

Saint Patrick's Church

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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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Saturday, April 21

5:00 Oscar Bonaguro *req. by the Family*
Dec'd of the Quiquero & Fiore Families *req. by the Family*
Oddina Andrighetti *req. by the Family*

Sunday, April 22 World Day of Prayer for Vocations

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Alan Burbidge *req. by Valerie & Diane*
Walter & Mary Besaw *req. by the Family*
11:30 Evan Kealey *req. by John & Maureen Kealey*
Tom & Therese Senese & Adam & Mary Shugg & Fam. *req. by Cecilia Shugg*
7:00 Giovanni Simonetti *req. by Amina Simonetti*
Lawrence & Lucy Kitney *req. by Evelyn Kemp*

Monday, April 23 St George & St Adalbert

8:00 Allan Power *req. by Charlene, Belle & Jeanne*
Anna Goegan *req. by Jeanne Lea*

Tuesday, April 24 St Fidelis of Sigmaringen

8:00 Ody Argenta *req. by Bryce & Aileen Adams*
Danny Mancuso *req. by Carmen & Loretta De Mizio*

Wednesday, April 25 St Mark

8:00 John MacDonnell *req. by the Family*

Thursday, April 26 Our Lady of Good Counsel

8:00 Rosaria Allegra *req. by a Friend*
Ray Tan Wee Lee & Tan Poh Neo *req. by Wife & Sister-in-law*

Friday, April 27

8:00 Elaine De Angelis *req. by a Friend*
Mary O'Shea *req. by Joanne LeBlanc Kostecki & Family*

Saturday, April 28 St Peter Chanel & St Louis Grignon de Montfort

5:00 Herald & Marc Bickerstaffe *req. by Imelda Bickerstaffe*
Vincent Audibert *req. by Fred & Betty*

Sunday, April 29

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Luigi Marcon *req. by Louise Marcon & Family*
Maria Gulla *req. by the Family*
11:30 Caterina Ruberto *req. by the Ruberto & De Melo Families*
Mary Giampolo-Daring *req. by the Family*
7:00 Kevin & Louise Young *req. by the Family*
Robbie Loro *req. by the Family*

2018 Church Envelopes & 2017 Tax Receipts

Offertory Envelopes & 2017 Tax Receipts are at the main doors of the Church. Please pick yours up today. If you notice a discrepancy please contact the office. Thank you

Upcoming Wedding at St. Patrick's in April

Dana Dwyer & Michael Profeta

Baptism Schedule for 2018

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday, May 13, June 17, July 15 & August 19**

A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, May 1, June 5, July 3 & August 7 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!

Ontario Early Years Centre is located in St. Patrick School. Open Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 8:30am to 12 Noon. It is a FREE program with fun activities for the little ones. Call 905-357-2398 for more details, or check out the website: niagaracatholic.ca/oeycnf

Knights of Columbus Hennepin Council 1652...

All you can eat Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner Salad, Dessert, Tea & Coffee
Wednesday, April 25, 2018 4 - 7pm 6101 North Street
\$10 per person, Children under 10 \$5 Takeout available

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

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Anna Goegan and Wladyslawa Szpakowska. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Sherry Wales, Ron St. Onge, Joe Mancuso, Norma Zanus

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, Ron & Elke St. Onge, Marie Cadman, James Moody Sr., John Calder, Melissa Brideau, Toni Brideau, John Nicks, Leon Dopke, Adele Morabito, Anna Hunt, John Kealey, Brenda Hyde, Helen Lelievre, Samuel Potapczyk, Baby Julian, Baby Noah, Mary Lawrence, Bernard Martin, William JA De Foe, Emily Hanover, Leo Martin, Drago Bicanic, Baby Victoria, Nancy Weiss, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffrati, Edna McDonnell, Fr Tony McNamara, O.Carm., Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Trudy Smelko, Maria Melchiorre, Conner Hawkswell, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Danielle Barranca, Iole Mancini, Jeannette Fabian, Donna Cormier, Maria Rosiana, Lucy Rizzo, Alice Dalton, Audrey Vendramin, Jeanne Lea, Baby Maximus, Patrick Kealey, Francesco Albanese, Rosalyn Dagleish, Kelly Dettlor, Florrie Heimbigner, Kitty Decicco, Evelyn Rose Baker, Jozefa Bilski, Charlene Shannon, Rebecca Evans, Marie Massolin, Maria Guerin, Anna Vergalito, John Jefferson, Todd Reid, Jill Leronowich, Nancy Jean Rose, Vince(Jim) Baldassarro, Patrick McCarthy, Muriel Pivarnyk, Tom Hilton, Walter Wallace, Stefanie Borin, John Cox, Joyce Weaver, Kerrie Szuch, Faith Amadio, Margaret Smith, Carmella Modenti, Margaret Waghorn, Vito Fuccillo, Baby Hope, Donna Bradley, Cheryl D'Ammizio, Kelly Laslo, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Mary Jo O'Kell, Alessia Commisso, Vicki Dubeau, Baby Sebastian, Patricia O'Reilly, Mary Brennan, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pepper Martin Jr., Vital & Emmanuel Chayer, Michelle Price, Brian Smith, Baby Gabriel Paraskevopoulos, Trina Washington, Shirley Machulla, Lorraine Spence, Helen Rotella, Jeanne S, Dr. Andy Fisher, Carlo Trasmundi, Frank Sica, Stacey Thomas

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

Collections

April 8: \$5,712.08

April 15: \$3,553.00

Ryan's Bowl: \$7,088.00 (to date)

Many thanks for your generosity!

Important Date for 2018

May 6th - First Communion-St. Patrick & St. Mary Schools at 1:30pm

C.W.L. News alert... -Starting May 2nd we will be praying the Rosary as a community again every Wednesday in May starting at 6p.m in the Hall!! Please come and join us!!

-Don't forget... Trivia tickets are selling fast! This is an adult function for 19 and over ... tickets are \$20 each or a table of 8 for \$135 ... please come and help support our scholarships on May 5th at 6:30pm, right here in the church hall ... it's going to be a great night!! You can purchase your tickets through the office @ 905-354-7451 or by calling Maggie @ 905-246-6212 ... see the flyers at the doors!!

-Read all about it ... we are planning a trip to the Midland Shrine ... \$35 a person ... that includes your coach bus trip as well as entry into the Shrine, a guided tour & Mass ... Saturday, May 26th, 2018 ... reserve your spot, same as above (call office or Maggie) check out the flyer at the entrances of the Church!!

-Palliative care ... please join our C.W.L. on May 4th, the church will be opened from 9am - 9pm in order to spend time as a community praying together for more palliative care spots in Ontario but also for our government to understand the importance of Palliative care!!

-Mother's Day ... we as a C.W.L. are asking for donations of soaps, shampoos, other toiletries to donate to Women's Place in May!

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 _____



Dear Friends!

We begin the Fourth Week of Easter, although it feels like Christmas! I asked God to do something about the weather. He laughed and said, "Bear with it. It will get better! Have faith!" Right now, I am sure, God is deeply troubled and looking out over Syria and Israel, where there is so much turmoil. Right now, I'm sure he is sending people to console the families in Saskatchewan! With that said, hopefully Spring will show up soon! We remain hopeful. And we give God thanks for the many freedoms we enjoy here in Canada.



Today's Gospel gives us a beautiful image of God! *Jesus says, I am the **Good Shepherd**. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father.* The relationship between Jesus and his followers is like the intimate

relationship between Jesus and the Father! Jesus does more than just care for humanity in general, he cares for us as **individuals**. No one is insignificant. Every person is a gift! There is nothing about us: no situation, event, concern, fear, sorrow or joy that Jesus does not want to embrace. We must be willing to give it over to Him! I love the image of Jesus carrying the lamb in his arms, back to safety. That's how he treats us. Just as the shepherd gives direction and protection to the sheep, he also gives it to us. We need to rely on him to get through life... through those crises and traumas, the bumps and bruises. Without Christ, we flounder! With Christ, we can weather anything. His is the strength that gives meaning, purpose and direction to our lives.

He knows His sheep. He knows each of us personally. He knows us better than we know ourselves. He knows everything about our lives from the day we were in our mothers' wombs, right up to now. So, what is preventing me from trusting the Shepherd? May we have the courage to stay close to him and let him guide our lives, and even carry us when we need it. Have a blessed week.

Fr. Gerard



God loves each of us as if there were only one of us. ~St. Augustine

THANK YOU... Many thanks to all who made our Confirmation such a beautiful celebration (except for Mother Nature). Special thanks to Bishop Bergie, Fr. Marc, our chief organizer, Debbie Herman; to Carol Martin, Sandra DiCienzo, John Arnold, our Adult Choir, servers, parents, sponsors, teachers, principals! And thanks to our CWL for the reception which followed in the parish hall! God bless you all, and God bless our newly Confirmed and their families!

Is God calling You?

If you feel called to serve as **Eucharistic Minister**, **Lector**, **Altar Server**, or **Funeral Server**, please call the parish office. We will gladly arrange for a training session.



Are You Being Called?

This Sunday is World Day of Prayer for Vocations! I invite our **young people** to consider living a life dedicated to God as a priest or religious... even as a CARMELITE. I invite everyone in St. Patrick Parish to pray for

vocations and just as important, to **encourage vocations**. If you've ever thought that someone might be called to the priesthood or religious life, **tell them!** Maybe they're waiting for someone to confirm what they've been feeling inside. We cannot bemoan the problem of fewer and fewer priests and religious, without recognizing our own responsibility in this regard. If you think you have to be perfect to be a priest or religious, look around... actually, look no further than the pulpit at St. Patrick's!

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O Holy Spirit, Spirit of wisdom and divine love, impart Your knowledge, understanding, and counsel to youth that they may know the vocation wherein they can best serve God. Give them courage and strength to follow God's holy will. Guide their uncertain steps, strengthen their resolutions, shield their chastity, fashion their minds, conquer their hearts, and lead them to the vineyards where they will labour in God's holy service. Amen.



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LIVING ROSARY

During the month of May, the Knights of Columbus, Council 1652, will be conducting the Living Rosary every Tuesday evening at 7 pm in their downstairs Lounge at 6101 North Street, Niagara Falls. Everyone is welcome; please come and join us. Coffee and light refreshments will follow the Rosary prayers.

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:

7020 Stanley Avenue, 905-356-4113 carmelniagara.com

Carmelite Spirituality: The discussion group, Elijah's Well, meets the 2nd & 4th Friday at 7pm at Mt Carmel Spiritual Centre, Contact Jean 905-975-5326

Separated & Divorced Healing Ministry Support Group meets every second & fourth Monday of the month, except this month, April 23 from 7 - 9pm
For information call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154
separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com

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

Monday to Friday Daily Mass at 11:15am

Warehouse of Hope: Accepting used electronics, small appliances, TVs, etc. working or not. Bring items Monday to Friday 9 - 5pm and place them in the drop-off house at the back of the building, 46 Broadway Ave., St. Cath.

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