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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 EASTER



Saturday, April 30 St Marie de L'Incarnation

5:00 Fred Girardo Jr. *req. by Jeanne Lea*
 Lucrezia Rizzo *req. by Mary, Patti, John, Steve & Families*

Sunday, May 1 International Workers' Day

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Fred Girardo Jr. *req. by Maureen & John Young*
 Felice & Maria Renda *req. by Roseanne & Family*
11:30 Benito Giustini *req. by the Giustini Family*
 Barbara Rondinelli & Carmella DeNisi *req. by Jim & Dora & Fam.*

Monday, May 2 St Athanasius

8:00 Ben Britten *req. by Bryce & Aileen Adams*
 Jeanne Dowell *req. by Maureen Mastrandrea*

Tuesday, May 3 St Philip & St James

8:00 For an end to War in the Ukraine
 For the Healing of Gaetan Buteau *req. by his Family*

Wednesday, May 4 BI Marie-Léonie Paradis

8:00 Cecil Shannon *req. by Charlene*
 Giaco Be Tha & Anh Den *req. by Duy's Family*

Thursday, May 5

8:00 Fr. Angelo Mastria, O.Carm.
 Deceased Carmelites

Friday, May 6 St François de Laval

8:00 Madeline Rosati *req. by the Grandchildren*
 Valerie Watson *req. by Fr. Gerard*

Saturday, May 7

5:00 Arduino & Assunta Maiuri *req. by Stefanie & Peter Maiuri*
 Maria Antonietta Antidormi *req. by the Antonio Family*

Sunday, May 8 Mother's Day World Day of Prayer for Vocations

8:00 Nancy Di Paolo *req. by Paul Di Paul*
 Jean Dopke *req. by the Family*
9:30 People of the Parish
11:30 Agazio & Carmela Conidi *req. by Vince Conidi*
 Anna Goegan *req. by Louise Goegan*

2022 Church Envelopes & 2021 Tax Receipts

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

!!!! Church Roof- Sub-Committee !!!!

Once again, we are having a problem with slates coming off the church roof during wind storms. It is in the same section as before (School side). We had 12 slates replaced in 2020, and we also had the roof inspected. Provincial Roofing, at the request of our insurance company, was here before Holy Week and replaced 13 more slates. This 1895 roof was replaced in 1989, using clips. This apparently is at the source of the problem. All the slates had pre-drilled holes, but it appears that the only slates that are nailed are at the bottom sections. These clips are snapping and coming up with the pressure of the wind, and also with ice. **Would you like to volunteer to be on a sub-committee** so we can look at all options for our roof? There are some indications of water damage on the church ceiling and above the altar. This needs to be addressed immediately. Please call the parish office if you would like to volunteer to be on this committee. We have two people, [one man and one woman], who have called to volunteer. A few more would be great. We will be having a Parish Council Meeting shortly to determine the best approach.

Congratulations to **Frank and Toni Vescio** on their
 50th Wedding Anniversary.

May God continue to bless them with good health, joy and happiness!

Upcoming Weddings at St. Patrick's in May

Adriana Pantusa & Lucas Leone
Jennifer Pierson & Luca Damiano

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

George Mc Evoy, Mary Lawrence, Erika Bell

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Sherry Wales, Tony Laslo, Patrick Macri, Nancy Waters, Christine Pritty, Jerry Slak, Antoinette Vescio, Charlene Shannon, Sandra DeFoe, Natalie Speth, Missy Bilotta, Mary Lou Gallardi, Flori Heimbigner, Justin Vaillancourt, Betty Calzonetti, Marcellina Mativo, Sr. Carol Forhan CPPS, Rita Ross, Ron O'Neill, Francis Patterson, Fern Albert, Estelle Critelli, Leon French, Teresa Calzonetti Spiller, Dr. Andy Fisher, Andrea Fisher, Kelsey Liles, Angelina Greco, Maureen Tustin, Betty Crete, Leroy Collee, Eric Van Noort, Joe Young, Judy, Gaetan Buteau, Ralph Davey, Rose MacDonald, Kathryn Kneller, Mahmat, Maureen Kealey, Lori Ann Pizzolato, Andy Scotnicki, Pat DiLorenzo Jr., Dennis Bowers, Karen Bradley, Corinne Journeau, Carmine Astorino, Carole Ann Ogilvie, Arlene Collee, Betty & Joe Power, Mary Ann Quigley, Teresa Hebb, Mary Frances Pye, Nancy Weiss, Julian Cassidy, Marney Broderick, Gregory Roulston, Sister Prem, Kerrie Szuch, John Nicks, Cameron Boyes, Pasquale Abrunzo, John Calder, Victor Sincich, Nancy Praakel, Bernadette Moore, Norma Zanus, Patricia Williams, Mark Pepple, Nancy Huber, Danielle Barranca, Kelly Laslo, Toni Brideau, Jeanne Lea, John Cox, Nikki Mansfield, Edward Brzozowski Jr., Nicolina Compare, Nancy Jean Rose, Anna Vergalito, Carmella Modenti, Anna Hunt, Elizabeth Stachura, Denise Colalillo, Brian Smith, Donna Bradley, Margaret Smith, Rebecca Evans, Samuel Potapczyk, Michelle Price, Mary Lawrence, William JA De Foe, Bernard Martin, Joyce Weaver, Drago Bicanic, Margaret Waghorn, Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Evelyn Rose Baker, Lorraine Spence, Vito Fuccillo, Tom Hilton, Jeanne S, Francesco Albanese, Robert & JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Jeannette Fabian, Maria Melchiorre, Jozefa Bilski, Todd Reid, Mary Brennan, Conner Hawkswell, Faith Amadio, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Maria Guerin, Patricia O'Reilly, Audrey Vendramin, Patrick Kealey, Cheryl Granton, Walter Wallace, Francois Chayer, Baby Victoria, Vital & Anna Chayer, Emmanuel & Aline Chayer, Jadwiga Wozniak, Julie Nicholson, Stefanie Borin, Patrick McCarthy, D.D., Alessia Commisso, Mary Jo O'Kell, Pepper Martin Jr., Trina Washington, Jackie, Cheryl D'Amazio, Bob Marshall

Please help us update our list of those who are homebound, infirm, or hospitalized by calling the parish office.

Collections

April 24: \$5,449.00
 Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2022

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday, May 29, June 26, July 24 & August 21.** A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, May 17, June 14, July 12 & Aug 9 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 the necessary information. We encourage parents and Godparents to make an effort to attend liturgies in the parish community. We also have a mandatory evening of preparation for parents and Godparents!*

Children Sacramental Dates 2022

Confirmation: Saturday, April 30, 2022 @ 7:00pm
First Communion: Sunday, May 15, 2022 at 1:30pm for St. Mary & St. Patrick Schools (9:30am-Children in other schools)
 (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.)

Help Needed- Parish Bingo

Our St. Pat's Bingo Committee is looking for a few more volunteers to assist at Delta Bingo Hall. We currently have 6 members, so a few more would be great. We are required to have 2 people at Delta, 2-3 times a month for two hours. So you may only have to do one or two sessions a month. You will be trained on site. Mr. Leslie Khan is retiring, so we need someone to volunteer to be the coordinator of the scheduling. We thank Mr. Khan for his wonderful ministry. And we thank the Bingo Committee for their dedication. We have two people interested so far!

Dear Friends!



Today's Gospel is Jesus' third appearance since his Resurrection. Peter and his companions have returned to their old jobs, fishing. Had they lost hope? This is the same place from where Jesus called them three years earlier.

After fishing all night they caught nothing. Then in the morning, Jesus appeared and told them to cast their nets to the other side of the boat. And they had a great haul of fish!!! 153 in total! It pays to listen to the Master! And then Jesus prepares a meal of bread and fish over a charcoal fire!

Then we have a powerful dialogue between Jesus and Peter. Remember, Peter had denied Jesus three times. Now Jesus demands a triple affirmation from Peter as a negation of his triple denial on Good Friday. He asks him, "Do you love me?", three times! Peter is now being called to show that he **really** loves Jesus. How? **Care for my people, feed my lambs, tend my sheep!** Simply put, so must we. Jesus was raised from the dead so we can share in His life, and bring this life to others.

Jesus calls out to us, "**Do you love me?**" How do we answer? Surely, not by **words** alone, but by how we live our Christian lives, how we spread the Good News, how we reach out and feed his people! So many people depend on us, every day. People in our town of Niagara, and from many corners of the world are looking to us. From Niagara Falls to Eastern Uganda! We have a mission to complete as members of the Body of Christ. We need to fulfill our function within the Body for the good of the world by proclaiming Jesus Christ with our lives. We have our Easter work cut out for us! In honour of the Risen Christ, may we each do one thing this week to reach out to a brother or sister in need! Have a blessed week!

Fr. Gerard

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(See John 21:1-14)

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REMEMBER IN THE BIBLE WHEN THEY SWITCHED TO FISHING ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THEIR BOAT AND THEN THEIR LUCK CHANGED ... MAYBE WE SHOULD TRY THAT

Prayer Request

Please keep Fr. Marc and his mom in prayer. Fr. Marc returned to Sarnia on Easter Tuesday to be with his mother, Erika Bell. Mrs. Bell suffered a stroke last week. Fr. Marc is the only family member in the country, so he is where he needs to be. This will be for an indefinite time. We pray for Mrs. Bell's full recovery, and we pray for Fr. Marc as he journeys with his mom through this health crisis. We will be receiving some assistance from Fr. Michael from Mount Carmel. My mother, Mary Power, has improved dramatically. After a lengthy hospital stay, followed by much therapy, and recovering from Covid, she is now settled into a new Senior's Home, which is much closer to our family members. She is more mobile and has regained a lot of strength. Thanks so much for your prayers and support.

Welcome Bishop Bergie

This weekend we welcome Bishop Bergie to our parish! He will be here to celebrate Confirmation with 32 of our Grade VIII's on Saturday evening. May the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, bestowed on them, be used throughout their lives! God bless and protect all our young people.

Congratulations

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Vikrum Mokha, Chloe Olumide and Gian Gonzalez-Martin who were baptized last weekend. And Congratulations to Jayden Boudreau, Ethan Jones & Carter Jones-Challoner who celebrated their First Holy Communion.

A New Carmelite Saint

Blessed Titus Brandsma, O. Carm., will be canonized on Sunday, May 15, 2022 in St Peter's Square. Finally, 80 years after his death and 37 years after his beatification, Fr. Titus can be venerated as a saint by the entire Catholic Church. The Carmelite Order, the Church in The Netherlands, as well as the entire Carmelite Family joyfully welcome this much awaited news. Brandsma, the 'dangerous little friar', ran foul of the Nazi authorities in Holland during World War II for his stance against Nazi ideology and anti-Semitism. He fought to keep Nazi propaganda out of the Catholic and secular press and to keep Jewish children in Catholic schools. He was arrested, imprisoned and finally sent to Dachau Concentration Camp where he was killed by lethal injection on 26 July 1942. (Fr. Titus visited Mount Carmel in Niagara Falls in the 1930's and gave a lecture. While there he wrote some magnificent things about the thunderous Falls!)



Before an Image of Jesus Crucified

Fr. Titus Brandsma

Dear Lord, when looking up at Thee,
I see Thy loving eyes on me;
Love overflows my humble heart,
Knowing what a faithful friend Thou are.
A cup of sorrow I foresee,
Which I accept for love of Thee,
Thy painful way I wish to go;
The only way to God I know.
My soul is full of peace and light;
Although in pain,
this light shines bright.
For here Thou keepest to Thy breast.
My longing heart to find their rest.
Leave me here freely all alone,
In a cell where never sunlight shone.
Should no-one ever speak to me,
This golden silence makes me free!
For though alone, I have no fear;
Never wert Thou, O Lord, so near.
Sweet Jesus, please, abide with me!
My deepest peace I find in Thee.

Huge Thank You

Many thanks to our students from St. Patrick School who raised \$403 during Lent for The Giving Bowl.
God bless the hearts of our children. Hope for the future!

Another Huge Thank You

Many thanks to a young boy, Sam Franklin (Carol Martin's Grandson), who chose not to receive Birthday Presents this year for his 9th Birthday. He asked that people give him money to help Ukraine! With his proud mom and dad, and Carol, Sam presented me with \$450! Once again, God bless the big hearts of our children! More light and hope for the future!

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