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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

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
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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Saturday, March 4 St Casimir

5:00 Teresina & Vincenzo Fiore *req. by the Family*
John & Mary Dunphy *req. by the Family*

Sunday, March 5 First Sunday of Lent

8:00 Robert Bell *req. by the Family*
Annette Brideau *req. by Berni Wancha*
9:30 Luigi Canal *req. by Concetta Canal & Family*
Michael & Monica O'Leary *req. by David & Dorothea Besaw*
11:30 Sebastiano Sam Radice *req. by the Family*
Dominic & Pauline Puinno *req. by the Family*
7:00 People of the Parish

Monday, March 6

8:00 Jean Lundy *req. by the Catholic Womens League*
Phero Sang & Vinhson Phan *req. by Duy's Family*

Tuesday, March 7 St Perpetua & St Felicity

8:00 Gianni 'Johnny' Bonaldo *req. by Charlene Shannon & Family*
Bradley Amadio *req. by Aileen & Bryce Adams*

Wednesday, March 8 St John of God

8:00 Jean Dopke *req. by the Family*
William Comnack *req. by Fern Albert & Aileen Lelievre-Adams*

Thursday, March 9 St Frances of Rome

8:00 Christopher O'Shea *req. by Mary & Colleen O'Shea*
Stephen & Georgette Lafferty *req. by Parish Staff*

Friday, March 10

8:00 Maria & Paul Di Paul *req. by Paul Di Paul*
Reno Martin & Dan Morrison *req. by Parish Staff*

Saturday, March 11

5:00 Charlie Ogilvie *req. by the Ogilvie Family*
Hugh 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 Mosque *req. by Arnel & Jo Bustamante*

Children's Sacramental Dates 2017

First Reconciliation: Wednesday, March 8, 2017 @ 7:00 PM
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?"

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

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Gianni 'Johnny' Bonaldo and William 'Junior' Roseborough. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Loreto Rey, Mary Lawrence, Camelia Pellegrino

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 Laffrady, Wendy & John Calder, Pauline Miner, Manfred Hawlitzky, Edna McDonnell, 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 Barraanca, 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 Pivarnyk, 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'Ammizio, Kelly Laslo, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Alessia Commisso, Vicki Dubeau, Donna Bradley, Mary Jo O'Kelly, 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

February 25 & 26: \$5,027.26

Ryan's Bowl: \$1,850.15

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!

CWL General meeting Wednesday, March 8 @ 7:00pm in the Hall

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

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Dear Friends:

We have embarked upon the 40-Day Season of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, hundreds came out to have Ashes smeared on their head. And of course, the ashes remind us that we are *creatures* under God's care. Being creatures, we sin and stray and give in to temptation. We have been given this special time to clean our spiritual houses... to prepare for Easter, and ultimately to meet our Lord when he comes in all his glory. Lent is sometimes called the 'springtime of the soul.' A time to be made new and fresh again.

Our Gospel today has Jesus being tempted by Satan in the wilderness. Jesus fasted for these 40 days. We can only imagine his human hunger for food. And of course, Satan knew he was vulnerable, and tempted him **three times!** In the first reading, **Adam and Eve** gave in to temptation, but now we have Jesus, *the New Adam*, representing all humanity! He faced the same temptation as Adam and Eve: **to seek one's own glory, to have power, and not be subject to another authority.** All these temptations are rejected by Jesus, as he hurled scriptural grenades at Satan!

As we begin Lent, it doesn't hurt to ask, What are the temptations in my life? Where do I look for that quick fix? The three temptations by Satan, offered Jesus a **quick fix**, an easy way out, but Jesus resisted each one. A great week to look seriously at our response to temptations. We all have them! Do I give in easily to the wrong foods, the wrong activities, alcohol, drugs, peer-pressure, greed, desires of the flesh? To whom or to what do I give control over my life... over my decisions? Maybe we can all learn from the Master... and ward off all the little and BIG satans out there that keep popping up! Lent is a time to face our temptations and deface them gracefully. May we have the courage, through Christ, to "keep the devil away from our door!" Have a blessed week and a grace-filled Lent!

Fr. Gerard

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Thanks to Steve Doyal (See Matthew 4:1-11) 03-31-2005
 INTO BREAD? ... IF YOU'RE GOING TO TEMPT
 IN THIS DAY AND AGE YOU CAN'T GO ALL
 CARB ON PEOPLE FYI

Weekday Mass Schedule for Lent

Monday-	8:00 AM
Tuesday-	8:00 AM
Wednesday-	8:00 AM & 7:00pm (starting March 15)
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*

SECOND REFUGEE FAMILY

Our second Refugee Family of 4 (The Maaloufs), received word that their application has been approved. They will receive a date very soon to come to St. Patricks! In preparation for their arrival and in assisting our first Refugee Family of 3 (The Kraits), move into a new apartment, if anyone has any of the following items, please drop them off to the office or at the side door of the house. The supplies we had on hand were used to help a local family of 4 last summer, and all the rest was sent to Haiti during their crisis last November. The items still needed are: **Cooking Utensils; Pots and Pans; Towels and Wash Cloths; Dish cloths and Towels; Area Rugs and Mats; Table Lamps; Serving Dishes and Platters.**

Real Suggestions for Lent!

"My two words for Lent are **BE KIND!** This is at the heart of the Christian message. Three ways are... (1) **Don't be a jerk.** No matter what your day is like: sick, tired, mean boss, family issues..., don't pass along your misery to everyone else. (2) **Honour the absent.** Stop talking about people behind their back, this is so damaging to our spiritual lives when we denigrate another person. This is a serious form of un-charity! and (3) **Always give people the benefit of the doubt.** Give them the Plus Sign!!! These 3 things may be a lot harder than giving up chocolate... but it will be a lot better for our spiritual lives and for everyone else's!" (James Martin, S.J.)

Three Traditional Lenten Practices

Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are three traditional spiritual exercises to consider during Lent. Properly approached and utilized, they will indeed facilitate a change of heart and conversion in our lives. As one writer says, **"prayer, fasting and almsgiving are not the point of Lent, they are the tools of Lent."** They are like three legs of a tripod. *Prayer* nourishes our spirits; *Fasting* disciplines our bodies and puts us in solidarity with those who suffer from hunger; and *almsgiving* enlarges our hearts as we commit ourselves to the good of others.



Marriage Preparation

This weekend we welcome our Engaged Couples as they complete their Marriage Preparation Program. May God bless all those who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage! Remember, ***The Family That Prays Together, Stays Together!!!***

Confirmation

Many thanks to all who made our Confirmation such a wonderful celebration last Saturday! Special thanks to Bishop Bergie, our chief organizer, Debra Herman; our priests; altar server, Matthew; lectors, Mary and Gus; our musicians and singers, Carol, Sandra, Nadine, John, Glenn; our Adult Choir; parents, sponsors, teachers, principals, and our CWL, for the beautiful reception! God bless our young adults.

St. Thomas More CWL will be hosting a Lenten Prayer Service on Saturday March 11 beginning with 9:15 am Mass followed with "Our Lady Undoer of Knots" prayer service & ending with a coffee social. All are invited to attend.

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"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"

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