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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.



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Saturday, February 13

5:00 Leonard Maloney *req. by Keith Maloney*
Mary Zanini *req. by Jackie & Tony Phillip, Vicky & John Frassetto*

Sunday, February 14 First Sunday of Lent

8:00 Mary & William Fassett *req. by Aileen & Bryce Adams*
Pietro Gargano *req. by the Gargano & Molnar Families*
9:30 Madeline Rosati *req. by the Grandchildren*
Pizzolato Family *req. by the Dumele & Pizzolato Families*
11:30 Maria & Nicola DiLibero *req. by the Family*
Antonio & Anna Maria Amadio *req. by Ange Martin*
7:00 People of the Parish

Monday, February 15 Family Day

8:00 Antoinette DeLazzari *req. by Steve & Debbie Zelic*
Deacon Pat *req. by Parish Staff*

Tuesday, February 16

8:00 Vendramin Family *req. by Audrey*
Emilie & Lindo Marcheson *req. by Paul DiPaul*

Wed, Feb 17 The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

8:00 Angelina Genovese *req. by the Family*
12:00 Harry Bongers *req. by Lise Danecker*

Thursday, February 18

8:00 Tracy Hopkins *req. by the Schrader Family*

Friday, February 19

8:00 Fern Cormier *req. by M/M Renne Cormier*

Saturday, February 20

5:00 Frances Campaner *req. by Vincent & Carol Campaner & Family*
Irene Smatana *req. by the Family*

Sunday, February 21 Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 Anne & Mark Thomas *req. by John & Helen Olsiak*
Mary Brodie *req. by Gladys Harris*
9:30 Dante Rossi *req. by the Family*
Salvatore Cundari *req. by Teresa & Family*
11:30 Maria Fabiano Nicoletta *req. by her Dtr: Tina*
Giuseppe & Gina Argenta *req. by Ody & Diana Argenta*
7:00 People of the Parish

Sacramental Dates for 2016

First Reconciliation

(All Grade 2 Students)

Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 7:00 PM

First Communion

St. Patrick and St. Mary Schools

Sunday, April 24, 2016 at 1:30 PM

Other Grade 2 Parishioners

Sunday, April 24, 2016 at 9:30 AM

Confirmation

Saturday, April 30, 2016 at 5:00 PM

Marriage Prep ... February 27, 2016 8:30am - 6:30pm

St. Patrick's Day Dance Saturday, March 12th

St. Patrick Parish Hall

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

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Annual Valentine's Day Celebration Sunday February 14 4 - 7pm

Fr. Michael Wastag begin with Eucharist in the Shrine 4pm followed by
Candlelight Supper \$50 per person Mt Carmel Spiritual Centre 905-356-4113

Laudato Si' Development & Peace Study Group on Thursdays until March
3 at the Diocesan Centre, 3400 Merrittville Rd, 6:30 - 8pm

For more information 905-684-0154 ext 207

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Deacon Patrick O'Brien, Lucy Biamonte and Wanda Winslow. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are ill

Sharon Regular, Fr Tony McNamara, O.Carm., Bette Anne Chevalier, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Maria Melchiorre, Jeannette Fabian, Cleo Gagno, Donna Cormier, Maria Rosiana, Danielle Barranca, Carmela Fruci, Lucy Rizzo, Audrey Vendramin, Jeanne Lea, Gionni Bonaldo, Stan Manning, Iole Mancini, Alice Dalton, Baby Maximus, David Kealey, Joanna Daniels, Ray Sexton, Francesco Albanese, Mary Ann O'Shea, Doreen Fletcher, Rosalyn Dagleish, Susan & Rick Rogers, Kitty Decicco, Patricia Desrosiers, 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, Maria Colalillo, Walter Wallace, Stefanie Borin, John Cox, Joyce Weaver, Marie Cleary, Rita Bruneau, Orlando Garofalo, Kerrie Szuch, Faith Amadio, Margaret Smith, Carmella Modenti, Margaret Waghorn, Theresa Poirier, Bruno Maiolo, Carlo Trasmundi, Vito Fuccillo, BabyHope, Cheryl D'Amizio, Kelly Laslo, Rose Vukmanich, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Alessia Commisso, Vicki Dubeau, Donna Bradley, Annette Brideau, George O'Kell, Mary Jo O'Kell, Baby Sebastian, Mae MacLean, Dorothy Doyle, Lorraine Murray, Patricia O'Reilly, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pepper Martin Jr., Vital & Emmanuel Chayer, Trina Washington, Chester Mottola, Shirley Machulla, Gerry Laffradi, Lorraine Spence, Baby Gabriel Paraskevopoulos

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

Collections

February 6 & 7: \$5,592.07

Refugee Sponsorship: \$66,265.10

Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2016

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday, Feb 28 (infants only), no Mar Baptisms, April 17**

A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, Feb 16, Monday Apr 4 at 7:00 pm.

St. Patrick CWL News... CARD PARTY Wednesday, March 30 1:00pm tickets \$10 Cards, Prizes, Refreshments & 50/50 Draw call Theresa 905-358-9332 or Louise 905-358-7367

PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND



Fr. Gerard is leading a **10-Day Pilgrimage** to Ireland from September 14-24, 2016: **Churches and Shrines of Ireland!**

There are brochures in the parish office and also at the back of the church. We will fly direct from Toronto to

Dublin, 9 nights in 4-star hotels in Newry, Donegal,

Galway, Cork, Kilkenny, and Dublin, experiencing many great sights and sounds, prayers and Masses! Daily Irish Breakfast, eight 3-Course Dinners, Irish Party Show, ferry ride, Luxury Coach, Guide etc!!! This pilgrimage is limited to 40 people!!! Cost is \$3495 per person (including taxes and fuel surcharges), based on double occupancy. Don't miss out!!! Selling out fast!

Church Envelopes and 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.

St. Mary School Pasta Night... Tuesday February 16 4:00 - 7pm

St. Andrew's Church Hall Morrison St. Adults \$10, Under 10yrs \$6 & 65+ \$8 call the school for tickets 905-354-7744 takeout available

Food Month

Let's make February **FOOD MONTH!** We are all invited to bring Macaroni and Cheese; cereals, canned pasta, canned soups, or tomato sauce to Mass on the weekends. Let's make a difference in our town!



Dear Friends:

On Wednesday, we embarked upon the Season of Lent! We have a great opportunity to clean our spiritual houses... and turn back to God with our whole heart! Lent has been called 'the **springtime of the soul!**' The word *lent* itself, comes from an English word meaning "spring"- not just a reference to the plants pushing their way through the ground before Easter, but also to the **greening of the human soul** - pruned with repentance, fertilized with fasting, spritzed with self-appraisal, mulched with prayer. Not a bad way to describe what Lent is all about!



In the Gospel this Sunday, we see Jesus being sent into the wilderness for 40 days, where he was tempted by Satan. He fasted for 40 days, his human flesh cried out for food, famished. He was so vulnerable. Satan knew this and tempted him **three times!** *Turn this stone to bread... worship me and this kingdom will be yours... throw yourself down from here!* These temptations were spurned by Jesus, as he hurled **scriptural grenades** at Satan! The three temptations offered Jesus a quick fix, an easy way out. But Jesus **resisted** each one. Oh that we would do the same!

What are the **temptations** in my life? Where do we look for our quick fixes? A great week and a great season to look seriously at our response to temptations. We all have them! They're everywhere. Do we give in to the wrong foods, the wrong activities, alcohol, drugs, pornography, peer-pressure, gambling, greed, desires of the flesh? To whom or to what do we give control over our lives... over our decisions? Maybe we can learn from the Master... and ward off all the little satans out there that keep popping up! Lent is a sacred time to face our temptations and deface them gracefully. May we have the courage, through Christ, to drive the little and big satans from our lives! During this special season, may we allow Jesus and his POWER to help us grow in this '**spring-time of the soul!**' We pray for each other! Blessings!

Fr. Gerard



On Friday we bid an earthly farewell to Deacon Pat O'Brien. May God bless Deacon Pat for his service to the Church over the years, especially in his vocation as Deacon here at St. Patrick Parish. May God grant him eternal rest and peace. We continue to keep Ethel and all the O'Brien family in prayer. Many thanks to Bishop Bergie for coming out to celebrate the Funeral Mass, and also to the many priests, deacons, and parishioners who attended.

Our first Refugee Family, **Ayman, Souzi and Stephanie Krait**, arrived in Niagara Falls last Sunday afternoon. It was so joyful, and also very emotional, when we met them in Toronto with Maureen Young and Tim Atkinson, two members of the Refugee Committee. Their transition has been very smooth thus far, as the members of the committee step up to the plate to ensure that their needs are met. We are so grateful to our parishioners for making this a reality. With God's help, our next family will be able to get approval and join the Krait Family. It is an exciting time for our parish. Please keep the Krait family in prayer, as they begin their transition to Niagara Falls!



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!!! ATTENTION !!!

If you were among the unfortunate ones who received a parking ticket during the Noon Mass on Ash Wednesday, please contact the Parish Office and we will give you the necessary information to get this rectified.

Weekday Mass Schedule for Lent

Monday- 8:00 AM
Tuesday- 8:00 AM
Wednesday- 8:00 AM & 12:00 Noon
Thursday- 8:00 AM
Friday- 8:00 AM



Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7:00 PM followed by **Benediction** and **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**.
Reconciliation will also be available!

Prayer During Lent

Something we can do during Lent is commit ourselves to being more reflective! Lent is a good time to start new patterns of prayer. Perhaps we haven't been praying at all. This is a great time to begin.... and begin realistically. Start by simply pausing when we get up and taking a slow, deep breath, and recalling what I have to do this day, and asking for grace to do it as a child of God. We may want to go to bed earlier, and get up earlier, to give ourselves some quiet time to read the scripture for the day, or spiritual writings. We may choose to go to Mass each day during Lent, or celebrate the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings. Let's all try to increase our prayer lives on this pilgrimage to Easter Joy!!

Sacrament of Reconciliation



Bishop Bergie reminds us that "During Lent there is a greater emphasis on this beautiful sacrament. Once again we will have a day where the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered in all of our parishes from 10 am until 2 pm with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The date will be **Saturday, March 5**, which is the Saturday before the Fourth Sunday of Lent. There will be many other opportunities

throughout Lent and the Year of Mercy in your parishes to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I invite you to celebrate this sacrament and not to be afraid, especially if it has been many years since your last confession. Reflect upon the parable of the Prodigal Son and come to the merciful Father. For those who feel that they do not need this sacrament or are having difficulty seeing or acknowledging their sin I pray that you will receive the grace to see this sacrament as a means of renewal in your life."

Valentine's Day February 14th Dinner 7:00pm \$70 a couple OLOS

4 course meal paired with a bottle of wine, prepared by Chef Fr. Tim Nelligan

Childcare including movies & snacks will be provided

Presented by, Our Lady of the Scapular's World Youth Day Pilgrims

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