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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.



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, February 6 St Paul Miki & Companions

5:00 Mary & John Dunphy *req. by the Family*
 Mary Davey *req. by the Staff of Our Lady of Mt Carmel School*
Sunday, February 7

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 Francesco D'Angelo Family *req. by the Family*
 James Fischer *req. by Betty Fischer*

11:30 Domenic Morabito *req. by Luciano & Gowers Families*
 Bery Roy *req. by Valerie & Family*

7:00 Domenico & Zita Marcon *req. by Tullio & Giuliana Milani*
 Luigi Canal *req. by his Wife & Family*

Monday, February 8 St Jerome Emiliani & St Josephine Bakhita

8:00 Deceased Carmelites

Tuesday, February 9

8:00 Nancy Di Paolo *req. by Rosemary Panetta*

Wednesday, February 10 Ash Wednesday

8:00 Deceased of the Parish

12:00 Linda Cardinal *req. by Irene Vidotto*

7:00 Harry Bongers *req. by Lise Danecker*

Thursday, February 11 World Day of the Sick

8:00 Bob Woodruff *req. by Carol Hetherington*

Friday, February 12

8:00 Victor & Irene Smatana *req. by the Family*

Saturday, February 13

5:00 Leonard Maloney *req. by Keith Maloney*

Mary Zanini *req. by Jackie & Tony Phillip, Vicky & John Frassetto*

Sunday, February 14 First Sunday of Lent

8:00 Mary & William Fassett *req. by Aileen & Bryce Adams*
 Pietro Gargano *req. by the Gargano & Molnar Families*

9:30 Madeline Rosati *req. by the Grandchildren*
 Pizzolato Family *req. by the Dumele & Pizzolato Families*

11:30 Maria & Nicola DiLibero *req. by the Family*
 Antonio & Anna Maria Amadio *req. by Ange Martin*

7:00 People of the Parish

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

St. Patrick Parish Hall

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

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colleen@vaxxine.com or the Church Office 905-354-7451



Annual Valentine's Day Celebration Sunday February 14 4 - 7pm

Fr. Michael Wastag begin with Eucharist in the Shrine 4pm followed by
 Candlelight Supper \$50 per person Mt Carmel Spiritual Centre 905-356-4113

Laudato Si' Development & Peace Study Group on Thursdays February 11 -

March 3 at the Diocesan Centre, 3400 Merrittville Rd, 6:30 - 8pm

For more information & to Register by February 4 905-684-0154 ext 207

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

Please pray for those who are ill

Deacon Patrick O'Brien, 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, Gianni 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 Pivarnyik, Helen Lelievre, Tom Hilton, Maria Colalillo, Walter Wallace, Stefanie Borin, John Cox, Joyce Weaver, Marie Cleary, Rita Bruneau, Orlando Garofalo, Kerrie Szuch, Faith Amadio, Margaret Smith, Carmella Modenti, Margaret Waghorn, Theresa Poirier, Bruno Maiolo, Carlo Trasmundi, Vito Fuccillo, BabyHope, Cheryl D'Ammizio, Kelly Laslo, Rose Vukmanich, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Alessia Commisso, Vicki Dubeau, Donna Bradley, Annette Brideau, George O'Kell, Mary Jo O'Kell, Wanda Winslow, 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

January 30 - 31: \$5,817.31

Refugee Sponsorship: \$66,265.10

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... next General meeting on Sunday February 7 after the 9:30am Mass

-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.

St. Mary School Pasta Night... Tuesday February 16 4:00 - 7pm

St. Andrew's Church Hall Morrison St. Adults \$10, Under 10yrs \$6 & 65+ \$8 call the school for tickets 905-354-7744 takeout available

Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake & Sausage Supper... Our Lady of the Scapular Parish Hall 4 - 7pm Tickets \$5 each available at OLOS



Dear Friends:

We just learned that our first Refugee Family, Ayman, Souzi and Stephanie, will be arriving in Niagara Falls this weekend. So it will be an exciting and challenging time in getting them settled. Please keep this young family in prayer, as they begin their transition to a new country, and new culture!

On a sad note, it is with a very heavy heart that I inform you that Deacon Pat's health is deteriorating very quickly. I ask that you keep Deacon Pat, his wife Ethel, and the O'Brien family in prayer during this very difficult time.

Today's readings remind us that we are all part of the plan that God has for the world. We each have a role to play in the transformation of the world into the **Kingdom of God**. As Christians, we believe profoundly in the mission of Jesus Christ... and we have each been **called** to be active in that mission!

In the first reading this Sunday, Isaiah responds to the Lord's question, "Whom shall I send?" with "**Here am I, send me.**" Paul tells the Corinthians that God chose him to preach the Gospel even though he had previously persecuted the Church. And then in the Gospel, Jesus calls Simon Peter, James and John, three simple fishermen, to be part of the plan to fish for people... to bring more people into God's Kingdom. They left all and followed Jesus!

God still has a burning desire to unite the world to Himself. Through our Baptism, we are called to bring new life and hope to the world. To be our best selves, and proclaim the Gospel. We only have one life to live, so can we make this one life, the best life possible, **His Life**. May we step deeper into His life and His mission this week. **Here am I, send me!** May we be open to what God may be calling us to do! Many blessings!

Fr. Gerard



"These are vegetables, mother. You wouldn't want me to eat something I've given up for Lent, would you?"

"Look at His adorable face. Look at His glazed and sunken eyes. Look at His wounds. Look Jesus in the Face. There, you will see how He loves us." ~ St. Therese of Lisieux



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

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

This week we begin the Season of Lent. We will go into the spiritual desert for 40 days, and spend some personal time working on ourselves. Soul-searching, soul-making, naval-gazing. We are encouraged to celebrate this season with **fasting, almsgiving and prayer**. One thing we are all encouraged to do in preparation for Easter is to celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. We all need God's healing power, his mercy, and his special grace in the Sacrament. We are all sinners. Sin can exercise such force over us that we can feel numb. Our self worth can be so torn down, that we feel incapable of approaching the healing sacrament. Lent is a wonderful season of grace if **we give ourselves to it**. So, in these days before Lent, we need to prepare our hearts, by realizing how much we want to grow in freedom, how much we need to lighten our spirits and experience some real joy, and how much some parts of our lives really need changing. Have a grace-filled season of Lent! Blessings!



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!

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.



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!

REFUGEE UPDATE

Our first Refugee Family are arriving at Pearson Airport this Saturday, February 6th and will be coming to our Refugee House on Maple Street on Sunday. They are dad, **Ayman**, mom, **Souzi** and their **4 year old daughter, Stephanie!** Our other application (family of 4) has been received and they are having some complications in getting approval. We will keep you posted in the parish bulletin. God bless you for your ongoing support.

Hannah House Maternity Home Annual Lunch Fundraiser...
Friday February 12, White Oaks Resort 905-353-8552 ext 206 or
<http://2016hannahouselunch.eventbrite.ca>

Valentine's Day February 14th Dinner 7:00pm \$70 a couple OLOS
4 course meal paired with a bottle of wine, prepared by Chef Fr. Tim Nelligan
Childcare including movies & snacks will be provided
Presented by, Our Lady of the Scapular's World Youth Day Pilgrims

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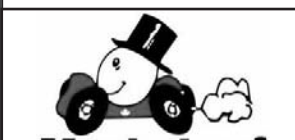
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