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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.

Schools

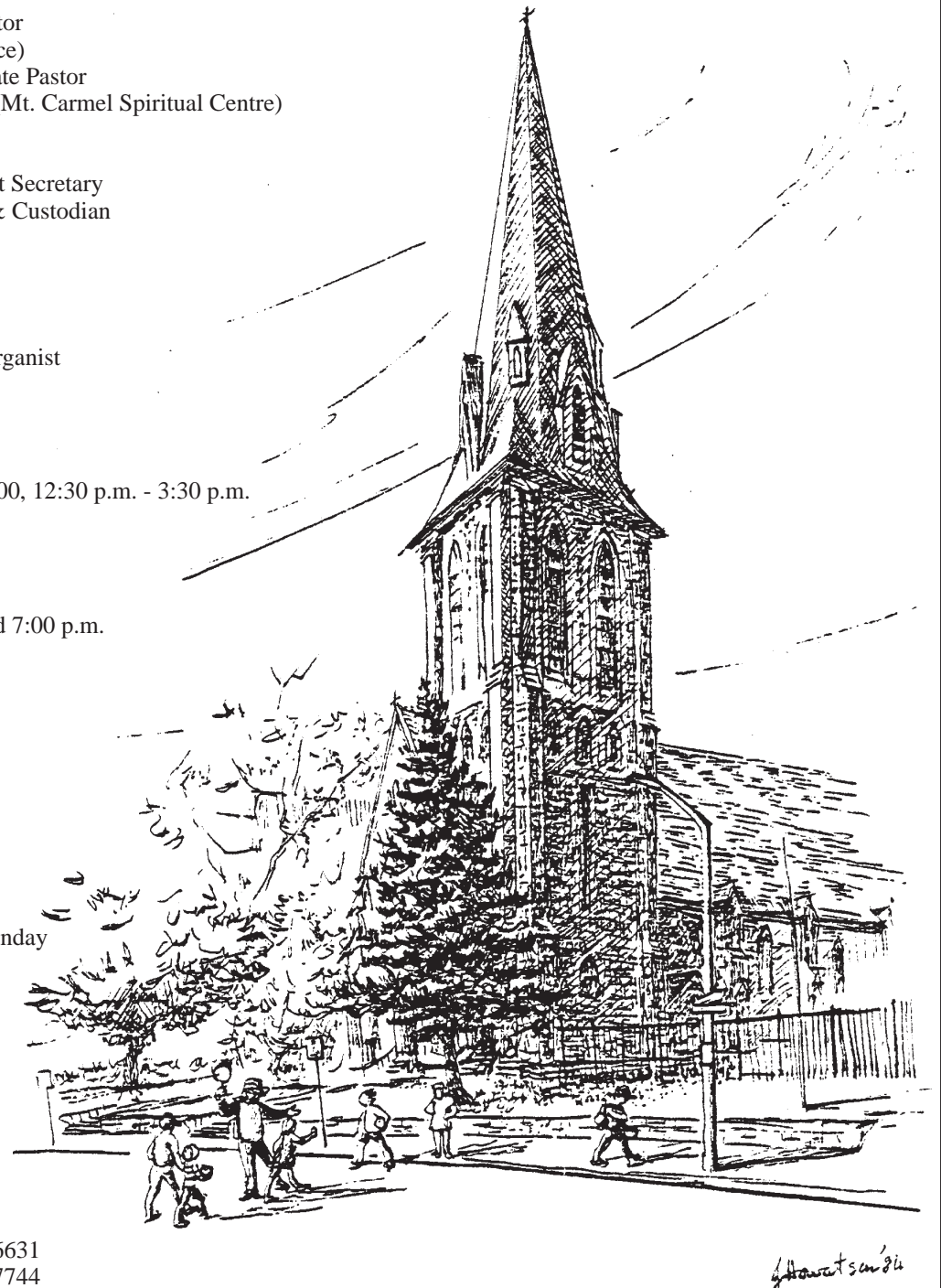
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Diocese of St. Catharines (est. 1958)

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.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Saturday, March 12

5:00 Vincent & Ruby Crowley req. by the Family
Salvatore (Sam) Cundari req. by Teresa & Family

Sunday, March 13 Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 Robert Lelievre req. by Aileen Lelievre-Adams
Giulio Canali req. by Anne & John Condotta
9:30 Giuseppina Toffi req. by the Family
Wilf & Tessie Helmink req. by the Family
11:30 Ralph Fabiano req. by his Wife: Lula & Children
Alberto & Lucia Rossi req. by the Family
7:00 People of the Parish

Monday, March 14

8:00 Ana Tho req. by Duy's Family
Pat Lelievre req. by Charlene Shannon

Tuesday, March 15

8:00 Msgr Vincent Ferrando req. by his Friends

Wednesday, March 16

8:00 Ron MacKenzie req. by Maria & Albert DeMizio
12:00 Peter Mong Nguyen req. by Aileen & Bryce Adams

Thursday, March 17 St. Patrick

8:00 Kathleen & Richard Skully req. by the Family
Laurette Brideau req. by Ann & Jim Brideau

Friday, March 18 St Cyril of Jerusalem

8:00 James Ogilvie req. by the Ogilvie & St Angelo Families
Deacon Pat O'Brien & Rosaleen O'Brien req. by the O'Brien Fam

Saturday, March 19 St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 Giuseppe De Mizio req. by Pasqualina De Mizio & Family
Maria & Paul Di Paul req. by John Di Paul
Mary Aleo req. by the Family

Sunday, March 20 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00 Agostino Compare req. by his Wife & Children
Linda & Mario Cardinal req. by Jackie, Tony, Vicky & John
9:30 Jozef & Feliksa Brzozowski req. by Komor & Janusz Fam.
Leopoldo Ruberto & Teresa Cuda req. by Caterina Ruberto
11:30 Scott Balfour req. by his Mom & Dad
Gimino Cardamone req. by Fiorina Cardamone & Family
7:00 People of the Parish

Sacramental Dates for 2016

First Communion

St. Patrick and St. Mary Schools
Sunday, April 24, 2016 at 1:30 PM
Other Grade 2 Parishioners
Sunday, April 24, 2016 at 9:30 AM

Confirmation

Saturday, April 30, 2016 at 5:00 PM

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND March 12/13 DEVELOPMENT and PEACE- SHARE LENT 2016

Envelopes are available at the doors of the Church today. Please be generous.

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

Chrim Mass March 22nd at 7:30pm, the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria, St. Catharines, ON. All are invited to attend.

Church Envelopes and 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.

Please refer to the Bulletin Board at the back of the Church for many important notices and events

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Frances McGlynn, Linda Proulx & Laura Louise Jones. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Peter Viet Nguyen, Tony Laslo

Please pray for those who are ill

Sharon Regular, Fr Tony McNamara, O.Carm., Bette Anne Chevalier, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Maria Melchiorre, Jeannette Fabian, Cleo Gagno, Donna Cormier, Maria Rosiana, Danielle Barranca, Carmela Fruci, Lucy Rizzo, Audrey Vendramin, Jeanne Lea, Gianni Bonaldo, Stan Manning, Iole Mancini, Alice Dalton, Baby Maximus, David 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 Pivarnyk, 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'Amizio, Kelly Laslo, Rose Vukmanich, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Alessia Comisso, Vicki Dubeau, Donna Bradley, Annette Brideau, George O'Kell, Mary Jo O'Kell, Baby Sebastian, Mae MacLean, 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

March 5 & 6: \$5,945.00
Refugee Sponsorship:\$66,301.10
Ryan's Bowl: \$ 3,636.05
Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2016

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: Sunday, no Mar Bapt, April 17, May 22, 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, Mon Apr 4, May 10, June 14, July 12, Sept 13, Oct 4 at 7:00 pm.

Easter Vigil Reception

Immediately following the Easter Vigil we invite you to the Parish Hall for a reception, hosted by the CWL. This will be an opportunity to welcome our newly initiated adults. We will also bless Easter Breads at this time.

CARD PARTY Wednesday, March 30 1:00pm tickets \$10 Cards, Prizes, Refreshments & 50/50 Draw call Theresa 905-358-9332 or Louise 905-358-7367

St. Patrick's CWL Spring Fling Buffet Dinner Saturday April 9 6pm in St. Pat's Hall details to follow

PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND



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!!! Selling out fast! For those who have reserved places, please sign up immediately with Brinkman Travel.



Dear Friends,



This Thursday we celebrate the Feast Day of our Patron, **St. Patrick!** I wish you all a very **Happy St. Patrick's Day.** Born **Maewyn Succat**, he took the name **Patrick** when he became a priest! Patrick is known as a wonderful model of God's forgiveness and healing! He is the Patron of Ireland, and of Irish people everywhere.

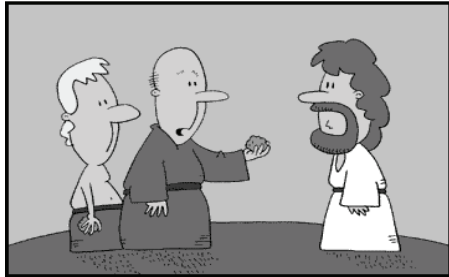
Today's Gospel is a great example of God's mercy and forgiveness! ***The Woman Caught in Adultery!*** Imagine her humiliation! Where was the man? Takes two to Tango! This woman was dragged to Jesus, by the self-righteous, quick to judge and condemn, scribes and Pharisees. Then we see the compassion of Jesus! He wrote in the sand, ***Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.*** And the crowd went away one by one! Jesus was left alone with the woman. Imagine how she must have felt? There was no interrogation, no putting her down, no stare of disgust. Only gentle words: **"Go your way, and from now on do not sin again."** The relief she must have felt! No doubt, her life was changed forever. Given a chance to start over again!

We are nearing Holy Week, when we will be reminded of the depth of God's love! Jesus died to redeem us and free us from our sins. He offers us a new life in him! No matter what we have done, there's someone to whom we can go, who knows everything about us and who loves us! **That one is Jesus!** He knows what we have done and failed to do. He doesn't say it's OK, because it's not. But he understands us... our condition, our circumstances; he understands that all have sinned and fallen short of God's way! And he is the only one who can give us back our self-respect, our dignity, our soul!!! That is the sacrament of Reconciliation. This is the sacrament that Jesus gave to this woman!

As we near Easter we can free ourselves at the feet of Jesus, free ourselves from our sin, our dirt, our shortcomings! This coming **Wednesday at 7:00 PM** we have an opportunity to celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** as a community. Come out and take advantage of God's healing love and grace! Then we can enter into Holy Week and approach Easter with the same joy as the sinful woman! Have a blessed week!

Fr. Gerard

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Thanks to Paul Gladney (See John 8:1-11) 06-03-1999
UMM JESUS ... WE WERE GOING TO SKIP SOME ROCKS AT THE POND BUT IT SEEMS YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN CAST THE FIRST STONE

Lenten Evening Of Reconciliation
 Wednesday, March 16th at 7:00 PM

'He who seeks forgiveness of his sins loves humility, but if he condemns another he seals his own wickedness.' *St. Mark the Ascetic*

This Wednesday at 12 Noon, Fr. Gerard will be speaking at the Drummond Hill Presbyterian Church Lenten Luncheon. Accordion music and Irish funnies as an appetizer! The topic will be, **"Lord, when did we see you a stranger: Our Response to the Refugee Crisis."**

Call in advance for tickets 905-358-9624.

Easter Flowers



If you would like to donate toward the Easter Flowers in memory of your loved ones, envelopes are available at the doors of the church!

Bicycles for Migrant Workers

Please note that our migrant workers are returning soon and have need of bicycles. This is their primary mode of transportation, for work, shopping, and church. If any parishioners have an extra bicycle lying around the garage, please contact **Deacon Fabio Bustamante** and he will arrange to pick it up. (fbustamante@ymcaofniagara.ca)

Confession is an act of honesty and courage - an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God. (Pope John Paul II)

Food Month... March has often been referred to as **"The Cold Hungry Month of March!"** Let's help stamp our local hunger by making **March FOOD MONTH!** We are invited to bring macaroni and cheese, cereals, canned pasta, canned soups, school snacks or tomato sauce to the church on the weekends.

Let's make a difference in our town and continue to fill our Project Share bins!

Weekday Mass Schedule for Lent

- Monday- 8:00 AM**
- Tuesday- 8:00 AM**
- Wednesday- 8:00 AM & 12:00 Noon**
- Thursday- 8:00 AM**
- Friday- 8:00 AM**



Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7:00 PM followed by **Benediction** and **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.**
Reconciliation will also be available!

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



Once again this Lent, we have special containers at the front and back of the church. All donations will assist a food program in which one of our parishioners, Ken Walsh, has helped initiate in Eastern Uganda. Each day **Ryan's Bowl** feeds upwards to 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.**

Annual Diocesan Respect for Life Mass...Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord Monday April 4, 2016 7:00pm Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria **Presider: Most Reverend Gerard Bergie**
 CWL, K of C, & other groups are invited to send representatives & carry banners
Reception to follow For more info: Elise 905-684-7569 or Martina 289-686-6122

If you find yourself or a loved one in need of a gently used walker or wheelchair, please call the Church Office at 905-354-7451

Good Friday Fish & Chips, Club Italia March 25 12-3pm & 4- 7pm 1pc \$10, 2pc \$14 Fish, Fries/Rice, Coleslaw, Dessert, Coffee/Tea Call for tickets & reservations 905-374-7388 Take out is also available

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.

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