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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.

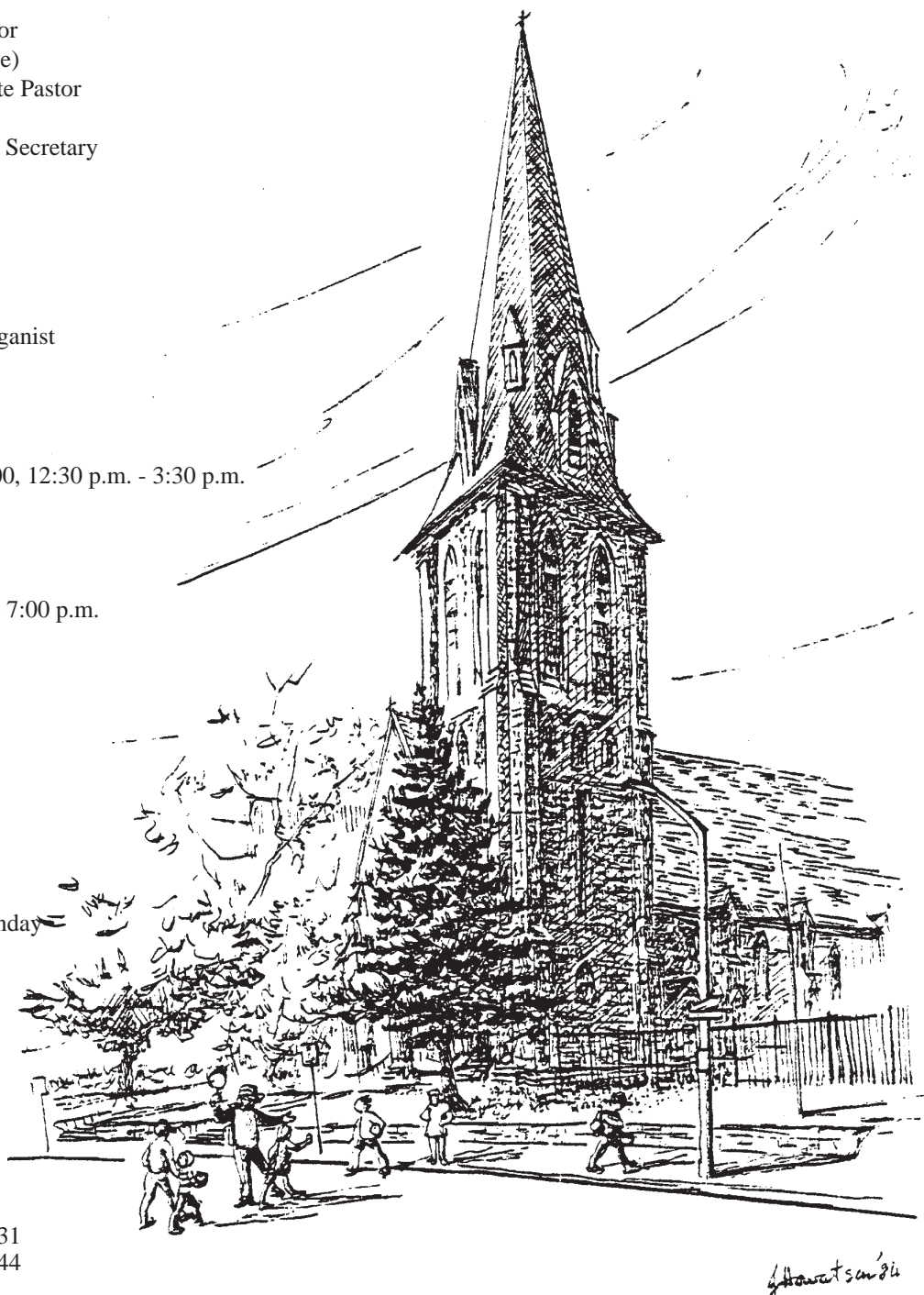
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Diocese of St. Catharines (est. 1958)

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Saturday, April 6

5:00 Frances Campaner *req. by the Family*
Mary Beth Corfield *req. by Norma Gagliardi*

Sunday, April 7 Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Leo Ruberto *req. by Teresa Ruberto*
Adina Palumbo *req. by the DiCarlo Family*
11:30 Pasquale Macri *req. by Augusta Macri & Family*
Ivon & Robbie Loro *req. by the Family*
7:00 Lawrence & Lucy Kitney *req. by Evelyn Kemp*
Sergio & John Simonetti *req. by Amina Simonetti & Family*

Monday, April 8

8:00 Antonio 'Tony' Muraca *req. by Sandy & Matteo Muraca*
Dec'd mem. of the Persia Family *req. by the Family*

Tuesday, April 9

8:00 Maria Lot *req. by the Pozzebon Family*
Joe Mancuso *req. by Joseph & Josephine Mirabelli*

Wednesday, April 10

8:00 Barb Lorentz *req. by Stu & Mary Lou Gallardi*
Ivan Peter Maglicic *req. by Augusta Macri*
7:00 Adele Morabito *req. by the Luciano Family*
Josephine Rotella *req. by Joan Barden*

Thursday, April 11

8:00 Sam Fisher *req. by A, Fisher & Family*
Giovanna Maulucci *req. by John Di Paul*

Friday, April 12

8:00 Catherine Ferren *req. by Kathy & Rick Woram*
Rina Rampado *req. by Anthony & Jackie Phillip*

Saturday, April 13 St Martin I

5:00 Herbert Ogilvie *req. by Molly Ogilvie & Family*
Pelligreno Camelia *req. by the Family*

Sunday, April 14 Palm Sunday

8:00 Bruno Pietrobbon *req. by the Family*
Wanda & Mark Solomon *req. by Son: Joe*
9:30 Luigi Marcon *req. by Louise Marcon & Family*
Feliksa & Jozef Brzozowski *req. by the Komor & Janusz Families*
11:30 Anna & Palmiro Geogan *req. by Louise Geogan & Family*
Gimino Cardamone *req. by Angelo & Teresa Elia & Family*
7:00 People of the Parish

Baptism Schedule for 2019

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday, April 28, May 26 & June 23**

A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on **Tuesday, April 23 (new date), 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.)

40 Days for Life Vigil... Jesus fasted and prayed in the desert for 40 days before He began His Ministry. During the 40 DAYS FOR LIFE VIGIL, we follow Christ's example: we fast and pray and offer sacrifice – from March 6 – April 14, 2019. We give prayerful, peaceful witness at Niagara Falls General Hospital, holding a sign: PRAY TO END ABORTION, from 8 am – 8 pm daily – sign up with friends and family for ONE HOUR. SIGN UP FOR ONE HOUR TO SAVE A LIFETIME. We encourage St. Patrick Parishioners and friends to sign up for one hour on **Sunday, April 7**. For further info, contact Annette at: 905-325-1251, loeffenlife@gmail.com or Angela: angelabraun@live.com

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

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Ken Walsh, Catherine Mellon and Anthony (Nino) Lococo. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Dr. Andy Fisher

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Carole Ann Ogilvie, Kelly Power, Nancy Huber, Victor Sincich, Nancy Praakel, Margaret Christopher, Nikki Mansfield, Mark Pepple, Nicolina Compare, Rosalyn Dagleish, Bernadette Moore, Marie Cadman, Alvin Learn, Bruno DeLazzari, James Moody Sr., Fern Albert, Cindy Beattie, 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, Audrey Vendramin, Baby Maximus, Patrick Kealey, Margaret Smith, Tom Hilton, Francesco Albanese, Jill Leronowich, Florrie Heimbigner, Kitty Decicco, Evelyn Rose Baker, Jozefa Bilski, Rebecca Evans, Marie Massolin, Maria Guerin, Todd Reid, Nancy Jean Rose, Faith Amadio, Kelly Laslo, Patricia O'Reilly, Baby Hope, Patrick McCarthy, Stefanie Borin, Walter Wallace, Kerrie Szuch, Carmella Modenti, Frank Sica, Vito Fucillo, 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, Shirley Machulla, Baby Gabriel, 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

March 31: \$5,245.00

Ryan's Bowl (Lent to date): \$10,110.90

Many thanks for your generosity!

Upcoming Wedding at St. Patrick's in April

Lyndsay Sobieraj & David Mastrandrea

CWL News... Our second annual Trivia Night is fast approaching. Save the date of Friday, May 3rd. Tickets are \$20 each or a table of 8 for \$135 and can be purchased at the office or by calling Maggie at 905-246-6212

-We will be hosting a **Palm Sunday Prayer Service** in the Parish Hall for Children following the 9:30 Mass. There will be crafts and other activities, also a snack will be provided. To register contact the office, 905-354-7451 or Maggie at 905-246-6212. RSVP by Friday, April 12.

-Immediately following the Easter Vigil Mass on April 20, we invite you to the Parish Hall for an **Easter Vigil Reception**, hosted by the CWL. Easter Breads will be Blessed at this time. Donations of baked goods will gladly be accepted. Thank you!

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!

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

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.

Communal Reconciliation Service

Monday of Holy Week at 7:00 PM (April 15)

Congratulations to Mr. William Amadio, one of our faithful parishioners, who received the Niagara Catholic Education Award of Distinction.



Dear Friends:

Spring is slowly starting to spring. Before long, we will have blooming daffodils and tulips! Never lose hope! The snow last Sunday came as quite a surprise! It was a day too early for an April Fool!

Sadly, as we were gathering for Mass last Sunday, God called home Mr. Ken Walsh (Kenny). Kenny was the founder of Ryan's Bowl! He took up the Gospel call to feed the poor. And St. Patrick Parish has been one of his great supporters. So far this February and March, through donations in the parish, we have contributed \$10,000 to Ryan's Bowl. God bless our parishioners! On Wednesday evening, following the 7:00 PM Mass, Ms Isabella Bujor, the new Director for Ryan's Bowl, addressed our community. Thanks for those who came out to support Isabella, Mike and Rhonda in this wonderful ministry! Check out the Ryan's Bowl Website: www.ryansbowl.ca.

Today's Gospel shows us a wonderful example of God's mercy and forgiveness: **The Woman Caught in Adultery!** This woman was dragged to Jesus, by the self-righteous scribes and Pharisees. Where was the man? Takes two to tango! Imagine her humiliation! Then we see the compassion of Jesus! He wrote in the sand, **Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.** And the crowd went away one by one! Jesus was left alone with the woman. Imagine how she must have felt? There was no interrogation, no putting her down, no stare of disgust. Only gentle words: **"Go your way, and from now on do not sin again."** The relief she must have felt! No doubt, her life was changed forever. She was given a chance to start over again!

The good news is, no matter what we have done, there's someone to whom we can go, who knows everything about us and who loves us! **That one is Jesus!** He knows what we have done and failed to do. He doesn't say it's OK, because it's not. But he understands us... our condition, our circumstances; he understands that all have sinned and fallen short of God's way! And he is the only one who can give us back our self-respect, our dignity, our soul!!! That is the sacrament of Reconciliation. This is what Jesus celebrated with this woman!

As we near Easter, may we all take the sacred time to free ourselves at the feet of Jesus, free ourselves from our sin, our dirt, our shortcomings! Take advantage of God's healing love and grace! Then we can approach Easter with the same joy as the sinful woman! Have a blessed week!

Fr. Gerard



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!



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



Stations of the Cross

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

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

This weekend a special collection will be taken in all Catholic churches in Canada for Development and Peace. This was established in 1967 by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops in response to Pope Paul VI's encyclical letter, *Populorum Progressio*, which says that **Development** is the new word for **Peace**. Peace cannot be seen simply as the absence of war. It must be built daily, and it must strive towards a more perfect justice among human beings. Development and Peace seeks ways to help people of all faiths in the developing world to break the cycle of poverty through community-based, sustainable development initiatives. It supports partners working in order to improve living conditions in 70 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. The programs involve issues relating to people's right to better education, women's equality, agrarian reform, housing and cooperative movements. The funds we send abroad support grassroots organizations run by people who know firsthand the issues facing the developing world. Envelopes are available at the doors of the church this weekend, and also in your offertory boxes. A second collection will be taken.

Ryan's Bowl Food Program

"A Lenten Sacrifice" for St. Pat's!

Once again this Lent, we have special containers at the front and back of the church. All donations will assist a food program in which one of our parishioners, the late Mr. Ken Walsh, helped initiate in East Uganda. Each day from February 1st to November 30th, **Ryan's Bowl** feeds upwards to 1100 children at local schools. This is the only hot meal these children get each day! Please place your donations in these containers during Lent! If you wish to donate by cheque, please make payable to **Ryan's Bowl Food Program**.

IMPORTANT SYRIAN REFUGEE UPDATE

In 2016 our parish sponsored the **Krait Family** of 3 (Ayman, Souzie and Stephanie). In 2017 we sponsored the **Maalouf Family** of 4 (Bassem, Alma, Celena and Alexandr). Bassem's brother Antoun, and his wife and family were sponsored by St. Kevin's Parish; and Bassem's sister Mirna and her husband and family were sponsored privately in Grimsby. Our Parish made application over a year ago, through the Diocese, to sponsor the **Maalouf parents, Ghassan (72) and Amira (66)**. They fled Syria and stayed in Lebanon. It has not been an easy 4 years. At times when things worsened, they had to flee back to Syria. They wanted all their kids and grandkids to be safe and to get a second chance at life first. All of them are happily and safely settled here and doing well.

Praise God. We just received word that **Ghassan and Amira** will be having their second interview with the Canadian Embassy in Lebanon on April 9th, which means (hopefully), that they will be coming to Canada soon. Back in 2016, we raised \$67,000 through the generosity of our parishioners. We have approximately \$5000 remaining in the Refugee Fund. **Ghassan and Amira** will stay in our Maple Street Refugee House with their son Bassem and family. We will need



approximately another \$10,000 to offset the cost of their first year. Their families will also assist. If any parishioners would like to assist, please make cheque payable to St. Patrick Parish and indicate (Refugee Fund) on the cheque. We are the only parish in the Diocese who have sponsored and fully funded more than one family! This will be our third! That bespeaks the generosity and big hearts of our people. Let's reunite mom and dad with their three children and 6 grandchildren!

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