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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.

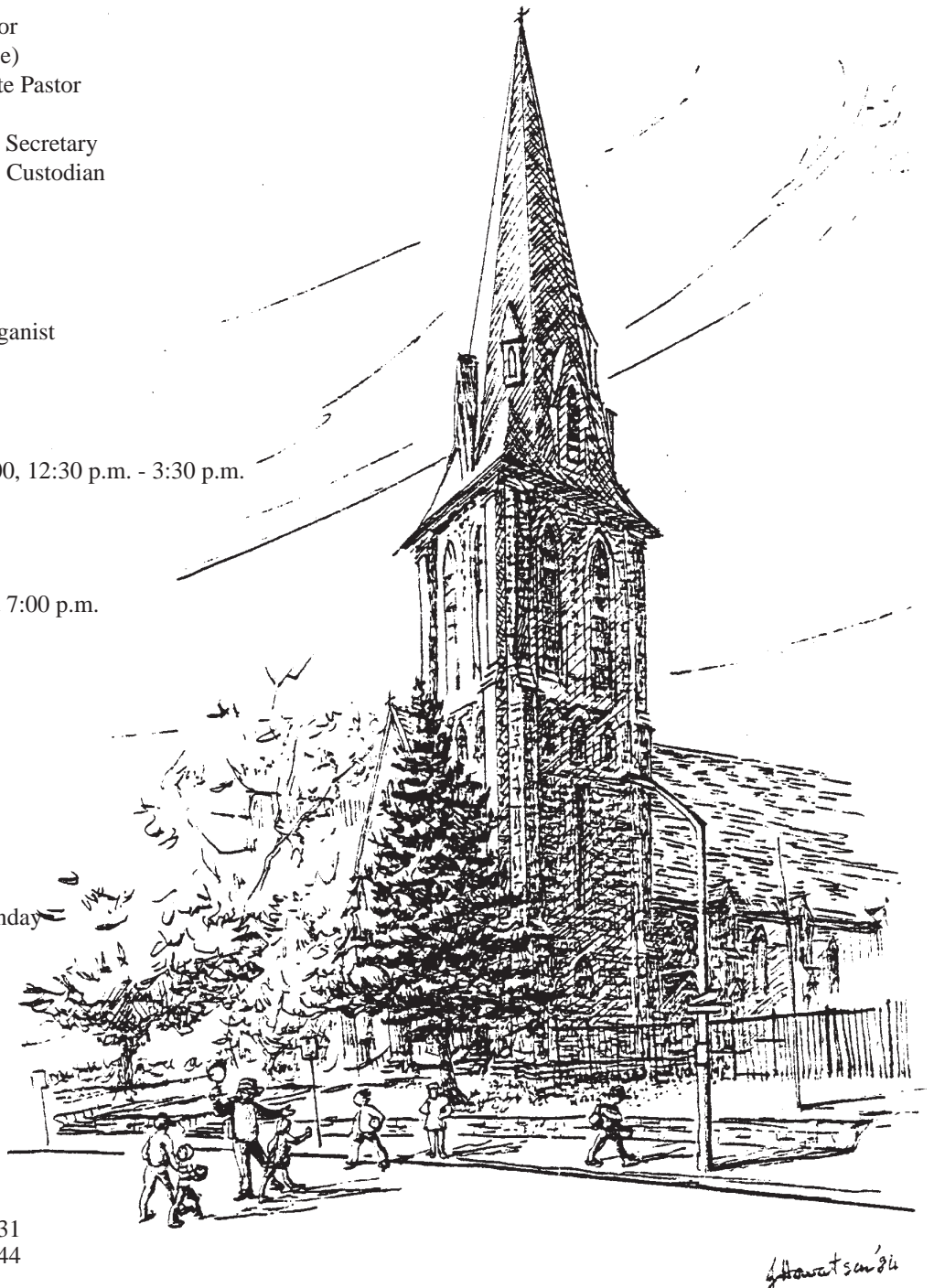
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Diocese of St. Catharines (est. 1958)

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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

Monday, December 10

8:00 Joseph Tho & Josep Maria Song *req. by Duy's Family*
Rev. Tony McNamara, O.Carm. *req. by Belle, Charlene & Jeanne*

Tuesday, December 11 St Damasus I

8:00 Georgette Lafferty *req. by Mom, Danielle & Louis*
Dec'd of the De Nicolais Family *req. by Augusta & Family*

9:30 St. Patrick & St. Mary's School Mass

Wednesday, December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 Giorgio Marcon *req. by Theresa & Tina Marcon*
Carmine Mastropiero *req. by the Family*

Thursday, December 13 St Lucy

8:00 Pete Kelly *req. by Aileen Lelievre-Adams*
Russell MacDonald *req. by Anne Bell*

Friday, December 14 St John of the Cross

8:00 Fred J. Doody & Glenn Power *req. by the Power Family*
Willi Albert *req. by Fern Albert*

Saturday, December 15

5:00 Ethan Dean *req. by Bill & Mary Beth Dean*
Irene & Robert Boyd Lavelle, Raymond H. Weaver & Sara Grant-Weaver
req. by Joyce & Family

Sunday, December 16 Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 Lucia Cavaliere *req. by Rocco & Giuseppina Cavaliere*
Mike Cassolato *req. by John & Helen Olsiak*
9:30 Dec'd of the Quintero & Fiore Families *req. by the Family*
George Spater *req. by Leila & Jim*
11:30 Rick Heximer *req. by the Family*
Immacolata Luciano *req. by Alessandro Luciano & 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, 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.)

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 on **Thursday, December 13 at 7pm**. 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!



Rest in Peace... We pray for the soul of Bill Csordas & Jerry Davis. 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 Laffradi, Edna McDonell, 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'Ammizio, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Mary Jo O'Kelly, 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 2: \$7,632.25

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 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

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.

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

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.*



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





Dear Friends:

This weekend we will be making our Annual Appeal for the Carmelite Missions, especially for our ministries in Peru, Mexico and El Salvador, where our *Province of the Most Pure Heart of Mary* serves. The needs are great in our mission territories, and it is only through the generosity of parishes like St. Pat's, that make this outreach possible. We also assist Carmelites all over the world in their efforts to help the poor, feed the hungry, house the homeless, provide medical care, and educate the children. We provide funding for the formation of seminarians, and Religious men and women in several countries!



We gathered last Thursday night (after the weekly bulletin went to print) with a full Church and bid farewell to Fr. Tony! We gave him a fitting send off to the Great Beyond! Many thanks to all the priests who came out from the Carmelites, Precious Blood, and our Diocese. Thanks to our Provincial, Very Rev. William J. Harry, O. Carm.. Thanks to Bishop O'Mara, and our Chancellor, Fr. Moser! Thanks to Guy Brideau and David Scott for serving, and to Fr.

Marc who was our Master of Ceremonies. A huge thanks to Carol, Sandra, John Arnold and our Adult Choir who raised the roof with Fr. Tony's favourite hymns. To our CWL and Staff at the Monastery of Mount Carmel for the beautiful reception. To all who came out to celebrate, thank you! To those who traveled from Tucson and Halifax and Ohio.... and other States and Provinces.... thank you! To his honorary Pall Bearers and Gift Bearers, and to all who have been so good to Fr. Tony over the years, during his many health complications, MANY THANKS!!! Fr. Tony had listed some charities in his written wishes. So if you would like to do something in his memory, he specifically named, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Ryan's Bowl and also Carmelite Missions. May Fr. Tony rest in the peace of Christ with his mom and dad.



On this 2nd Sunday of Advent, the main Advent character, **John the Baptist**, appears in the region of the Jordan, where he announces the coming of *the salvation of God*. He speaks of valleys being filled in; mountains and hills made low; paths made straight; rough ways made smooth! He preaches a baptism of *repentance* for the forgiveness of sins. John invites the people to be purified from anything unholy in their lives. Basically, **let go of your old self**. It's a call to repentance, to change, to be transformed, and to be embraced by our ever-loving God.

What would John see if he were to walk across the world today? What would he say? I'm sure he would condemn all those causing chaos in the world! He would see so many people who still need the valleys of hunger and thirst filled in; so many who need mountains of injustice and oppression made low; so many who still need a safe home to live, a safe school to attend; a safe environment in which to raise their children. May we never underestimate what we can do as individuals and as a community to help spread the Gospel in the world. We have so many opportunities to serve, both locally and globally. It's amazing what we can do when we put our hands to the plough! Let's continue to bring the Good News of God's Love through our Christian charity. Come Lord Jesus! Have a blessed week! **Fr. Gerard**

Get Your Children into the Advent Spirit

Today, 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!!! There will be a short Prayer Service, Advent Crafts and some Fun Activities. Come on out!!!

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.

Helping Local Children at Christmas

Please remember to return your gift to the church by next **Sunday, December 16th**. 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.

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!!!)

Carmelite Mission Appeal This Weekend

Did you know that Your gift of... \$35 will buy rice for five families for one week. \$50 will support a child in Torreon, Mexico's home for abandoned children, for one week. \$75 will buy medical supplies for a health clinic. \$500.00-\$1000.00 will help rebuild a burnt home. \$1000 will pay for the training of a seminarian in Indonesia! **Please be generous!!! We will be taking up a second collection immediately following the regular collection, at all Masses this weekend.**



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