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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.



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



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

Monday, February 22 The Chair of St Peter the Apostle

8:00 Bruna Forte *req. by Anna Bortolin*
Deacon Pat O'Brien *req. by Charlene*

Tuesday, February 23 St Polycarp

8:00 Lucia DeLucia *req. by Pasqualina DeMizio & Family*
Betty & Ernie Plumador *req. by Jean & Judie Lundy*

Wednesday, February 24

8:00 Luigi (Gino) Cerce *req. by Assunta Iammarino & Family*
12:00 Antoinette De Lazzari *req. by Leo & Eda Martin*
Msgr Vincent Ferrando *req. by his Friends*

Thursday, February 25

8:00 Pacifico Sacco *req. by the Family*

Friday, February 26

8:00 Aline Cormier *req. by Gerard Cormier*

Saturday, February 27

5:00 Charles Ogilvie *req. by his Wife: Debbie & Children*
Felicitas & Hugh Hockton & William Hockton *req. by Mary Power*

Sunday, February 21 Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Maria Gulla *req. by the Family*
Felice Mete & Santa Isabella *req. by Caterina Ruberto*
11:30 Hicks Family *req. by Audrey Vendramin*
Mary Dimitroff *req. by John & Maureen Kealey*
7:00 Butch & Lucy Kitney *req. by Andrea & Wayne*
Nicasio Rey *req. by the Rey & Navarro Families*

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

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

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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!

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Helen Wallace, Connor Maguire, Josephine Perry & Peter Mong Nguyen. 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 Pivarnyk, Helen Lelievre, Tom Hilton, Maria Colalillo, Walter Wallace, Stefanie Borin, John Cox, Joyce Weaver, Marie Cleary, Rita Bruneau, Orlando Garofalo, Kerrie Such, Faith Amadio, Margaret Smith, Carmella Modenti, Margaret Waghorn, Theresa Poirier, Bruno Maiolo, Carlo Trasmundi, Vito Fuccillo, Baby Hope, Cheryl D'Amizio, Kelly Laslo, Rose Vukmanich, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Alessia Comisso, 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 Laffrati, 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 13 & 14: \$5,304.95

Refugee Sponsorship: \$66,279.10

Ryan's Bowl: \$2,411.05

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.

Reconciliation

On Saturday, March 5, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered in every Parish in our diocese from **10:00 AM until 2:00 PM** with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Laudato Si' Development & Peace Study Group on Thursdays until March 3 at the Diocesan Centre, 3400 Merrittville Rd, 6:30 - 8pm For more info please call **905-684-0154 ext 207**



Dear Friends in Christ:



On this 2nd Sunday in Lent, our Gospel gives us a good dose of Easter and certainly gives his disciples and us, a good dose of comfort! Jesus goes up the mountain with Peter, James and John to pray. Then all of a sudden, his appearance changes as he is transfigured before them! His clothes become dazzling white! Moses and Elijah appear... and they speak of Jesus' exodus which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. The Transfiguration is one of those sacred and powerful moments of comfort, which Jesus gave his disciples, to prepare them for what lay ahead, "...his coming Death, and that the Passion leads to the glory of the Resurrection" (Today's Preface). At the end of this experience, Moses and Elijah disappeared, and God's voice was heard: "***This is my Son, my chosen, listen to him.***"

Maybe that's a good call for us during this 2nd Week of Lent: **LISTENING TO JESUS!!!** How good are we at listening to him? Sometimes our schedules are so filled... and there's so many competing and distracting voices out there. We can be drawn in every direction. Times we just can't hear God! **Prayer** is a MUST for our Christian lives, and so is **silence**. The onus is on us to find our own private mountain-top, an **out of the way place** to spend quiet time to **listen** to Jesus.

Maybe if we set aside a few moments each day to read and meditate on the scriptures, or just to sit in silence with God. Maybe come to the **Stations of the Cross** and then a **Holy Hour** on Friday nights. Wherever we choose to find silence... and alone-time with God, may we be open to what God may be calling us to do. Maybe its to give someone a glimpse of Easter through our charity, through a visit, a phone call, a note, a compliment! May we find some special time this week, some sacred space to spend with our God... alone in prayer! It has the power to give us great comfort... and also to change our lives for the better! Have a transfigurative week! Blessings,

Fr. Gerard



Prayer for the 2nd Week of Lent

Dear Lord, this is my desire for these days of Lent. Open my eyes to see the whole story, beginning with your love for me. Let me know that you are so present to me, as you always have been, so that I can be more present to you in these special days. I want to grow in love with you, grow in affection for you. I want to be prepared for being your disciple, your witness, your instrument. Thank you for this Lent of comfort and fire filled grace.

Please refer to the Bulletin Board at the back of the Church for many important notices and events

The Shroud of Turin - Man of the Shroud Exhibit

St. Alfred Parish, St. Catharines, invites you to attend the **Man of the Shroud** exhibit being held March 2-8, 2016. This exhibit is an extensive display on the history, science and significance of the Shroud of Turin. Since medieval times, the Shroud of Turin has been venerated as the cloth in which Jesus' body was wrapped in the tomb. The gospel of John (20:6-7) describes it as having been left behind in the tomb at the resurrection. One of the most dramatic elements of the exhibition will be the actual-size digital photograph of the shroud, printed on linen that bears the mysterious image of a scourged and crucified man. This reproduction will be placed in a worshipful setting conducive to prayer and observation, hanging above the altar in St. Alfred Church. Many artifacts, reconstructed according to features found on the shroud will also be on display, the scourge, the crown of thorns, nails, and the lance that pierced his side— each replica tells its own story.

Exhibit hours: *Wednesday March 2 – Friday March 4 and Monday March 7 – Tuesday March 8 (10 am – 4 pm & 6 pm – 9 pm); Saturday March 5 (10 am – 4 pm & 7 pm – 9 pm); & Sunday March 6 (1 pm – 4 pm & 6 pm – 9 pm).*



Our Syrian Family, **Ayman, Souzi and Stephanie Krait**, are settling in nicely in Niagara Falls! They are amazed at the snow, especially Stephanie! It's been a busy week for them. Last Sunday at the 9:30 Mass, they had the opportunity to meet and greet our parishioners. They received such a heart-warming welcome. Their transition has been very smooth thus far, as the members of the

committee take them around Niagara for grocery shopping, job interviews, registration for ESL classes, registration for Elementary school, pharmacy visits, even tobogganing! 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 continue their transition among us!

!!! 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!

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our Church bulletin. The advertising will begin in May 2016 & supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. **Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.**



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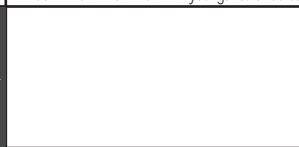
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