Saint Patrick's Church

## 4673 Victoria Ave.

Niagara Falls, Ontario L2E 4B8 Served by Carmelites Since 1875

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#### Parish Staff

Rev. Gerard Power, O.Carm., Pastor (Dean of Niagara Falls) Rev. Marc Bell, O.Carm., Associate Pastor Rev. Mr. David Scott, Deacon Debbie Herman, Secretary Alice Corfield, Bookkeeper Secretary Brian Kneller, Caretaker

#### **Music Ministry**

Carol Martin - Director of Music Sandra DiCienzo - Organist Tim Marrie - Pianist and Soloist Anthony Scaringi - Pianist and Organist Ashley Gallardi-Pietrangelo - Soloist

#### **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 and 11:30 a.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

Parish Established 1858 Church Dedicated 1895

New Parishioners are asked to complete a parish registration form.

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For The Weak 🕿
Saturday, January 7 St André Bessette
5:00 Thomas Rondinelli req. by Alba & Ann Marie
Imelda Bickerstaffe req. by Peter & Betty
Sunday, January 8 The Epiphany of the Lord
8:00 Marie Ange & Clarence Adams req. by Aileen & Bryce
Giuseppina Canali req. by John & Ann Condotta
9:30 People of the Parish
11:30 Maria Della Marca req. by the Family
Cecil Amadio req. by Our Lady of Fatima School, St. Catharines
Monday, January 9 The Baptism of the Lord
8:00 Mass of Peace & Thanksgiving req. by Duy's Family
Venera & Decimo Castronovo req. by Dtr: Jacqueline Bortolussi
Tuesday, January 10
8:00 Gaetan Buteau req. by his Family
Assunta DeGuida req. by William Janssen Jr. & Sr.
Wednesday, January 11
8:00 Assunta & Giuseppe DeMizio req. by the DeMizio Family
Chiara Marcon req. by Tullio & Giuliana Milani & Family
Thursday, January 12 St Marguerite Bourgeoys
8:00 Jeannine & Alfredo Disipio req. by Judy Disipio
Ovila Boucher req. by Judy Disipio
Friday, January 13 St Hilary
8:00 John Cahill req. by Les & Peggy Potapczyk
Richard Oswald Jr. req. by Rita Woodhead
Saturday, January 14
5:00 Arduino Maiuri req. by Stefanie & Peter Maiuri
Victor Smatana req. by the Family
Sunday, January 15
8:00 People of the Parish
<b>9:30</b> Maria Della Marca req. by the Family
Albina Tonet req. by Alba & Ann Marie Rondinelli
11:30 William 'Bill' Woods req. by his Wife: Linda & Family
Anthony 'Tony' Panetta req. by Joan & Paul DiPaul
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**CWL WeWS...** Please note that your *CWL dues of \$40* are now past due for the 2023 calendar year ... as soon as possible please place your money / cheque in an envelope and label it with your name and **CWL dues for 2023** and place it in the collection ... or drop it off at the office .... or contact Maggie Scott at mscott@bhncdsb.ca or 905-246-6212 if you need to deliver it in a different way!! Next event: January 8 at 11:30am Mass with a Social to follow

## 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!

## A Prayer for the Soul of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI



Father, Eternal Shepherd, hear the prayers of your people for your servant Benedict, who governed your Church with love. In your mercy, bring him with the flock once entrusted to his care

to the reward you have promised your faithful servants. May he who faithfully administered the mysteries of your forgiveness and love on earth, rejoice with you forever in heaven. Amen

If we allow the love of Christ to change our hearts, then we can change the world *Pope Benedict XVI* 

Pope Benedict's Last Words: "Benedict XVI, in a soft but clearly distinguishable voice, said in Italian, 'Signore ti amo!' ('Lord I love you!') **Rest in Peace...** We pray for the souls of Carmela Cole, Gaetan Buteau, Rene Plouffe, June Mander, Ray Woodhead, John Audibert, Joshua Singleton and Carmela Rinaldi. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

#### Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Cole Farnham, Robert Power, Tony Laslo, Andrew Zacharuk, Patrick Macri, Alba Rondinelli, David Gallina, Nancy Waters, Leila Khan, Natalie Speth, Cecilia Shugg, Jerry Slak, Mary Hanlon, Jeanne S, John & Laura Giampa, Christine Pritty, Antoinette Vescio, Charlene Shannon, Sandra DeFoe, Missy Bilotta, Mary Lou Gallardi, Flori Heimbigner, Toni Brideau, Robert Morningstar, Leon French, Elaine Pampena, Tony Cuviello, Rita Ross, Karen Watt, Ron O'Neill, Maureen Kealey, Teresa Calzonetti Spiller, Francis Patterson, Justin Vaillancourt, Jim & Betty Calzonetti, Eric Van Noort, Marcellina Mativo, William JA De Foe, Sr. Carol Forhan CPPS, Judy, D.D., Estelle Critelli, Bernadette Moore, Andrea Fisher, Sister Prem, Leroy Collee, Kelsey Liles, Julian Cassidy, Kelly Laslo, Mahmat, Joe Young, Angelina Greco, Maureen Tustin, Betty Crete, Jeannette Fabian, Teresa Hebb, Gaetan Buteau, Rose MacDonald, Edward Brzozowski, Lori Ann Pizzolato, Andy Scotnicki, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pat DiLorenzo Jr., Joe Power, Karen Bradley, Corinne Journeau, Tom Hilton, Carmine Astorino, Arlene Collee, Betty & Mary Ann Quigley, Nancy Weiss, Marney Broderick, Mark Pepple, Anna Hunt, Bob Marshall, Brian Smith, Gregory Roulston, Cameron Boyes, Danielle Barranca, Kerrie Szuch, John Nicks, Pasquale Abrunzo, Samuel Potapczyk, John Calder, Todd Reid, Anna Chayer, Patricia Williams, Victor Sincich, Nancy Praakel, Jeanne Lea, Norma Zanus, Nancy Huber, John Cox, Nikki Mansfield, Nicolina Compare, Denise Colalillo, Carmella Modenti, Donna Bradley, Elizabeth Stachura, Margaret Smith, Rebecca Evans, Michelle Price, Vito Fuccillo, Bernard Martin, Joyce Weaver, Drago Bicanic, Emmanuel & Aline Chayer, Margaret Waghorn, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Lorraine Spence, Patricia O'Reilly, Evelyn Rose Baker, Francesco Albanese, Gloria Smelko, Conner Hawkswell, Jackie, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Jozefa Bilski, Mary Jo O'Kell, Robert & Maria Melchiorre, Mary Brennan, Faith Amadio, Cheryl Granton, Alessia Commisso, Maria Guerin, Trina Washington, Isabell Frost, Jadwiga Wozniak, John O'Leary, Baby Victoria, Patrick Kealey, Walter Wallace, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Patrick McCarthy, Stefanie Borin, Pepper Martin Jr., Cheryl D'Ammizio Please help us update our list of those who are homebound, infirm, or hospitalized by calling the parish office.

#### Collections

December 18: \$6,880.18 Christmas Day: \$24,955.25 Christmas Flowers: \$1,470.00 January 1: \$5,863.00 Carmelite Missions Appeal: \$5,146.00 Many thanks for your generosity!

## Children Sacramental Dates 2023

Confirmation: Saturday, February 4, 2023 @ 5:00 PM First Reconciliation: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 @ 7:00 PM First Communion: Sunday, May 7, 2023 @ 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.)

## Baptism Schedule for 2023 to be announced

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!

## Church Envelopes 2023

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

Check out our website: http://www.stpatricknf.ca and watch Mass on our Facebook page

## Dear Friends.

# FROM THE PASTOR

Happy New Year to all of you! With the wind and snow storm we had on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, this will be a Christmas to remember, or maybe try to forget. It was good to see so many people out on New Year's Day. I want to thank you for your generosity to me, Fr. Marc and to your parish at Christmas. God bless you for your kindness.

With most families celebrating Christmas in joy, sadly we have many who were left in grief with the passing of loved ones. We hold the Plouffe, Audibert, Buteau, Rinaldi, Woodhead, and Mander families in our thoughts and prayers, as they have bid farewell to their loved ones during Christmas. May they sleep in heavenly peace. And may God hold all who are grieving in the palm of his hand.



Today is the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord (Little Christmas). Epiphany means manifestation [to show; or reveal.] This feast celebrates not only that God came to us, but more

of human kind entered into the movement. These wise men or magi, (astrologers), traditionally known as Gaspar, Melchior and Balthasar, representing all nations, followed the star and came to God! They are our symbolic pioneers. They blazed the trail which we are to follow. Not only did they come to Christ, they prostrated themselves, did him homage, and brought him gifts.

This is really a feast of the pilgrim who seeks God on the journey. The call for us is to make our lives a continuous movement toward God. Putting our lives in tune with God. Bringing Christ to others. Dispelling all darkness. We need to show Christ's presence to others by the way we live. Imagine if we all lived in such a way that our faith burns and shows through, in every aspect of our lives. May the glory of the Christ Child shine throughout the earth, across our country, around our city, and within our families and hearts! God bless you all! Have a blessed 2023!

#### Fr. Gerard



**Epiphany Prayer** 

Lord Jesus may your light shine our way, as once it guided the steps of the magi: that we too may be led into your presence and worship you, the Child of Mary, the Word of the Father, the King of nations, the Saviour of humankind; to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

On behalf of the parish, I want to say a big thank you to everyone who made our Christmas celebrations so joyful. To our parishioners who came out to decorate the church, thanks for such a creative display! To

those who donated Christmas Flowers THANK YOU in memory of your loved ones, many



toward the thanks for your

kindness. To our lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers and altar servers, many thanks for sharing your gifts with the community. To our musicians and cantors, thanks for adding to the sacredness and beauty of the liturgies. To Carol and Sandra, Anthony, Ashley, and Robert, and our Adult Choir, thanks for all your hard work, and for sharing your heavenly voices and music with so many people! Thanks to the children who participated in the Christmas Pageant: Thanks to Deacon David for his assistance during Christmas! MANY THANKS to the hundreds of parishioners who donated so generously to the Christmas Gift Campaign! You helped so many people this year! Many

little faces lit up with smiles on Christmas morning because of you! And finally, to you, our faithful parishioners, many thanks for your generosity to me, Fr. Marc and to your parish at Christmas. May God bless you all!

### Little Flower Society Cards

Our parish office has Mass Cards in stock 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 these cards, you not only comfort a family member or friend, but you also support the mission of the Carmelites, our Vocation Efforts, and our Formation Programs in several countries.

### **Communion ministers needed for Eventide Home**

One of the ministries of Saint Patrick parish is to the residents of the RH Lawson Eventide home on Jepson Street. Communion is distributed in a service weekly, Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m.. We are in need of more volunteers to help lead this weekly communion service. [Instruction will be provided.] If you feel you may be called to this important ministry, please contact the parish at 905-354-7451

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.

## Parish Registration

Please help keep our records up to date! You may bring this form to the parish office or place it in the collection.

Name:

Address:\_\_\_\_\_

City: PostalCode:

Telephone:

I am new in the parish and wish to register

I wish to use contribution envelopes

I have recently moved

*I have changed my phone number* 

We have married & wish to update our information





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