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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.

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 29 St Catherine of Siena

5:00 M/M Fred S Cormier *req. by Don & Donna Cormier*
Aline Cormier *req. by Linda Cormier*

Sunday, April 30 Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 Kristen French *req. by Cousins: Jim & Leila Henderson*
James, Elmira & Danny Dick *req. by Yvette Dick & Colette Empey*

11:30 Judy Mahony *req. by the O'Callaghan Family*
Gino 'Darce' Zanini *req. by Margaret & Bob Irwin*

7:00 Giovinni Simonetti *req. by Amina Simonetti & Family*
Mario Lucio Tumalak *req. by his Wife & Children*

Monday, May 1 St Joseph the Worker St Pius V

8:00 Gianni 'Johnny' Bonaldo *req. by Helen & Peter Lelievre*
Darlene Wancha *req. by Gloria Pietrobon*

Tuesday, May 2 St Athanasius

8:00 Patricia Patterson *req. by Aileen & Bryce Adams*
Deacon Pat O'Brien *req. by Liz Wood & Dave Gignac*

Wednesday, May 3 St Philip & St James

8:00 Jack House *req. by John & Marney Broderick*
Pellegrino Camelia *req. by Mario & Santina Pozzebon*

Thursday, May 4 Bl Marie-Léonie Paradis

8:00 Cecil Shannon *req. by Charlene*
Gianni Bonaldo *req. by Lidia Bonaldo & Family*

9:15 St. Patrick School Mass

Friday, May 5

8:00 Darlene Wancha *req. by Shirley, Berni & Jackie*
Deceased of the Parish

Saturday, May 6 St François de Laval

5:00 Aurdino & Assunta Maiuri *req. by Peter & Stefanie Maiuri & Fam*
Madeline Rosati *req. by her Grandchildren*

Sunday, May 7 4th Sunday of Easter World Day of Prayer & Vocations

8:00 Bridie McCann *req. by Mom & Dad*

Annette Brideau *req. by Berni Wancha*

9:30 Adelino Marcon *req. by Theresa Marcon*
Domenica & Eduardo Masci *req. by Lucia D'Angelo & Family*

11:30 Jackie Cavašin *req. by the Cavašin Family*
Benito Giustini *req. by the Giustini 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.

Upcoming Weddings at St. Patrick's in May

Amanda Eldridge & Mark Nelson
Kavinee Hui & Jonathan Yat Fang Hung
Michelle Jędrzejewicz & Ian Fernandes

Niagara Catholic Elementary Spring Open House

Wednesday, May 3, 2017 9am - 5pm Register at your neighbourhood Catholic Elementary School. Please bring your child's birth certificate, baptism record, health card, immunization record and proof of address.

More registration information is available at
<http://www.niagaracatholic.ca/join-us/elementary.html>



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



Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of John MacDonnell, Margaret Dal Bello and Michael Brazeau. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Bette Anne Chevalier, Samuel Potapczyk, Winifred Andrews, Baby Noah, Frances Comeau, Helen Lelievre

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, John Nicks, Melissa Brideau, Anna Hunt, Lena Grespan, Loreto Rey, Mary Creamer, Mary Lawrence, Leon Dopke, Bernard Martin, William JA De Foe, Emily Hanover, Leo Martin, Drago Bicanic, Baby Victoria, Nancy Weiss, 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, Iole 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, Dr. Andy Fisher, Rebecca Evans, Marie Massolin, Maria Guerin, Anna Vergalito, John Jefferson, Todd Reid, Jill Leronowich, Vince (Jim) Baldassarro, Nancy Jean Rose, Guiseppina Paonessa, Phyllis Higgins, Patrick McCarthy, Norman Horth, Muriel Pivarnyk, 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 Comisso, 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, Baby Gabriel Paraskevopoulos, Brian Smith, Lorraine Spence, Patricia Desrosiers, Helen Rotella, Maria Benevento, Jeanne S, Michelle Price, Kelly Detlor

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

Collections

April 22 & 23: \$ 5,877.23
Easter & Easter Flowers: \$ 17,794.40
Holy Thursday: \$1,250.60
Good Friday: \$1,954.00
Ryan's Bowl: \$10,042.15 (to date)
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 Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, May 16, June 13, July 11 & Aug 15 at 7:00 pm.

St. Patrick's CWL Spring Fling Buffet Dinner
Saturday May 6 @ 6pm in St. Pat's Hall Roasted Pork, Chicken, Stuffing, Pasta, Potatoes, Vegetables, Salad, Dessert, Coffee & Tea
Adults \$18, Children \$10 (6 -10yrs) Under 6 Free
Tickets can be purchased in the Church Office
Catering by Sina & Walter Sacco (No tickets sold at the doors)

CWL News...the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 3 starting at 6:30pm in the Church with the Crowning of Mary followed by the Rosary then the meeting in the Hall. Every Wednesday following in May, the Rosary will be said in the Church at 7pm, followed by Refreshments in the Hall hosted by the CWL

The CWL are hosting a Prayer Time for Palliative Care on Thursday May 4 from 11am - 3pm & 7pm -9pm in the Church. All are welcome to come say a Prayer for increasing Palliative Care.

Pilgrimage to St Anne De Beaupre July 24 to July 27, 2017
for information Please contact Maria Chiovitti @ 905 356-9794

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



Dear Friends:

Today is the 3rd Sunday in the Easter Season! The days are getting warmer, and everything is bursting forth with new life! Resurrection everywhere! This time of year gives us that extra boost we need. Sadly, this week we lost one of our very dedicated and life-long parishioners, John MacDonnell. John was a daily Mass attendee and a faithful server at our Funeral Masses. He will be deeply missed around St. Pat's, as he goes to join his dear wife Helen. May God bless the MacDonnell Family in their grief, and also the Brazeau Family as they mourn the loss of their son and brother, Michael.

This is **Catholic Education Week**. Praise God we still have the opportunity to form and nurture our students through a faith-based education. Through our Catholic Education, we must do everything we can to strengthen the bonds between HOME, PARISH and SCHOOL! We have some 400 students in St. Patrick and St. Mary Schools, yet so few of their families attend Sunday Mass. We have so many Catholic School Teachers who do not attend Sunday Mass! And that's sad. Thankfully, here at St. Patrick Parish, we are blessed to have so many Catholic School Teachers serving as Eucharistic Minister, Children's Liturgy Leaders and Lectors! This is to be highly commended and celebrated. I encourage all Catholic School teachers to play an active role in your parish. It's such a joy to bring the fruits of Sunday Mass into the Classrooms.



Today's Gospel has the Risen Christ appearing to two forlorn disciples on the Road to Emmaus! They had experienced Jesus' Passion and Death, had their world fall to pieces. So as they leave Jerusalem to go

home, the Risen Christ appears to them on the road, and explains everything to them by breaking open the scripture. They never recognized Him. After they invited this stranger back to their house, and provided hospitality to the stranger, did they recognize it was Christ in the **Breaking of the Bread**! Their eyes were opened, and he vanished from their sight! They left immediately for Jerusalem to share the Good News! The disciple's true understanding of the Resurrection comes as Christ **breaks open the Scripture**... and then **Breaks Bread** with them! Isn't this what every Eucharistic Liturgy does... and has been doing for centuries? May we never underestimate the power of God's Word, and the power of God's Sacraments! Christ still speaks to us in the same way he did that Easter evening. Without the regular hearing of God's Word, and the nourishment by his Body and Blood, it is very hard to find direction for our Christian lives. It is through being fed that we can go out and be people of Good News... people with a vision, people with hope... people who feed others! Have a blessed week!

Fr. Gerard



Thought for the Week

... God offers hospitality to all humanity... by establishing a home.. for all. To invite people into our homes is to respond with gratitude to the God who made a home for us.

A custom existed among the first generations of Christians, when faith was a bright fire that warmed more than those who kept it burning. In every house then a room was kept ready for any stranger who might ask for shelter; it was even called "the stranger's room." Not because these people thought they could trace something of someone they loved in the stranger who used it, not because the man or woman to whom they gave shelter reminded them of Christ, but because—plain and simple and stupendous fact—he or she was Christ. *Dorothy Day*

Pray the Rosary in May

May is the Month of Our Lady! The Rosary is prayed in our Church every morning at 7:30!

Keep Mary in mind and Jesus will grow in your heart!



The Memorare

Remember, O most loving Virgin Mary,
that never was it known that anyone
who fled to your protection,
implored your help,
or sought your intercession was left unaided.
Inspired with this confidence, we turn to you,
O Virgin of virgins, our Mother.
To you we come, before you we stand,
sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
do not despise our petitions,
but in your mercy hear us and answer us.

Amen.

Thanks

Sincere thanks to our many parishioners and Refugee Committee members who are making the Maalouf Family's transition to Canada, so happy and peaceful. They are overwhelmed by our support and many acts of kindness. The children, Celena and Alex are settled comfortably into St. Patrick School, and Alma and Bassem are studying English at St. Ann Adult Learning Centre. God bless them as they find new roots! And God bless you for your sacred hospitality! *"Lord, when did we see you a stranger, and welcome you?"*

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. The onus is on you to let the presiding priest know before each Mass. He will ensure that he has it in his ciborium for you... or in a separate pyx. If you wish, you can also receive the Precious Blood from the Chalice. Simply, let the presider know before Mass.

DID YOU ALSO KNOW?



We have a few parishioners who struggle with perfume allergies! Please keep this in mind as you prepare yourself for Sunday Mass. Just a little dab'll do!

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