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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.

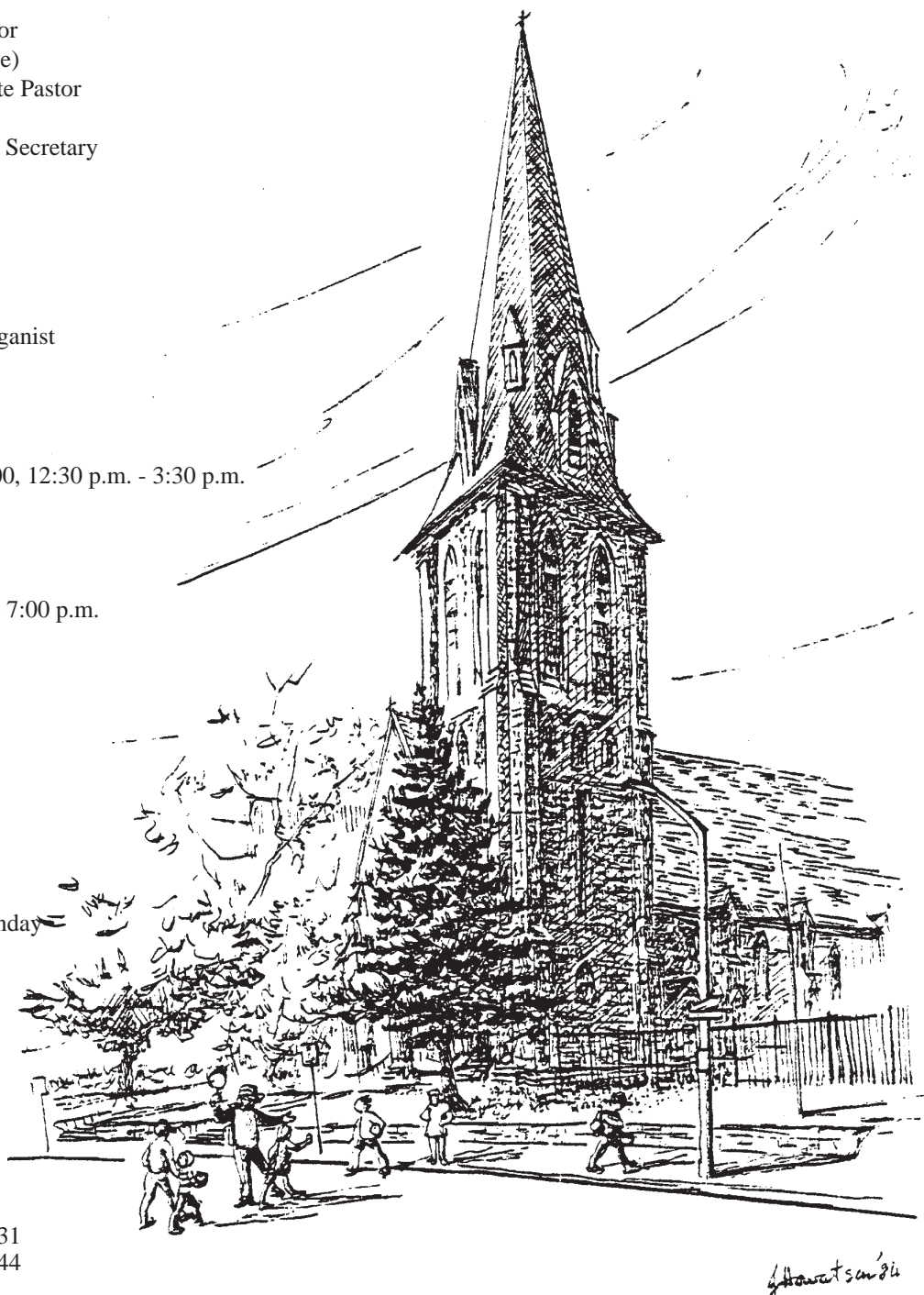
Schools

St. Patrick School 905-354-6631
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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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Saturday, December 14 St John of the Cross

5:00 Fred Doody *req. by the Family*
Willi Albert *req. by Fern*

Sunday, December 15 Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 Lucia Cavaliere *req. by Rocco & Giuseppina Cavaliere*
Clemente Della Marca *req. by Joanne & Richard Sanderson*

9:30 Trevor Watson *req. by the Pullano Family*
Ethan Corey Dean *req. by Bill & Mary Beth Dean*

11:30 Rick Heximer *req. by the Family*
Immacolata Luciano *req. by Alexander Luciano & Family*

7:00 People of the Parish

Monday, December 16

8:00 Elaine Myke *req. by Sheila Myke*
Mr. & Mrs. Steve & Kas Fedor *req. by the Plata Family*

Tuesday, December 17

8:00 Stanley Potapczyk *req. by Teresa & Warren Lemoine*
Anselmo & Giuditta Pozzebon & Iole Scremin *req. by the Pozzebon Family*

6:30pm St. Patrick School Family Mass

Wednesday, December 18

8:00 Adua Pizzolato & Jean Pizzolato *req. by Angela & Dave Dumele*
Dec'd of the DeFoe, Christensen & Zuj Families *req. by Bill & Sandy*

Thursday, December 19

8:00 Patricia & Vicente Navarro *req. by the Navarro Family*
Christine Potapczyk *req. by Teresa & Warren Lemoine*

Friday, December 20

8:00 Agostino & Concetta Panetta *req. by Jim & Rosemary Panetta*
Philomena Shepherd *req. by Debbie Jane Shepherd*

Saturday, December 21 St Peter Canisius

5:00 Vincent & Ruby Crowley *req. by the Family*
Irene & Boyd Lavelle, Raymond Weaver & Sara Grant-Weaver
req. by Joyce & Family

Sunday, December 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 Bruno Pietrobbon *req. by the Family*
Agostino Compare *req. by Nicolina & Family*
9:30 Feliksa & Jozef Brzozowski *req. by the Komor & Janusz Families*
Luigi Marcon & Family *req. by Louise Marcon & Family*
11:30 Gimino Cardamone *req. by Angelo & Teresa Elia & Family*
Ody Argenta *req. by his Family*
7:00 People of the Parish

Children Sacramental Dates 2020

Confirmation: Saturday, May 30, 2020 @ 5:00 PM
First Reconciliation: Tuesday, March 3, 2020 @ 7:00 PM
First Communion: Sunday, May 3, 2020 @ 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.)

Little Flower Society Cards



St. Patrick Parish Office has Mass Cards available from the Carmelite's Little Flower Society. We have Healing Mass Cards, Living Intentions, Five-Year Memorial Cards, and also Perpetual Memorial Cards. By using our cards, you not only comfort a family member or friend, but you also support the mission of the Carmelites, our Carmelite Vocation Efforts, and our Carmelite Formation Programs throughout the world.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The members of the SSVP again seek your generosity in helping to make this Christmas a little brighter for those less fortunate in our city. This year we are anticipating a significant increase in those requiring our help and we would appreciate your financial assistance.

Catholic Marriage Tribunal... If you are considering remarriage in the Catholic Church or hoping to enter a marriage with someone previously married, please speak to a priest, or contact the St. Catharines Catholic Marriage Tribunal at 905-687-8817 or tribunal@saintcd.com.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Eric Corcoran, Francis Patterson, John Calder

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Andy Scotnicki, Anita Archambault, Roger Paradis, John Corfield, Arlene Collee, Gus Bagarozza, Betty & Joe Power, Jarod Hickey, Carole Ann Ogilvie, Mary Frances Pye, Carol DeVilliers, Joe Young, Kelly Power, Marney Broderick, Sister Prem, Gregory Roulston, Cameron Boyes, Pasquale Abrunzo, Alice Dalton, John Nicks, Wilf Manuel, Victor Sincich, Nancy Praakel, Bernadette Moore, Norma Zanuz, Patricia Williams, Mark Pepple, Nancy Huber, Danielle Barranca, Fern Albert, Toni Brideau, Kelly Laslo, Edward Brzozowski Jr., Nikki Mansfield, Lester Snow, Nicolina Compare, Dr. Andy Fisher, Alvin Learn, James Moody Sr., Carmella Modenti, Rose MacDonald, Elizabeth Stachura, Charlene Shannon, Anna Hunt, John Kealey, Margaret Smith, Anna Vergalito, Helen Lelievre, Nancy Weiss, Denise Colalillo, Leo Martin, Nancy Jean Rose, Samuel Potapczyk, William JA De Foe, Bernard Martin, Brian Smith, Joyce Weaver, Michelle Price, Mary Lawrence, Emily Hanover, Drago Bicanic, Jeanne S, John Cox, Margaret Waghorn, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffrady, Rebecca Evans, Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Maria Melchiorre, Conner Hawkswell, Lorraine Spence, Jeannette Fabian, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Iole Mancini, Vito Fuccillo, Donna Cormier, Jeanne Lea, Maria Rosiana, Tom Hilton, Frank Sica, Evelyn Rose Baker, Jill Leronowich, Audrey Vendramin, Patrick Kealey, Francesco Albanese, Florrie Heimbigner, Jozefa Bilski, Todd Reid, Marie Massolin, Stefanie Borin, Maria Guerin, Faith Amadio, Patricia O'Reilly, Patrick McCarthy, Walter Wallace, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Alessia Commisso, Kerrie Szuch, Donna Bradley, Helen Rotella, Mary Jo O'Kell, Cheryl D'Amizio, Jadwiga Wozniak, Mary Brennan, Shirley Machulla, Robert & JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Cheryl Granton, Trina Washington, Pepper Martin Jr., Baby Nicholas, Baby Victoria

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

Baptism Schedule for 2019 & 2020

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday, Dec 15, Jan 26, Feb 23, Mar 29, Apr 26, May 24 & June 28.** A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, Dec 3, Jan 14, Feb 11, Mar 17, Apr 14, May 12 & June 16 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!

Collections

December 8: \$7,362.08
Cathedral Appeal (to date): \$16,445.00
Carmelite Missions: \$9,991.00
Many thanks for your generosity!

Cathedral Appeal

After 6 months of the Cathedral Appeal, we have reached over **100%** of our goal of \$16,000. Many thanks to all of you who have made a sacrifice. God bless you for your dedication to our Mother Church of St. Catherine.

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!*

I'll be Home for Christmas Concert featuring David Diston on Sunday, December 15 @2:00pm held at Stamford Lane United Church

Our Lady of the Scapular Church Presents 'Simbang Gabi'
Dec 16 - Dec 21 at 6:30am, Dec 22 8am, Dec 23 & 24 6:30am

From Advent to Christmas "A musical journey"

Thursday, December 19 at 7:00pm Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church,
21 Queen St. South, Thorold
Donations of non-perishable food or monetary donations on behalf of
the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Christmas Flowers

Envelopes are available at the doors of the church if you would like to donate toward the Christmas Flowers, in memory of your deceased loved ones. May they sleep in Heavenly peace.

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



Dear Friends:

As I prepare this Sunday Bulletin, it's snowing outside, and the temperature is dropping. Winter with all its woes! You either love it or you hate it. But we have no control over the weather. We take what we get and adjust our lives accordingly! (And this comes from someone who grew up on a Rock in the Atlantic, with its own time zone! I've seen snow in June, sleet in July, and frost in August!) So there you have it.

This past week we had our elevator company in to make some adjustments to our church lift. Everything is working fine now. We also had two visits from our sound technician. He adjusted several things with the system, cleaned several components, and replaced some worn connections. We hope and pray that this will solve the issues we have been experiencing. It's clear as a bell now, and we hope it stays that way.

We begin the 3rd Week of Advent! Today is **Gaudete** Sunday! **Gaudete** means **rejoice**. The altar is dressed in the colour rose, the vestments are rose, the third Advent candle is rose; and wouldn't you know it, the third poinsettia is rose. Rose emphasizes the joy that Christmas is drawing nigh! Joy should fill our hearts as we prepare for the **birth of our Savior**. We do our best to try and stay focused on the reason for Advent!

May we never forget that not everyone feels **joy** this time of year. So we need to give extra love and attention to those who are grieving a loved one; those who are alone; those struggling to make ends meet; those battling depression; those who are homeless; those who are unemployed; and those who have deep chasms in their families. The gradual progression of lights on our Advent wreath should lead us to open ourselves more and more to the warmth of God's presence. Let's do all we can to bring warmth and joy to everyone we meet! That's Advent! God bless you on this sacred journey to the Manger!

Fr. Gerard
Don't

Lose
Advent

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Joy!



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For Christmas this year, St. Patrick Parish Community would like more Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers and Funeral Servers! Wrap yourself up to serve the Lord!

"Take time to be aware that in the very midst of our busy preparations for the celebration of Christ's birth in ancient Bethlehem, Christ is reborn in the Bethlehems of our homes and daily lives. Take time, slow down, be still, be awake to the Divine Mystery that looks so common and so ordinary yet is wondrously present." *Edward Hays*

Christmas Mass Schedule 2019

Christmas Eve- Tuesday, December 24th

4:00 PM -Children's Mass with Pageant (Church)

4:00 PM - Mass in Gymnasium

6:00 PM -Choir Mass (Caroling at 5:30 PM)

12:00 AM- Midnight Mass

Christmas Day- Wednesday, December 25th

8:00, 9:30, 11:30 AM (No Evening Mass!!!)

December 2019 Dates

Sun, December 15- Children's Christmas Gifts due

Wed, December 18 - 7:00 PM Advent Reconciliation Service

Sun, December 22 - 8:00 PM Christmas Decorating Evening

Christmas Gift Campaign

Please remember that your Christmas Gifts for Local Needy Children must be in the church by this **Sunday, December 15th**. They will be sorted and distributed on Monday!

Many thanks to St. Patrick Catholic Women's League for a generous donation of \$3000 to our parish. God bless you in your ministry.

Fr. Gerard, VF., is the New Dean for Niagara Falls

I have been notified by the Bishop's Office that I have been elected to serve as Dean (Vicar Forane) for Niagara, effective January 1, 2020. Thanks to Fr. Peter Rowe for his years of service as Dean. I accepted the position and the added responsibilities. I will organize and plan Deanery Meetings for priests, deacons, school chaplains and lay ministers, for Niagara Falls, NOTL, Fort Erie, Stevensville and Crystal Beach; and also serve on the Council of Priests for the Diocese. This past year I was appointed as Director in Canada for the Society of the Little Flower, replacing our dear Carmelite, Fr. Tony. I'll try my best.

Perfume Allergies... We have some parishioners who are very sensitive to perfumes and colognes. When you are readying yourself for Mass, maybe consider just a little dab!

Church Envelopes 2020

Offertory Envelopes are available in the sacristy, to the left of the altar, please pick yours up today. Many thanks.



Congratulations and best wishes to those who were baptized in November

Nicholas Buchan, Mike De Mesa, Sara Jones, Lainey Nguyen, Logan Pietrangelo and Bruno Rizzuto



Congratulations and Best Wishes to Tony & Elaine Laslo on their 50th Wedding Anniversary

Big Brothers Big Sisters

Big Brothers Big Sisters is currently looking for caring, responsible people to become volunteer mentors to guide children and youth (ages 6 - 18). One hour In-School Mentoring or 2 - 4 hours weekly as a Big Brother or Big Sister. There are currently 180 children waiting for a Mentor, with lists growing weekly. If interested or for more information please call 905-932-0403 or 905-357-5454

Are you tired of living alone? Consider Mount Carmel Home in St. Catharines. A retirement home operated by the Carmelite Sisters, offering assisted living in an affordable and caring family tradition. Care services include meals, housekeeping and medication management. If interested please call 905-685-9155 for a tour.



Please continue to bring food items to Mass for Project Share! Every item helps!

"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"

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