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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 Sunda 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

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New Parishioners are asked to complete a parish registration form.

Saturday, June 4 The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary 5:00 Maria Quiquero req. by Flaviano & Family

Dec'd mem of the Gautier & Hunt Families req. by John & Anna Sunday, June 5

8:00 Aldo & Pat Visentin req. by Marilyn Lococo & Family Irma Amadio req. by Ray & Brenda Hicks & Family

9:30 Adelino Marcon req. by Theresa Marcon Lucy Atkinson req. by Lillian Winslow

11:30 Ralph Greco req. by his Wife: Ida & Family

Dec'd mem.of the Roy, Durette & Doucet Fam req. by Valerie & Fam 7:00 People of the Parish

Monday, June 6 St Norbert

8:00 Deacon Pat O'Brien req. by Steve & Lisa Racz Henry Lelievre req. by Gerard Cormier

Tuesday, June 7

8:00 Mae MacLean req. by the Catholic Womens League John Patrick Gallagher req. by Stan & Penny Connors

Wednesday, June 8

8:00 Herb Ogilvie req. by Belle Liberty Salvatore Elia req. by Carmine & Iolanda Mancuso

Thursday, June 9 St Ephrem

8:00 Ola Manuel req. by Wilf Bernie Gozansky req. by Ethel & Family

Friday, June 10

8:00 Elizabeth Roulston req. by Janet Hassall

Anna Concetta Pietrangelo req. by Diamondo & Donna Mannella

Saturday, June 11 St Barnabas

5:00 Victor Lea *req. by Jeanne & Family* Bridget Mundier *req. by the Family*

Sunday, June 12

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 Angelo Radice req. by the Family

Concetta & Agostino Panetta reg. by Rosemary Panetta

11:30 Francesco Nicoletta req. by his dtr: Tina

Immacolata Luciano req. by Alessandro Luciano & Family

7:00 Butch & Lucy Kitney req. by Evelyn Kemp Bruna Panucci req. by the Family

Upcoming Weddings at St. Patrick's in June

Lisa Baldo L Rory Stackwood Christilynn Guerin L James Huff

CHANGE FOR LIFE Baby Bottles for Hannah House

Please sign out a Baby Bottle to help support **Hannah House**. Fill the bottle with either coins, bills or a cheque. Bottles will then be returned to St. Pat's Church on June 19, Father's Day.

PURSES for Parkinson's Auction...Sunday July 24 1pm St. Patrick Hall Admission \$2 or donation

Join Steve "Ludzy" Ludzik NHL All Star Autograph Session 3 - 4pm
Please help...Purses needed donate new & gently used purses & stuffing items
(toiletries, perfumes, wallets, scarves, etc) DROP OFF Locations until July
20...Commisso's, St. Patrick Church, Coldwell Banker (Ontario Ave) & Yazz
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Catholic Engaged Encounters Needs You! Reach out to engaged couples, it enriches ones own relationship. Contact 905-684-0805 or ceeniagara@gmail.com for more information.

What is God's plan in your married life? Find out & join the Marriage Enrichment Weekend at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish Hall, Thorold June 17 - 19, 2016 Contact Rene & Thelma 905-329-9006 or 289-723-9788 bldstcatharines@gmail.com

A special collection will be taken up next weekend for the Education of Seminarians & Clergy. Envelopes are available at the doors of the Church today. Please be generous.

Congratulations to Fr. Marc on the 1st Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on June 6th.

May God bless him with many happy years of ministry.

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

*Please pray for those who are hospitalized:*Maria Melchiorre, Mary Wilkes-Matthews

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Val Johnstone, Emily Hanover, Shanda Gale, Bob Marshall, Tony Laslo, Fran Smelko, Sharon Regular, Fr Tony McNamara, O.Carm., Bette Anne Chevalier, Conner Hawkswell, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Jeannette Fabian, Donna Cormier, Maria Rosiana, Danielle Barranca, Carmela Fruci, Lucy Rizzo, Barbara Phillips (Murray), Audrey Vendramin, Jeanne Lea, Gionni Bonaldo, Stan Manning, Iole Mancini, Alice Dalton, Baby Maximus, David & Patrick 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 Pivarnyik, 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 Commisso, Vicki Dubeau, Donna Bradley, Annette Brideau, George O'Kell, Mary Jo O'Kell, Baby Sebastian, 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

May 28 & 29: \$5,124.04 Ryan's Bowl: \$6,233.05 Fort McMurray Relief: \$4,207.50 St. Vincent de Paul: \$1,006.75 Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2016

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: Sunday, June 26, July 24, no Aug Bapt, Sept 25, Oct 16
A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, June 14, July 12, Sept 13, Oct 4 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!

<u>PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND</u> (just a few seats left)



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!!! For those who have reserved spaces, please sign up *immediately* with BrinkmanTrayel.

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



Dear Friends:

Today's first reading and Gospel contain a story about a widow losing a son. In Kings, Elijah is a guest at the home of the widow of Zarephath, when her son dies (maybe her only son). Elijah calls on God three times to intervene... and God does. The son returns to life. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus and his disciples, and a large crowd are traveling to Nain. On the way they meet a funeral procession for a widow's only son. Both stories tear at your heart strings. Neither widow asks for help... but in each case Elijah or Jesus intervene. And a miracle happens. Our God is a compassionate God.

I feel uneasy hearing this Gospel. Having experienced my own mother losing a 24-year old son, it can seem so unjust that God couldn't bring him back to life. I am sure any parent who has lost a child feels the same way. We have to live with mystery, as we struggle with our WHY questions.



Thankfully, we are never out of God's tender care. When Jesus speaks, he shows who HE is... as he speaks with such authority. And his good work is accomplished. Much like Elijah, Jesus' heart went out to this widow,

and he felt deep compassion for her. Her sorrow became his sorrow. He simply touched the funeral pallet, and said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" The man got up and began to speak and Jesus gave him to his mother! Jesus conquered death! And the people glorified God! Jesus showed great compassion. Very moving indeed!

God cares for each one of us as if we were his only child. We're always in God's care. Never underestimate the Power of God's Word! We hear it proclaimed every Sunday. And God's word has the power to do many things! It can revive our drooping spirits; in can bring new life to us; it can restore hope; it can renew love that has grown cold. Never! God's hand is right there on the pallet of our frustrations, on the pallet of our grief, on the pallet of our illness, on the pallet of our loneliness, our fears! God wants all of us to have the fullness of life; and to have that, we must allow God to lift us from the pallet of whatever is holding us back. A great week to celebrate God's Mercy and Compassion!

Fr. Gerard



God's mercy can make even the driest land become a garden, restore life to dry bones. Let us be renewed by God's mercy, let us be loved by Jesus, let us enable the power of his love to transform our lives too; and let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation and make justice and peace flourish. (*Pope Francis*)

Christ has no body on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion for the world is to look out; yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good; and yours are the hands with which He is to bless us now. (St. Teresa of Avila)

For the Funny Bone



Ms.Terri asked her Sunday school class to draw pictures of their favourite Bible stories. She was puzzled by Kyle's picture, which showed four people on an airplane, so she asked him which story

it was meant to represent. "The Flight to Egypt," was his reply. Pointing at each figure, Ms. Terri said, "That must be Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus. But who's the fourth person?" "Oh, that's Pontius - the pilot!"

Parish Gardens

If you feel moved to lend a helping hand around the parish gardens... weeding, trimming, pruning, planting, transplanting, give us a call ... and come on in!!!



The greatest gift of the garden is the restoration of the five senses. (*Rion*)

Don't wear perfume in the garden, unless you want to be pollinated by bees. (Anne Raver)

Congratulations and best wishes to those who were baptized in May



Piper Dawn Anoquot-Smith, Reegan Marlowe Holly and Jonathan Joseph Jaski.

No Fixed Address...a YWCA Niagara Region event August 12-13 at the Pen Centre...visit www.nfaniagara.com for more information or contact Franziska at 905-988-3528 ext 3246

The Diocesan Separated & Divorced Healing Ministry Support Group Held on the 2nd & 4th Monday of the month, June 13th from 7 - 9pm, at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, separated and divorced @saintcd.com 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154

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 www.carmelniagara.com

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

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, 905-354-7451. 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.

The diocesan biennial meeting of **Development and Peace** will be held on <u>Saturday June 11</u> at St Alfred's Church with registration at 9:00 AM and ending at noon with our usual complimentary lunch.

Our featured guest speaker is <u>Elizabeth Fedorkow</u>, who was a member of the national council. She will be speaking about <u>the exposure trip to Ethiopia that took place last summer.</u>

The biennial meeting is an opportunity for us to gather once every two years to review what we have accomplished over the past two years, to say thank you and to endorse/ elect the diocesan executive. RSVP to <a href="mailto:fform:meeting-from:fform:meeting-from:fform:meeting-from:fform:fform:meeting-from:fform:meeting-from:ffor

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For those of you who have Celiac Disease or are allergic to wheat products, our parish has special **Gluten-Free hosts** available. If you let us know before each Mass, we will have a special host

consecrated for you. Please make yourself known to the presiding priest, and he will ensure he has it in his ciborium for you... or in a separate pyx. The onus is on you to let us know!

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