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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
St. Mary School (905) 354-7744

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.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, February 11 Our Lady of Lourdes, World Day of the Sick

5:00 Irene Smatana *req. by the Family*

Willi Albert *req. by Fern Albert*

Sunday, February 12

8:00 William & Mary Fassett *req. by Aileen & Bryce Adams*

Luke & Imelda Ketterer *req. by Jean Yazaroglu & Family*

9:30 Ovidio & Madeline Rosati *req. by the Grandchildren*

Luigi & Domenico Marcon *req. by D&D Argenta & Girls*

11:30 Sebastiano Sam Radice *req. by the Family*

Andrew & Domenic Rondinelli *req. by Jim & Dora Spencer*

7:00 People of the Parish

Monday, February 13

8:00 Kevin Butler *req. by Ena & Ken Gay*

Jean Lundy *req. by Charlene Shannon*

Tuesday, February 14 St Cyril & St Methodius

8:00 Dec'd of the Pizzolato Family *req. by Dumele & Pizzolato Fam*

Nicola & Maria Di Libero *req. by the Family*

Wednesday, February 15

8:00 Anthony Hung Nguyen & Grandparents Le & Truong *req. by the Nguyen Family*

Deceased Carmelites

Thursday, February 16

8:00 Emilie & Lindo Marcheson *req. by Paul Di Paul*

Carmela Fruci *req. by Lucy Ricci*

Friday, February 17 The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

8:00 Angelina Genovese *req. by Radice & Genovese Families*

Fr. Bart, Fr. Ben & Fr. Lambert *req. by Parishioners*

Saturday, February 18

5:00 Harry Bongers *req. by the Family*

Walter Dopke *req. by the Family*

Sunday, February 19

8:00 Carmela Fruci *req. by Bryce & Aileen Adams*

Lucy Janssen & Michael De Guida *req. by Willie & William Janssen*

9:30 Dante Rossi *req. by Maria Rossi & Family*

Sam Salvatore Cundari *req. by his Wife & Family*

11:30 Giuseppe & Gina Argenta *req. by Ody & Diana Argenta*

Peter Mong *req. by the Family*

7:00 People of the Parish

Children's Sacramental Dates 2017

Confirmation: Saturday, February 25, 2017 @ 5:00 PM.

First Reconciliation: Wednesday, March 8, 2017 @ 7:00 PM

First Communion: Sunday, May 7, 2017 @ 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM

RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION

For the parents of children in St. Patrick parish who do not attend St. Patrick or St. Mary elementary schools.

If you wish your child to make their Sacraments here, would you give your name and your child's name to the parish office as soon as possible. We want to be able to keep in touch with you, keep you up to date and meet with you and your child to help you prepare for these important sacraments.

2017 Church Envelopes & 2016 Tax Receipts

Please make sure you pick up your Offertory Envelopes & Tax Receipts as soon as possible. They are at the main doors of the Church today. Many thanks.

2017 Bishop's Gala... The Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education is hosting the 14th Annual Bishop's Gala on April 1, 2017, 5:30pm at Club Roma, 125 Vansickle Rd, St. Catharines. The event supports scholarships and students in need throughout the Catholic schools of the NCDSB. For information contact Linda Marconi 905-735-0240 ext 214.

St. Catharines Diocese Sharelent Launch... February 18, 2017
St. Julia Parish, 251 Glenridge Ave., Mass at 9:00am with Bishop Bergie
Gathering to follow in the Church Hall with complimentary soup & sandwich lunch

Rest in Peace... We pray for the soul of Alejo (Al) Mosquite. May he rest in peace. Please remember his family in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Patsy Power, Loreto Rey, Mary Lawrence, Camelia Pellegrino, John Flynn

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Melissa Brideau, Leon Dopke, Bernard Martin, Emily Hanover, Leo Martin, Drago Bicanic, Baby Victoria, Michael Brazeau, Nancy Weiss, Shanda Gale, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffradi, Wendy & John Calder, Pauline Miner, Manfred Hawlitzky, Edna McDonell, Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, Sharon Regular, Fr Tony McNamara, O.Carm., Bette Anne Chevalier, Maria Melchiorre, Conner Hawkswell, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Jeannette Fabian, Donna Cormier, Maria Rosiana, Danielle Barranca, Lucy Rizzo, Barbara Phillips (Murray), Audrey Vendramin, Jeanne Lea, Gionni Bonaldo, Stan Manning, Iole Mancini, Alice Dalton, Baby Maximus, David & Patrick Kealey, Joanna Daniels, Ray Sexton, Francesco Albanese, Mary Ann O'Shea, Rosalyn Dagleish, Kitty Decicco, Evelyn Rose Baker, Jozefa Bilski, Charlene Shannon, Mary O'Shea, Dr. Andy Fisher, Dorothy Simon, Rebecca Evans, Marie Massolin, Maria Guerin, Anna Vergalito, John Jefferson, Jill Leronowich, Vince(Jim) Baldassarro, Nancy Jean Rose, Guiseppina Paonessa, Phyllis Higgins, Patrick McCarthy, Norman Horth, Todd Reid, Muriel Pivarnyik, Helen Lelievre, Tom Hilton, Walter Wallace, Stefanie Borin, John Cox, Joyce Weaver, Kerrie Szuch, Faith Amadio, Margaret Smith, Carmella Modenti, Margaret Waghorn, Theresa Poirier, Carlo Trasmundi, Vito Fuccillo, Baby Hope, Cheryl D'Amizio, Kelly Laslo, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Alessia Comisso, Vicki Dubeau, Donna Bradley, Annette Brideau, Mary Jo O'Kell, Baby Sebastian, Lorraine Murray, Patricia O'Reilly, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pepper Martin Jr., Vital & Emmanuel Chayer, Trina Washington, Shirley Machulla, Lorraine Spence, Baby Gabriel Paraskevopoulos, Patricia Desrosiers, Helen Rotella, Brian Smith, Maria Benevento, Jeanne S, Armando Alcaraz, Michelle Price, Kelly Detlor

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

Collections

February 4 & 5: \$5,145.05

Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2017

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday, Feb 26, May 28, June 25, July 23 & Aug 27, NO Baptisms in March or April**
A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on **Monday, Feb 13**, Tuesday, May 16, June 13, July 11 & Aug 15 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!



St. Patrick's Day Dance, Saturday March 18, 2017

St. Patrick Parish Hall

From 8 p.m.-1 a.m. \$10.00 per person includes:

Beef on a Bun • Prizes • Cash Bar

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colleen@vaxxine.com or the Church Office 905-354-7451

Volunteers needed for set-up & clean-up



Upcoming Wedding at St. Patrick's in February

Ivanna Novacic & Mark Fortier



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

"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"

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



Dear Friends:

Three powerful readings are proclaimed this Sunday: **Sirach 15: 15-20; 1 Corinthians 2: 6-10; and Matthew 5: 17-37.** I encourage us to read them over at home, and spend time praying with them this week. I want to look at **Sirach!** As I get older [although 52 is young if you're a tree], and reflect on my successes and failures, the hills and valleys, ups and downs of life, I realize how little I really know! In my young-wild days, when I was a third my age, I had everything figured out. Knew it all! Not so now, my Lord, not so!

Sirach says, **"Before each person are life and death, good and evil, and whichever one chooses, that shall be given."** Quite a reflection on life and life's choices and decisions! A scripture scholar wrote: "To the ancient Hebrews life meant far more than the period between conception and death. Life was **what happened** from loving and



obeying God. And death was not just what followed the last breath on earth. Death was the rejection of the living God." Sirach speaks of living life to the fullest **NOW**. If one isolates oneself from the God, and love of God, one will join the **living dead!** I for

one, do not want to be ranked among the "living dead!!!" There's too many out there. So it's ok to walk down the street and think to ourselves, "I see dead people!" Yes, there's many living dead out there! They've pushed God aside. We keep them in prayer.... and never forget that we truly are "Poor in Spirit."

You and I are **genuinely alive**, not because we are not medically dead.... we are **genuinely alive** when our actions are full of love and understanding, compassion, peace, joy. To be **genuinely alive**, we must experience God. It is not enough to know **about** God. We must know God personally, and experience God!!! We can only know Him and experience Him through love. Because God is love!!! We know and experience Him from listening to His Word and partaking in His Sacraments! May we experience what it is to be fully alive, and the grace to always choose the Life of Christ, and all its demands. Have a God-filled week... among the living!

Fr. Gerard

Happy Valentine's Day!!!!... oops!



"A Native American elder once described his own inner struggles in this manner: Inside of me there are two wolves. One of the wolves is mean and evil. The other is good. The mean wolf fights the good wolf all the time. When asked which wolf wins, he reflected for a moment and replied, The one I feed the most." — *George Bernard Shaw*



Happy Valentine's Day

This is my special prayer for you...

Comfort on difficult days,
Smiles when sadness intrudes,
Rainbows to follow the clouds,
Laughter to kiss your lips,
Sunsets to warm your heart,
Gentle hugs when spirits sag,
Friendships to brighten your being,
Beauty for your eyes to see,
Confidence for when you doubt,
Faith so that you can believe,
Courage to know yourself,
Patience to accept the truth,
And love to complete your life.



Update on our 2nd Refugee Family

I had a letter from **Canada Immigration** recently, advising us that our second refugee family is still being processed. They said that if all goes well, we can expect the **Maalouf Family** in early 2017! No sooner had I read the letter, I received a text from the dad, **Basaam Maalouf**, informing us that have been called for a meeting at the Canadian Embassy in Lebanon on February 16th. With God's help, and our prayers, we will receive good news soon. It's been a long wait. The **Krait family**, who will be out of our care on February 7, are now looking for a 2-Bedroom apartment. We will be doing everything we can to make their transition as smooth as possible. If anyone knows of a decent two-bedroom apartment, please give our office a call. They will be staying at the Maple Street house until the other family arrives. **Ayman, Souzi and Stephanie** are so grateful for everything we have done for them! They are now ready to sprout their Canadian Wings!!! God bless all refugees.

Forty Days for Life

From March 1 to April 9, members of our community will be taking part in **40 Days for Life (prayer vigil)**... a groundbreaking, coordinated international mobilization. We pray that, with God's help, this will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our city, and beyond.
LOCATION: Public right-of-way outside Greater Niagara General Hospital. North Street. Niagara Falls, Ontario
Time: from 8:00AM to 8:00PM Check out the website.
To Join : https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/niagara-falls/calendar/?start_date=20170113

Special Collections

Some have asked about dates for Special Collections in 2017.

Here they are:

Development and Peace	April 2
Holy Land/Refugee Ministry (Good Friday)	April 14
Pope's Pastoral Works	May 21
Education of Seminarians and Clergy	June 11
Catholic Missions in Canada	August 13
Needs of Canadian Church	September 24
World Missions	October 22
Deo Gratias (Retired Priests)	November 19

*During Lent we will continue our support for Ryan's Bowl.

*Our Carmelite Missions Appeal will be on the 2nd Sunday of Advent.

St. Catharines Right to Life Dinner: Saturday February 25 6:00pm at Holiday Inn Parkway Conference Centre, Ontario St., St. Catharines Guest Speaker: Stephanie Gray. Tickets \$45, \$25 for students, call 905-684-7505 or email info@chooselife.ca For event & speaker details visit ChooseLife.ca

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