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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.

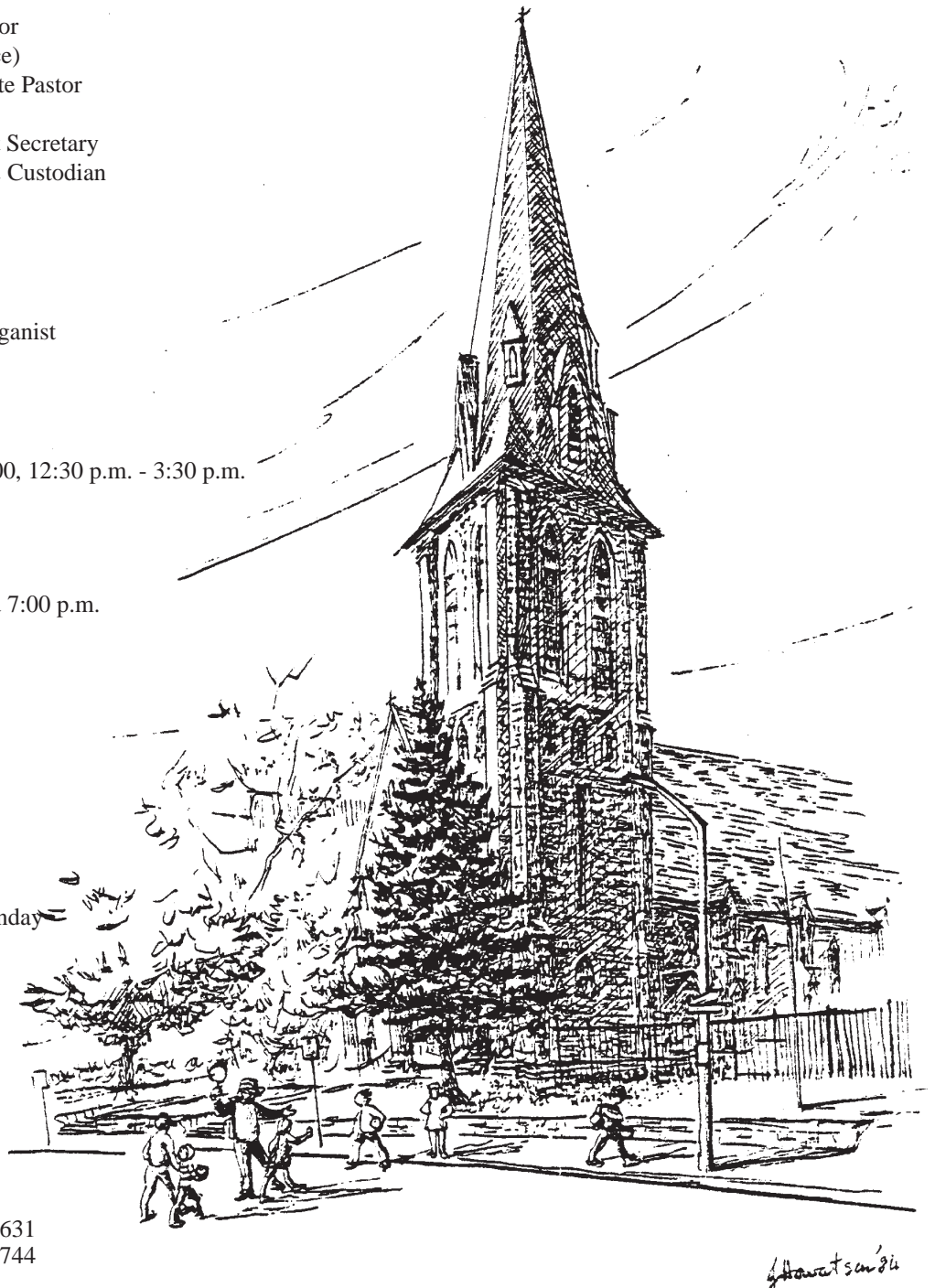
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St. Patrick School (905) 354-6631
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Diocese of St. Catharines (est. 1958)

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 LENT



Saturday, March 11

5:00 Charlie Ogilvie *req. by the Ogilvie Family*
Hugh & Felicitas Hockton Sr. *req. by the Hockton Family*

Sunday, March 12 Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Giuseppina Toffi *req. by Maria Rossi & Family*
James, Elmira & Danny Dick *req. by Yvette Dick & Colette Empey*
11:30 Ralph Fabiano *req. by his Wife: Lula & Children*
Maria Kiem Nguyen *req. by the Nguyen Family*
7:00 Salvatore Sam Cundari *req. by the Wife & Family*
Alejo Mosquite *req. by Arnel & Jo Bustamante*

Monday, March 13

8:00 Jean Lundy *req. by the Gloria Pietrobon*
Antonio Muraca *req. by Nancy DeLuca & Family*

Tuesday, March 14

8:00 Lilia Tumulak & Lucio Tumulak Sr. *req. by the Family*
Anselmo & Giuditta Pozzebon *req. by the Mario Pozzebon Family*

Wednesday, March 15

8:00 Nicasio Rey *req. by the Rey & Navarro Families*
Giovanni Lot *req. by the Mario Pozzebon Family*
7:00 Hugh & Felicitas Hockton Sr. and William Hockton *req. by Friends*

Thursday, March 16

8:00 Pat O'Brien *req. by the Family*
Gianni 'Johnny' Bonaldo *req. by Aileen & Bryce Adams*

Friday, March 17 St. Patrick

8:00 Janice Grant *req. by Jackie & Dave*
Judy Mahony *req. by the O'Callaghan Family*

Saturday, March 18 St Cyril of Jerusalem

5:00 Paul Le Xu & Anthony Hung Nguyen *req. by the Family*
James Ogilvie & dec'd Ogilvie Fam *req. by the St Angelo & Ogilvie Fam*

Sunday, March 19 Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 Giuseppe De Mizio *req. by Pasqualina De Mizio & Family*
Robert Lelievre *req. by Aileen Lelievre- Adams*
9:30 Rosaleen O'Brien *req. by the Family*
William (Bill) Woods *req. by Frank & Antoinette Veschio & Family*
11:30 Jean Lundy *req. by the St. Patrick's Church Choir*
Boris Dimitroff *req. by Rita Downes & Family*
7:00 People of the Parish

Children's Sacramental Dates 2017

First Communion: Sunday, May 7, 2017 @ 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM

2017 Church Envelopes & 2016 Tax Receipts

Please make sure you pick up your Offertory Envelopes & Tax Receipts as soon as possible. They are at the main doors of the Church today. Many thanks.

Ryan's Bowl Food Program "A Lenten Sacrifice" for St. Pat's!

This Lent we will have a special container at the front and back of the church. All donations will assist a food program in which some of our parishioners helped initiate in Eastern Uganda. Each day *Ryan's Bowl* feeds over 1000 children at local Catholic Schools. This is the only hot meal these children get each day! Please place your donations into these containers during Lent! If you wish to donate by cheque, please make payable to *Ryan's Bowl Food Program*. This is a Registered Charity under the CRA, and they issue their own Income Tax Receipts. Approximately 90% of their funds go directly to the Lunch Program. The other 10% is used for school fees for the most desperate, school uniforms to replace the most tattered, notebooks and pencils, and in dire cases, to purchase a goat for very needy families. Check out their website: <http://projectafrica.ca/> "Lord, when did we see you hungry?"

Amount Collected this Lent to date: \$1,905.15

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Loreto Rey, Mary Lawrence, Camelia Pellegriano

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, John Nicks, Melissa Brideau, Leon Dopke, Bernard Martin, William JA De Foe, Emily Hanover, Leo Martin, Drago Bicanic, Baby Victoria, Michael Brazeau, Nancy Weiss, Shanda Gale, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffradi, Wendy & John Calder, Pauline Miner, Manfred Hawlitzky, Edna McDonell, Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, Sharon Regular, Fr Tony McNamara, O.Carm., Bette Anne Chevalier, Maria Melchiorre, Conner Hawkswell, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Jeannette Fabian, Donna Cormier, Maria Rosiana, Danielle Barranca, Lucy Rizzo, Barbara Phillips (Murray), Audrey Vendramin, Jeanne Lea, Stan Manning, Iole Mancini, Alice Dalton, Baby Maximus, David & Patrick Kealey, Joanna Daniels, Ray Sexton, Francesco Albanese, Mary Ann O'Shea, Rosalyn Dagleish, Kitty Decicco, 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, Walter Wallace, Stefanie Borin, John Cox, Joyce Weaver, Kerrie Szuch, Faith Amadio, Margaret Smith, Carmella Modenti, Margaret Waghorn, Theresa Poirier, Carlo Trasmundi, Vito Fuccillo, Baby Hope, Cheryl D'Amizio, Kelly Laslo, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Alessia Commisso, Vicki Dubeau, Donna Bradley, Mary Jo O'Kell, Baby Sebastian, Lorraine Murray, Patricia O'Reilly, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pepper Martin Jr., Vital & Emmanuel Chayer, Trina Washington, Shirley Machulla, Lorraine Spence, Baby Gabriel Paraskevopoulos, Patricia Desrosiers, Helen Rotella, Brian Smith, Maria Benevento, Jeanne S, Michelle Price, Kelly Detlor

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

Collections

March 4 & 5: \$6,381.00

Ryan's Bowl: \$1,905.15

Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2017

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday, May 28, June 25, July 23 & Aug 27, NO Baptisms in March or April**

A **mandatory** meeting for **Parents and Godparents** will be held in the Church on Tuesday, May 16, June 13, July 11 & Aug 15 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!

St. Patrick's Day Dance, Saturday March 18, 2017

St. Patrick Parish Hall From 8 p.m.-1 a.m.

\$10.00 per person includes:

Beef on a Bun • Prizes • Cash Bar
• DJ • Irish Dancers(2 performances)

& The Good Thymes Irish Band

for tickets contact Colleen @ 905-374-4025 /

colleen@vaxxine.com or the Church Office 905-354-7451

Volunteers needed for set-up & clean-up

Tickets available at each Mass this weekend



St Patrick School's Third Annual Trivia Night...Friday, March 31 in the Parish Hall Doors open at 6pm, Game play starts at 7pm

Tickets \$20 each Call to Reserve a table 905-354-6631

Sacred Heart Church, Chippawa, The Divine Mercy Devotees of Niagara is hosting: **2000 Hail Mary's** on Saturday March 25 **starting at 8am** in Sacred Heart hall, come & leave anytime you please

Check out our website: <http://www.stpatricknf.ca>



Dear Friends:

The Gospel for the Second Sunday in Lent is *The Transfiguration!* Just prior to this event, Jesus had predicted his coming passion and death. So he takes Peter, James and John up Mount Tabor to pray. Going up a mountain was a way to draw nearer to God. Like a point of contact between the heavens and the earth. I'm sure the disciples were expecting something significant. And sure enough! Jesus' appearance changed. He became dazzling white. His face shone like the sun. Moses and Elijah appear, and we hear God's voice, **"This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!"**

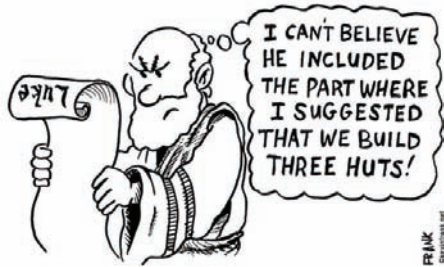


His disciples witnessed the divine nature shine out through the human nature of the transfigured Jesus. Peter, John and James witness Christ in his glory. There was more to Jesus than met the eye. They got a glimpse of the future glory of his Resurrection. This should give them the strength they need for the coming scandal of the cross. They needed the glory of Tabor before enduring the horror of Golgotha.

We all need good news and hope and glimpses of the Divine. I can't help but think of the people of Syria who are still being forced from their homes, fleeing for their lives. And look at South Sudan, thousands of people dying of starvation. It breaks your heart. They need help, they need hope and they need our prayers. And they need us to stop wasting food in North America. Then there's the turmoil in other countries throughout the Middle East. Look at Jesus' own country! Sad. The world needs hope and peace like never before. My prayer is that God will help transfigure our world, so that world leaders will strive for peace... and all people will one day soon, see each other as brothers and sisters of one family!

What about us? As we enter the second week of Lent, is there anything in my life that needs to be transfigured or changed? Just one thing, maybe? Let's bring it to God this week, and let him turn it into glory... from darkness to light, from pain to glory! God can do anything, if we only get out of His way! And if we trust him. Let's go up the mountain this week for some quiet time with God... and come down a better person! Let's make an effort to create some space in this crazy, busy life, so that God can speak to us, so that we can talk to God... and hear his calming voice! Have a transfiguring week!

Fr. Gerard



PETER READS THE BOOK OF LUKE FOR THE FIRST TIME.

WHAT IS LENT?

'Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. **In the Early Church**, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or volunteering and giving of themselves for others. The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan.

Weekday Mass Schedule for Lent

Monday-	8:00 AM
Tuesday-	8:00 AM
Wednesday-	8:00 AM & 7:00pm
Thursday-	8:00 AM
Friday-	8:00 AM



Stations of the Cross

Friday 7:00 PM followed by *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction*

GLIMPSES OF GOD

Like Peter, James and John, we too get glimpses of the presence of God in our lives. We get glimpses of God in the love we receive from other people. We get glimpses of God when badly needed help suddenly comes to us from out of nowhere. We get glimpses of God when we look back over our lives and what we couldn't understand in the past makes sense now. We see glimpses of God when we see someone making a sacrifice to help somebody else. We see glimpses of God in the beauty of a fine day, a nice beach or a beautiful sunrise or sunset. We see glimpses of God when a passage from the Bible or a homily strikes a cord in our hearts. We get a glimpse of God when we spend time in prayer and experience the loving presence of God in our lives. We get more than just a glimpse of God when we receive the body of Jesus in Holy Communion. The Transfiguration coming early in Lent encourages us to continue our Lenten penances because it reminds us of the glory of Jesus risen from the dead.



Congratulations and best wishes to those who were baptized in January and February

Victor Maiuri, Eve Cheverie, Vincent Cheverie, Alivia Elia, Antonio Elia, James Wozniak, Norah Biletschi, Colin Chase, Isaac Eckhardt and James Smardenkas.

REMEMBER?



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!

ST THOMAS MORE CHURCH CWL SHAMROCK CARD PARTY

Wed. Mar. 15, 2017 Tickets \$12.00
Beginning with lunch at noon St. Thomas More Church Hall
Door Prizes ONLY- No 50/50 Draw Nicole Chartrand 905-358-4687

"Helping Hands" Bereavement Support Group...8 week series starting on Wednesday March 29 at 7pm at Our Lady of the Scapular Church Hall Please call facilitators Mike & Rose Brown 905-354-6690 to register, limited seating available.

Sacrament of Penance Saturday April 1, 2017 from 10am - 2pm
All parishes of the St. Catharines Diocese

Annual Diocesan RESPECT FOR LIFE MASS...March 25 10am at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria, reception to follow



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

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