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## **Parish Staff**

Rev. Gerard Power, O.Carm., Pastor  
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## **Music Ministry**

Carol Martin - Director of Music  
Sandra DiCienzo - Organist  
Tim Marrie - Pianist and Soloist  
Anthony Scaringi - Pianist and Organist  
Ashley Gallardi - Soloist

## **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.**

## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### 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

### Monday, February 20 Family Day

**8:00** Frances Campaner *req. by Vince & Carol Campaner & Family*  
Dec'd mem. of Shannon, Guitard & Legace Families *req. by Charlene*

### Tuesday, February 21 St Peter Damian

**8:00** Kelly Morellato *req. by Lydia Bonaldo*

### Wednesday, February 22 Chair of St Peter the Apostle

**8:00** Jean Lundy *req. by Lillian Winslow*  
Sharon Howse *req. by Irene Recktenwalt*

### Thursday, February 23 St Polycarp

**8:00** Lucia De Lucia *req. by Pasqualina De Mizio & Family*

### Friday, February 24

**8:00** Luigi (Gino) Cerce *req. by Assunta Iammarino & Family*  
Alejo Mosquite *req. by the Rey & Navarro Families*

### Saturday, February 25

**5:00** Margaret Nicholson *req. by the Nicholson Family*  
Dec'd of the Cormier & Tremblay Fam *req. by Don & Donna Cormier*

### Sunday, February 26

**8:00** People of the Parish  
**9:30** Irene House *req. by Monique Groulx*  
Maria Gulla *req. by the Family*  
**11:30** Pacifico Sacco *req. by the Family*  
Judy Mahony *req. by the O'Callaghan Family*  
**7:00** Faiz & Ensaf Krait *req. by Ayman & the Krait Family*  
Joe Caputo *req. by Friends*

### 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.



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>

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Antonio 'Tony' Muraca, Annette Brideau and Armando Alcaraz. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families 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, William JA De Foe, Emily Hanover, Leo Martin, Drago Bicanic, Baby Victoria, Michael Brazeau, Nancy Weiss, Shanda Gale, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffrati, 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 Pivarnyk, 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'Ammizio, Kelly Laslo, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Alessia Commisso, Vicki Dubeau, Donna Bradley, 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, 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 11 & 12: \$5,238.75  
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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for tickets contact Colleen @ 905-374-4025 /  
colleen@vaxxine.com or the Church Office 905-354-7451



### Volunteers needed for set-up & clean-up

St. Patrick's CWL will be hosting a Pre - World Day of Prayer Mass on Monday, February 27, 2017 in the Church, all are invited to attend.

**CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING...** Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in May 2017 & supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service.  
Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.



Dear Friends:

Happy Family Day Weekend! This is a wonderful holiday to have in February. It's not just another day "off", it's a day to celebrate our families. So maybe we can do something together! My prayer is that the Good Lord will bless our families with His love; protect us from all danger and harm; free us from anger that leads to division; empower us to forgive as we have been forgiven; and send us into the world to witness to His love and grace! If we know someone who is alone, maybe include them in your family celebrations! Unfortunately, in Newfoundland, they will be spending the weekend digging out from 4 feet of snow!

Today's Gospel is a continuation of Jesus' **Sermon on the Mount**! And His teachings get more challenging! Jesus tells the crowds.... You have heard that it was said... but I say... *Do not resist an evildoer; turn the other cheek; give your cloak as well; go a second mile; give to all who beg from you; do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you! Love your enemies, and pray for your persecutors!*

These are tough teachings. And sadly, many ignore them, and deem them unrealistic! Why? Because they go against the grain! These are Jesus' commands of love. His new Law of LOVE! These **LAWs** are to be part of our lives. Living these can separate us from the world! It's called being counter-cultural. It's a radical love, when we live the Jesus Way! God does not give us commands that are impossible to obey. He certainly gives us ones that are difficult, and challenging... but never ones that are impossible. They take work. But we must try our best each day.

G.K. Chesterton, once wrote: *Christianity has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and not tried.* A great week to re-read the Sermon on the Mount... and ask ourselves, **where am I falling short?** We must continually scrutinize our actions to see if we are living up to the standards set by Jesus. He never said that following him would be easy. He just said that he would be with us through it all! Let's give him glory and praise this week by trying our best to live his radical ways! Blessings!

Fr. Gerard



"Do not waste time bothering whether you "love" your neighbor; act as if you did. As soon as we do this we find one of the great secrets. When you are behaving as if you loved someone you will presently come to love them." C.S. Lewis

#### 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!



#### Confirmation 2017

Please remember that Bishop Gerard Bergie will be here to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 5:00 PM Mass, Saturday, February 25th. God bless our Confirmation Candidates. Please keep them in your prayers!

#### Paradoxical Commandments

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centered;  
Forgive them anyway.  
If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives; Be kind anyway.  
If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies; Succeed anyway.  
If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you; Be honest and frank anyway.  
What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight; Build anyway.  
If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous; Be happy anyway.  
The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; Do good anyway.  
Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough; Give the world the best you've got anyway.

#### 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](https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/niagara-falls/calendar/?start_date=20170113)

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](mailto:info@chooselife.ca)  
For event & speaker details visit ChooseLife.ca

**Warehouse of Hope:** -Wanted--a few good men, for a couple hours a month to help fill containers Please call 905-646-7237 and leave a message  
-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. Catharines.

#### 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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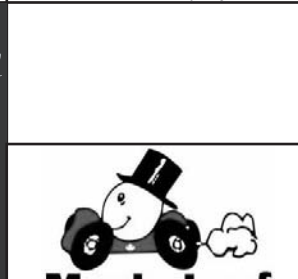
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