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Feast of the Holy Family

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



Saturday, December 29 St Thomas Becket

5:00 Roger Archambault req. by his Wife: Anita
Oscar Bonaguro req. by the Family

Sunday, December 30 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 Frank Ruberto req. by Teresa Ruberto
Frank & Josephine Manella req. by the Family

11:30 Mary Watson req. by the Family
Margaret & John Pederi req. by Dtr: Margaret Pederi

7:00 Jack DeGiorgio req. by the Family
Sergio Simonetti req. by the Family

Monday, December 31 St Sylvester I

8:00 Aline Cormier req. by Dtr: Joanne
Vito Picca, Nick & Nancy DiPaolo req. by John & Lucy DiPaul & Family
5:00pm Bruno Gagno req. by Son: Nancy
Antonio 'Tony' Muraca req. by Stella Muraca

Tuesday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

11:30am Pacifico & Jenny Sacco & Battista Sacco req. by Family
Wanda & Mark Solomon req. by Son: Joe

Wednesday, January 2 St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen

8:00 Vincenzo Baldassaro req. by Flora Lalama
John Buckner req. by Parish Staff

Thursday, January 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:00 Stan Di Cosimo req. by Giancarlo Condotta
Allan & Patsy Power req. by Mary Power

Friday, January 4

8:00 Adriana Corbi req. by Rotella & DiBellonia Families
Rev. Anthony McNamara, O.Carm. req. by Parish Staff

Saturday, January 5

5:00 Sara Grant-Weaver req. by Grandma Weaver
Vince & Nina Audibert req. by Fred, Betty & Family

Sunday, January 6 The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 Marie-Ange & Clarence Adams req. by Aileen & Bryce Adams
Rev. Anthony McNamara, O.Carm. req. by Andrea Fisher & Family
9:30 Jozef Brzozowski req. by Komor & Janusz Families
Josephine Rotella req. by Joan Barden
11:30 Santo Elia req. by Angelo & Teresa Elia
Dec'd of the Luciano & DeMizio Fam req. by Lucy & John Gowers & Fam
7:00 People of the Parish

Baptism Schedule for 2019

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: Sunday, 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, 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.)

Warehouse of Hope: Accepting used electronics, small appliances, TVs, etc. working or not. Bring items Monday to Friday 9 - 5pm and place them in the drop-off house at the back of the building, 46 Broadway Ave., St. Cath.

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Antonietta Radice, Grant E Maloney, Faye Moore, Jean Clay Pizzolatto, Eloise Schumacher. 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, Nikki Mansfield, 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 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, 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 Pivarnyik, 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

December 16: \$6,226.16
Carmelite Missions: \$11,466.70
Many thanks for your generosity!

CWL News...The next meeting for the St. Patrick Church CWL will be held on **Wednesday, January 9 at 6:30pm** in the lower Hall.

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.

Separated & Divorced Healing Ministry No meeting on 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

Hospital and Home Visits

If you have a family member in hospital, and would like a visit from Fr. Gerard or Fr. Marc, or wish to celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please let the parish office know. Fr. Gerard and Fr. Marc cover the on-call pager for GNGH on Mondays and Tuesdays. The hospital staff can put you in touch with the on-call chaplain at any time.

We also have a team of Eucharistic Ministers who bring Communion to the homes of those who are ill. If you are confined to your home and would like a visit from one of our Eucharistic ministers, please let the parish office know. If you would like to celebrate the Anointing of the Sick at your home with one of our priests, please let us know.

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!



New Years Eve 5:00 PM
New Years Day 11:30 AM



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

Today's bulletin is for the Sunday, December 30th, Feast of the Holy Family and also for New Years, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. (This bulletin had to be submitted on December 18th)



Dear Friends in Christ:



Today is the *Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*. The Gospel is the story of Jesus lost in the temple! The Church presents Mary, Joseph and Jesus as a model for all families. Mary and Joseph brought young Jesus to the Passover festival. They followed their Jewish custom to raise him in the faith. This profoundly affected how he would grow to understand his relationship to the Father.

Luke says that Jesus *increased in wisdom and in years, and in favour with God and human beings*. There's a strong connection between Mary and Joseph's training and modeling, and the outcome of Jesus. Family and faith was so important to them. They stuck together through thick and thin! And it should be the same for us.

Our families are also called to be **HOLY!!** What does that mean? I think it means that our homes are to be places of prayer, respect, peace, unity! Remember, worship doesn't only take place on Sundays! We come to Mass on Sundays to be united to Christ in Word and Sacrament so that we can strengthen the union that takes place in our homes. Some families are very faithful to the Rosary, other always insist on bedtime prayer, and many families are faithful to prayers before meals! Remember: **The family that prays together... stays together!** Parents, not Churches or Schools..., are supposed to be the first teachers of children in the ways of the faith.

God bless all our families, and may we each do our part in passing on the faith to our children and grandchildren, and do everything possible to keep them healthy and holy! Have a blessed week.

Fr. Gerard



A family in harmony will prosper in everything.

The best thing a father can do for his children, is to love their mother!

"People are so worried about what they eat between Christmas and the New Year, but they really should be worried about what they eat between the New Year and Christmas!"



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God January 1st

Father, Source of light in every age,
the virgin conceived and bore Your Son
who is called Wonderful God, Prince of Peace.
May her prayer, the gift of a mother's love,
be Your people's joy through all ages.
May her response, born of a humble heart,
draw our Spirit to rest on Your people.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

A New Year's Prayer

May God make your year a happy one!
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;
Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from you,
But by taking fear from your heart;
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;
Not by making your life always pleasant,
But by showing you when people and their causes need you most,
and by making you anxious to be there to help.
God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead. Amen.



Christmas Flowers

Many thanks to all of you who donated so generously toward our Christmas Flowers in memory of your deceased loved ones. May they sleep in heavenly peace.

World Day of Peace

On January 1st, 2019, Pope Francis will mark the annual World Day of Peace with a message titled: "Good Politics is at the Service of Peace."

Pope Francis compels everyone to be engaged in the work of advocating for and with those whose voices are marginalized, to ensure the protection and fulfillment of the 'youngest and smallest.' In part, he says, "We must work to ensure that the dignity of all is protected through our political, social, and economic systems. These systems must always work to promote peace in our communities. Catholic Social Teaching demands that politics must have a preferential option for the poor and vulnerable, and not be used to promote violence or marginalize those in poverty. Instead, "Good politics is at the service of peace."

On December 30th, we wish our Pastor, Fr. Gerard, a Happy 54th Birthday. He finally has a full deck... 52 + two jokers!

Parish Registration

Please help keep our records up to date! You may bring this form to the parish office or place it in the collection.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____

I am new in the parish and wish to register _____

I wish to use contribution envelopes _____

I have recently moved _____

We have married & wish to update our information _____

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