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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

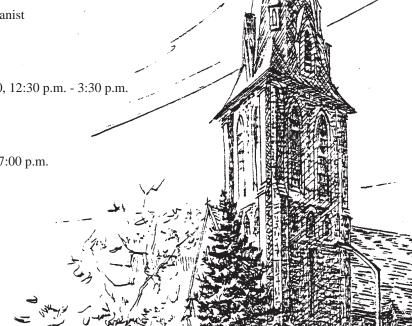
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Most Rev. Gerard Bergie, D.D., Bishop Most Rev. John A. O'Mara, D.D., Bishop-Emeritus Parish Established 1858 Church Dedicated 1895 flowat san 34

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New Parishioners are asked to complete a parish registration form.





Saturday, May 28

5:00 John & Mary Dunphy req. by the Family Dec'd mem of the McCartney Family req. by the Family

Sun, May29The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body&Blood of Christ

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 Raffaele Fabiano req. by his Family

Lena Girardo req. by the Girardo Family 11:30 Agazio & Carmela Conidi req. by the Family

Dec'd mem of the Heximer & Croghan Families req. by the Family

7:00 Butch & Lucy Kitney req. by Andrea & Wayne Lori Laffradi req. by Gerry Laffradi

Monday, May 30

8:00 Msgr Vincent Ferrando req. by his Friends Giovanni Rizzo req. by Lucrezia Rizzo

Tuesday, May 31 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 George Starrs req. by Catherine Starrs Deacon Pat O'Brien req. by Jean Lundy

Wednesday, June 1 St Justin

8:00 Kaz req. by Carolyn

Herb Ogilvie req. by Anna Bortolin

Thursday, June 2 St Marcellinus & St Peter

8:00 Bruno Bortolussi req. by his Wife: Jacqueline Irma Amadio req. by the Family

Friday, June 3 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:00 Nick Di Paolo req. by Paul Di Paul Dominic Marchese req. by his Children

Saturday, June 4 The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 Maria Quiquero req. by Flaviano & Family

Dec'd mem of the Gautier & Hunt Families req. by John & Anna Sunday, June 5

8:00 Aldo & Pat Visentin req. by Marilyn Lococo & Family Irma Amadio req. by Ray & Brenda Hicks & Family

9:30 Adelino Marcon req. by Theresa Marcon Lucy Atkinson req. by Lillian Winslow

11:30 Ralph Greco reg. by his Wife: Ida & Family

Dec'd mem.of the Roy, Durette & Doucet Fam req. by Valerie & Fam 7:00 People of the Parish

Upcoming Weddings at St. Patrick's in June

Lisa Baldo L Rory Stackwood Christilynn Guerin L James Huff

CHANGE FOR LIFE Baby Bottles for Hannah House

Please sign out 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 19, Father's Day.

PURSES for Parkinson's Auction...Sunday July 24 1pm
St. Patrick Hall Admission \$2 or donation

Join Steve "Ludzy" Ludzik NHL All Star Autograph Session 3 - 4pm

Please help...Purses needed donate new & gently used purses & stuffing

Please help...Purses needed donate new & gently used purses & stuffing items (toiletries, perfumes, wallets, scarves, etc) DROP OFF Locations until July 20...Commisso's, St. Patrick Church, Coldwell Banker (Ontario Ave) & Yazz Cleaners (Montrose Rd)

Is God calling You? If you feel called to serve as **Eucharistic Minister**, **Lector**, **Altar Server**, or **Funeral Server**, please call the parish office.

Catholic Engaged Encounters Needs You! Reach out to engaged couples, it enriches ones own relationship. Contact 905-684-0805 or ceeniagara@gmail.com for more information.

No Fixed Address...a YWCA Niagara Region event August 12-13 at the Pen Centre...visit www.nfaniagara.com for more information or contact Franziska at 905-988-3528 ext 3246

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Fr. Patrick Power, Bartley (Bart) Martel, Bernie Gozansky (brother of Ethel O'Brien) & Arthur Nicosia. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Maria Melchiorre, Mary Wilkes-Matthews

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Val Johnstone, Emily Hanover, Shanda Gale, Bob Marshall, Tony Laslo, Fran Smelko, Sharon Regular, Fr Tony McNamara, O.Carm., Bette Anne Chevalier, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Jeannette Fabian, Donna Cormier, Maria Rosiana, Danielle Barranca, Carmela Fruci, Lucy Rizzo, Barbara Phillips (Murray), Audrey Vendramin, Jeanne Lea, Gionni Bonaldo, Stan Manning, Iole Mancini, Alice Dalton, Baby Maximus, David & Patrick Kealey, Joanna Daniels, Ray Sexton, Francesco Albanese, Mary Ann O'Shea, Doreen Fletcher, Rosalyn Dagleish, Susan & Rick Rogers, Kitty Decicco, Patricia Desrosiers, 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 Pivarnyik, Helen Lelievre, Tom Hilton, Maria Colalillo, Walter Wallace, Stefanie Borin, John Cox, Joyce Weaver, Marie Cleary, Rita Bruneau, Orlando Garofalo, Kerrie Szuch, Faith Amadio, Margaret Smith, Carmella Modenti, Margaret Waghorn, Theresa Poirier, Bruno Maiolo, Carlo Trasmundi, Vito Fuccillo, BabyHope, Cheryl D'Ammizio, Kelly Laslo, Rose Vukmanich, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Alessia Commisso, Vicki Dubeau, Donna Bradley, Annette Brideau, George O'Kell, Mary Jo O'Kell, Baby Sebastian, Dorothy Doyle, Lorraine Murray, Patricia O'Reilly, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pepper Martin Jr., Vital & Emmanuel Chayer, Trina Washington, Chester Mottola, Shirley Machulla, Gerry Laffradi , Lorraine Spence, Baby Gabriel Paraskevopoulos Please help us update our list of those who are homebound, infirm, or hospitalized by calling the parish office.

Collections

May 14 & 15: \$5,569.50 May 21 & 22: \$6,440.00 Fort McMurray Relief: \$3,877.50 St. Vincent de Paul: \$979.50 Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2016

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: Sunday, June 26, July 24, no Aug Bapt, Sept 25, Oct 16
A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, June 14, July 12, Sept 13, Oct 4 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 1 at 6:30 pm in the Hall. All are invited to attend and please bring your favourite dish to share.

PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND (just a few seats left)



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Fr. Gerard is leading a **10-Day Pilgrimage** to Ireland from September 14-24, 2016: *Churches and Shrines of Ireland*! There are brochures in the parish office and also at the back of the church. We will fly direct from Toronto to Dublin, 9 nights in 4-star hotels in

Newry, Donegal, Galway, Cork, Kilkenny, and Dublin, experiencing many great sights and sounds, prayers and Masses! Daily Irish Breakfast, eight 3-Course Dinners, Irish Party Show, ferry ride, Luxury Coach, Guide etc!!! This pilgrimage is limited to 40 people!!! Cost is \$3495 per person (including taxes and fuel surcharges), based on double occupancy. Don't miss out!!! For those who have reserved spaces, please sign up *immediately* with



Dear Friends:



Today we celebrate the *Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ*. In 1969 the Church combined the feasts of *Corpus Christi* and *The Precious Blood*. May we never forget what we celebrate each time we gather at the Altar. On the evening before Jesus died, he shared a Passover meal with his disciples! At that Supper he made a New Covenant with his people, ratifying and transcending the Old. He gave us HIS

Body and HIS Blood for food. St. Paul tells us in the Second Reading about what happened on that night as it was handed on to him, that he took the Bread and Cup and said: *This is my Body given for you... this cup is the new covenant in my blood!* By doing this, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Every meal Jesus shared during his earthly life culminates in The Last Supper. And that includes the Feeding of the Five Thousand that we hear in this Sunday's Gospel. What a compassionate God we have.

We have been celebrating Eucharist for some 2000 years. At the Altar, we celebrate all God has done for us in and through his Son! The past, the present and the future is on that Table. Eucharist transcends all history and all time. We gather with those gone before us, the Communion of Saints, our deceased family members, and ourselves with our joys and sorrows... and we get a foretaste of what is to come. He promises ... you who eat my Body and drink my Blood will live forever.

Our God sacrificed his **only Son** for you and me. This is a day to be reminded again of how far God **was** and **is** willing to go to show that he never gives up on us; that he loves us. How generous! The Church says the Eucharist is the *source and the summit* from which the whole life and power of our Church flows. It's the source of our drive, our energy. And this for us is the *sacrament of ongoing conversion*. Being fed with the Body of Christ, the Bread of Life... we should be constantly changing... and certainly, willing to try harder. We need to keep coming back to the Table, to be fed, nourished and strengthened for the journey. Yes! Our God is a generous God, who found a way to stay very close to us... through the **Body and Blood of his Son**, Jesus Christ! And we are to become what we eat. Be Christ for each other! Blessings!

Fr. Gerard

BABY JESUS AT HIS FIRST FAMILY PICNIC







Pray the Rosary in May May is the Month of Our Lady! St. Patrick Parish prays the Rosary every morning at 7:30. Keep Mary in mind and Jesus will grow in your heart!

Saints on the Eucharist

One day St. Teresa of Avila (Carmelite) heard someone say: "If only I had lived at the time of Jesus... If only I had seen Jesus... If only I had talked with Jesus..." To this she responded: "But do we not have in the Eucharist the living, true and real Jesus present before us? Why look for more?"

God dwells in our midst in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar" - St. Maximilian Kolbe

"This is the wonderful truth, my dear friends: the Word, which became flesh two thousand years ago, is present today in the Eucharist," - *Pope St. John Paul II*

Update on our Second Refugee Family

Since January, the Maalouf family has been waiting in Lebanon for their



final approval to come to Canada. I have been in contact with the dad, Bassem, on a weekly basis. He tells me their two children are having a very difficult time. Unfortunately, once our Government received their 25,000 refugees into Canada in February, most of the Emergency

Immigration staff were sent home. This has delayed the process for privately sponsored families like the Maalouf's. Several parishes in our diocese are still waiting for their families. Please keep the Maalouf's in prayer along with numerous other families who are still waiting to have a new lease on life.

For the Funny Bone

A little girl became restless as the preacher's sermon dragged on and on. Finally, she leaned over to her mother and whispered, "Mommy, if we give him the money now, will he let us go?"

Parish Gardens

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

What is God's plan in your married life? Find out & join the Marriage Enrichment Weekend at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish Hall, Thorold June 17 - 19, 2016 Contact Rene & Thelma 905-329-9006 or 289-723-9788 bldstcatharines@gmail.com

The Diocesan Separated & Divorced Healing Ministry Support Group Held on the 2nd & 4th Monday of the month, Resuming on June 13th from 7 - 9pm, at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com 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

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.

Hospital Visits... If you have a family member in hospital, and would like a visit from one of our priests, or wish to celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please let the parish office know, 905-354-7451. St. Patrick Parish covers the on-call pager for GNGH from Tuesday 8 AM until Wed 8 AM. The hospital staff can put you in touch with the on-call chaplain at any time.

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