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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.

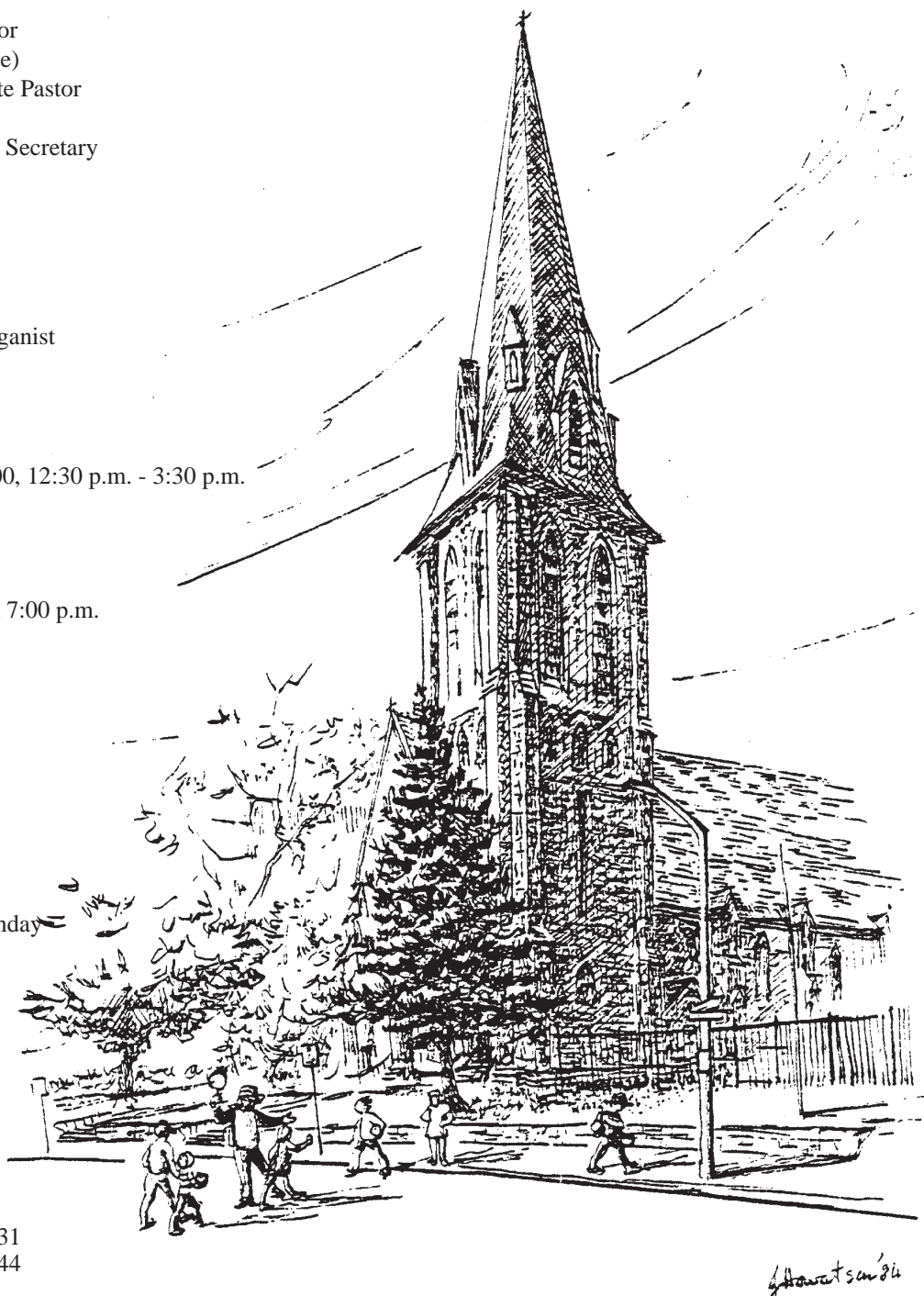
Schools

St. Patrick School 905-354-6631
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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 ADVENT



Saturday, November 28

5:00 Pete Mundier *req. by the Family*
Oscar Bonaguro *req. by the Family*

Sunday, November 29 First Sunday of Advent

8:00 Giulio & Lucia Cavaliere *req. by Rocco Cavaliere*

Angus Lafford *req. by Muriel & Family*

9:30 Angelo Butera *req. by his Wife: Teresa & Family*

Rino & John Leo *req. by Julie, Mary Ann, Lexis & Justus*

11:30 Tommaso DeAngelis *req. by Tony & Rosa DeAngelis*

Marilyn & Leo Quinn *req. by Colleen Quinn-Boyer & Bill Boyer*

7:00 People of the Parish

Monday, November 30 St Andrew

8:00 Maria Leone *req. by the Azzano Family*

Enrico Antonio Passero *req. by St. Pat's Catholic Womens League*

Tuesday, December 1

8:00 Don Liberty *req. by his Wife & Family*

Maria Nhuan Truong, Maria Sa Le & Anthony Hung Nguyen *req. by Family*

Wednesday, December 2

8:00 Nish Mascarini *req. by Yvonne Pagani*

Dec'd mem. of the Grenier Family *req. by the Persia Family*

Thursday, December 3 St Francis Xavier

8:00 Cecilia Lococo *req. by the DeMizio & Lococo Families*

Mary Julia Racine *req. by the McEwan Family*

Friday, December 4 St John Damascene

8:00 M/M Lazzarin *req. by Louise & Family*

Wilf & Ola Manuel *req. by a Family Friend*

Saturday, December 5

5:00 Assunta Maiuri *req. by Peter & Stefanie Maiuri*

Sophie Potapczyk *req. by Mary & John Lolbuc*

Sunday, December 6 Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 Michela DeNicolais *req. by Augusta Macri & Family*

Maria & Mario D'Amario *req. by Adele & Family*

11:30 Mary Watson & John Watson Sr. & Jr. *req. by Family*

Josephine & Frank Manella *req. by the Family*

7:00 Thomas Rondinelli *req. by Ann Marie*

Rino & John Leo, Sante & Amelia Giacobetti & Angelo & Angela Leo
req. by the Family

Collections

November 22: \$4,245.42

Deo Gratis: \$996.80

Many thanks for your generosity!

Weekday Rosary

Every morning at 7:30, the Holy Rosary is prayed in St. Patrick Church.

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

Bulletin Announcement: Vincent's, St Vincent de Paul Store in Niagara Falls, is looking for more volunteers. Duties including sorting and pricing of merchandise, stocking our shelves, operating the cash register, helping customers, etc. We have taken measures to provide a Covid safe environment. If you can spare 3-4 hours per week and enjoy helping others, this is an opportunity to serve in a friendly place for a worthwhile cause. If you need to do Community Service for school or other reasons, we can provide you with the hours you need. We are located at 5970 Lundy's Lane in Niagara Falls. If you are interested or have any questions, drop by, call us at (289)296-3807 or email vincentstorenf@gmail.com. Our manager, Andrea, would be happy to hear from you.

Catholic Marriage Tribunal... If you are considering remarriage in the Catholic Church or hoping to enter a marriage with someone previously married, please speak to a priest, or contact the St. Catharines Catholic Marriage Tribunal at 905-687-8817 or tribunal@saintcd.com.

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

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Vic Sullivan, Elsie Jordan and Ned Faiella. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are ill

Baby M, Mary Power, Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Rita Ross, Fern Albert, Andrea Fisher, Ron O'Neill, Francis Patterson, Leroy Collee, Eric Van Noort, Rose MacDonald, Ralph Davey, Maureen Tustin, Maureen Kealey, Betty Crete, Mahmat, Sean Sandel, Armando Rossi, Gerry Laffrady, Lori Ann Pizzolato, Dr. Andy Fisher, Bianca MacDonnell, Gus Bagarozza, Judy, Andy Scotnicki, Cyndee Matvichuk, Rosanna Ricci, Karen Bradley, Ron Winslow, Carmine Astorino, Corinne Journeau, Arlene Collee, Betty & Joe Power, Mary Ann Quigley, Maria Nobile, Pat DiLorenzo Jr., Teresa Hebb, Carole Ann Ogilvie, Jarod Hickey, Julian Cassidy, Mary Frances Pye, Carol DeVilliers, Joe Young, Leo Martin, Marney Broderick, Sister Prem, Kerrie Szuch, Gregory Roulston, Cameron Boyes, Pasquale Abrunzo, Alice Dalton, John Nicks, John Calder, Victor Sincich, Nancy Praakel, Bernadette Moore, Norma Zanus, Patricia Williams, Mark Pepple, Nancy Huber, Danielle Barranca, Kelly Laslo, Toni Brideau, Edward Brzozowski Jr., Nikki Mansfield, Lester Snow, John Cox, Nicolina Compare, Alvin Learn, James Moody Sr., Nancy Jean Rose, Charlene Shannon, Eric Corcoran, Carmella Modenti, Anna Hunt, Rose MacDonald, John Kealey, Elizabeth Stachura, Denise Colalillo, Brian Smith, Donna Bradley, Margaret Smith, Anna Vergalito, Helen Lelievre, Nancy Weiss, Jeanne Lea, Rebecca Evans, Samuel Potapczyk, Mary Lawrence, William JA De Foe, Bernard Martin, Joyce Weaver, Michelle Price, Donna Cormier, Margaret Waghorn, Drago Bicanic, Jeanne S, Bob Marshall, Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Evelyn Rose Baker, Lorraine Spence, Vito Fuccillo, Tom Hilton, Robert & JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Marie Massolli, Jeannette Fabian, Francesco Albanese, Maria Melchiorre, Jozefa Bilski, Todd Reid, Mary Brennan, Conner Hawkswell, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Maria Guerin, Patricia O'Reilly, Audrey Vendramin, Faith Amadio, Patrick Kealey, Cheryl Granton, Walter Wallace, Florie Heimbigner, Francois Chayer, Jadwiga Wozniak, Julie Nicholson, Stefanie Borin, Patrick McCarthy, D.D., Alessia Comisso, Baby Victoria, Mary Jo O'Kell, Trina Washington, Cheryl D'Amizio, Pepper Martin Jr.

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



Congratulations and best wishes to

Connor Michael Robert Nicholson

who was recently baptized

CWL Ladies... please note that your CWL 2021 Annual Dues of \$25.00 is now due. Please put your envelope in the collection at the end of Mass or bring to the Parish Office. If you have any questions please call Maggie at 905-246-6212

The members of the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** are seeking your financial assistance to help recover from the impact of COVID 19.

Since March, we have had to suspend our 'Emergency Help Line' operation due to the reduction of income resulting from the closure of Churches and Bingo halls...our only sources of revenue.

In addition, our revenue forecast for the balance of this year and into 2021 will remain lower until attendance restrictions at Churches and Bingo halls are relaxed by the Ontario Government. As a result, our Christmas Program will require severe cutbacks this year and in 2021.

We have been blessed by your longstanding generosity and pray for your continued support.

Parish Office

Our parish office is open from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM Monday to Thursday, and 8:30 AM-2:00 PM on Fridays. All business will be conducted at a special table inside the office door. One person admitted at a time. Masks are **mandatory** in the office. Please call ahead so we can have certificates or Mass cards prepared for you. God bless!

Little Flower Society Cards

Did you know that St. Patrick Parish Office has Mass Cards in stock from the Carmelite's Little Flower Society? We have Healing Mass Cards, Living Intentions, Five-Year Memorial Cards, and also Perpetual Memorial Cards. By using those cards, you not only comfort a family member or friend, but you also support the mission of the Carmelites, our Carmelite Vocation Efforts, and our Carmelite Formation Programs in several countries.



Please continue to bring food items to Mass for Project Share!
Every item helps!

"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"

Dear Friends:



As difficult as it seems to use the word "happy" these days, we still have to say, **Happy New Church Year!** Welcome to the **Season of Advent!** Our church will be dressed in purple for the next four weeks! Jesus' words in today's Gospel sets the theme for Advent... and for our Christian lives, "*Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come... and what I say to you, I say to all, keep awake!*"

The first candle will be lit on our Advent Wreath, and it sets us on a four week journey toward Christmas! This is a season of waiting, watching and preparing, not only for Christmas Day, but ultimately for the Lord's Second Coming. Given everything that's happening in our world and in our own country and towns with the second wave of this virus, we have to remain hopeful that things will get better. If we lose hope, we lose everything.

Advent takes place during the darkest days of the year when there is the least sunlight. It reminds us that the Light of Christ will triumph over all darkness. And God knows there's much darkness out there this year. Our work is to bring Christ's light to where there's darkness. Of course, we **begin with ourselves** by ridding any darkness from within our own lives. Then share that light with the needy among us, the hungry, the thirsty, the poor, the homeless, the lonely, the grieving. St. Paul says in the 2nd reading, *May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all... be blameless before God.*

May this be a season of hope and grace... and also a time of change for each of us. This year we are forced to change many of our plans, our travel, our gatherings, our habits, even some of our glorious traditions. Perhaps a good year to do more to **KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS!!!** Each of us can begin with a **fresh** clean slate. **That's Advent!** Then on Christmas morning, we can greet the Christ-Child with joyful hearts. And when the Lord comes in his glory and power... he'll find us joyful and ready! May this be a time of **transformation** for each of us, and a time to focus on the most important things in our lives, family, faith, charity. Christ's Light and Blessings to all!

Fr. Gerard



IMPORTANT NOTICE

All Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses are **PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY!!!!** Each parishioner **must** have a pew pass to attend. Please call the parish office to pre-register during the following hours only: **9:00 AM to 2:00 PM Monday to Friday.** You can then pick up your passes at the parish office. These will be numbered and colour-coded for each Mass. Only 110 people are permitted at each Mass (including priests, servers, musicians and ministers.) Pre-register early.

Carmelite Missions Appeal

On the 2nd Sunday of Advent, we will have our Annual Carmelite Missions Appeal! Envelopes are in your church Offertory Boxes. The needs are great, resources are low, so we do the best we can. God bless you for anything you can do to help our missions.



St. Patrick Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Schedule

Maximum permitted at each Mass is 110 persons
All Masses are pre-registration only (see below)

Christmas Eve- Thursday, December 24th

4:00 PM
4:00 PM- Mass in Gymnasium
6:00 PM
8:00 PM
12:00 AM- Midnight Mass

Christmas Day- Friday, December 25th

8:00 AM
9:30 AM
11:30 AM
*11:30 AM (We will add a Mass in Gym if needed)
NO 7:00 PM MASS

From Bishop Bergie on CHRISTMAS MASSES

The celebration of Christmas is a little over a month away. I am sure that many of you have begun thinking about how you will celebrate this feast in the midst of a pandemic. One of the more significant issues that we will have to face is the unknown. How many people will be coming to our Christmas Masses? Will there be large or small crowds? Each parish may experience things a little differently depending on location and demographics. I would like to offer you the following considerations as you make your preparations in churches that are only at 30 percent capacity with physical distancing.

1. For this year only, Christmas Vigil Masses can begin at 3 pm. This will allow for an additional Mass if needed.
2. As pastoral need necessitates, priests have permission to say up to three Masses per day.
3. For parishes anticipating large crowds, it is recommended that you preregister people. You can decide the best way to do this depending on your circumstances. There is a free computer program; however, if this process is done by phoning the parish office, it will allow those without a computer to participate.
4. If people are unable to attend Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day due to lack of space or concern regarding crowds, they should be reminded that the Church in her wisdom has established the Octave of Christmas. Individuals can celebrate Christmas and attend Mass on any of the eight days.
5. Concerns about crowds may also provide an opportunity to promote early morning Christmas Masses where, in recent times, the numbers have not been large.
6. It is important to note that the general dispensation for Sunday Masses also applies to Holy Days of Obligation (Christmas and Mary Mother of God).

Christmas Gift Campaign

We have started our Annual Christmas Gift Campaign. We still have gift tags available for children of different ages in our two schools, but given the protocols, we can only use Gift Cards this year. Parents will shop for their own children. Grocery cards for families will also be included with the gifts this year. Many thanks for your help. The deadline for returning gifts is December 6th.



Advent Reconciliation

There will be no Communal Reconciliation Service. In its place, on Saturday, **December 12th and December 19th**, priests will be available in the Sacristy and in the Ushers Room between 11:00 AM and 12:30 PM. Entry through Main Doors of Church. Masks must be worn except for medical reasons, and 6-foot distance must be maintained. Reconciliation is available any time by appointment.

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