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Carol Martin - Director of Music
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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.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



Saturday, May 27 St Augustine of Canterbury

5:00 Gianni 'Johnny' Bonaldo *req. by Mary Profeta*
Tony Strangis, Catherine & Augustino Strangis *req. by Helen Strangis*

Sunday, May 28 The Ascension of the Lord

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 Leahey Family *req. by Muriel Lafford*
Lena Girardo. *req. by the Girardo Family*

11:30 Peter Quay & Ana Tam *req. by the Family*
Dec'd of the Croghan & Heximer Families *req. by Elizabeth Heximer*

7:00 Lawrence & Lucy Kitney *req. by Evelyn Kemp*
John & Mary Dunphy *req. by the Family*

Monday, May 29

8:00 Gertie Gozansky *req. by the Family*
Lori Laffradi *req. by Gerry Laffradi*

Tuesday, May 30

8:00 Giovanni Rizzo *req. by Lucrezia & Family*
Giorgio Michelor *req. by Lidia Bonaldo & Family*

Wednesday, May 31 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 John MacDonnell *req. by Anna Bortolin & Family*
Anna Pyrka *req. by the Family*

Thursday, June 1 St Justin

8:00 Bruno Bortolussi *req. by his Wife: Jacqueline*
Domenic Marchese *req. by his Children*

Friday, June 2 St Marcellinus & St Peter

8:00 Nick Di Paolo *req. by John Di Paul*
Irma Amadio *req. by the Family*

Saturday, June 3 St Charles Lwanga & Companions

5:00 Gautier & Hunt Family *req. by John & Anna Hunt*
Bridget Mundier *req. by the Family*

Sunday, June 4 Pentecost Sunday

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 Raffaele Fabiano *req. by Children & Grandkids*
Bill Woods *req. by Battista & Marie Sacco*

11:30 Sebastiano Sam Radice *req. by the Family*
Angelo Radice *req. by Antonietta Radice & Family*

7:00 Bruna Panucci *req. by the Family*
Oscar Bonaguro *req. by the Family*

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.

Upcoming Wedding at St. Patrick's in June

Veronica Navarro & Adam King



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



My Favourite Things

Today, Sunday, May 28, at 3:00 PM, one of our young parishioners, Sarah Dufresne, Soprano, will be performing at the LeMarsh Room in the Niagara Falls Public Library. This is a fundraiser (Free will donation) to assist Sarah to sing at Accademia Europea dell'Opera. Please come out and support Sarah. She will be accompanied by Anna Ronai on the piano. Let's celebrate and support our local talent! Hope to see you there.

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

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

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Phyllis Higgins and Richard Campaner. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Bette Anne Chevalier, Samuel Potapczyk, Winifred Andrews, Baby Noah, Helen Lelievre, Mary Brennan, Pellegrino Iuliano

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, John Nicks, Melissa Brideau, Anna Hunt, Lena Grespan, Matteo Parente, Loreto Rey, Frances Comeau, Mary Creamer, Mary Lawrence, Leon Dopke, Bernard Martin, William JA De Foe, Emily Hanover, Leo Martin, Drago Bicanic, Baby Victoria, Nancy Weiss, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffradi, Wendy & John Calder, Pauline Miner, Edna McDonnell, Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, Fr Tony McNamara, O. Carm., Maria Melchiorre, Conner Hawkswell, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Jeannette Fabian, Donna Cormier, Maria Rosiana, Danielle Barranca, 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, Kelly Detlor, Kitty Decicco, Evelyn Rose Baker, Jozefa Bilski, Charlene Shannon, Dr. Andy Fisher, Rebecca Evans, Marie Massolin, Maria Guerin, Anna Vergalito, John Jefferson, Todd Reid, Jill Leronowich, Vince (Jim) Baldassarro, Nancy Jean Rose, Guiseppina Paonessa, Patrick McCarthy, Norman Horth, Muriel Pivarnyik, 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'Amizio, Kelly Laslo, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Alessia Comisso, Vicki Dubeau, Donna Bradley, Mary Jo O'Kell, Baby Sebastian, Lorraine Murray, Patricia O'Reilly, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pepper Martin Jr., Vital & Emmanuel Chayer, Trina Washington, Shirley Machulla, Baby Gabriel Paraskevopoulos, Brian Smith, Lorraine Spence, Patricia Desrosiers, Helen Rotella, Maria Benevento, Jeanne S, Michelle Price

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

Collections

May 20 & 21: \$5,641.75
Pope's Pastoral Works: \$1,066.25
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
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 News... St. Patrick's CWL will hold their Pot Luck dinner and meeting on Wednesday June 7 at 6:30 pm in the Hall. All are invited to attend and please bring your favourite dish to share.

Pray the Rosary in May

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

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

Every Wednesday in May, the Rosary will be Prayed in the Lower Hall at 7:00pm, followed by Refreshments hosted by the CWL

Diocese of St. Catharines - Year of the Rosary - A Marian Event
Saturday, June 24, 2017 9am - 2:30pm at Mt Carmel Spiritual Centre
Cost \$20 pay at the door (includes lunch)
Register by June 8 905-684-0154 ext 207



Pilgrimage to St. Anne De Beaupre July 24 to July 27, 2017
for information Please contact Maria Chiovitti @ 905-356-9794



Dear Friends:

Last weekend, it was a real joy to be at the Cathedral and to be part of the celebration of Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacon Stephen Bruzzese. Fr. Stephen will be serving as Associate Pastor at Our Lady of the Scapular Parish. May God bless him with many happy years of ministry! We need to continue to pray for, and foster vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life!



Today is the ***Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord***. The Gospel is a post-Resurrection "Mountain-Top" experience! The eleven disciples (12 minus Judas) went to Galilee to meet the Risen Christ on a mountain. I'm sure they knew there would be a great experience of God awaiting them. All

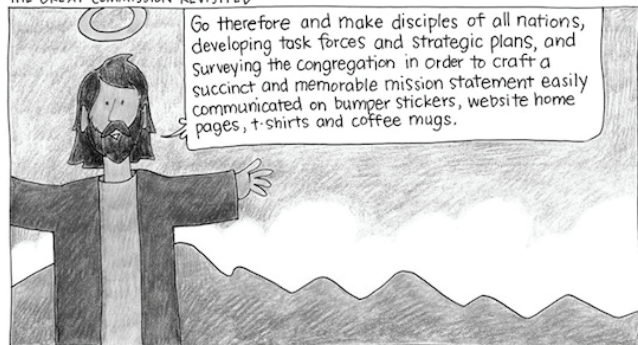
throughout Scripture, wonderful things happen on mountains! Sure enough, they met the Risen Christ on the Galilean Mountain, and they worshiped him. Yet, some doubted! And before he disappeared from their sight, and ascended to the Father, Jesus told them, ***"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember I am with you always to the end of the age."*** So these first disciples were sent out to transform the world through the power they received from Jesus, who assured them they would never be left on their own.

Our ministry is the same! Jesus wants us to finish what he began. He came to the disciples, taught them, and worked with them. He then died on the cross and rose from the dead. But, before he ascended into heaven, he gave them, and us, the commission to convert the world. He will never ask us to do the impossible. We need to know that our efforts to honour Christ by obeying His call to make disciples of all nations is something that we can do. We simply do it where we are, with those we meet, with those we work with, with those we go to school with! Be a witness for Jesus every day in our lives and when necessary, talk about Jesus too. Maybe this week, we can each do one concrete act of charity, as our way of preaching the Good News! If we each do 'one' thing, we can certainly transform our families and neighbourhoods and city!

A female parishioner went to Tim Horton's last week, and when pulling in, a woman thought she had cut her off, so she flipped her the bird! What did our parishioner do? When she got to the window, she paid for her order!!! That's spreading good news!!! That's putting love where there's no love! Happy Preaching!!!

Fr. Gerard

THE GREAT COMMISSION REVISITED



Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary



This Wednesday, May 31st, is the Feast of the Visitation of Mary! Like most feasts of Mary, it is closely connected with Jesus and his saving work. The more visible actors in the Visitation scene are Mary and Elizabeth. However, **Jesus and John the Baptist** steal the scene in a hidden way. Jesus makes John leap with joy in Elizabeth's womb. Ah the joy of messianic salvation. Elizabeth, in turn, is filled with the Holy Spirit and addresses words of praise to Mary, words that echo down through the ages.

Prayer for Manchester, UK

God of all goodness,
receive into your loving arms
all those who have died,
hold in your loving care
all those who are injured
and those who grieve;
give insight and wisdom
to those investigating;
and give strength and courage
to us all to work together
to rebuild our common good
and find your good future for us all;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

!!!Project Share Needs our Help!!!

Food donations are at their lowest from June to August, and shelves often get close to being empty ... while the need doesn't diminish. According to Project SHARE, close to 9.9 per cent of Niagara households are food insecure. They feed 100 families each day! We are asked to do all we can to get them through this challenging period. Project SHARE's most needed food items include peanut butter; protein items such as canned tuna, canned salmon, canned chicken and canned beans, pasta sauce, baby food and formula; cereals.

CHANGE FOR LIFE Baby Bottles for Hannah House

Pick up a Baby Bottle to help support **Hannah House**. Fill the bottle with either coins, bills or a cheque. Bottles will then be returned to St. Pat's Church on June 18, Father's Day. Hannah House provides women, ages 21 and under, with a safe environment to share the joys of pregnancy and gain effective parenting skills, when it seems there is nowhere left to turn.

Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre Presentations:

Separated & Divorced Healing Ministry Support Group meets every second & fourth Monday of the month, from 7 - 9pm at Mt Carmel Spiritual Centre. For information call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154

Carmelite Spirituality Group ... You are invited to Mt Carmel Monastery on the second Sunday of each month to explore Carmelite spirituality. Mt Carmel Spiritual Centre, 2 - 5pm www.carmelniagara.com

Catholic Men's Big Breakfast -- Event in the Tent -- June 17, 2017

7:30am - 11:45am at Branches (43 Maywood Ave, St. Catharines)

Tickets \$20 Please call to reserve 905-685-7000

Pea-meal bacon, scrambled eggs, roasted potatoes, baked beans, coffee, tea & dessert Guest speaker: Gus Lloyd

Are you tired of living alone? Consider Mount Carmel Home in St. Catharines. A retirement home operated by the Carmelite Sisters, offering assisted living in an affordable and caring family tradition. Care services include meals, housekeeping and medication management. If interested please call 905-685-9155 for a tour.

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