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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.

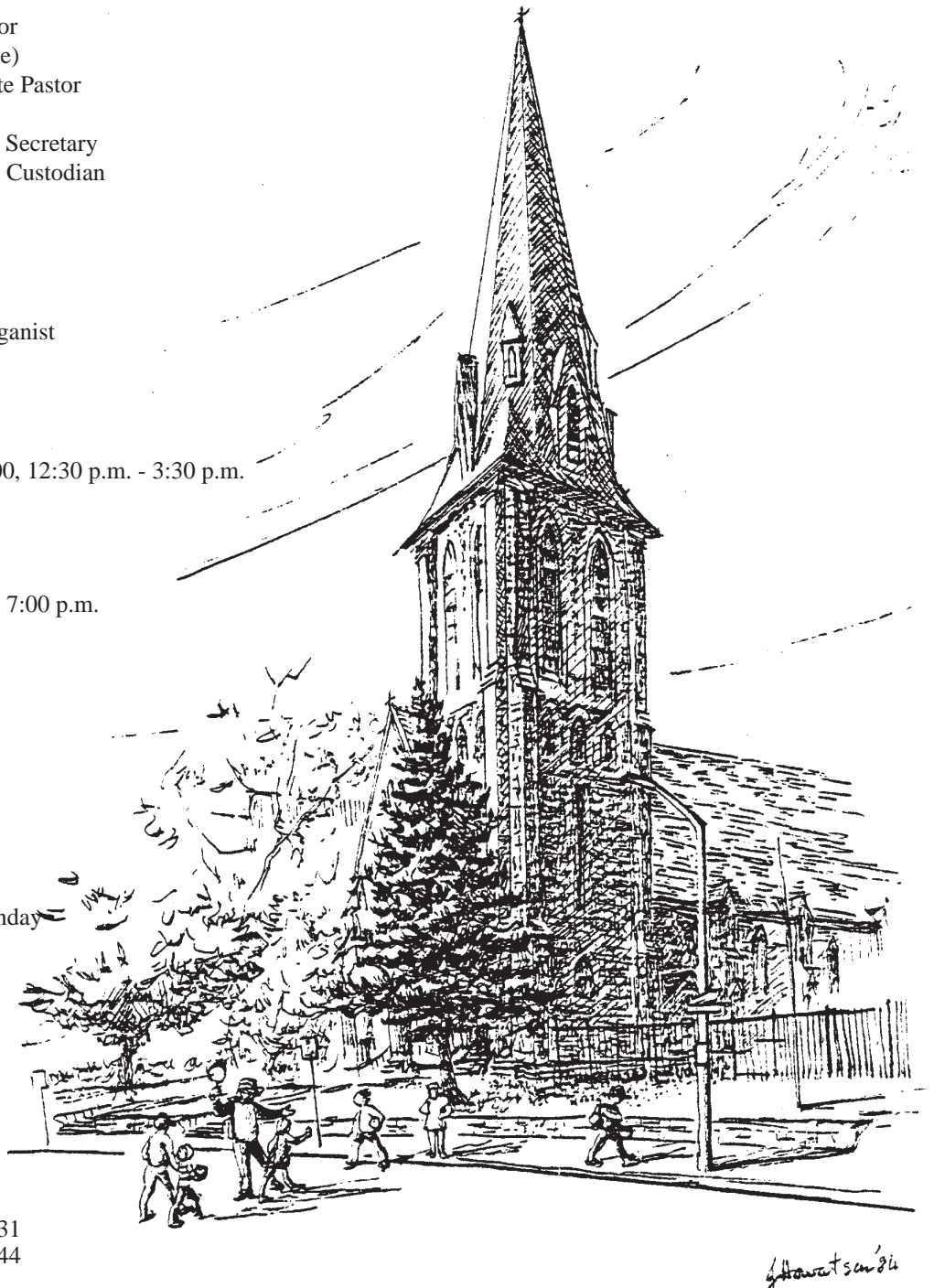
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Diocese of St. Catharines (est. 1958)

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Saturday, December 1

5:00 Don Liberty *req. by Belle*
Assunta Maiuri *req. by Peter & Stefanie Maiuri*

Sunday, December 2 First Sunday of Advent

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Michela & Enrico De Nicholas *req. by Augusta Macri & Family*
Martel Family *req. by Leila & Jim*
11:30 James Antonio *req. by the Antonio Family*
Maria Nhuan Truong & Anthony Hung Nguyen *req. by the Family*
7:00 Luigi Marcon *req. by Dina, Liana, Gino & Family*
John Leo, Sante & Amelia Giacobetti, Angelo & Angela Leo
req. by Mom, Dad & Family

Monday, December 3 St Francis Xavier

8:00 Cecelia Lococo *req. by the DeMizio, Lococo Family*
Frank Provenzano *req. by Charlene Shannon & Family*
Emelio Zannuti *req. by his Mother*

Tuesday, December 4 St John Damascene

8:00 Sophie Potapczyk *req. by Les, Peggy & Family*
Giorgio Marcon *req. by Tullio Milani & Family*

Wednesday, December 5

8:00 François Arsenault *req. by Bryce & Aileen Adams*
Santo Elia *req. by Angelo & Teresa Elia*

Thursday, December 6 St Nicholas

8:00 Pete Kelly *req. by Fern Albert*
Dec'd of the Macri Family *req. by Augusta & Family*

Friday, December 7 St Ambrose

8:00 Adriana Corbi *req. by the Antonio Family*
Vincenzo Baldassarro *req. by Flora Lalama*

Saturday, December 8 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 Pietro Pizzolato *req. by the Family*
Maria & Mario D'Amario *req. by the Family*

Sunday, December 9 Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 Albert, Heacock & Liberty Families *req. by Bryce & Aileen Adams*
Antonietta Di Giovanni *req. by Sarah & Joe Fragnito*
9:30 Gino Pullano *req. by the Family*
Trevor Watson *req. by the Family*
11:30 Elisea Pietrobbon *req. by Diana Argenta*
Bert Roy *req. by Valerie Roy*
7:00 People of the Parish

Baptism Schedule for 2018 & 2019

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday, Dec 30, Jan 20, Feb 17, Mar 24 (infants only), Apr 28, May 26 & June 23**
A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, Dec 18, Jan 8, Feb 5, Mar 12, Apr 16, 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 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!

Children Sacramental Dates 2019

Confirmation: Saturday, June 1, 2019 @ 5:00 PM
First Reconciliation: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 @ 7:00 PM (*new date*)
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.)

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

If you or a family member/friend is interested in becoming a Catholic through a **Profession of Faith**, or desiring Baptism, or other Sacraments of Initiation (Eucharist or Confirmation), please give your name to our Parish Office as soon as possible. Our first RCIA meeting will be held during the Advent Season. The sessions will resume after Christmas. During Lent we will meet once a week. This is also a wonderful opportunity for anyone who wants to "refresh or renew" their faith and theology!
More information will be forthcoming.



Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Rev. Tony McNamara, O.Carm., Terrance Gauthier & Louis Sargeson. 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, Nicolina Compare, Bernadette Moore, Marie Cadman, Alvin Learn, Bruno DeLazzari, James Moody Sr., Fern Albert, Lester Snow, Rose MacDonald, Elizabeth Stachura, Joe Mancuso, John Calder, Melissa Brideau, Toni Brideau, Charlene Shannon, John Nicks, Moira Campbell, Leon Dopke, Adele Morabito, Anna Hunt, John Kealey, Norah Marrie, Anna Vergalito, Helen Lelievre, Nancy Weiss, Samuel Potapczyk, Baby Julian, Baby Noah, Denise Colalillo, Mary Lawrence, Bernard Martin, William JA De Foe, Emily Hanover, Leo Martin, Drago Bicanic, Baby Victoria, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffrady, 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, Maria Rosiana, Alice Dalton, Audrey Vendramin, Baby Maximus, Jeanne Lea, Patrick Kealey, Tom Hilton, Francesco Albanese, Rosalyn Dagleish, Kelly Dettlor, Florrie Heimbigner, Kitty Decicco, Evelyn Rose Baker, Jozefa Bilski, Rebecca Evans, Marie Massolin, Maria Guerin, John Jefferson, Todd Reid, John Cox, Jill Leronowich, Nancy Jean Rose, Margaret Smith, Faith Amadio, Kelly Laslo, Patrick McCarthy, Stefanie Borin, Muriel Pivarnyk, Walter Wallace, Joyce Weaver, Kerrie Szuch, Carmella Modenti, Frank Sica, Margaret Waghorn, Vito Fuccillo, Baby Hope, Donna Bradley, Cheryl D'Amizio, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Mary Jo O'Kell, Alessia Comisso, Vicki Dubeau, Lorraine Spence, Baby Sebastian, Patricia O'Reilly, Mary Brennan, Robert & JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pepper Martin Jr., Vital & Emmanuel Chayer, Michelle Price, Brian Smith, Carlo Trasmundi, Jadwiga Wozniak, Shirley Machulla, Baby Gabriel Paraskevopoulos, 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

November 25: \$7,028.00

Many thanks for your generosity!

Hear Ye, Hear Ye, on **December 9th, 1 - 3 pm** the C.W.L. is hosting a **Children's Advent Celebration** in the parish hall!! Please come and share some fellowship. We will have a prayer service with Father Gerard, a craft and a few other activities!! We are asking that you pre-register your family with the number of children you are bringing, please call the office at 905-354-7451 or Maggie 905-246-6212!!

CWL News... Our annual Christmas Cookie Drive for those members of the parish who are no longer able to join us at church will take place on **Friday, December 14th**. If you know someone who would enjoy a little Christmas Cheer, (homebound, nursing home, etc.) please put their name in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket, or call the Church office, 905-354-7451.

Breakfast Program Volunteers needed... Please call Debbie at the Office for more info or if interested, 905-354-7451

Helping Local Children at Christmas



Once again, we are asking for help for several needy children in our neighbourhood this Christmas. There will be gift tags after all Masses this weekend with the **age, gender and size** of each child. We also have tags for **Candy and Gift Cards**. We have many children among the families of St. Mary and St. Patrick Schools and also several children from our local neighbourhoods. We ask families to sign up and take a tag and return your gift to the church no later than **Sunday, December 16th**. It's a wonderful way to get your family involved in helping a less fortunate child. If you wish to make a monetary donation to this project, please make cheques payable to St. Patrick Parish. We always get last minute calls when everything has been distributed.

2019 Church Envelopes

Please make sure you pick up your Offertory Envelopes as soon as possible. They are in the sacristy, to the left of the altar. Many thanks.



Dear Friends in Christ:



Happy New Church Year! The 1st candle will be lit on our Advent Wreath! Jesus says in today's Gospel, ***Be alert at all times praying that you may have the strength... to stand before the Son of Man!*** This is a season of waiting, watching and preparing. Advent is about preparation and transformation. Pope St. John Paul II said, "*Advent helps us to understand fully the value and meaning of the mystery of Christmas. It is not just about commemorating the historical event which occurred 2000 years ago. Instead, it is necessary to understand that the whole of our life must be an 'advent,' a vigilant awaiting of the final coming of Christ. To predispose our mind to welcome the Lord who, as we say in the Creed, one day will come to judge the living and the dead, we must learn to recognize him as present in the events of daily life. Therefore, Advent is an intense training that directs us decisively toward him who already came, who will come, and who comes continuously.*"

Advent takes place during the days of the year when there is the least sunlight. It reminds us that the **light of Christ** will triumph over all darkness in our lives and in the world. And God knows there's much darkness out there: war, terrorism, hatred, secularism, racism, materialism, senior and child abuse, bullying, broken relationships, indifference to human suffering, and the list goes on. The work for us Christians is to share the light of Christ and bring all these things to an end. Needless to say, we have to **start with ourselves** by confronting any darkness within! St. Paul says in the 2nd reading, *May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all... be blameless before God.* That's our Advent call!

Today we can begin **fresh, anew**, with a clean slate. **That's Advent!** Then on Christmas morning, we will be able to greet the Christ-Child with joyful hearts. **And** when the Lord comes in his glory and power... he'll find us joyful and ready! May this be a season of hope and grace... and also a time of **transformation** for each of us. Blessings!

Fr. Gerard



"ADVENT CALENDAR? NO JUST MY PILL ORGANISER!"

Get Your Children into the Advent Spirit

Next Sunday, December 9th, our CWL will be hosting a **Children's Advent Celebration** in the Parish Hall from 1:00-3:00 PM. Bring your neighbours also!!! Please pre-register by calling the parish office (905-354-7451) this week!!! There will be a short Prayer Service, Advent Crafts and some Fun Activities. Come on out!!!

Please refer to the Bulletin Boards at the back and side entrances of the Church for many important notices and events.

December 2018 Dates

Advent Communal Reconciliation
Wednesday, December 19th @ 7:00 PM

Church Decoration for Christmas
Friday, December 21st @ 6:30 PM

Christmas Children's Pageant

If you would like your child to be part of the Christmas Pageant this year, please give your name to the Parish Secretary before December 12th. Our first rehearsal will be on **Saturday, December 15th at 7:00 PM!!!** If you sign your child up, you **MUST** be at the rehearsal. The format will be a little different this year.

Annual Carmelite Mission Appeal

Next weekend, we will make an appeal for our **Carmelite Missions!** Envelopes are available at the doors of the church this weekend. Please do everything you can to help the Carmelite Missions. Our men and women are doing some incredible ministries around the world. And of course, this is only made possible through the generosity of the people in our pews. This year in areas of Indonesia, India, and Africa, Carmelite missionaries are crying out for extra help from Carmelite Parishes around the world! Let's make ADVENT happen for our brothers and sisters who are waiting for Good News! A Second Collection will be taken.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve- Monday, 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- Tuesday, December 25th
8:00, 9:30, 11:30 AM (No Evening Mass!!!)

Thank You to Peter... Welcome to Adrian

We extend a heartfelt thank you to Mr. Peter Feltrin, our Caretaker, who retired on Friday, November 30th. Peter has been with us for twelve years. May God bless him with good health and happiness in his retirement. We welcome on board, our new Caretaker, **Mr. Adrian F. Elia**. Adrian has been learning the ropes from shadowing Peter the past two weeks and he is all geared up to start as our new Caretaker! Welcome Aboard!!!

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 have training sessions later in the fall.

The topic will be Overcoming Loneliness for the December 10th **Separated & Divorced Healing Ministry** group meeting. No meeting December 24th. Regular meetings will resume January 14, 2019. Meetings are 7 to 9 pm at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Ave, Niagara Falls. Pre-registration is not required. For a pamphlet call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com

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!



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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