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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 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.



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



Saturday, March 11

5:00 Charlie Ogilvie *req. by Deb Ogilvie & Family* Hugh, Felicitas & William Hockton *req. by the Family*

Sunday, March 12 Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 Antonia & Giuseppe Lazzarin req. by Louise Marcon Elmira, James & Danny Dick req. by Colette & Yvette

11:30 Ody Argenta req. by Diana Argenta Mary Ann Forte req. by Paul & Joan DiPaul

Monday, March 13

8:00 Maureen Kealey req. by Aileen & Bryce Adams Maria Jesus Plasencia req. by the Family

Tuesday, March 14

8:00 Robert Bell req. by the Family Tracy Bungay req. by the Family

Wednesday, March 15

8:00 Gaetan Buteau req. by Carmen & Lee-Ann Cristina & Daniela Lucisano Elizabeth & Vince Dalton req. by the Family

Thursday, March 16

8:00 Steve & Georgette Lafferty req. by Friends
John & Helen MacDonnell req. by Daily Mass Friends

Friday, March 17 St Patrick

8:00 Robert Lelievre req. by Aileen Nodi Caverson req. by Daria Newport

Saturday, March 18 St Cyril of Jerusalem

5:00 James Ogilvie req. by Chris & Sam St. Angelo & Ogilvie Families Fr. Bruce & Fr. Tony req. by the Parish

Sunday, March 19 Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 Giuseppe DeMizio req. by Pasqualina DeMizio & Family Peter Viet req. by Nguyen Family

9:30 Sam DiCarlo req. by Mary DiCarlo & Family Rosaleen & Pat O'Brien req. by the Family

11:30 People of the Parish

CWL News... 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.

2023 Church Envelopes & 2022 Tax Receipts

Please make sure you pick up your Offertory Envelopes & Tax Receipts as soon as possible. They are in the sacristy, to the left of the altar, if you are here at Mass on the weekends. Call the Office (905-354-7451) to arrange for pick up during the week. Many thanks.

Plastic Milk Bags

St. Pat's will be collecting plastic milk bags. These will be used to make 3' X 6' sleeping mats for the homeless. A church group in NOTL has many volunteers and several looms to do this project. A basket will be placed at the main entrance of the church for drop off. A sample of the mat is also on display.

Special Collections

Development and Peace March 26
Holy Land/Refugee Ministry (Good Friday) April 7

Respect for Life Mass

A powerful prayer that we offer each year as a diocesan family is the Respect for Life Mass, which will be held at our Cathedral on Friday, March 24, 2023 at 7:00pm. Our Bishop encourages everyone to attend, as it is so important to pray for a greater respect for all human life from conception to natural death.

St. Patrick Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service Tuesday, March 28th at 7:00 PM **Rest in Peace...** We pray for the souls of Iskender Tokuc, Agnes O'Brien & Celine Forgione. 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, Karyn McEvoy, Mary F Hanlon, Cole Farnham, Robert Power, Tony Laslo, Andrew Zacharuk, Patrick Macri, Alba Rondinelli, John Pritty, David Gallina, Nancy Waters, Leila Khan, Natalie Speth, Cecilia Shugg, 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, Teresa Calzonetti Spiller, Justin Vaillancourt, Jim & Betty Calzonetti, Eric Van Noort, Marcellina Mativo, William JA DeFoe, 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, 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, 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, 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

March 5: \$5,554.31 Giving Bowl: \$5,663.80 (to date) Turkey/Syria: \$1,200.00 (to date) Many thanks for your generosity!

Children Sacramental Date 2023

First Communion: Sunday, May 7, 2023 @ 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM

Baptism Schedule for 2023

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: Sunday March 26 Infants Only, April 23, May 21 & June 25
A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, March 14, April 11, May 9 & June 13 at 7:00 pm.

Prom Gowns and Suits...Are those used prom dresses in your closet gathering dust? What about the suits that no longer fit? Vincent's Store is trying to help our young adults who can't afford a new prom dress or suit! There's many! Heartbreaking actually. This is a great opportunity to go through your closets, and help the local needy. When you help our youth, you brighten the future! Dresses or suits can be dropped off at Vincent's Store at 5970 Lundy's Lane (Tuesday-Saturday), or at St. Patrick Church any time. When times are tough, we all pull together.

Vincent's Store

If you're cleaning out your closets, Vincent's Store on Lundy's Lane is in need of men's clothing... pants, jeans, shirts, coats, etc.. They are also in need of children's clothing of all ages and sizes. With the influx of refugees, the demand is great. You can drop the clothing off at the store **Tuesday to Saturday** or at the side door of the rectory at any time.

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!

FROM THE PASTOR

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all! This Friday is the feast of the patron of our parish.

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields
and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.



Dear Friends,

On this 3rd Sunday in Lent, we have another powerful Gospel scene. Jesus is nearing Sychar, a Samaritan City. He stops to rest at Jacob's Well. And a **Samaritan Woman** comes to draw water at noon! This is



quite unusual because women drew water in the morning. She was avoiding others! After all, she has been through five husbands and the one she was living with now, was not her husband. When she reaches the well, there's a man

there. Not just a man, it's a Jewish man! Men and women were not seen in public together. Samaritans and Jews were known enemies! The woman is not only startled to see this man, but even more startled that he spoke to her! Ah, but it's Jesus! Everyone matters to God!

The woman's life was out of kilter. Jesus knew every detail about her! Then he used the symbol of *water* to explain the spiritual refreshment that he is bringing to the world. She knew she was sinful, and that her problems were her own fault. She felt guilt and shame. She knew she needed a Saviour. Jesus offered her a new lease on life...fresh living water! Something new welled up inside of her. A new spirit! She left her jar behind, representing her sinful past! And she spread the good news about Jesus to her town!

We need to remember that God is still present, *here and now*. Waiting to respond. Offering us a wellspring of **living water** which leads to eternal life. If we feel we have dried up, *then come deeper into the well of faith!* Maybe we are thirsting for **forgiveness** in the parched land of our sins, or thirsting for **hope** in the dry despair of our frustrations. May we allow Christ to **pour life-giving water** into the drought of our lives. Allow him to pour his love and grace into every crevice of our dried and broken spirits. He can do marvelous things if we only **come to the well** with him! May this be a refreshing week for all of us.

Fr. Gerard



Diocesan Reconciliation

Saturday, March 25 is a Diocesan Wide Day of Reconciliation. Priests will be available in every church in the diocese from 10:00AM – 2:00PM.

This is wonderful opportunity to prepare for Easter!

Weekday Mass Schedule for Lent

Monday-	8:00 AM
Tuesday-	8:00 AM
Wednesday-	8:00 AM
Thursday-	8:00 AM
Friday-	8:00 AM



Stations of the Cross

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

The Giving Bowl "A Lenten Sacrifice" for St. Pat's!

Once again this Lenten Season, we will have a special container at the front and back of the church. All donations will assist a food program which the late Mr. Ken Walsh helped initiate in Eastern Uganda in 2007. Each day *The Giving Bowl* feeds some 1000 children at local Schools. This is the only hot meal these children get each day! There are other elements to the program, including medical help, clothing, etc. Ms. Isabel Bujor, the director, who recently returned from visiting Eastern Uganda, will be speaking to our parish community at some point during Lent. Please place your donations into these containers during Lent! If you wish to donate by cheque, please make cheque payable to *St. Patrick Parish* and write "*The Giving Bowl*" on the memo line. Lord, when did we see you hungry or naked or ill?

Turkey/Syria Donations

If you would like to make a donation to the Turkey-Syria relief, you can make a cheque payable to **St. Patrick Church**, indicating *Turkey/Syria* on the "memo line" of your cheque. Funds received will be used now and in the coming months for food, medical supplies, shelter, and other essentials to meet basic human needs. These funds will also serve to meet long term needs to help families go back to a more stable life.

Irish Giggles

Irish lady: "Could I be trying on that dress in the window?"

Shapkeeper: "Wall pow I'd prefer that you use the dressing

Shopkeeper: "Well now, I'd prefer that you use the dressing room."

What do you call an Irish fella trying to break up a

fight? Liam Malone. What do you call a big Irish spider?

A Paddy long legs.



Project Share sends a big thank you for the weekly donations of food. If you are out and about shopping, and you see a sale, pick up canned meats, canned sauces, pasta, tuna, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese etc. Please continue to bring food items to Mass for Project Share! It is very much appreciated and needed. Every item helps!

"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"



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