funeral Server, please call the parish office. We will gladly arrange for a training sessions.



Please continue to bring food items to Mass for Project Share! Every item helps!

"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"

Sacramental Dates for 2018

First Reconciliation- February 7, 2018 @ 7pm

Confirmation- April 14, 2018 @ 5pm

First Communion- May 6, 2018 @ 9:30 & 1:30

(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.)

St. Patrick's Day Dance, Saturday March 17, 2018

This Fun fund-raiser is run by a dedicated committee of volunteers. The Coordinator needs a **SHADOW** to help oversee the dance, update lists, to make phone calls prior to dance, put up posters, collect Prizes, help with Decorations and Raffle Draws the night of the dance.

Interested persons please contact Colleen

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



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



Dear Friends:

Today is the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time! [January 14th is designated as **World Day of Migrants and Refugees!** A wonderful day to offer our prayers and support for the millions of people in our world, seeking a new home, trying to start over in a new land. We give God thanks and praise for what our parish has been able to do in sponsoring two refugee families, and now awaiting the arrival of an elderly couple from a Lebanese Camp (parents of Bassem Maalouf).

The readings for this Sunday have to do with God calling! God calls Samuel in the First Reading, and we get Samuel's response, "**Speak Lord for your servant is listening.**" Our Psalm proclaims, "**Here I am Lord; I come to do your will!**"

This past Monday we celebrated the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus. And here in today's Gospel, John the Baptist is standing with two of his disciples when Jesus walks by! And John proclaims words very similar to what the priest proclaims at Mass when he holds up the Body and Blood of Christ before Communion: **Look, here is the Lamb of God!** This is a beautiful scene where two of John's disciples ask Jesus "**where are you staying?**" And Jesus answers, "**Come and see!**" Simon and Andrew follow Jesus, and their lives are changed forever!

Two thousand years later, Jesus calls each of us! What is our calling? What is God asking of me? Are we ready to say, "Here I am Lord, do with me as you please! **We are called to serve God.** The answer is a mystery, the mystery of our lives. We pray for the grace and courage to be attentive to God's call in our lives. We pray for the courage to follow Him, so that when He calls we will freely respond, "**Speak Lord, for your servant is listening.**"

John Cardinal Newman once wrote, "**God has created me for some definite service; He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have a mission. I have a part in a great work. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for nothing. I shall do good. I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, even if I do not realize what I am doing. But, if I keep His commandments, I will serve Him in my calling.**"

What is one thing God is calling me to do? What can I do to keep his mission and ministry alive... this day, tomorrow... this week... next week? Cheers and Blessings,

Fr. Gerard



Thanks to Ondrej Paska (See Matthew 14:24-33) 01-04-20
PETER FINDS HIS FAITH TO BE MUCH STRONGER IN THE WINTER

"God does not choose people because of their ability, but because of their availability." — *Brother Andrew*

"We are never short on opportunities to answer the call to assist the widows, support the homeless, stand up for justice and to preach Christ crucified and resurrected. That is the true calling of every believer."

— *Andrena Sawyer*

God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the CALLED! No matter where you are in your life with God, HE is qualifying you for his service because you are CALLED. He can help you overcome the mistakes you have made, and even use them to help others. Just allow *Him* to use you.

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Pope Francis wrote, " ... *in an age of such vast movements of migration, large numbers of people are leaving their homelands, with a suitcase full of fears and desires, to undertake a hopeful and dangerous trip in search of more humane living conditions.*" Too many people in too many countries are still being displaced. In a prayerful response, Pope Francis added, "*Dear migrants and refugees! You have a special place in the heart of the Church, and you help her to enlarge her heart and to manifest her motherhood towards the entire human family. Do not lose your faith and hope! Let us think of the Holy Family during the flight in Egypt: Just as the maternal heart of the Blessed Virgin and the kind heart of Saint Joseph kept alive the confidence that God would never abandon them, so in you may the same hope in the Lord never be wanting. I entrust you to their protection and I cordially impart to all of you my Apostolic Blessing.*"

The Late John Roy Buckner

On the day following John Buckner's Visitation and Funeral Mass, I celebrated a private internment with Patterson's Funeral Home . John did have a pre-paid plot next to his mom and dad. It touched my heart to learn that all three of them, **Jack, Bernice**, and now, **John**, are in unmarked graves, not far from the main entrance of Fairview Cemetery. I am looking into getting a marker (at cost) for the family, with all three names and dates on it. As soon as I can get a final price, I will let you know. My heart says we need to do this. I have already received \$50 toward this sacred project. I will keep you informed. He touched many lives, and was so well known in our town. May he rest in peace!

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE

Celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Jan. 18-25) by joining Bishop Bergie for a 'Service of Prayer for Christian Unity' at the Cathedral, on **Sunday Jan. 21, at 3:00 p.m.** followed by coffee and cookies. The themes and materials for this year's world-wide prayer were prepared by the Christian Churches of the Caribbean. The key verse is "*Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power*" (Exodus 15:6). The themes include 'liberation from slavery, injustice, and poverty' and 'building hope through faith, and compassion, and family, and covenant.' One of the resources available for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Jan 18-25) is a very thoughtful eight-day bible study guide prepared by the Christian Churches of the Caribbean.

Knights of Columbus Hennepin Council 1652

**All you can eat Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner
Including Salad, Dessert, Tea and Coffee.**

Wednesday January 24th 2018 4.00pm – 7.00pm

6101 North Street, Niagara Falls, ON

\$10.00/person, children under 10 \$5.00 (Takeout available)

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!



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