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Carol Martin - Director of Music
Sandra DiCienzo - Organist
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Ashley Gallardi - Soloist

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.

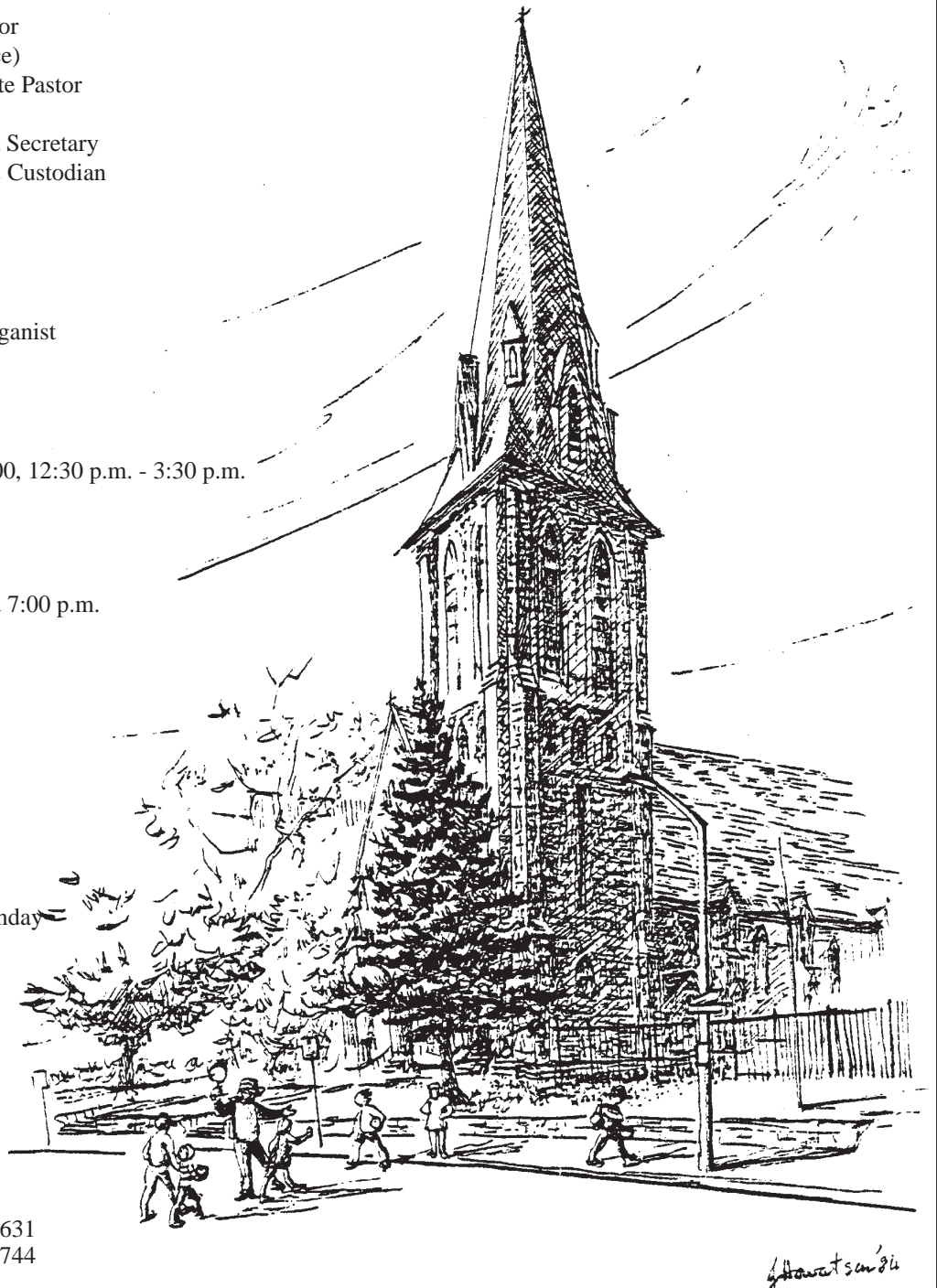
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St. Patrick School (905) 354-6631
St. Mary School (905) 354-7744

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.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, September 10

5:00 Power Family *req. by the Hockton Family*
Gary Butterill *req. by Shirley Wallace*

Sunday, September 11

8:00 Giuseppe DeMizio *req. by Pasqualina DeMizio & Family*
Victims & Families of September 11, 2001
9:30 Ovidio & Madeline Rosati *req. by the Grandchildren*
Elmira, James & Danny Dick *req. by Colette Empey & Yvette Dick*
Georgette Lafferty *req. by Leona Thibodeau & Family*
11:30 Gimino Cardamone *req. by Fiorina Cardamone & Family*
Mary Brodie *req. by Bob & Eleanor Adams*
William Ferguson *req. by Frances & Family*
7:00 People of the Parish

Monday, September 12 The Most Holy Name of Mary

8:00 Butch & Lucy Kitney *req. by Andrea & Wayne*
Luella Trimm. *req. by the Lea Family*

10:30 St. Patrick & St. Mary's School Mass

Tuesday, September 13 St John Chrysostom

8:00 Deacon Pat O'Brien *req. by Rosemary & Fred Girardo*
Special Intention for Dr. Andy Fisher & Kitty Decicco *req. by Caroline Bretti*

Wednesday, September 14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00 Bart Martel *req. by the Weaver Family*
Mario Marcon & the Marcon Family *req. by Theresa Marcon*

Thursday, September 15 Our Lady of Sorrows

8:00 Mario & Linda Cardinal *req. by Jackie, Tony, Vicky & John*
Pietro Bianchin *req. by the Parisi & Bianchin Families*

Friday, September 16 St Cornelius & St Cyprian

8:00 Don Liberty *req. by Belle Liberty*
Stanley Potapczyk *req. by the Family*

Saturday, September 17 St Robert Bellarmine

5:00 Harold & Marc Bickerstaffe *req. by Imelda Bickerstaffe*
Mario & Linda Cardinal *req. by the Nicholson Family*

Sunday, September 18

8:00 Ted Pante *req. by Corinna Pante*
Harry Bongers *req. by the Bongers Family*
9:30 Domenico Quiquero *req. by Anna Quiquero & Family*
Giuseppe Masci *req. by Lucia D'Angelo Family*
11:30 Mary Argenta *req. by Anthony & Paula Capacchione*
Panfilo Melchiorre *req. by the Family*
Mande Sekulic, Matt & Mary Grcevic, Mate Dosavich *req. by the Sekulic & Grcevic Families*
7:00 People of the Parish

Upcoming Wedding at St. Patrick's in September

Paula Ashe & Eric Condon
Stephanie Skrlac & James Antonio

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!

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.

Ryan's Bowl Fundraiser... "Beef on a Bun Nite", at Westminster Church Hall, St. Catharines, **Friday October 7, 5:30 - 7pm**
\$10.00 includes salad, dessert, Coffee/Tea.
Tickets available in St. Patrick's Church Office

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

Rest in Peace... We pray for the soul of Sebastiano 'Sam' Radice. May he rest in peace. Please remember his family in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Gerry Laffradi, Brian Kneller

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Shanda Gale, Bob Marshall, Tony Laslo, Pauline Miner, Manfred Hawlitzky, Edna McDonell, Fran Smelko, Sharon Regular, Fr Tony McNamara, O.Carm., Bette Anne Chevalier, Maria Melchiorre, Conner Hawkswell, Vicki Leada-Dawson, Jeannette Fabian, Donna Cormier, Maria Rosiana, Danielle Barranca, Carmela Fruci, Lucy Rizzo, Barbara Phillips (Murray), Audrey Vendramin, Jeanne Lea, Gianni 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, 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 Pivarnyk, Helen Lelievre, Tom Hilton, Walter Wallace, Stefanie Borin, John Cox, Joyce Weaver, Marie Cleary, Kerrie Szuch, Faith Amadio, Margaret Smith, Carmella Modenti, Margaret Waghorn, Theresa Poirier, Carlo Trasmundi, Vito Fuccillo, Baby Hope, Cheryl D'Ammizio, Kelly Laslo, Rose Vukmanich, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Alessia Comisso, Vicki Dubeau, Donna Bradley, Annette Brideau, Mary Jo O'Kell, Baby Sebastian, Dorothy Doyle, Lorraine Murray, Patricia O'Reilly, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pepper Martin Jr., Vital & Emmanuel Chayer, Trina Washington, Shirley Machulla, Lorraine Spence, Baby Gabriel Paraskevopoulos, Mary Wilkes-Matthews, Patricia Desrosiers, Helen Rotella, Darlene Wancha, Brian Smith, Maria Benevento, Jeanne S

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

Collections

September 3 & 4: \$5,531.00
Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2016

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday, September 25, October 16, November 20 & December 11**

A **mandatory** meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, **Sept 13, Oct 4, Nov 8 & Dec 6** 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!

OUR CHURCH CHOIRS...

Once again the choral season is upon us. We welcome all former choir members and new people to join either of our choirs – Youth at 9:30 Mass and Adults at 11:30 Mass.

Adult Choir rehearsals – Thursday nights starting on September 15th, at 7:30pm in the Church and the Children's Choir Sundays, please gather on September 11th with practice following the 9:30am Mass.

If you want to help make a "Joyful Noise", **all new and returning** members please call Carol at 905-374-0467, so she can be prepared with music for you.

Ministries... If you would like to serve as a Eucharistic Minister, Altar Server or Lector, please let the parish office know, and with great joy we will provide the necessary training for you!

Volunteers are also needed for the 9:30 Mass Childrens' Liturgy, Funeral Altar Servers & Breakfast Program.

Please call the office at 905-354-7451 if interested.



Dear Friends,

Today is the 24th Sunday in the Church's Year. On Wednesday, 41 of us will be leaving for a 10-Day Pilgrimage of *Churches and Shrines of Ireland*. Keep us in prayer, as we promise to remember all of you at Mass and Prayers as we visit the holy sites from Armagh to Cork.

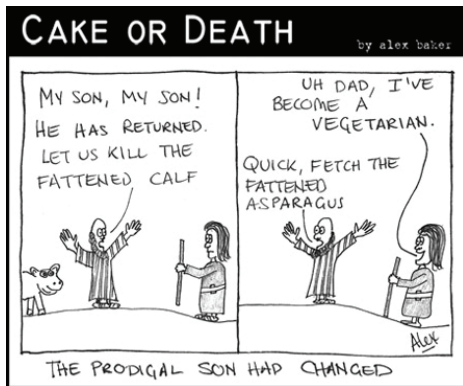


In the long version of today's Gospel we have three parables! First, we have a shepherd rejoicing over finding a lost sheep; then a woman rejoicing over finding a lost coin; and then the Parable of the Prodigal Son. These parables are in response to the Pharisees and scribes grumbling about Jesus eating with sinners: "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them!"

Eating with someone, of course, is a beautiful way of expressing acceptance, friendship and love. Jesus does not argue that he is eating with sinners. His whole point is that He *has called them to God*, and they have come. They are his friends, and he loves them and welcomes them. He is full of joy that they have come home to the Father.

He is also filled with joy when we turn back from our sinful ways! All of us stand in need of God's grace and forgiveness. It's so easy to sit back and focus on other's lives. This Gospel calls us to focus on ourselves... and to celebrate God's abundant love and mercy, especially in this *Year of Mercy!* God's grace and mercy are so freely given! Maybe some things we can ask ourselves this week: Would there by chance, be any Pharisee in me? How quick am I to judge others? Do I ever catch myself deeming others as unworthy? Do I focus on other people's faults and sin... and fail to look at my own? Do I spend time being critical of others, back-biting them? My prayer is that we will all find the courage this week to turn our eyes inward, and do a little of our own personal house cleaning, vacuuming and dusting away any traces of the Pharisee! Have a blessed week.

Fr. Gerard



Before you start pointing fingers, make sure your hands are clean. By judging others we blind ourselves to our own evil and to the grace which others are just as entitled to as we are. Bonhoeffer
If you judge people, you have no time to love them. *St. Teresa of Calcutta*

Children's Sacramental Dates 2017

Confirmation: Saturday, February 25, 2017 @ 5:00 PM.
First Communion: Sunday, May 7, 2017 @ 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM
Look for Registration Information in upcoming Parish Bulletins.

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

THANK YOU

Many thanks for your overwhelming and generous response in donating school uniforms and school supplies for our local children. They will certainly be put to good use. God bless you for your big caring hearts!



Today, fifteen years later, we continue to pray for the families and remember the victims of 9/11/2001. May peace reign in our world.



Project Share sends a big thank-you to the people of the parish who continued to bring food. We are really making a difference! Now that

school is open, please continue to bring food items. School snacks would be great, and also Macaroni and Cheese, canned Tuna, Peanut Butter, canned pasta! If you prefer, Project Share also distributes toiletry items: soaps, shampoos, toothpaste, wash-cloths/towels.

"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"

Spiritual Reading Bookclub: Come out and join lively discussions on inspirational books chosen to deepen the Catholic faith. Last Thursday of every month, September - June, 6:30pm at St. Denis Parish, St Catharines. First meeting is September 29, 2016, and the book is *Heaven in Stone & Glass* by Robert Martin. For more information contact 905-656-1995.



DID YOU KNOW?
For those of you who have Celiac Disease or are allergic to wheat products, our parish has special **Gluten-Free hosts** available. If you let us know before each Mass, we will have a special host consecrated for you. Please make yourself known to the presiding priest, and he will ensure he has it in his ciborium for you... or in a separate pyx. The onus is on you to let us know!

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.

INTRODUCTION TO CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER WORKSHOP
Do you long to become closer to God? Learn to sit in silence and consent to God's loving presence and action within. Following the Christian heritage of St. Augustine, St. John of the Cross, Fr. Thomas Keating. Presented by **Contemplative Outreach Ontario**, Saturday, October 1, 9:30-3:30 pm, Our Lady of the Scapular Church, Niagara Falls. Cost: \$25. Bring your own lunch. Registration: Contact Brenda 905-646-1995 or bcoleman@bell.net

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