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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.

SEVENTH & EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, February 23 St Polycarp

5:00 Lucia DeLucia *req. by Pasqualina DeMizio & Family*
Louis Sargeson *req. by John & Helen Olsiak*

Sunday, February 24

8:00 Robbie Loro *req. by the Family*
Deceased Carmelites

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

11:30 Artone Ngauyen *req. by his Daughter*
Antonietta Radice *req. by Josie & Fred Dosa & Michael Panetta*

7:00 People of the Parish

Monday, February 25

8:00 Adele Morabito *req. by Aileen & Bryce Adams*
Eugene McDonald *req. by Rob & Yvette Power*

Tuesday, February 26

8:00 Antonia De Divitiis *req. by the Family*
Annie Whyte *req. by Sean Power*

Wednesday, February 27

8:00 Felicia Scaringi *req. by Parish Staff*

Thursday, February 28

8:00 Hicks Family *req. by Audrey Vendramin*

Friday, March 1 World Day of Prayer

8:00 Johnny MacLean Jr. *req. by Dad, Mom & Jacob*
Vincenzina Catone *req. by Vince Catone*

Saturday, March 2

5:00 Unborn Children
Ray Sexton *req. by Family*

Sunday, March 3

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 Frank Bombicino *req. by his Brother Joe & Family*
Maria Gulla *req. by the Family*

11:30 Immacolata Luciano *req. by Lucy & John Gowers & Family*
Maria Sericola *req. by the Giustini Family*

7:00 Adele Morabito *req. by Lillian Winslow*
Sergio Simonetti *req. by Giuseppe & Ana Mancini*

Monday, March 4 St Casimir

8:00 Rita Bruneau *req. by Ethel O'Brien*
Aline Cormier *req. by Gerard & Family*

Tuesday, March 5

8:00 Albert Family *req. by Fern*
Ray & Marie Culligan *req. by the Roy Family*

Wednesday, March 6 Ash Wednesday

8:00 Robert Bell *req. by the Family*
12:00 Joe Mancuso *req. by Linda Szymanski*
7:00 Roy, Durette & Doucette Families *req. by the Roy Family*

Thursday, March 7 St Perpetua & St Felicity

8:00 Ivan Maglicic *req. by Marie Sacco & Family*

Friday, March 8

8:00 Jean Dopke *req. by Leon Dopke*
Barb Lorentz *req. by Stu & Mary Lou Gallardi*

Saturday, March 9 St Frances of Rome

5:00 Charlie Ogilvie *req. by Debbie Ogilvie & Family*
Salvatore 'Sam' Cundari *req. by his Wife Teresa & Family*

Sunday, March 10

8:00 Giulio Cavaliere *req. by Rocco & Giuseppina Cavaliere*
Luigi Canal *req. by the Family*

9:30 Giuseppina Toffi *req. by Maria Rossi & Family*
Monica, Michael & Cyril O'Leary *req. by the Family*

11:30 Tony Serra *req. by the Family*
Joe Mancuso *req. by Mary & Lorenzo Leone & Family*

7:00 People of the Parish

Baptism Schedule for 2019

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday, March 24 (infants only), April 28, May 26 & June 23**

A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, March 12, April 16, May 14 & June 11 at 7:00 pm.

Children Sacramental Dates 2019

Confirmation: Saturday, June 1, 2019 @ 5:00 PM

First Reconciliation: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 @ 7:00 PM (*new date*)

First Communion: Sunday, May 5, 2019 @ 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.)

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Eugene McDonald & Annie Whyte. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Dr. Andy Fisher, Baby Nicholas

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Carole Ann Ogilvie, Nikki Mansfield, Baby Evelina, Nicolina Compare, Bernadette Moore, Marie Cadman, Alvin Learn, Bruno DeLazzari, James Moody Sr., Fern Albert, Lester Snow, Rose MacDonald, Elizabeth Stachura, John Calder, Melissa Brideau, Toni Brideau, Charlene Shannon, John Nicks, Moira Campbell, Leon Dopke, Anna Hunt, John Kealey, Norah Marrie, Anna Vergalito, Helen Lelievre, Nancy Weiss, Samuel Potapczyk, Baby Julian, Baby Noah, Denise Colalillo, Mary Lawrence, Bernard Martin, William JA De Foe, Emily Hanover, Leo Martin, Drago Bicanic, Baby Victoria, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffrati, Edna McDonell, Fred Girardo Sr., Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Maria Melchiorre, Conner Hawkswell, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Danielle Barranca, Iole Mancini, Jeannette Fabian, Donna Cormier, Maria Rosiana, Alice Dalton, Audrey Vendramin, Baby Maximus, Jeanne Lea, Patrick Kealey, Tom Hilton, Francesco Albanese, Rosalyn Dagleish, Kelly Dettlor, Florrie Heimbigner, Kitty Decicco, Evelyn Rose Baker, Jozefa Bilski, Rebecca Evans, Marie Massolin, Maria Guerin, John Jefferson, Todd Reid, John Cox, Jill Leronowich, Nancy Jean Rose, Margaret Smith, Faith Amadio, Kelly Laslo, Patrick McCarthy, Stefanie Borin, Muriel Pivarnyk, Walter Wallace, Joyce Weaver, Kerrie Szuch, Carmella Modenti, Frank Sica, Margaret Waghorn, Vito Fuccillo, Baby Hope, Donna Bradley, Cheryl D'Amizio, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Mary Jo O'Kell, Alessia Commisso, Vicki Dubeau, Lorraine Spence, Baby Sebastian, Patricia O'Reilly, Mary Brennan, Robert & JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pepper Martin Jr., Vital & Emmanuel Chayer, Michelle Price, Brian Smith, Carlo Trasmundi, Jadwiga Wozniak, Shirley Machulla, Baby Gabriel, Trina Washington, Helen Rotella, Jeanne S

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

Collections

February 17: \$5,750.59

Ryan's Bowl (to date): \$1,001.00

Heat & Light (to date): \$2,005.44

Many thanks for your generosity!

CWL News... The next meeting for the St. Patrick Church CWL will be held on **Wednesday, February 27 at 6:30pm** in the lower Hall.

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!

40 Days for Life...March 6 - April 14

Help save lives in Niagara Falls! www.wpcprolife.com

St. Patrick's Day Dance, Saturday March 16, 2019

St. Patrick Parish Hall From 8 p.m.-1 a.m.

\$10.00 per person includes:

Beef on a Bun • Prizes • Cash Bar
• DJ • Irish Dancers (2 performances)
& The Good Thymes Irish Band

for tickets contact Colleen @ 905-374-4025 /
colleenm@vaxxine.com or the Church Office 905-354-7451

Volunteers needed for set-up & clean-up



2019 Church Envelopes & 2018 Tax Receipts

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

Friends of Carmel 2019 Fundraiser... Trivia Day...March 31, 2019

Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, Doors open @ 1pm, Trivia starts @ 1:30pm
\$20 each, includes Food, Tickets available at Mt Carmel Monastery Store or by calling Anna @ 905-358-3412

Church Bulletin Advertising... Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our Church bulletin. The advertising will begin in May 2019 & supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin & advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

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



Today's Bulletin is for February 24th and March 3rd!

7th Sunday, February 24, 2019

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus continues his *Sermon on the Plain*. He addresses how we are to treat others, if we are truly living the JESUS WAY. Being his disciple is demanding and radical. His words are tough, and they can be totally incomprehensible to our modern day ears. Those who want to live this JESUS WAY, must not only hear the Word of God, but also act on it. It means that bit by bit, we are to attempt those truly difficult things:

Turn the other cheek. Love our enemies, pray for them.
Do good to those who hate us. Bless those who curse us.
Give to everyone who asks of us,
especially those who cannot give in return. Do unto others.

These are the things that change human relationships one by one, things that change the dynamics of our families, our communities and towns, and our world. It's demanding, yet he asks us to try. What great things could happen in our families, in our relationships, in our places of work..., if we really connected the radical love and sacrifice at the Altar with our lives? If I am to work on **one** situation, this week, **what would it be**. Is there one person I could start with? May we spend this week, having heard God's Word and fed by Christ's Body, building bridges instead of walls!

8th Sunday March 3, 2019

Today's Gospel continues Jesus' "Sermon on the Plain". We have a series of three unrelated sayings of Jesus harvested into one place. The three sayings are: *the blind leading the blind*, *the speck/log in a person's eye*, and a *good tree and its fruits*. Let's focus on the splinter/plank!!!! Imagine focusing on a splinter in a neighbour's eye, while we have a plank in our own! Jesus used the word "hypocrite" for these people. They are so unaware of their own shortcomings, yet so quick to decry others. These people are negative and hostile, always looking to criticize and find fault. The appealing thing about doing this is that **it takes the focus off our own deficiencies**, making ourselves feel self-righteous. What's the alternative? Instead of criticizing others, why not care for them? Listen to them. Look at our own faults instead of others. When we are aware of our own weaknesses and strive to overcome them, then we are slow to judge and swift to give the benefit of the doubt. So if we cannot say something good about another person, then it is better to remain silent. As the Season of Lent approaches, this is certainly a great area for all of us to work on!



"Fasting' doesn't mean
eating fast food!"



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>



Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

8:00 AM
12:00 Noon
7:00 PM

Weekday Mass Schedule for Lent

Monday- 8:00 AM
Tuesday- 8:00 AM
Wednesday- 8:00 AM & 7:00 PM
Thursday- 8:00 AM
Friday- 8:00 AM



Stations of the Cross

Friday 7:00 PM followed by *Benediction*
and *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*

Three Traditional Lenten Practices

Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are three traditional spiritual exercises to consider during Lent. Properly approached and utilized, they will indeed facilitate a change of heart and conversion in our lives. As one writer says, "*prayer, fasting and almsgiving are not the point of Lent, they are the tools of Lent.*" They are like three legs of a tripod. *Prayer* nourishes our spirits; *Fasting* disciplines our bodies and puts us in solidarity with those who suffer from hunger; and *almsgiving* enlarges our hearts as we commit ourselves to the good of others.



Ryan's Bowl Food Program "A Lenten Sacrifice" for St. Pat's!

Once again this Lent, we will have a special container at the front and back of the church. All donations will assist a food program in which one of our parishioners, Ken Walsh, has helped initiate in Eastern Uganda. Each day *Ryan's Bowl* feeds upwards to 1200 children at local Catholic Schools. This is the only hot meal these children get each day! Please place your donations into these containers during Lent! If you wish to donate by cheque, please make payable to *Ryan's Bowl Food Program*. "Lord, when did we see you hungry?"

This is a Registered Charity under the CRA, and they issue their own receipts for Income Tax Purposes. Approximately 90% of their funds go directly to the Lunch Program. The other 10% is used for school fees for the most desperate, a school uniform to replace the most tattered, also notebooks and pencils, and in dire cases, to purchase a goat for very needy families. Check out their website: ryansbowl.ca



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 1, 2019. If you have a child in another school who wish to be confirmed here at St. Patrick Parish, please arrange to pick up the Information Forms at the parish office as soon as possible.

40 Days for Life Vigil... Jesus fasted and prayed in the desert for 40 days before He began His Ministry. During the 40 DAYS FOR LIFE VIGIL, we follow Christ's example: we fast and pray and offer sacrifice – from March 6 – April 14, 2019. We give prayerful, peaceful witness at Niagara Falls General Hospital, holding a sign: PRAY TO END ABORTION, from 8 am – 8 pm daily – sign up with friends and family for ONE HOUR. SIGN UP FOR ONE HOUR TO SAVE A LIFETIME. We encourage St. Patrick Parishioners and friends to sign up for one hour on Sunday, April 7. For further information, contact Annette: 905-325-1251, loeffenlife@gmail.com or Angela: angelabraun@live.com

Annual Diocesan **RESPECT FOR LIFE MASS** on Monday, March 25
Celebrated by Bishop Gerard Bergie at 7:00pm
on The Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord at
The Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria
Reception to follow All are welcome

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