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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.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



Saturday, February 1

5:00 Mike Cutter req. by the Plata Family
Sandra & Melissa Brideau req. by the Family

Sunday, Feb 2 The Presentation of the Lord World Day of Consecrated Life

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Vincenzo & Angelica Lizzi req. by the Pullano Family
Fred Girardo Sr. req. by Richard & Judy Schrader
11:30 Benito Giustini req. by the Family
Carmen Maccarrone req. by the Thiberts
7:00 Piotr Bosek req. by the Family
Sergio Simonetti req. by Philip Perugino

Monday, February 3 St Blaise & St Ansgar

8:00 Theo Legace req. by Jeanne Lea
Joseph Ban & Anna Maria Sam req. by Duy's Family

Tuesday, February 4

8:00 Bert Roy req. by Valerie & Family
Alexander Rennie & Mike Robillard req. by the House Cleaning Staff at GWL

Wednesday, February 5 St Agatha

8:00 Family Cometto req. by Anna Bortolin
Jason Vincent Bernard req. by Chris Bond

Thursday, February 6 St Paul Miki & Companions

8:00 Pat O'Brien req. by his Family
Gus & Zorka Wach req. by the Parish

Friday, February 7

8:00 Dorothy Kennedy & Jean Meagher req. by Parish Staff
Marie Cadman & Frances Comeau req. by Parish Staff

Saturday, February 8 St Jerome Emiliani & St Josephine Bakhita

5:00 Adele Morabito req. by the Family
Lawrence & Lucy Kitney req. by Evelyn Kemp

Sunday, February 9

8:00 William & Mary Fassett req. by Aileen Lelievre-Adams & Bryce Adams
Nancy Di Paolo req. by John Di Paul
9:30 Francesco D'Angelo req. by Lucia D'Angelo
Dec'd mem of the Ellis Family req. by George Ellis
11:30 Dec'd mem of the Daly Family req. by Peter & Starr Daly
Sebastiano 'Sam' Radice req. by the Family
7:00 People of the Parish

Little Flower Society Cards

St. Patrick Parish Office has Mass Cards available from the Carmelite's Little Flower Society. We have Healing Mass Cards, Living Intentions, Five-Year Memorial Cards, and also Perpetual Memorial Cards. By using our cards, you not only comfort a family member or friend, but you also support the mission of the Carmelites, our Carmelite Vocation Efforts, and our Carmelite Formation Programs throughout the world.



Baptism Schedule for 2020

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday, Feb 23, Mar 29, Apr 26, May 24 & June 28.** A mandatory meeting for **Parents and Godparents** will be held in the Church on Tuesday, Feb 11, Mar 17, Apr 14, May 12 & June 16 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 the necessary information. We encourage parents and Godparents to make an effort to attend liturgies in the parish community. We also have a mandatory evening of preparation for parents and Godparents!

Are you tired of living alone? Consider Mount Carmel Home in St. Catharines. A retirement home operated by the Carmelite Sisters, offering assisted living in an affordable and caring family tradition. Care services include meals, housekeeping and medication management. If interested please call 905-685-9155 for a tour.



Rest in Peace... We pray for the soul of David Lans. May he rest in peace. Please remember his family in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Francis Patterson, Andy Scotnicki, John Corfield, Anita Archambault, Corinne Journeau, Cheryl Lans, Arlene Collee, Betty & Joe Power, Jarod Hickey, Julian Cassidy, Carole Ann Ogilvie, Mary Frances Pye, Gus Bagarozza, Carol DeVilliers, Joe Young, Kelly Power, Marney Broderick, Sister Prem, Kerrie Szuch, Gregory Roulston, Cameron Boyes, Pasquale Abrunzo, Alice Dalton, John Nicks, John Calder, Wilf Manuel, Victor Sincich, Nancy Praakel, Bernadette Moore, Norma Zanus, Patricia Williams, Mark Pepple, Nancy Huber, Danielle Barranca, Fern Albert, Kelly Laslo, Toni Brideau, Edward Brzozowski Jr., Nikki Mansfield, Lester Snow, Nicolina Compare, Dr. Andy Fisher, Alvin Learn, James Moody Sr., Carmella Modenti, Rose MacDonald, Anna Hunt, Elizabeth Stachura, Charlene Shannon, John Kealey, Margaret Smith, Leo Martin, Anna Vergallio, Helen Lelievre, Nancy Weiss, Denise Colalillo, Nancy Jean Rose, Samuel Potapczyk, William JA De Foe, Bernard Martin, Brian Smith, Joyce Weaver, Michelle Price, Mary Lawrence, Emily Hanover, Drago Bicanic, Jeanne S, John Cox, Margaret Waghorn, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffrati, Rebecca Evans, Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Maria Melchiorre, Conner Hawkswell, Lorraine Spence, Jeannette Fabian, Tom Hilton, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Vito Fuccillo, Donna Cormier, Jeanne Lea, Maria Rosiana, Frank Sica, Evelyn Rose Baker, Jill Leronowich, Audrey Vendramin, Patrick Kealey, Cheryl Granton, Francesco Albanese, Florrie Heimbigner, Jozefa Bilski, Todd Reid, Marie Massolin, Julie Nicholson, Stefanie Borin, Maria Guerin, Faith Amadio, Patricia O'Reilly, Patrick McCarthy, Walter Wallace, Francois Chayer, Alessia Comisso, Donna Bradley, Helen Rotella, Mary Jo O'Kell, Cheryl D'Amazio, Jadwiga Wozniak, Mary Brennan, Shirley Machulla, Robert & JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Trina Washington, Pepper Martin Jr., Baby Nicholas, Baby Victoria, Eric Corcoran

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

Collections

January 27: \$5,585.00

Cathedral Appeal (to date): \$16,785.00

Many thanks for your generosity!

Children Sacramental Dates 2020

Confirmation: Saturday, May 30, 2020 @ 5:00 PM

First Reconciliation: **Wednesday, March 25, 2020 @ 7:00PM new date**

First Communion: Sunday, May 3, 2020 @ 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.)

CWL News... The next meeting for the St. Patrick CWL will be held on **Wednesday, March 4 at 6:30pm** in the Hall. There will be no meeting in February.

-CWL Annual Retreat: Held at Mt Carmel Spiritual Centre on March 4, 8:30 - 2:30pm or March 5, 5 - 8pm Cost \$40, includes lunch or dinner.

If you are interested in going please contact Maggie at 905-246-6212 before February 12th.

-Reminder: CWL Annual Membership dues are overdue, please submit to the Office or drop an envelope in the Offertory as soon as possible. Thank you to those who have already paid.

-Save the date of Friday, March 27th, for our third annual Trivia Night, details to follow

-July 24 -26, 2020 Defending the Faith Conference, Steubenville, OH

Check out the Church bulletin boards for further information

Church Envelopes 2020

Offertory Envelopes are available in the sacristy, to the left of the altar, please pick yours up today. Many thanks.

Big Brothers Big Sisters

Big Brothers Big Sisters is currently looking for caring, responsible people to become volunteer mentors to guide children and youth (ages 6 - 18). One hour In-School Mentoring or 2 - 4 hours weekly as a Big Brother or Big Sister. There are currently 180 children waiting for a Mentor, with lists growing weekly. If interested or for more information please call 905-932-0403 or 905-357-5454

Please refer to the Bulletin Boards at the back and side entrances of the Church for many important notices and events.



Dear Friends,

Today is the Feast of the **Presentation of the Lord**. According to the Jewish custom, Mary must be purified, forty days after Jesus' birth. After this purification ritual, Mary and Joseph present Jesus to the Lord, as required by the Law.



Luke's Gospel tells us that in the temple they met Simeon and Anna. Simeon, a man led by the Spirit, had been longing for the salvation promised by God. When he saw the Holy Family, he took the baby Jesus in his arms and prayed with fervor; thanking God for the joy of meeting the long-awaited source of salvation for the whole world. He recognizes Jesus as both the glory of Israel and the "light" to the Gentiles. Anna, too, recognizes in the child Jesus a source of great joy because of the redemption that will come to the world because of him.

This feast of the Presentation of the Lord is a great day for us to be rejuvenated in our faith, to be excited about God. Is Jesus really a big part of my life, or do I only call on him when things are not going well? Do I get excited about my salvation? Or do I take it for granted? Do I keep my faith to myself or do I share it with others? Do I, like Mary and Joseph follow all the customs of my Religion... or do I merely pick and choose what suits me, or what I agree with? Some great questions to ask ourselves on this Feast? May the Holy Family watch over all of us! And may we present to God the very best of ourselves! Have a blessed week.

Fr. Gerard



Candlemas Day

Candlemas Day is another name for the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. The Presentation is a proclamation of Christ- Messiah and Priest, Lord and Savior. He is the light who came into this world to dispel sin and darkness. Traditionally, since the seventh century, candles have been blessed at Mass this day that will be used throughout the year, hence coining the term "Candlemas." As we consider the feast of the Presentation, we remember that our parents presented us at church for our baptism. We were dedicated to God, and given the name, "Christian." We also received a lit candle from the paschal candle, at which the priest said, "You have been enlightened by Christ. Walk always as a child of the light and keep the flame of faith alive in your heart. When the Lord comes, may you go out to meet Him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom." Therefore, as a light, each of us must bear witness to Our Lord. We must be the beacon that guides others to Christ.

St. Blaise

Monday, February 3rd is the Feast of **St. Blaise**. We will have a Blessing of Throats after all Masses this weekend (during the closing hymn), and also on Monday after the 8:00 AM Mass.

(St. Blaise was a physician and bishop of Sebastea in historical Armenia who is venerated as a Christian saint and martyr. Blaise is venerated as a saint in the Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, and Oriental Orthodox churches and is the patron saint of wool combers and throat disease.)

When it storms and snows on Candlemas Day, Spring is not far away. But if it's bright and clear, Spring is not yet near!

Did You Know?

In many Eastern European countries, the feast of the Presentation officially closes the celebration of Christmas. For this reason, Pope St. John Paul II began the custom of keeping the Nativity scene in St. Peter's square until February 2.

Candlemas Day also was important in the lives of farmers. An old English song went as follows: "If Candlemas be fair and bright, / Come, Winter, have another flight. / If Candlemas brings clouds and rain, / Go, Winter, and come not again." So if the bright sun "overshadows" the brightness of Candlemas Day, there will be more winter. However, if the light of Candlemas Day radiates through the gloom and darkness of the day, the end of winter is near.

Vincent's Store

If you're cleaning out your closets, Vincent's Store on Ferry Street is in need of men's clothing... pants, jeans, shirts, coats, etc.. You can drop them off there any day!

St. Patrick's Bingo

Many thanks to our St. Patrick Bingo Volunteers. During 2019, they were able to donate \$18,800 to the Parish. We have bingos at Delta Bingo scheduled until the end of March 2020. At that time, Ms Patricia Hudson will no longer be able to oversee the program. We thank Pat for her many years of service. With great joy, we thank **Mr. Les Khan** for stepping up and volunteering to oversee the Bingo. If we have any parishioners who would like to help with the Bingo, maybe once or twice a month, please let the Parish Office know. God bless.

CONFIRMATION FORMS



Our Confirmation Information and Registration Forms have been distributed to the Grade 8's from St. Mary and St. Patrick Schools. They must be returned by Friday, March 6, 2020. If you have a child in another school who wishes to be confirmed here at St. Patrick Parish, please arrange to pick up the Information Forms at the parish office as soon as possible.

A ST. PATRICK'S TRADITION

The Annual St. Patrick's Day Dance

on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 8:00pm

If you are interested in helping

please call the Office at 905-354-7451



You Can Help your Marriage...Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on March 13, 2020 at Mt Carmel, please call 905-664-5212 or visit www.retrouvaille.org

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY... Meetings are the Second and Fourth Mondays of the month, 7 to 9 pm at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Ave. Pre-registration is not required. For more info please call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com

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!**

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. Catharines

Please do not leave the Church Bulletins in the pews. If you do not wish to take it home, please return it to one of the tables at the doors of the Church. Thanks

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