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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.

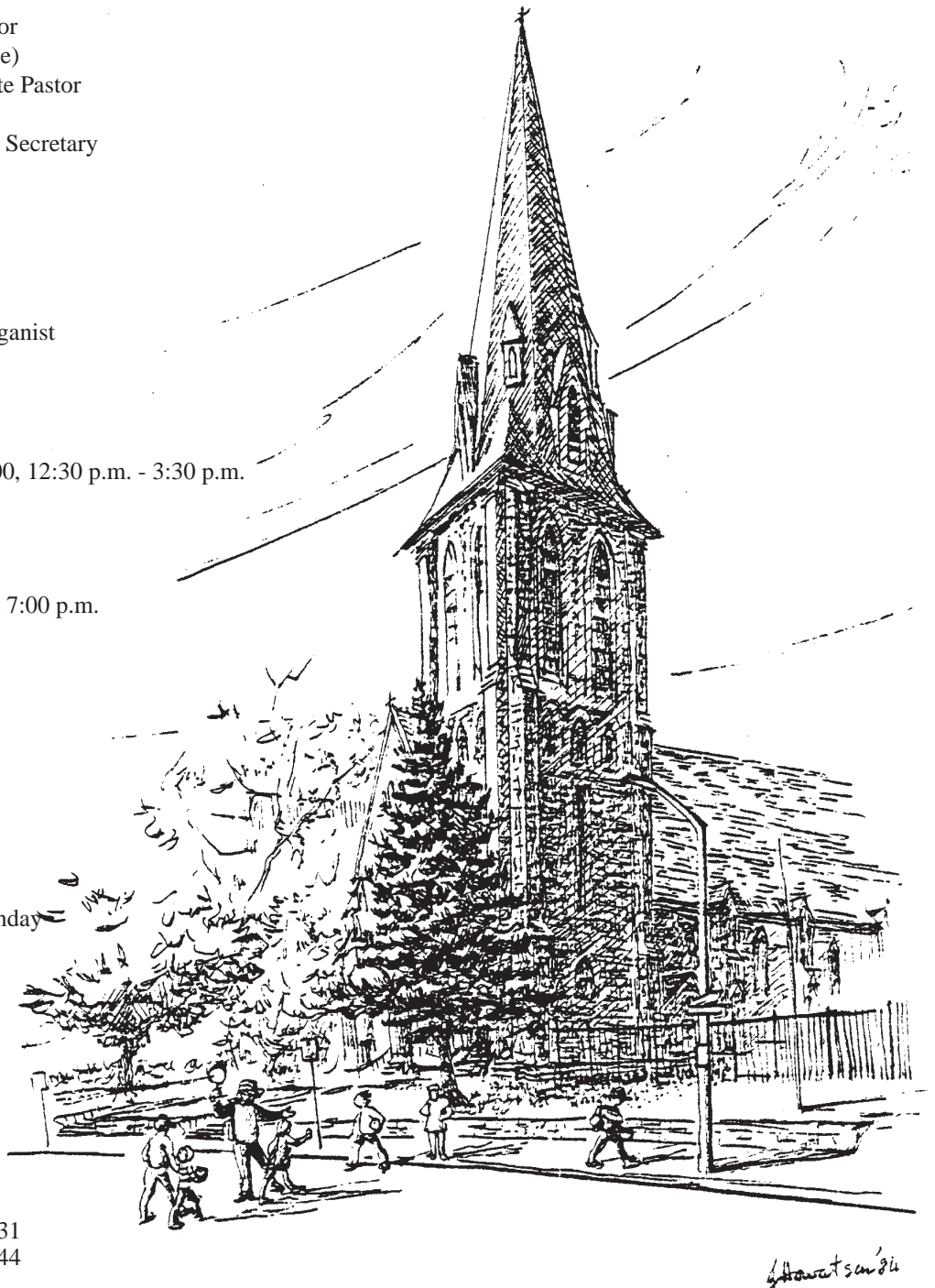
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St. Patrick School 905-354-6631
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Diocese of St. Catharines (est. 1958)

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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Saturday, April 27

5:00 Vincent & Ruby Crowley *req. by the Family*
Sandra Brideau & Marilyn Brideau *req. by Guy & Toni*

Sunday, April 28 Divine Mercy Sunday

8:00 Iolanda De Prophetis *req. by Giulio & Family*
Carlo & Maria Piva *req. by the Family*
9:30 Georgette Lafferty *req. by Danielle & Louis*
Maria Gulla *req. by the Family*
11:30 Alberto & Lucia Rossi *req. by Liliana Salvatore & Family*
Dec'd mem. of the Senese-Mancuso, Shugg & Ganter Fam. *req. by Cecilia*
7:00 People of the Parish

Monday, April 29 St Catherine of Siena

8:00 Ken Walsh *req. by John & Maureen Kealey*
Cesar, Baptista & Daisy *req. by Josephina & Arnel Bustamante*

Tuesday, April 30 St Marie de L'Incarnation

8:00 Lucrezia (Lucy) Rizzo *req. by Mary, Patti, John, Steve & Families*
Antonietta Radice *req. by the Family*

Wednesday, May 1 St Joseph the Worker, St Pius V

8:00 Gus & Zorka Wach *req. by Friends*
Aldo & Pat Visentin *req. by Friends*

Thursday, May 2 St Athanasius

8:00 Edna Dobbin *req. by Mary Power*
James & Susan Brushett *req. by Mary Power*

Friday, May 3 St Philip & St James

8:00 Barbara Lorentz *req. by Lottie Czaplicki*
Fr. Tony McNamara, O.Carm.

Saturday, May 4 Blessed Marie-Leonie Paradis

5:00 Vincent Audibert *req. by Fred & Betty & Family*
Cecil Shannon *req. by Charlene*

Sunday, May 5

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Angelo Radice *req. by the Radice Family*
Nicola Rinaldi *req. by the Family*
11:30 Ralph Greco *req. by his Wife: Ida & Family*
Benito Giustini *req. by the Giustini Family*
7:00 Walter & Mary Besaw *req. by the Family*
Oscar Bonaguro *req. by the Family*

Baptism Schedule for 2019

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday, May 26 & June 23**

A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, May 14 & June 11 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 the necessary information. We encourage parents and Godparents to make an effort to attend liturgies in the parish community. We also have a mandatory evening of preparation for parents and Godparents!

Children Sacramental Dates 2019

Confirmation: Saturday, June 1, 2019 @ 5:00 PM

First Communion: Sunday, May 5, 2019 @ 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM

(If you are a parishioner at St. Patrick Church, and have a child who does not attend St. Patrick or St. Mary Schools, and would like to celebrate their sacraments here, please contact the parish office for the registration forms.)

Host Families Needed to host International Students coming to Niagara to attend Summer and Fall Short & Long term programs with local Niagara School Boards. Host Families can be large or small, we are looking for people with an interest in showing hospitality and learning about other cultures through opening their homes to young students. For more information please contact us at 905-688-8119 or info@hospitalitecanada.com

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

**Congratulations to Bill & Mary Beth Dean
on their 45th Wedding Anniversary**

Rest in Peace... We pray for the soul of Edna Dobbin. May she rest in peace. Please remember her family in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Dr. Andy Fisher, Leon Dopke, Norma Zanus

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Carole Ann Ogilvie, Kelly Power, Gregory Roulston, Nancy Huber, Wilf Manuel, Victor Sincich, Nancy Praakel, Lily Williams, Mark Pepple, Margaret Christopher, Nikki Mansfield, Nicolina Compare, Rosalyn Dagleish, Bernadette Moore, Marie Cadman, Alvin Learn, Bruno DeLazzari, James Moody Sr., Fern Albert, Lester Snow, Rose MacDonald, Elizabeth Stachura, John Calder, Melissa Brideau, Toni Brideau, Charlene Shannon, Moira Campbell, Leon Dopke, Anna Hunt, John Kealey, Anna Vergalito, Helen Lelievre, Nancy Weiss, Leo Martin, Samuel Potapczyk, Baby Julian, Denise Colalillo, Mary Lawrence, Bernard Martin, William JA De Foe, Emily Hanover, Drago Bicanic, Baby Victoria, Joyce Weaver, John Cox, Margaret Waghorn, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffrati, Edna McDonnell, Fred Girardo Sr., Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Maria Melchiorre, Conner Hawkswell, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Danielle Barranca, Iole Mancini, Jeannette Fabian, Donna Cormier, Jeanne Lea, Maria Rosiana, Tom Hilton, Jill Leronowich, Audrey Vendramin, Baby Maximus, Patrick Kealey, Margaret Smith, Evelyn Rose Baker, Francesco Albanese, Florrie Heimbigner, Kitty Decicco, Jozefa Bilski, Todd Reid, Rebecca Evans, Marie Massolin, Maria Guerin, Nancy Jean Rose, Faith Amadio, Kelly Laslo, Patricia O'Reilly, Baby Hope, Patrick McCarthy, Stefanie Borin, Frank Sica, Walter Wallace, Kerrie Szuch, Carmella Modenti, Vito Fuccillo, Donna Bradley, Cheryl D'Amizio, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Mary Jo O'Kell, Alessia Comisso, Baby Sebastian, Mary Brennan, Lorraine Spence, Robert & JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pepper Martin Jr., Michelle Price, Brian Smith, Carlo Trasmundi, Jadwiga Wozniak, Baby Gabriel, Shirley Machulla, Baby Nicholas, Trina Washington, Helen Rotella, Jeanne S

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

Collections

Easter & Easter Flowers: \$16,491.96
Ryan's Bowl (Lent to date): \$12,927.50
Holy Thursday: \$1,200.25
Good Friday: \$1,614.25
Many thanks for your generosity!

Upcoming Wedding at St. Patrick's in May

Sherri Renneboog & Sal Medici

CWL News...the next meeting is on May 1st at 6:30 p.m beginning with the Rosary at 6p.m. in the Hall.

1 ... The C.W.L. are having a Mother's Day draw ... we will be selling tickets at the back of the church for the basket of goodies that you will see!! We will draw the winning ticket on Monday, May 6th so that the lucky woman will have the basket for Mother's Day!!

2... For the month of May the C.W.L. will again be hosting the Rosary in the hall at 6p.m. on Wednesday evenings except for May 22nd

3... There will be a container at the back of the church for the duration of the month of May, it will be there collecting toiletry items for Woman's Place ... if you wish to donate anything please place it in the box and the C.W.L. will be delivering it at the end of the month!!!

Time is running out to purchase tickets for the Second annual **Trivia Night** hosted by the CWL...This is an adult function for 19 yrs and over ... tickets are \$20 each or a table of 8 for \$135 ... NO ticket sales at the door!! Come out and support our scholarship fundraiser on May 3rd at 7:00pm, doors open at 6:30pm ... it's going to be a great night!! There will be food, snacks & cash bar. You can purchase your tickets through the office 905-354-7451 or by calling Maggie 905-246-6212

2019 Church Envelopes & 2018 Tax Receipts

Please make sure you pick up your Offertory Envelopes and Tax Receipts as soon as possible. They are near the main doors of the Church by the washroom. Many thanks.

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!



Dear Friends:

Our hearts are torn in two once again with another terrorist attack on Christians in the world. On Easter Sunday over 300 people were killed, and over 500 injured in Sri Lanka. Imagine, the most joyful day in our Church Year, turned into such mayhem and tragedy. We hold the families and victims in our deepest prayers, and we pray like never before for peace in the world.



On this Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) the disciples are hiding in the upper room out of fear of the authorities. They thought the same fate that Jesus met, would be theirs also! The Risen Christ appears through locked doors, and his first words are: **Peace be with you.** That greeting of **PEACE** was enough for these broken disciples, who were filled with fear! Then the Risen Christ breathed the Spirit on them and told them to **forgive the sins of others.** Imagine, the first thing Jesus did after he rose from the dead was **send his disciples out to forgive sins.** In the midst of their fear, anxiety and shame, Jesus restored them with the gifts of his **peace** and told them to carry on his ministry of **reconciliation.** Of course Thomas comes to faith a week later when he declares, "My Lord and my God!"

This Gospel message is still pertinent today! We receive the same commission to be about the **ministry of forgiving**, the ministry of unlocking the door to our heart, and the door to other's hearts so they too can experience the freedom and healing of God's love. We are called to set people free by pouring out on them **the same forgiveness** we have received from God. There's no better time than Easter, no better time than **Divine Mercy Sunday**, to put that **God-Given Forgiveness** into practice. We are reminded in the **Our Father** prayer, that we are only forgiven to the extent we forgive others. Now is the day! Now is the hour, for the **real work** of Easter... for the real ministry of forgiveness. May the peace of the Risen Christ reign in our hearts and homes!

Fr. Gerard



"My children, Pastor. This is 'Forgive' and this is 'Forget'."

To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you. *C.S. Lewis*

He who knows how to forgive prepares for himself many graces from God. As often as I look upon the cross, so often will I forgive with all my heart. *St. Faustina*

The sign of sincere love is to forgive wrongs done to us. It was with such love that the Lord loved the world. *St. Mark the Ascetic*



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

Congratulations

Congratulations and Best Wishes to our Candidates and Catechumens who celebrated Sacraments of Initiation at our Easter Vigil!
Curtis Leong, Stephen Moss, Melissa Gold, Brooke Clark, Juliet Ryan and Luke Mirabella. May God bless them on their faith journey. We hold them in pray and offer them our fullest support.

Welcome

This Sunday with great joy we will baptize 5 little children, **Julien, Landyn & Mila Clark, Charlotte Grebenc and Archer Moss.** May God bless them, their parents and godparents.



Sincere thanks to all who made our Holy Week and Easter Liturgies such a joyful experience. Thanks to **Carol, Sandra and our Adult Choir** for your tireless efforts in enhancing our liturgies with beautiful music. Thanks to our **Children's Choir** for your great energy and enthusiasm! To **John Arnold and Anthony Scaringi** for sharing your gifts with us! To our faithful parishioners who came out to **decorate the church** on Good Friday night! You did a fantastic job! To all who **donated toward the Easter Flowers.** Your generosity is gratefully appreciated. To our **Eucharistic ministers, lectors, commentators, ushers, and servers** for your wonderful ministry during the High Holy Days of our Church. Thanks to our **CWL** for the Vigil reception. To **Fr. Marc and David Scott** for your guidance and leadership with our RCIA candidates and catechumens. And finally **thanks to you, our faithful parishioners** for your ongoing support and dedication to St. Pat's!

Fr. Gerard



On the Second Sunday of Easter of the Jubilee Year 2000, at the Mass for the Canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska, Pope John Paul II proclaimed to the world that "from now on throughout the Church" this Sunday will be called "Divine Mercy Sunday." During his homily, he made clear that the Image of **The Divine Mercy** that St. Faustina saw, which is to be venerated on Divine Mercy Sunday, represents the Risen Christ

bringing mercy to the world. Pope John Paul II said: **"Jesus shows His hands and His side to the Apostles. He points to the wounds of the Passion, especially the wound in His Heart, the source from which flows the great wave of mercy poured out on humanity."** Divine Mercy Sunday is the Octave Day of Easter, a day that celebrates the merciful love of God shining through the whole Easter Triduum and the whole Easter mystery. It is a day of declaration of reparation for all sin, thus the Day of Atonement.

Update on Construction



Thanks to V & L Medici Concrete for completing the new church steps during Holy Week. Sorry for the inconvenience, but it had to be done without further delay once the frost ended. The stones had become loose, and had become a real danger.

We can breathe a sigh of relief!

During the winter we experienced many difficulties with our parish hall boilers. This Wednesday we will have a new 'expansion tank' installed. That should solve the problem.

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