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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

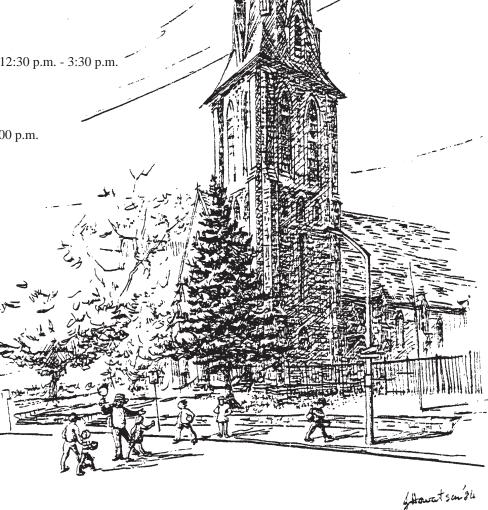
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Most Rev. Gerard Bergie, D.D., Bishop Most Rev. John A. O'Mara, D.D., Bishop-Emeritus

Parish Established 1858 Church Dedicated 1895

New Parishioners are asked to complete a parish registration form.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions & For The Week

Saturday, January 25 The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle

5:00 Luigi Marcon & Elija Seeback req. by the Family Lawrence & Lucy Kitney req. by Evelyn Kemp

Sunday, January 26

8:00 Salvatore Augello-Todino *req. by the De Mizio Family* For the Healing of John Corfield *req. by Dan Moody*

9:30 Angelo Radice req. by his Wife: Antonietta Radice & Family Nicola Rinaldi req. by his Nephew & Family

11:30 Beatrice Leboeuf req. by Peter & Starr Daly

Dec'd mem of the Argenta & Pietrobon Fam. req. by Diana Argenta

7:00 People of the Parish

Monday, January 27 St Angela Merici

8:00 Theo Legace req. by Charlene & Family

Calogero & Giacomo Patanella req. by Granddaughter: Jacqueline Bortolussi

Tuesday, January 28 St Thomas Aquinas 8:00 Kilby McPherson req. by Stan & Penny Connors

Ray La Belle req. by Charlene Shannon

Wednesday, January 29 Bl Archangela Girlani, O.Carm.

8:00 Josephine Catanese req. by Charlene Shannon Erminia Cometto req. by Anna Bortolin

Thursday, January 30

8:00 Jean Lundy req. by her Friends
Gabriel Menna req. by the Parish

Friday, January 31 St John Bosco

8:00 Pasquale Vittorio req. by Lucia D'Angelo Anton Kloc Jr. & Sr. req. by Family

Saturday, February 1

5:00 Matthew Cutter req. by the Plata Family Sandra & Melissa Brideau req. by the Family

Sunday, Feb 2 The Presentation of the Lord World Day of Consecrated Life

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 Vincenzo & Angelica Lizzi req. by the Pullano Family Fred Girardo Sr. req. by Richard & Judy Schrader

11:30 Benito Giustini *req. by the Family*

Carmen Maccarrone req. by the Thiberts

7:00 Piotr Bosek req. by the Family Sergio Simonetti req. by Philip Perugino

Little Flower Society Cards



St. Patrick Parish Office has Mass Cards available from the Carmelite's Little Flower Society. We have Healing Mass Cards, Living Intentions, Five-Year Memorial Cards, and also Perpetual Memorial Cards. By using our cards, you not only comfort a family member or friend, but you also support the mission of the Carmelites, our Carmelite Vocation Efforts, and our Carmelite Formation Programs throughout the world.

Baptism Schedule for 2020

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: Sunday, Feb 23, Mar 29, Apr 26, May 24 & June 28. A mandatory meeting for <u>Parents and Godparents</u> will be held in the Church on Tuesday, Feb 11, Mar 17, Apr 14, May 12 & June 16 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!

Are you tired of living alone? Consider Mount Carmel Home in St. Catharines. A retirement home operated by the Carmelite Sisters, offering assisted living in an affordable and caring family tradition. Care services include meals, housekeeping and medication management.

If interested please call 905-685-9155 for a tour.



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

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Francis Patterson, Andy Scotnicki, John Corfield, Anita Archambault, Corinne Journeau, Arlene Collee, Betty & Joe Power, Jarod Hickey, Julian Cassidy, Carole Ann Ogilvie, Mary Frances Pye, Gus Bagarozza, Carol DeVilliers, Joe Young, Kelly Power, Marney Broderick, Sister Prem, Gregory Roulston, Cameron Boyes, Pasquale Abrunzo, Alice Dalton, John Nicks, Wilf Manuel, Victor Sincich, Nancy Praakel, Bernadette Moore, Norma Zanus, Patricia Williams, Mark Pepple, Nancy Huber, Danielle Barranca, Fern Albert, Toni Brideau, Kelly Laslo, Edward Brzozowski Jr., Nikki Mansfield, Lester Snow, Nicolina Compare, Dr. Andy Fisher, Alvin Learn, James Moody Sr., Carmella Modenti, Rose MacDonald, Elizabeth Stachura, Charlene Shannon, Anna Hunt, John Kealey, Margaret Smith, Anna Vergalito, Helen Lelievre, Nancy Weiss, Denise Colalillo, Leo Martin, Nancy Jean Rose, Samuel Potapczyk, William JA De Foe, Bernard Martin, Brian Smith, Joyce Weaver, Michelle Price, Mary Lawrence, Emily Hanover, Drago Bicanic, Jeanne S, John Cox, Margaret Waghorn, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffradi, Rebecca Evans, Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Maria Melchiorre, Conner Hawkswell, Lorraine Spence, Jeannette Fabian, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Vito Fuccillo, Donna Cormier, Jeanne Lea, Maria Rosiana, Tom Hilton, Frank Sica, Evelyn Rose Baker, Jill Leronowich, Audrey Vendramin, Patrick Kealey, Francesco Albanese, Florrie Heimbigner, Jozefa Bilski, Todd Reid, Marie Massolin, Stefanie Borin, Maria Guerin, Faith Amadio, Patricia O'Reilly, Patrick McCarthy, Walter Wallace, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Alessia Commisso, Kerrie Szuch, Donna Bradley, Helen Rotella, Mary Jo O'Kell, Cheryl D'Ammizio, Jadwiga Wozniak, Mary Brennan, Shirley Machulla, Robert & JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Cheryl Granton, Trina Washington, Pepper Martin Jr., Baby Nicholas, Baby Victoria, Eric Corcoran Please help us update our list of those who are homebound, infirm, or hospitalized by calling the parish office.

Collections

January 19: \$4,756.49 Cathedral Appeal (to date): \$16,785.00 Many thanks for your generosity!

Children Sacramental Dates 2020

Confirmation: Saturday, May 30, 2020 @ 5:00 PM

First Reconciliation: <u>Wednesday, March 25, 2020@7:00PM new date</u> First Communion: Sunday, May 3, 2020 @ 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.)

CWL News... The next meeting for the St. Patrick Church CWL will be held on *Wednesday, March 4 at 6:30pm* in the lower Hall. There will not be a meeting in February.

-CWL Annual Retreat: Held at Mt Carmel Spiritual Centre on March 4, 8:30 - 2:30pm or March 5, 5 - 8pm Cost \$40, includes lunch or dinner. If you are interested in going please contact Maggie at 905-246-6212 before February 12th.

-Reminder: CWL Annual Membership dues are overdue, please submit to the Office or drop an envelope in the Offertory as soon as possible. Thank you to all who have already paid.

-Save the date of **Friday**, **March 27th**, for our third annual **Trivia Night**, details to follow

-July 24 -26, 2020 Defending the Faith Conference, Steubenville, OH Check out the Church bulletin boards for further information

Church Envelopes 2020

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

Big Brothers Big Sisters

Big Brothers Big Sisters is currently looking for caring, responsible people to become volunteer mentors to guide children and youth (ages 6 - 18). One hour In-School Mentoring or 2 - 4 hours weekly as a Big Brother or Big Sister. There are currently 180 children waiting for a Mentor, with lists growing weekly. If interested or for more information please call 905-932-0403 or 905-357-5454

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

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Eastern Newfoundland made it through that monumental storm, with the help of the Armed Forces. It's not that we don't have big storms out there, but this one was accompanied with 150+ km/h winds and over 90 cms of snow. What we didn't hear too much on the media, was that there was already 160+ cms of snow on the ground in St. John's and surrounding towns before this storm even hit! There is still one young man missing in the woods since last Friday, so we keep the family of Joshua Wall in prayer.



Today's Gospel is a wonderful "call" story! After Jesus was baptized, he began his public ministry. He chose ordinary people to accompany him, four humble fishermen from the Sea of Galilee. "Come follow me... Peter, Andrew, James and John, and I will make you fishers of people!" This

called for a dramatic response, a leaving behind and putting their hands to the plow! These four fishermen took up the challenge, immediately! We know their story... one denied him, others fled when the going got tough, others even demanded seats of honour in the Kingdom. They weren't perfect, yet the Church grew from these first followers. I get much hope and comfort from that fact alone! Jesus calls us also, out of our comfort zones, to be active with his mission and ministry. No matter who we are or who we think we are, we are called to minister. We are baptized into the *Priestly, Prophetic and Kingly* ministry of Jesus Christ. So, we have our work to do!!!

A wonderful week to reflect on, *how can I minister to others*. It doesn't have to be extraordinary, like leaving our family, home and jobs to follow Jesus. When Jesus says, *"Come follow me,"* we are commanded to be Gospel people... and to spread the Good News at home, at school, at work, in our social life. Whenever we are kind to others; or try to make peace; make amends; make others feel welcome... we are ministering! We spread the Gospel when we forgive others, help others, feed the hungry, clothe the naked. And the list goes on and on. What is one thing I can do this week to follow Jesus more closely... and to keep his mission and ministry alive? Have a blessed week!

Fr. Gerard

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"Yes, the disciples followed Jesus... but not on Twitter."

Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ. Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Every Christian is called to be a missionary, sharing the good news of salvation in Christ and making disciples for him, not for oneself or one's clique of like-minded believers. *Pope Francis*

Vincent's Store

If you're cleaning out your closets, Vincent's Store on Ferry Street is in need of men's clothing... pants, jeans, shirts, coats, etc.. You can drop them off there any day!

St. Patrick's Bingo

Many thanks to our St. Patrick Bingo Volunteers. During 2019, they were able to donate \$18,000 to the Parish. We have bingos at Delta Bingo scheduled until the end of March 2020. At that time, Ms. Patricia Hudson will no longer be able to oversee the program. We thank Pat for her many years of service. If we have any parishioner, or current Bingo Volunteer who would be interested in helping out, please let the Parish Office know. You would have to organize the schedule for the volunteers, complete the paper work, and be a liaison with the OLG and the City. Please pray about it!



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



THANK YOU FROM THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The members of the SSVP gratefully thank all who contributed so generously to our Christmas needs...which were greater than ever this year. We were able to help out 400 needy individuals and families in Niagara Falls. May God bless you one hundred fold!



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 Friday,

March 6, 2020. If you have a child in another school who wishes to be confirmed here at St. Patrick Parish, please arrange to pick up the Information Forms at the parish office as soon as possible.



A ST. PATRICK'S TRADITION

The Annual St. Patrick's Day Dance on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 8:00pm If you are interested in helping please call the Office at 905-354-7451

The Soup Kitchen, Niagara Falls Community Outreach...

Here's how you can help: These items are needed on an ongoing basis: coffee, napkins, cranberry juice, iced tea, flour, pudding & sugar
We are looking for volunteers for setup and serving of meals, especially
Saturday lunchtime. Cash donations are appreciated as we receive no government funding. nfcommunityoutreach.org 905-354-1640
All donations can be dropped off at 4865 St. Lawrence Avenue

You Can Help your Marriage...Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on March 13, 2020 at Mt Carmel, please call 905-664-5212 or visit www.retrouvaille.org

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY... Meetings are the Second and Fourth Mondays of the month, 7 to 9 pm at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Ave. Pre-registration is not required. For more info please call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com

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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