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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.



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Saturday, May 13 Our Lady of Fatima

5:00 Erika Bell req. by Jeanne Lea & Family

Dec'd mem. of the Olsiak & Kulesh Fam req. by John & Helen Olsiak

Sunday, May 14 Mother's Day

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 Nancy DiPaolo req. by Rosemary Panetta

Elmira, James & Danny Dick reg. by Colette & Yvette

11:30 Immacolata Luciano reg. by her Children Anna Goegan req. by Louise Goegan

Monday, May 15

8:00 Philippine Buteau reg. by the Family

Helen Ogilvie reg. by Chris & Sam St. Angelo & Ogilvie Families

Tuesday, May 16

8:00 Rev. Joe Reguly req. by Ethel O'Brien Erika Bell req. by Chris & Sam St. Angelo

Wednesday, May 17

8:00 Mary Cote req. by Lillian Winslow Valerie Watson req. by Friends

Thursday, May 18 St John I

8:00 Maria Vendramin req. by the Bortolin Family Francesco Mastropierro reg. by the Family

Friday, May 19

8:00 Scott Balfour reg. by Mom & Dad

Gregory Ogilvie req. by Ashley & Rico Menechella & Ogilvie Fam.

Saturday, May 20 St Bernardine of Siena

5:00 Irene Smatana req. by the Family Richard Campaner req. by the Campaner Family

Sunday, May 21 The Ascension of the Lord

8:00 Domenico Marcon req. by T & G Milani & Family Fr. Tony req. by Howard & Sherry Wales

9:30 Mary McGhee req. by Stu & Mary Lou Gallardi Luigi Marcon reg. by David & Dina Argenta

11:30 People of the Parish

CWL News... Every Wednesday in May the Rosary will be Prayed in the Hall at 6pm...all are welcome to attend!

> Hey everyone we would like to host a table sale... When...Saturday, May 27th, 7am - 2pm Where... in St. Patrick's Parish Hall

What...you purchase a round table from us (\$20) and you fill it with whatever you have to sell...the profits are yours!!!

Why...bring the community together and raise a little for our local CWL

We will also be hosting a BBQ that day...so if you don't want to buy a table come out and support us for lunch!!! You can set up your Table Friday, May 26th from 6 – 8pm or Saturday at 7am...any guestions don't hesitate to contact Maggie @ 905-246-6212

Plastic Milk Bags

St. Pat's will be collecting plastic milk bags. These will be used to make 3' X 6' sleeping mats for the homeless. A church group in NOTL has many volunteers and several looms to do this project. A basket will be placed at the main entrance of the church for drop off. A sample of the mat is also on display.

Vincent's Store

St. Vincent de Paul Store (Vincent's) on Lundy's Lane is in need of kitchenware, small appliances, cutlery and utensils. You can drop them off at the store Tuesday-Saturday, or at St. Pat's Rectory any time day or night (white porch off driveway). A good time to rid ourselves of the things we know we're not going to use. Someone can!

Please refer to the Bulletin Boards at the back and side entrances of the Church for many important notices and events.

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Sherry Wales, Karyn McEvoy, Maureen Tustin, Maureen Watson, Tony Laslo, Mary F Hanlon, Leila Khan, David Gallina, Ray Buckborough, Andrew Zacharuk, Patrick Macri, Alba Rondinelli, John Pritty, Nancy Waters, Natalie Speth, Cecilia Shugg, Jeanne S, John & Laura Giampa, Christine Pritty, Antoinette Vescio, Charlene Shannon, Sandra DeFoe, Ron O'Neill, Missy Bilotta, Mary Lou Gallardi, Flori Heimbigner, Toni Brideau, Anna Hunt, Robert Morningstar, Leon French, Isabell Frost, Leroy Collee, Elaine Pampena, Rita Ross, Teresa Calzonetti Spiller, Tony Cuviello, Karen Watt, Jim & Betty Calzonetti, Eric Van Noort, Marcellina Mativo, William JA DeFoe, Sr. Carol Forhan CPPS, Judy, D.D., Estelle Critelli, Betty Crete, Bernadette Moore, Andrea Fisher, Sister Prem, Joe Young, Kelsey Liles, Julian Cassidy, Kelly Laslo, Mahmat, Jeannette Fabian, Teresa Hebb, Rose MacDonald, Edward Brzozowski, Lori Ann Pizzolato, Pat DiLorenzo Jr., JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Karen Bradley, Corinne Journeau, Tom Hilton, Carmine Astorino, Bob Marshall, Arlene Collee, Betty & Mary Ann Quigley, Danielle Barranca, Nancy Weiss, Brian Smith, Gregory Roulston, Cameron Boyes, Samuel Potapczyk, Kerrie Szuch, Norma Zanus, John Nicks, Pasquale Abrunzo, John Calder, Todd Reid, Anna Chayer, Patricia Williams, Nancy Praakel, Jeanne Lea, Rebecca Evans, Nancy Huber, Denise Colalillo, John Cox, Francesco Albanese, Margaret Smith, Nikki Mansfield, Baby Victoria, Carmella Modenti, Donna Bradley, Elizabeth Stachura, Michelle Price, Vito Fuccillo, Bernard Martin, Joyce Weaver, Emmanuel & Aline Chayer, Margaret Waghorn, Drago Bicanic, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Evelyn Rose Baker, Lorraine Spence, Patricia O'Reilly, Gloria Smelko, Conner Hawkswell, Jackie, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Jozefa Bilski, Mary Jo O'Kell, Robert & Maria Melchiorre, Mary Brennan, Faith Amadio, Cheryl Granton, Alessia Commisso, Trina Washington, Maria Guerin, Jadwiga Wozniak, John O'Leary, Walter Wallace, D.H., Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Patrick McCarthy, Stefanie Borin, Pepper Martin Jr, Cheryl D'Ammizio Please help us update our list of those who are homebound, infirm, or hospitalized

by calling the parish office.

Collections

May 7: \$5,932.07 Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2023

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: Sunday May 21 & June 25. A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, May 9 & June 13 at 7:00 pm.

Upcoming Weddings at St. Patrick's in June

Jessica Bianchi & Kyle Black Aynsley Gouck & Gregory Ogilvie Alyssa Sabelli & Kyle Adam

2023 Church Envelopes & 2022 Tax Receipts

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

> A Collection will be taken up next weekend, May 20-21 for the Pope's Pastoral Works. Envelopes are at the doors of the Church today, please be generous.

Mother's Chuckles

- ... When my kids become wild and unruly, I use a nice, safe playpen. When they're finished, I climb out.
- ... Sooner or later we all quote our mothers.
- ... The guickest way for a mom to get a child's attention is to sit down and look comfortable.



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Here we are, half way through May already! Today is Mother's Day. We extend a very **Happy Mother's Day** to all the moms in our parish. A special prayer will be prayed at all Masses this weekend for our mothers. We remember our mothers who have passed on to greater glory, and we remember all those who assume a motherly role in the lives of our children.

May the blessing of the Divine Be an especially bright benediction Upon mothers everywhere On your blessed day - On Mother's Day! Amen

Last Sunday we celebrated First Holy Communion for 30 little children. It was a joy filled celebration at the 9:30 Mass and also at a special 1:30 Mass for St. Mary and St. Patrick Schools. May all of us approach the reception of Christ in the Eucharist with the same joy and awe and excitement as our children.

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We begin the Sixth Week of Easter. Next Sunday we will celebrate the *Ascension of the Lord*, and then, *Pentecost*.

In today's readings we hear about the *Spirit*. In *Acts*, Peter and John laid hands on many people in Samaria, and they received the Holy Spirit! In 1st *Peter*, we are reminded that Jesus was put to death in the flesh, but made *alive in the Spirit*. In John's Gospel, Jesus promises his disciples that after his death, he will ask the Father to give us an *Advocate*, the *Spirit of Truth* to be with us forever. The Good News is, we are never left alone; we are never orphaned! That's the joy of being an Easter people!

It is the Holy Spirit abiding in us, who boosts our hope ... strengthens us, comforts us, guides us, and inspires us. It is the Holy Spirit who enables us to interpret the signs of the times in ways very different from the world. It is the Holy Spirit who works through us to transform our lives, our families and our world. It is through the Holy Spirit that we are able to live out our Baptismal Promises... and keep following the "way, the truth and the life!" As we draw near to the Great Feast of Pentecost, we ask God to reignite the Holy Spirit in all of us. Then set us on fire to proclaim the Gospel! Have a blessed week.

Fr. Gerard



Pray the Rosary in May

May is the Month of Our Lady! The Rosary is prayed in our Church every weekday morning at 7:30!

Keep Mary in mind and Jesus will grow in your heart!

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all who made our First Holy Communion Day so special! To **Carol and Sandra** for the beautiful music at the 9:30 Mass; to Carol who offered her Sunday afternoon to lead us in music and hymns; to Debbie Herman for her hard work in getting everything organized, and for keeping us all in order; to our teachers, principals, and parents, for the preparation of our children, and for their presence on this beautiful day; and to you our parishioners for welcoming these little children with such joy! We keep all our children in prayer. And we hope and pray that their parents and guardians will bring them regularly to Sunday Mass to be fed and nourished by the Body of Christ, food for the journey.

To the Moms Who Are

To the Moms who are struggling, to those filled with incandescent joy. To the Moms who are remembering children who have died, and pregnancies that miscarried.

To the Moms who decided other parents were the best choice for their babies, to the Moms who adopted those kids and loved them fierce.

To those experiencing frustration or desperation in infertility.

To those who knew they never wanted kids, and the ways they have contributed to our shared world.

To those who mothered colleagues, mentees, neighborhood kids, and anyone who needed it.

To those remembering Moms no longer with us.

To those moving forward from Moms who did not show love, or hurt those they should have cared for.

Today is a day to honor the unyielding love and care for others we call 'Motherhood,' wherever we have found it and in whatever ways we have found to cultivate it within ourselves. - *H Kardon*

Prayer to Our Lady of Mount Carmel

O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein that you are my Mother. Our Lady, queen and beauty of Carmel, pray for me and obtain my requests. Sweet Mother, I place this cause into your hands.

Prayers for Deacon David

We keep Deacon David in prayer as he recovers from his knee surgery.

May God restore him to the fullness of strength!

National Collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works

There are special envelopes at the doors of the church today for Pope Francis' Pastoral Works (Peter's Pence). A disastrous flood or earthquake strikes a nation at the other end of the world. Immediately many countries rush in food, medicine, blankets, money and trained people. Prominent among such aid is the financial help offered by the Holy Father to people in need. In the name of Catholics everywhere, he displays Christ's love and compassion for those who suffer. Each year at this time, Canadian Catholics are asked to give generously to this papal collection, which is passed on to the Holy Father for his use among those stricken by natural disasters. Let's help the Holy Father help others!

Parish Gardens

If you feel moved to lend a helping hand around the parish gardens... weeding, trimming, pruning, planting, transplanting... come on in!!!



Please continue to bring food items to Mass for Project Share! Every item helps! "Lord, when did we see you hungry?"

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