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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.

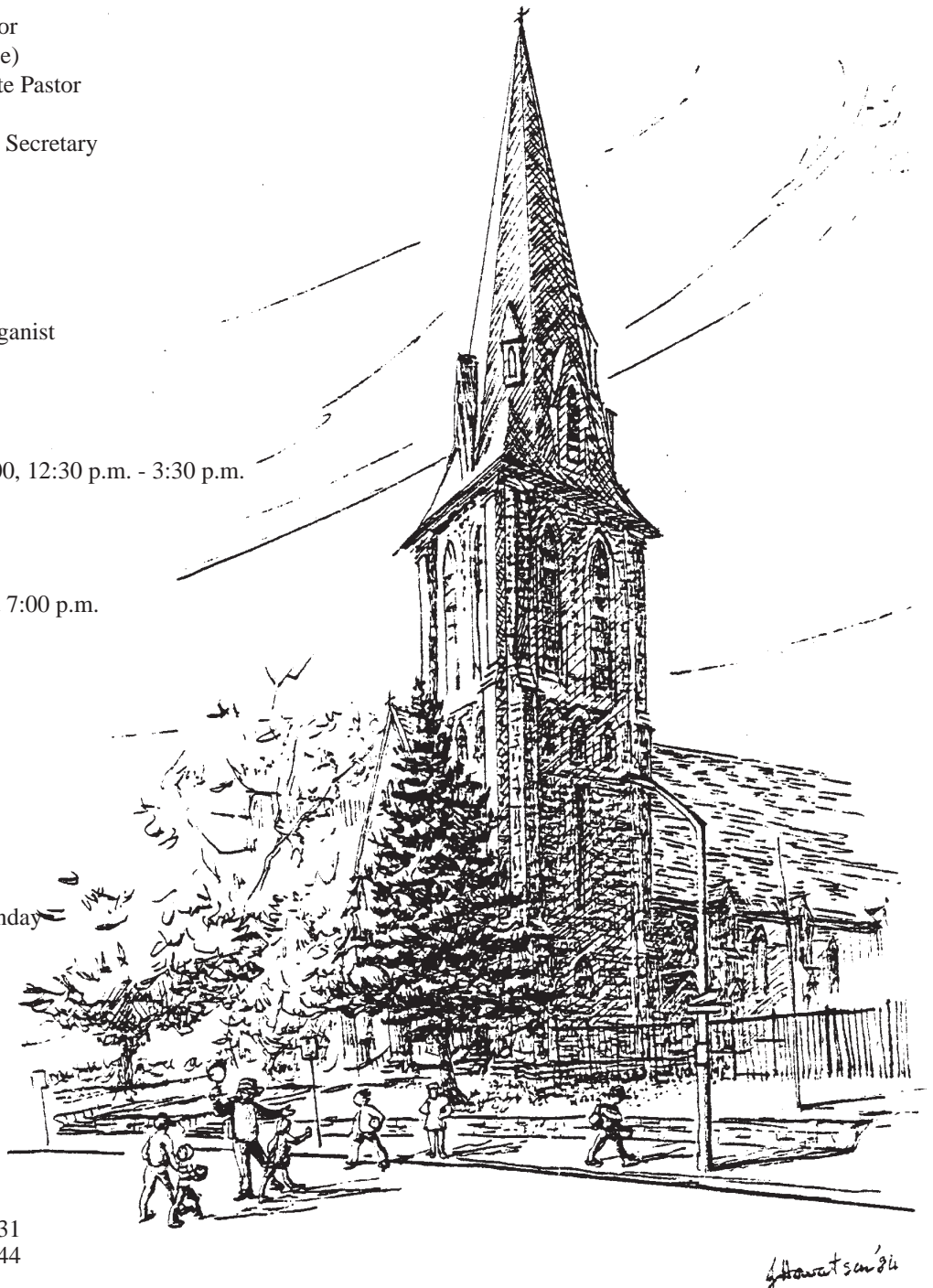
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Diocese of St. Catharines (est. 1958)

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Saturday, March 30

5:00 Rev. Anthony McNamara, O.Carm. req. by Anna & Cathy
William & Emily Bolton req. by Mary Profeta & Family

Sunday, March 31 Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 Agostino Compare req. by Nicolina & Family
Giovanni Lot req. by Mario Pozzebon & Family
9:30 Battista Sacco req. by the St. Vincent de Paul Society
Lucia Rossi req. by the Family
11:30 Philomena Shepherd req. by Kay McCann
Colette Smyth req. by Curtis & Lianne Smith
7:00 People of the Parish

Monday, April 1

8:00 Alice Masur req. by the Masur Family
Dec'd mem. of the Grenier Family req. by the Family

Tuesday, April 2 St Francis of Paola

8:00 Hugh, Felicitas & William Hockton req. by the Family
World Peace

Wednesday, April 3

8:00 Peppino Paonessa req. by the Family
John & Glenn Power req. by Mary Power
7:00 Adele Morabito req. by John & Maureen Young
Pacifico & Jenny Sacco & Ray Sexton req. by Friends

Thursday, April 4 St Isidore

8:00 Philippine Buteau req. by the Family
Rolande Di Cola req. by Charlene Shannon

Friday, April 5 St Vincent Ferrer

8:00 Eileen Dow req. by Aileen & Bryce Adams
Deceased Carmelites

Saturday, April 6

5:00 Frances Campaner req. by the Family
Mary Beth Corfield req. by Norma Gagliardi

Sunday, April 7 Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Leo Ruberto req. by Teresa Ruberto
Adina Palumbo req. by the DiCarlo Family
11:30 Pasquale Macri req. by Augusta Macri & Family
Ivon & Robbie Loro req. by the Family
7:00 Lawrence & Lucy Kitney req. by Evelyn Kemp
Sergio & John Simonetti req. by Amina Simonetti & Family

Baptism Schedule for 2019

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday, April 28, May 26 & June 23**

A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on **Tuesday, April 23 (new date), May 14 & June 11 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!

Children Sacramental Dates 2019

Confirmation: Saturday, June 1, 2019 @ 5:00 PM
First Communion: Sunday, May 5, 2019 @ 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM
(If you are a parishioner at St. Patrick Church, and have a child who does not attend St. Patrick or St. Mary Schools, and would like to celebrate their sacraments here, please contact the parish office for the registration forms.)

40 Days for Life Vigil... Jesus fasted and prayed in the desert for 40 days before He began His Ministry. During the 40 DAYS FOR LIFE VIGIL, we follow Christ's example: we fast and pray and offer sacrifice – from March 6 – April 14, 2019. We give prayerful, peaceful witness at Niagara Falls General Hospital, holding a sign: PRAY TO END ABORTION, from 8 am – 8 pm daily – sign up with friends and family for ONE HOUR. SIGN UP FOR ONE HOUR TO SAVE A LIFETIME. We encourage St. Patrick Parishioners and friends to sign up for one hour on **Sunday, April 7**. For further info, contact Annette at: 905-325-1251, loeffenlife@gmail.com or Angela: angelabraun@live.com

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

Rest in Peace... We pray for the soul of Addolorata Crisci. May she rest in peace. Please remember her family in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Dr. Andy Fisher, Angelo Panucci, Ken Walsh

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Carole Ann Ogilvie, Kelly Power, Victor Sincich, Nancy Praakel, Margaret Christopher, Nikki Mansfield, Baby Evelina, Mark Pepple, Nicolina Compare, Rosalyn Dagleish, Bernadette Moore, Marie Cadman, Alvin Learn, Bruno DeLazzari, James Moody Sr., Fern Albert, Cindy Beattie, Lester Snow, Rose MacDonald, Elizabeth Stachura, John Calder, Melissa Brideau, Toni Brideau, Charlene Shannon, John Nicks, Moira Campbell, Leon Dopke, Anna Hunt, John Kealey, Norah Marrie, Anna Vergalito, Helen Lelievre, Nancy Weiss, Leo Martin, Samuel Potapczyk, Baby Julian, Baby Noah, Denise Colalillo, Mary Lawrence, Bernard Martin, William JA De Foe, Emily Hanover, Drago Bicanic, Baby Victoria, Joyce Weaver, John Cox, Margaret Waghorn, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffradi, Edna McDonell, Fred Girardo Sr., Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Maria Melchiorre, Conner Hawkswell, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Danielle Barranca, Iole Mancini, Jeannette Fabian, Donna Cormier, Jeanne Lea, Maria Rosiana, Alice Dalton, Audrey Vendramin, Baby Maximus, Patrick Kealey, Margaret Smith, Tom Hilton, Francesco Albanese, Jill Leronowich, Florrie Heimbigner, Kitty Decicco, Evelyn Rose Baker, Jozefa Bilski, Rebecca Evans, Marie Massolin, Maria Guerin, John Jefferson, Todd Reid, Nancy Jean Rose, Faith Amadio, Kelly Laslo, Patricia O'Reilly, Baby Hope, Patrick McCarthy, Stefanie Borin, Muriel Pivarnyk, Walter Wallace, Kerrie Szuch, Carmella Modenti, Frank Sica, Vito Fuccillo, Donna Bradley, Cheryl D'Amizzio, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Mary Jo O'Kell, Alessia Commisso, Baby Sebastian, Mary Brennan, Lorraine Spence, Robert & JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pepper Martin Jr., Vital & Emmanuel Chayer, Michelle Price, Brian Smith, Carlo Trasmundi, Jadwiga Wozniak, Shirley Machulla, Baby Gabriel, Baby Nicholas, Trina Washington, Helen Rotella, Jeanne S
Please help us update our list of those who are homebound, infirm, or hospitalized by calling the parish office.

Collections

March 24: \$7,231.09

Ryan's Bowl (to date): \$7,285.90

Many thanks for your generosity!

Upcoming Weddings at St. Patrick's in April

*Cassandra Rosati & Mark Lelievre
Lyndsay Sobieraj & David Mastrandrea*

CWL News... Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 3 at 6:30pm** in the lower Hall.

-Our second annual Trivia Night is fast approaching. Save the date of Friday, May 3rd. Stay tuned to find out when and where you can purchase your tickets!!

-We will be having a Palm Sunday Prayer service for Children following the 9:30Mass, this will include crafts and other activities. Please register at the office or by calling Maggie at 905-246-6212 ... Thanks!!

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!

Host Families Needed to host International Students coming to Niagara to attend Summer and Fall Short & Long term programs with local Niagara School Boards. Host Families can be large or small, we are looking for people with an interest in showing hospitality and learning about other cultures through opening their homes to young students. For more information please contact us at 905-688-8119 or info@hospitalitecanada.com

*Congratulations and Best Wishes to
Erika & Alfreda Sosa on their 30th Wedding Anniversary*

2019 Church Envelopes & 2018 Tax Receipts

Please make sure you pick up your Offertory Envelopes and Tax Receipts as soon as possible. They are near the main doors of the Church by the washroom. Many thanks.



Dear Friends:

Today is the 4th Sunday of Lent, known as *Laetare* Sunday. This is a Sunday of joy. We are halfway through Lent, and the mood is one of hope and rejoicing that Easter is coming near. Our reading from Joshua, recounts the celebration of the Passover in the Promised Land by Joshua and those who had been in the desert for 40 years. In the second reading from Corinthians, Paul reminds us what God has brought about by Jesus' death on the cross: RECONCILIATION!!!!... an atoning sacrifice for the sins of the world.



In Luke's Gospel, we have *The Prodigal Son!* A powerful parable. It shows us that God is like that kind and understanding Father, always with open arms welcoming us back when we have strayed.

The son who asked for his inheritance, certainly represents all of us, when we cut ourselves off from God, through sin. The good news is, God's love and mercy is able to reach every prodigal son and daughter! All of us. God can restore us again! We can become that **NEW CREATION!** We can become the **RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD** (St. Paul)! God has joy in every sinner who repents!

Let's use the second half of Lent to turn back to our merciful God. Allow God to restore our dignity and value, and give us the JOY in being a child of God! My prayer is that we will forgive those who have hurt us. And also recognize the need for forgiveness in our own lives. We know very well that sin separates us from God. Lent gives us an occasion to use God's grace and mercy to wash ourselves clean... turn back home... and say I'm sorry. May we have a repent-full week!!!

Fr. Gerard



Why the modern day 'Prodigal Son' never gets far...

Weekday Mass Schedule for Lent

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



Stations of the Cross

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

Communal Reconciliation Service

Monday of Holy Week at 7:00 PM (April 15)

Sacrament of Penance

The Diocese of St. Catharines invites all Catholics to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance on Saturday, April 6, 2019 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Every church in the diocese will have priests available. Brochures containing an Examination of Conscience and instructions for the Sacrament are available at all the doors of the church.

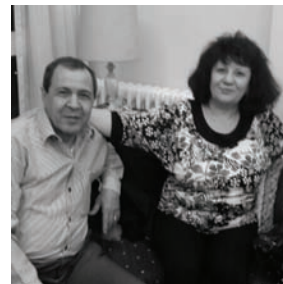
Lenten Evening Of Reconciliation
Monday, April 15th at 7:00 PM

!!!! Development and Peace: Share Lent !!!!

Next Sunday, a special collection will be taken in all Catholic churches in Canada for Development and Peace. This was established in 1967 by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops in response to Pope Paul VI's encyclical letter, *Populorum Progressio*, which says that **Development** is the new word for **Peace**. Peace cannot be seen simply as the absence of war. It must be built daily, and it must strive towards a more perfect justice among human beings. Dev. and Peace seeks ways to help people of all faiths in the Developing World to break the cycle of poverty through community-based, sustainable development initiatives. It supports partners working in order to improve living conditions in 70 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America and the Middle East. The programs involve issues relating to people's right to better education, women's equality, agrarian reform, housing and cooperative movements. The funds we send abroad support grassroots organizations run by people who know firsthand the issues facing the developing world. Envelopes are available at the doors of the church this weekend.

IMPORTANT SYRIAN REFUGEE UPDATE

In 2016 our parish sponsored the **Krait Family** of 3 (Ayman, Souzie and Stephanie). In 2017 we sponsored the **Maalouf Family** of 4 (Bassem, Alma, Celena and Alexandr). Bassem's brother Antoun, and his wife and family were sponsored by St. Kevin's Parish; and Bassem's sister Mirna and her husband and family were sponsored privately in Grimsby. Our Parish made application over a year ago, through the Diocese, to sponsor the **Maalouf parents, Ghassan (72) and Amira (66)**. They fled Syria and stayed in Lebanon. It has not been an easy 4 years. At times when things worsened, they had to flee back to Syria. They wanted all their kids and grandkids to be safe and to get a second chance at life first. All of them are happily and safely settled here and doing well.



Praise God. We just received word that **Ghassan and Amira** will be having their second interview with the Canadian Embassy in Lebanon next week, which means (hopefully), that they will be coming to Canada soon. Back in 2016, we raised \$67,000 through the generosity of our parishioners. We have approximately \$5000 remaining in the Refugee Fund. **Ghassan and Amira** will stay in our Maple Street Refugee House with their son Bassem and family. We will need approximately another \$10,000 to offset the cost of their first year. Their families will also assist. If any parishioners would like to assist, please make cheque payable to St. Patrick Parish and indicate (Refugee Fund) on the cheque. We are the only parish in the Diocese who have sponsored more than one family! This will be our third! That bespeaks the generosity and big hearts of our people. Let's reunite mom and dad with their three children and 6 grandchildren!

INVITATION-COME AND SEE - Ryan's Bowl

As you may know, Mr. Ken Walsh has been quite ill the past while. He had been concerned about who would help assist with Ryan's Bowl! The good news is, there is a new team in place, and Ken remains as Co-Director with a new Vice President and Co-Director, **Ms. Isabella Bujor**, and also our very own, Mr. Michael Carroll. Isabella has just returned from Uganda a few weeks ago, and would like to address our community immediately following the 7:00 PM Mass **this coming Wednesday, April 3rd!** Isabella is very energetic, and her heart is into the Gospel Call to help the poor. Please come out and hear her story, and her dream for Ryan's Bowl!

Food Month

Let's make March **FOOD MONTH!** We are invited to bring Macaroni and Cheese; cereals, canned pasta, canned soups, or tomato sauce to Mass on the weekends for Project Share. Let's make a difference in our town!



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