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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.

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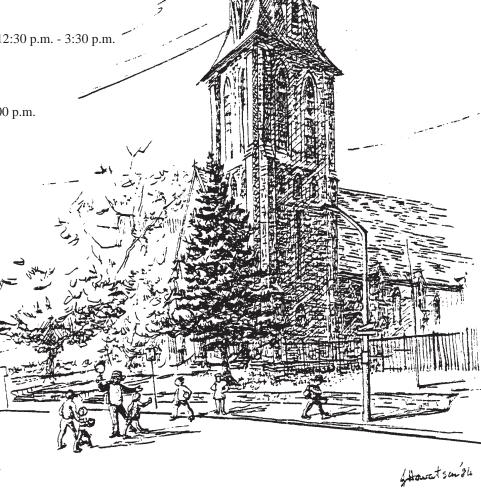
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Most Rev. Gerard Bergie, D.D., Bishop Most Rev. John A. O'Mara, D.D., Bishop-Emeritus

Parish Established 1858 Church Dedicated 1895

New Parishioners are asked to complete a parish registration form.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Saturday, April 1

5:00 Dec'd mem. of the Quiquero & Fiore Family req by the Family Alice Masur req. by the Masur Family

Sunday, April 2 Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 Felicitas Hockton req. by the Hockton Family Dec'd mem. of the Grenier Family req. by the Persia Family

9:30 Maria Gulla req. by the Family Pasquale Macri req. by Augusta Macri & Family

11:30 People of the Parish

7:00 Lawrence & Lucy Kitney req. by Evelyn Kemp Antonio (Tony) Muraca req. by Sandy & Matteo Muraca

Monday, April 3

8:00 Joseph Tien & Maria Khuyen req. by the Duy Family Joseph Ngo & Joseph Khoat req. by the Duy Family

Tuesday, April 4 St Isidore

8:00 Philippine Buteau req by the Family Nikola Lukach req by the Family

Wednesday, April 5 St Vincent Ferrer

8:00 Vicente & Patricia Navarro req. by the Navarro Family Gianni 'Johnny' Bonaldo req. by Sam & Chris St. Angelo

7:00 Peppino Paonessa req. by Josephine Paonessa & Family Patricia Patterson req. by Fred & Rose Girardo

Thursday, April 6

8:00 Frances Campaner req. by Vince & Carol Campaner & Family Marco Bortolin & Randy Wall req. by Friends

Friday, April 7 St John Baptist de La Salle

8:00 Boris Dimitroff req. by St. Pat's Bingo Committee John & Patricia Sheppard req. by Friends

Saturday, April 8

5:00 Frances Campaner req by Ray & Brenda Hicks & Family Lawrence Dal Cin req. by Dal Cin & Baldinelli Families Mom MacLean req. by the MacLean Clan

Sunday, April 9 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00 Iolanda De Prophetis req. by Guilio & Family

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

9:30 Irene House req. by Monique Grouix

Jozef & Feliksa Brzozowski req. by Janusz & Komar Families

11:30 Gimino Cardamone req. by Angelo & Theresa Elia & Family Palmiro Goegan req. by Anna Goegan & Family Alfred Rampado req. by his Wife & Family

7:00 People of the Parish

Children's Sacramental Dates 2017

First Communion: Sunday, May 7, 2017 @ 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM

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.

!!!!! Development and Peace: Share Lent !!!!!

This weekend, a second collection will be taken in all Catholic churches in Canada for Development and Peace, envelopes are available at the doors today.

Ryan's Bowl Food Program "A Lenten Sacrifice" for St. Pat's!

This Lent we will have a special container at the front and back of the church. All donations will assist a food program in which some of our parishioners helped initiate in Eastern Uganda. Each day *Ryan's Bowl* feeds over 1000 children at local Catholic Schools. This is the only hot meal these children get each day! Please place your donations into these containers during Lent! If you wish to donate by cheque, please make payable to *Ryan's Bowl Food Program*. "Lord, when did we see you hungry?"

Amount Collected this Lent to date: \$4,230.15

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

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Dorothy Simon and Michael Lovallo. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

John MacDonnell, Bette Anne Chevalier

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, John Nicks, Melissa Brideau, Loreto Rey, Mary Lawrence, Leon Dopke, Pellegreno Camelia, Bernard Martin, William JA De Foe, Emily Hanover, Leo Martin, Gerarda Hurley, Drago Bicanic, Baby Victoria, Michael Brazeau, Nancy Weiss, Shanda Gale, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffradi, Wendy & John Calder, Pauline Miner, Edna McDonell, Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, Sharon Regular, 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, Jole Mancini, Alice Dalton, Baby Maximus, David & Patrick Kealey, Joanna Daniels, Ray Sexton, Francesco Albanese, Mary Ann O'Shea, Rosalyn Dagleish, Kitty Decicco, Evelyn Rose Baker, Jozefa Bilski, Charlene Shannon, Mary O'Shea, Dr. Andy Fisher, 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, 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'Ammizio, Kelly Laslo, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Alessia Commisso, 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, Lorraine Spence, Baby Gabriel Paraskevopoulos, Patricia Desrosiers, Helen Rotella, Brian Smith, Maria Benevento, Jeanne S, Michelle Price, Kelly Detlor Please help us update our list of those who are homebound, infirm, or hospitalized

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Collections

March 25 & 26: \$6,923.26 Ryan's Bowl: \$4,230.15 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, NO Baptisms in March or April A mandatory meeting for <u>Parents and Godparents</u> 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...the next General Meeting of the St. Patrick CWL will be held on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>April 4 at 6:30pm</u> in the Lower Hall

Upcoming Weddings at St. Patrick's in April

Kathleen Turner & Jacob Rattie Dana Skowronek & Ben Hopkins

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!





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

FROM THE PASTOR



We officially welcome to Canada, to Niagara, and to St. Pat's, the **Maalouf Family**: *Bassem, Alma, Celina, and Alexander*! They arrived in Toronto from Beirut, on Friday night. May God bless them during their transition. And may God bless all of you who made this possible, and all who helped move furniture and prepare their house. Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Amen!!!

Dear Friends!

This is the 5th Sunday in Lent! Time is moving by... and more signs of Spring are evident! Before long, everything will be in full bloom. Nature had to die, go through Winter, in order to be reborn in the Spring! So too for our lives.



We all love miracles! Today's Gospel has one of the most powerful miracles, *The Raising of Lazarus from the Dead*! How often, as a child, and even as an adult, I have asked myself, "How come Jesus could raise his friend Lazarus from the dead, and he won't raise my

friend, or my brother, or my brother in law, or that young mom, that young dad, or that little child. Why? Shouldn't these miracles still be happening?"

That's a tough faith question. We all struggle with death. And we all have many *WHY* questions. That's normal and natural. We all have to die at some point. What this Gospel does is prepare us for what has to happen to every human being, death. Even Lazarus, although raised, had to die again. This miracle points us toward the Eternal Life offered to all of us, who have faith. It points us toward Resurrection... Easter! We believe there's more to life than the here and now! How often I've told people who were dying, to go to the Light! I'll never forget my grandfather's passing. I was 21. In a darkened hospital room in June 1986, he kept shouting, "Turn off the light! Turn off the light!" He died within minutes... and I walked away from his deathbed, knowing full well there's more to life than *earthly life and death*! Much more! I'm sure every person has a story of how they felt a taste of new life, after someone's death.

My prayer is that any of us who feel entombed by grief, will allow the Risen Christ to touch our heart and soul. Hear Him say, "You'll see them again! I promise you! Do not be afraid!" And if there's a tomb in our lives, preventing us from living life to the full, may Christ release us from those dark, binding places, as we prepare for Easter 2017... and ultimately, for the Final Easter!! Have a blessed week!

Fr. Gerard



AND A BREATH MINT HAS NEVER BEEN NEEDED SO BAD SINCE Confession is an act of honesty and courage - an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God. Pope St. John Paul II

Parish Reconciliation

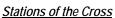
This coming Tuesday, April 4th at 7:00 PM, we will have our Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service. There are brochures at the doors of the church, with suggestions for how to make an *Examination of Conscience* and how to Celebrate *Reconciliation!*

Weekday Mass Schedule for Lent

Monday- 8:00 AM Tuesday- 8:00 AM

Wednesday- 8:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Thursday- 8:00 AM Friday- 8:00 AM



Friday 7:00 PM followed by *Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.*



Easter Flowers

If you would like to donate toward the Easter Flowers in memory of your loved ones, envelopes are available at the doors of the church!

Schedule for Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday (Mass of the Lord's Supper) 7:30 PM
Good Friday (Celebration of the Lord's Passion) 3:00 PM
Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM
Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil) 8:00 PM
Easter Sunday 8:00-9:30-11:30 AM and 7:00 PM

St. Patrick's Dance

Many thanks to everyone who made our St. Patrick's Day Celebrations a success. A good time was had by all. Thanks to Colleen and Debbie, the many volunteers, and the many donors! Once all expenses are paid, we will have a final total, which will be donated to Ryan's Bowl Food Program.

Development and Peace- Share Lent 2017

A second collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend for Development and Peace- Share Lent! Please be generous in supporting this Catholic Organization which is doing so much throughout the world in relieving the burdens of the poor, the hungry, the homeless, the victims of natural disasters, and the victims of war. God bless you 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!

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

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