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Carol Martin - Director of Music
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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.

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.



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Saturday, April 9

5:00 Peter Creamer *req. by Mary & Family*
 Margie Nicholson *req. by Tom Burke & Family*
 Tom Quinn *req. by Wife: JoAnn & Family*

Sunday, April 10

8:00 Iolanda DeProphetis *req. by Giulio & Family*
 Sam Fisher *req. by the Family*
9:30 Angelo Radice *req. by the Family*
 M/M Lazzarin *req. by Louise Marcon*
11:30 Pasquale Macri *req. by Augusta Macri & Family*
 Maria Fabiano Nicoletta *req. by her Dtr: Tina*
7:00 People of the Parish

Monday, April 11 St Stanislaus

8:00 Sam Fisher *req. by Sherry & Howard*
 Josep Khoat & Anna My *req. by Duy Nguyen & Family*

Tuesday, April 12

8:00 Deacon Pat O'Brien *req. by the Schrader Family*
 Peter Mong & Peter Viet Nguyen *req. by the Family*

Wednesday, April 13 St Martin I

8:00 Cleo Gagno *req. by the Shannon Family*
 Edward Power & Eileen Lewis *req. by Mary Power*

Thursday, April 14

8:00 Wanda & Mark Solomon *req. by the Family*
 Harry Bongers *req. by Caroline Matovic*

Friday, April 15

8:00 Msgr. Vincent Ferrando *req. by his Friends*
 Anna Concetta Pietrangelo *req. by Lise Pietrangelo*

Saturday, April 16

5:00 Maria Di Libero *req. by the Family*
 Carlo & Irma Pizzolato *req. by the Pizzolato & Dumele Families*

Sunday, April 17 World Day of Prayer for Vocations

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Adelino & Luigi Marcon *req. by Bruno & Ines Marcon*
 Maria Gulla *req. by the Family*
 Betty Sargeson *req. by Wayne*
11:30 Palmiro Goegan *req. by Anna Goegan & Family*
 Pasquale & Concetta Maulucci *req. by John Di Paul*
7:00 Kevin & Louise Young *req. by the Family*
 Butch & Lucy Kitney *req. by Evelyn Kemp*

Upcoming Wedding at St. Patrick's in April

Alicia Gajnorio & Robert Gallagher

Sacramental Dates for 2016

First Communion

St. Patrick and St. Mary Schools
 Sunday, April 24, 2016 at 1:30 PM
 Other Grade 2 Parishioners
 Sunday, April 24, 2016 at 9:30 AM

Confirmation

Saturday, April 30, 2016 at 5:00 PM

Church Envelopes and 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.

The Diocesan Separated & Divorced Healing Ministry Support Group meets every second & fourth Monday 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

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Felice Forlenza, Kathleen McCartney & Domenico Rondinelli. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Val Johnstone, Tony Laslo, Fran Smelko, Sharon Regular, Fr Tony McNamara, O.Carm., Alfred Rampado, Bette Anne Chevalier, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Maria Melchiorre, 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 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, Baby Hope, Cheryl D'Amazio, Kelly Laslo, Rose Vukmanich, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Alessia Comisso, Vicki Dubeau, Donna Bradley, Annette Brideau, George O'Kell, Mary Jo O'Kell, Baby Sebastian, Mae MacLean, Dorothy Doyle, Lorraine Murray, Patricia O'Reilly, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pepper Martin Jr., Vital & Emmanuel Chayer, Trina Washington, Chester Mottola, Shirley Machulla, Gerry Laffrati, 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

April 2 & 3: \$5,801.50
 Easter & Easter Flowers: \$17,222.77
 Holy Thursday: \$1,155.00
 Good Friday: \$1,501.00
 Ryan's Bowl: \$4,901.05
 Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2016

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday, April 17, May 22, 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, **May 10, June 14, July 12, Sept 13, Oct 4 at 7:00 pm.**

PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND



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!!! Selling out fast! **For those who have reserved places, please sign up immediately with Brinkman Travel.**

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.



Dear Friends,

Today we celebrate the Third Sunday of Easter! Much to our dismay, winter weather is still lingering... but we have absolutely no control over the weather! We're tough Canadians. Although, I would much rather be a disciple in today's Gospel, fishing on the Sea of Galilee!

This Easter Gospel is one of my favourites. It's filled with many interesting details! This particular scene occurs sometime between the first Easter Day and Jesus' Ascension. Peter and his companions are back to their old jobs, fishing. Had they lost hope? This is the same place from whence they were called to follow Jesus three years earlier. After fishing all night they caught nothing. Then in the morning, Jesus appears and tells them to cast their nets to the right side of the boat. And they had a great haul of fish!!! 153 in total! It pays to listen to the Master! **153 fish?** Interesting number! Supposedly, that was the number of nations known to exist at that time. St. Jerome claimed that at Jesus' time there were **153 known species of fish** in the world! Whatever we make of it, it was a good catch. And Jesus prepares a meal over the charcoal fire! With God all things are possible.



Another important thing in this Gospel is the dialogue between Jesus and Peter. Peter had denied Jesus three times. Now Jesus demands a triple affirmation from Peter as a negation of his triple denial on Good Friday. Peter is now being called to show that he **really** loves Jesus. How? Care for my people, feed my lambs, tend my sheep! Aha! So must we. Jesus was raised from the dead so we can share in His life, and give this life to others. Jesus calls out to me and you, **"Do you love me?"** We answer that, not by words alone, but by how we live our Christian lives, how we spread the Good News, how we reach out and feed his people! Others are depending on us. Yes, every single day. People in town, and from many corners of the world are looking to us. From Niagara Falls to Syria to Eastern Uganda!

We have a mission to complete as members of the Body of Christ. We need to fulfill our function within the Body for the good of the world by proclaiming Jesus Christ with our lives. We have our Easter work cut out for us! In honour of the Risen Christ, may we each do one thing this week to reach out to a brother or sister in need! Have a blessed week!

Fr. Gerard

With Jesus, we want for nothing!



"What does love look like? It has the hands to help others; the feet to hasten to the poor and needy; eyes to see misery and want; the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of people. That is what love looks like."

~St. Augustine of Hippo

"Prayer in action is love, and love in action is service. Try to give unconditionally whatever a person needs in the moment. The point is to do something, however small, and show you care through your actions by giving your time ... We are all God's children so it is important to share His gifts. Do not worry about why problems exist in the world – just respond to people's needs ... We feel what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean, but that ocean would be less without that drop." - Mother Teresa

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

How am I being called to feed the lambs of Jesus? Could it be as an ordained or consecrated person? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Michael Basque, Vocation Director of St. Catharines 905-684-0154 or email: vocations@saintcd.com

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



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!

The CWL of Our Lady of the Scapular Church are holding a Spring Rummage Sale on Friday April 15 from 6-8pm and Saturday 8:30 - 11am

Giant garage, bazaar & bake sale, Niagara Warehouse of Hope, April 23 8am 46 Broadway, St. Catharines

Pilgrimage to St Anne De Beaupre July 24 to July 27, 2016
For Information please call Maria Chiovitti 905 356 9794

The Monastery of Mount Carmel Presents "I'll Fly Away" A Concert of Gospel Music & Spirituals, performed by the St. Thomas More Choir & Friends on Sunday April 17 at 2:30pm Tickets at the door are \$10 or in advance \$8 from the St. Thomas More Office or Mount Carmel Gift Shop to reserve please call 905-356-7533 or 905-356-0047 Refreshments to follow

Parish Registration

Please help keep our records up to date! You may bring this form to the parish office or place it in the collection.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **Postal Code:** _____

Telephone: _____

I am new in the parish and wish to register _____

I wish to use contribution envelopes _____

I have recently moved _____

We have married & wish to update our information _____

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