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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.

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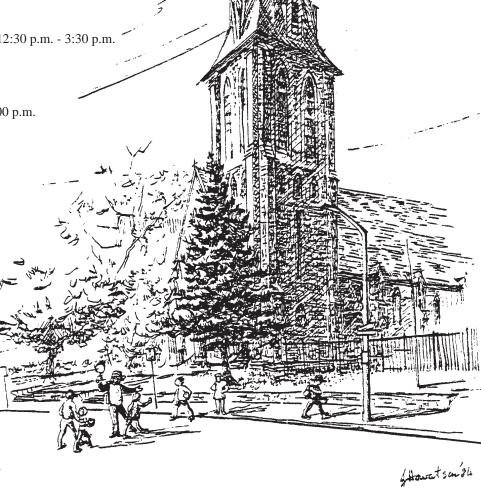
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Diocese of St. Catharines (est. 1958)

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.



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, February 4

5:00 Irene & Robert Boyd Lavelle req. by Joyce & Family Nina Audibert req by the Family

Sunday, February 5

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 Francesco D'Angelo *req. by the Grandchildren* Harry Bongers *req. by the Family*

11:30 Bert Roy reg. by Valerie & Family

Lucy Jenssen, Michael DeGuida & Lucy DeMizio req. by Cousins: Anna, Frank & Angie

7:00 Lawrence & Lucy Kitney req. by Evelyn Kemp Luigi Canal req. by Concetta Canal & Family

Monday, February 6 St Paul Miki & Companions

8:00 Pat O'Brien req. by the Family

Dorothy Kennedy req. by the Masur Family

Tuesday, February 7

8:00 Jean Lundy req by Ethel O'Brien

Marie Cleary req. by St. Vincent de Paul Niagara Falls Conference

9:15 St. Patrick School Mass

Wednesday, February 8 St Jerome Emiliani & St Josephine Bakhita

8:00 Peggy Nowell *req. by Muriel Lafford* Deceased of the Parish

Thursday, February 9

8:00 Aline Cormier req. by Gerard Cormier Dorothy Doyle req by Caroline Bretti

Friday, February 10 St Scholastica

8:00 Nancy Di Paolo req. by John Di Paul John Sheppard req. by JoAnn Bradfield

Saturday, February 11 Our Lady of Lourdes, World Day of the Sick

5:00 Irene Smatana req. by the Family Willi Albert req by Fern Albert

Sunday, February 12

8:00 William & Mary Fassett req. by Aileen & Bryce Adams
Luke & Imelda Ketterer req. by Jean Yazaroqlu & Family

9:30 Ovidio & Madeline Rosati *req. by the Grandchildren* Luigi & Domenico Marcon *req. by D&D Argenta & Girls*

11:30 Sebastiano Sam Radice req. by the Family

Andrew & Domenic Rondinelli req. by Jim & Dora Spencer

7:00 People of the Parish

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 <u>do not</u> 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

Please make sure you pick up your Offertory Envelopes as soon as possible. They are in the sacristy, to the left of the altar. 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.



Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Bert Visentin and J Mark Nelson. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Patsy Power, Al Mosquite, Leon Dopke

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Melissa Brideau, Emily Hanover, Leo Martin, Drago Bicanic, Baby Victoria, Michael Brazeau, John Flynn, Nancy Weiss, Shanda Gale, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffradi, 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 Pivarnyik, 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, Annette Brideau, 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, Armando Alcaraz, Michelle Price, Kelly

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

Collections

January 28 & 29: \$5,377.29
St. Vincent de Paul Society: \$1,090.00
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 <u>Parents and Godparents</u> will be held in the Church on <u>Monday, Feb 13,</u> 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 CWL News... the next General meeting will be held on Sunday, February 5 at 10:30am in the Hall

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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Upcoming Wedding at St. Patrick's in February

Ivanna Novacic & Mark Fortier



Please continue to bring food items to Mass for Project Share! Every item helps! "Lord, when did we see you hungry?"

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends:

Our first reading this Sunday from the Prophet Isaiah, is most provoking and dynamic! Here we are, reading it and listening to it, 2700 years after it was written! It's still very challenging, and so clear-cut, so much so, that I want to include it in full:

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry, and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. (Is.58:6-10)

Wow! And then our Gospel, continues Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. He uses the image of salt to describe how we are to live. As salt purifies,



preserves, and penetrates, we too must be **salt** in the world! To bring forth God's Kingdom. Jesus also uses the image of light! He tells how our good works are not to be hidden, but are to be revelations of the Light of

Christ. He used the image of a lamp to describe how we are to live in the light of his truth. In fact, our mission is to **be light-bearers of Christ** so that others may see the truth of the Gospel. Imagine, with the power of God, **we can transform the world**. Like salt, our care for others can bring out the best in a world that is painful and puzzling; like the glow of a lamp, we can enlighten a world that is often buried in darkness. If every Christian had his/her light turned on, this would be a very different world! Let's bring Christ's salt and light into our week, and into the lives of everyone we meet. God bless!

Fr. Gerard



"Fear not children who are afraid of the dark ... but grown adults who are afraid of the light."

Some people change when they see the light. Others change only when they feel the heat.

Talent Night... Potluck?

Due to the lack of interest, and busyness of so many people, we will have to do a rain check on our February 11th Talent Night. We tried!

Update on our 2nd Refugee Family

I had a letter from *Canada Immigration* last week, advising us that our second refugee family is still being processed. They said that if all goes well, we can expect the *Maalouf Family* in early 2017! No sooner had I read the letter, I received a text from the dad, *Basaam Maalouf*, telling me that they have a meeting at the Canadian Embassy in Lebanon on February 16th. With God's help, and our prayers, we will receive good news soon. It's been a long wait. The *Krait family*, who will be out of our care on February 7, are now looking for a 2-Bedroom apartment. We will be doing everything we can to make their transition as smooth as possible. If anyone knows of a decent two-bedroom apartment, please give our office a call. They will be staying at the Maple Street house until the other family arrives. *Ayman, Souzi and Stephanie* are so grateful for everything we have done for them! As Isaiah says in this Sunday's reading, "Our light has risen in the darkness!" They are now ready to sprout their Canadian Wings!!! God bless all refugees.

Thank You

Many thanks to our St. Patrick's Bingo Committee for their donation of \$18,500.00 to our Church during 2016! God bless you for your commitment! If you can volunteer to help once a week at the Monday Morning Bingo, please let the Parish Office know, and we will gladly put you in touch with one of the members! Again, thanks so much to the Bingo Committee for your dedication and support!

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

St. Catharines Diocese Sharelent Launch...February 18, 2017 St. Julia Parish, 251 Glenridge Ave., Mass at 9:00am with Bishop Bergie Gathering to follow in the Church Hall with complimentary soup & sandwich lunch

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.

Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre Presentations:

Sunday, February 12 (note: Change of date) Annual Valentine's Celebration - Fr Michael 4pm with Eucharistic and followed by a Candlelight Dinner March 1 Ash Wednesday - Ministerial Team - 9 - 3pm

Separated & Divorced Healing Ministry Support Group meets every second & fourth Monday of the month, from 7 - 9pm at Mt Carmel Spiritual Centre.

For information call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154

Carmelite Spirituality Group ... You are invited to Mt Carmel Monastery on the second Sunday of each month to explore Carmelite spirituality.

Mt Carmel Spiritual Centre, 2 - 5pm www.carmelniagara.com

Catholic Marriage Tribunal...If you are considering remarriage in the Catholic Church or hoping to enter a marriage with someone previously married, please speak to a priest, or contact the St. Catharines Catholic Marriage Tribunal at 905-687-8817 or tribunal@saintcd.com.

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