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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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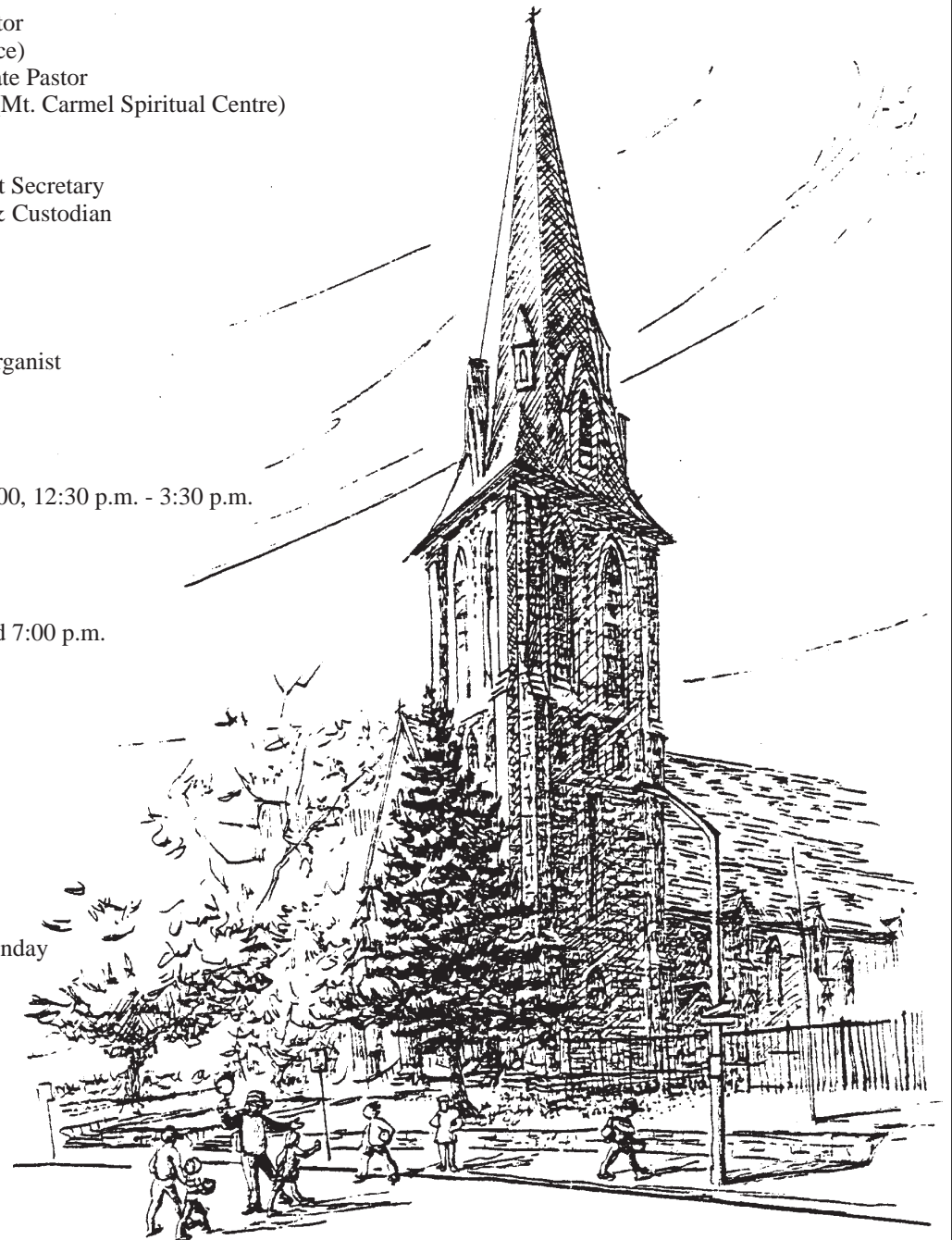
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Diocese of St. Catharines (est. 1958)

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.



PALM SUNDAY



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

Monday, March 21

8:00 Bernard Kennedy req. by the Kennedy Family
Bruno Pietrobon req. by the Family

Tuesday, March 22

8:00 Deacon Pat O'Brien req. by Belle Liberty
Bill Van Helsdingen req. by Anna Bortolin

9:15 St. Patrick School Mass

Wednesday, March 23

8:00 Carmela Petrella req. by the Petrella Family
Pat Lelievre req. by Belle Liberty
12:00 Pepino Paonessa req. by Josephine Paonessa & Family
Msgr Vincent Ferrando req. by his Friends

Thursday, March 24 Holy Thursday NO 8am Mass

7:30pm Michele Iammarino req. by Assunta Iammarino & Family
George Starrs req. by Catherine Starrs

Friday, March 25 Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

3:00pm Good Friday Service
7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 26 Holy Saturday

7:30pm Easter Vigil

Sunday, March 27 Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord

8:00 People
9:30 of the
11:30 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

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*.

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.

Pilgrimage to St Anne De Beaupre July 24 to July 27th 2016
For Information please call Maria Chiovitti 905.356.9794

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 Anna Pietrangelo, Lucy Borycheski and Lawrence Reddy. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Peter Viet Nguyen, Tony Laslo, Cecilia Milani, Val Johnstone

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, 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, Barbara Phillips (Murray), 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 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'Amizio, 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, 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 12 & 13: \$5,589.00
Development & Peace: \$1,896.00
Refugee Sponsorship: \$66,321.10
Ryan's Bowl: \$ 3,806.05
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 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,

Welcome to Spring! For those who like trivia, *Spring Equinox* in Niagara Falls is on Sunday, March 20, 2016 at 12:30 AM EDT! That would be 2:00 AM in Newfoundland! Hopefully our Easter bonnets this year won't have to be fur hats! I remember one Easter Sunday a few years ago, we had a major snow storm!

Our St. Patrick's Day festivities went very well, thanks to our coordinators Colleen McLaughlin, Lillian Morabito; and Debbie Herman; the many volunteers from the parish; the wonderful team of young people; members of our CWL, the Bands, and Irish Dancers. A good time was had by all.



Today is *Palm and Passion Sunday*, the beginning of Holy Week. These are very sacred days in our Church. In today's liturgy we will hear two Gospels proclaimed from

Luke. One is at the entrance of the church (The Lord's entrance into Jerusalem) and the other is the Passion Narrative. As Mass starts, there will be an air of excitement as we recall Jesus' triumphant entry into the Holy City. Palms were thrown on the road ahead of him, and joyous shouts were heard! Then the mood quickly changed to a solemn heaviness as we hear of the events that lead up to Jesus' crucifixion and death. This was all done for us out of LOVE!

As we journey with Christ through Holy Week, may we take the precious time to thank Him for all he has done for us. Maybe we can do something extra to reach out to those who are still suffering among us. I invite you to make a special effort to come out and celebrate the Easter Triduum, the High Holy Days of our Church: *Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday!* May our celebration of Holy Week and Easter lead us to a deeper personal experience of Jesus' *life, death and resurrection.*

As we enter into Holy Week, may we be among the *Hosanna* crowd, following Jesus with a sincere heart... *walking faithfully in his footsteps.* Jesus died for you and me... O that we would truly live for him. Have a blessed week!

Fr. Gerard



"I thought Palm Sunday was when everyone went to Florida for spring break."

Mount Calvary is the academy of love. (*St. Francis de Sales*)

As to the Passion of our Lord, ...never in anything follow your own will and your own inclination, for that was the cause of His death and passion. (*St. John of the Cross*)

Easter Flowers

Envelopes are at the doors of the church if you would like to donate toward the Easter Flowers in memory of your deceased loved ones. Please submit your envelopes by Easter Sunday.



Schedule for Holy Week and Easter Triduum

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| Monday | 8:00 am |
| Tuesday | 8:00 am |
| Wednesday | 8:00 am and 12:00 Noon |
| Thursday | [NO MORNING MASS] |
| Holy Thursday (Mass of the Lord's Supper) | 7:30 PM |
| (Collection taken for Local Charities) | |
| Good Friday (Celebration of the Lord's Passion) | 3:00 PM |
| (Collection taken for the Holy Land) | |
| Stations of the Cross | 7:00 PM |
| Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil) | 7:30 PM |
| Easter Sunday | 8:00-9:30-11:30 AM |
| NO 7:00 PM MASS | |



The Easter Triduum

The Easter Triduum, marking the days of Jesus' passion and resurrection, is the most important time of the Church Year. It begins with the evening Mass of Holy Thursday, reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil, and closes on Easter Sunday evening. Prepared by the days of Lent, Christians celebrate on these holiest of days the saving work God has accomplished in Christ. From the events remembered these days, so sorrowful and so joyful, the Church learns the deepest lessons. In rites and words the mysteries of Jesus' final hours are with us again, his passion, his cruel suffering, his rising from the dead. And we discover the answer to age old questions: **Does God love us? Is God merciful? Does God care for us?** We have only to look and learn from Jesus Christ. These are days for fixing our eyes on the holy mystery of his cross and filling our ears with the words of his Gospel. Nowhere else does God's love appear so vividly. In the love Christ showed for a sinful world we find the beginning of our Church, the source of our sacraments, the key to understanding the human story, and our hope for eternal life.

Prayer for Holy Week

Lord Jesus Christ,
in this sacred and solemn week
when we see again
the depth and mystery of your redeeming love,
help us to follow where you go,
to stop where you stumble, to listen when you cry,
to hurt as you suffer,
to bow our heads in sorrow as you die,
so that, when you are raised to life again,
we may share in your endless joy. Amen.

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!

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

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*

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