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SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



Sat, December 31 7th Day within the Octave of the Nativity

5:00 Peter Creamer *req. by Mary & Family*
John Leo, Sante & Emilia Giacobetti & Angelo & Angela
Leo *req. by Rino & Julie & Family*

Sun, January 1 Mary, the Holy Mother of God World Day of Prayer

8:00 Mark & Wanda Solomon *req. by their Family*
Pat Schultz *req. by the DalCin Family*

9:30 People of the Parish

11:30 Pacifico & Jenny Sacco *req. by Family*
Rev. Ben Hogan, O.Carm. *req. by John Roberts*

NO EVENING MASS

Monday, January 2 St Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

8:00 Maria Di Giorgio *req. by Rachel Marcon & Family*
Mario Marcon *req. by Gianni Bonaldo & Family*

Tuesday, January 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:00 Vasiliki Rosie Trokas *req. by Richard & Judy Schrader*
John Sheppard *req. by JoAnn Bradfield*

Wednesday, January 4

8:00 Francesco Pietrangelo *req. by Donna & Diamondo Mannella*
Mrs. Di Tommaso *req. by Demetrio & Augusta Macri*

Thursday, January 5

8:00 Jean Meagher *req. by Ada Paul*
Dorothy Doyle *req. by Caroline Brett*

Friday, January 6

8:00 Anna & Anton Wegner *req. by Joe & Nancy Solomon*
Deacon Pat O'Brien *req. by Liz Wood & Dave Gignac*

Saturday, January 7 St Andre Bessette

5:00 Sara Grant-Weaver *req. by Joyce & Family*
Roger Archambault *req. by his Wife: Anita*
Vincent & Nina Audibert *req. by the Family*

Sunday, January 8 The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Jean Meagher *req. by Mary Beth & Holly Corfield*
Jozef Brzozowski *req. by the Janusz & Komor Families*
11:30 Salcatore Elia *req. by Angelo & Theresa Elia & Family*
Antonietta Thorne *req. by Paul & Joan Di Paul*
7:00 Lawrence & Lucy Kitney *req. by Evelyn Kemp*
Dorothy Doyle *req. by Caroline Brett*

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 do not 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.



Please continue to bring food items to Mass for Project Share! Every item helps!

"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"

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

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

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Marcy Mallett, Darlene Wancha, Jean Lundy, Michael Brazeau, Phil Huntington

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Patsy Power, Carmela Fruci, Melissa Brideau, Emily Hanover, Drago Bicanic, Nancy Weiss, Wendy & John Calder, Jean Lundy, Shanda Gale, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffrati, Pauline Miner, Manfred Hawlitzky, Edna McDonell, 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 Daglish, 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 Pivarnyk, Helen Lelievre, Tom Hilton, Walter Wallace, Stefanie Borin, John Cox, Joyce Weaver, Marie Cleary, Kerrie Szuch, Faith Amadio, Margaret Smith, Carmella Modenti, Margaret Waghorn, Theresa Poirier, Carlo Trasmundi, Vito Fuccillo, Baby Hope, Cheryl D'Amizio, Kelly Laslo, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Alessia Comisso, 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, Darlene Wancha, Brian Smith, Maria Benevento, Jeanne S, Gerry Keenan, Armando Alcaraz, Michelle Price

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

Collections

December 17 & 18: \$6,053.00
Carmelite Missions: \$8,757.25
Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2017

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at **1:00 PM** on: **Sunday, January 22, February 26, NO Baptisms in March or April**
A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on **Tuesday, January 10 & Monday, February 13 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!

CWL News...The next meeting for the St. Patrick CWL will be held on Sunday, January 8 at 10:30am in the lower Hall.

Parish Registration

Please help keep our records up to date! You may bring this form to the parish office or place it in the collection.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **Postal Code:** _____

Telephone: _____

I am new in the parish and wish to register _____

I wish to use contribution envelopes _____

I have recently moved _____

We have married & wish to update our information _____



Dear Friends:

(It seems odd writing this bulletin material on December 19th! But it had to be into the Publisher on the 20th!!!)

On behalf of our parish, I wish you a very Happy and Healthy New Year! It's hard to believe another year is behind us. Always remember, no matter what dates change on our calendars, Christ is the same Yesterday, Today and Forever! At the beginning of this New Year, we invoke God's blessing on us and on our families, with the words of blessing from the First Reading this Sunday: **"The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!"**



Today is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. It's beautiful that we begin the New Year with Mary, the Mother of God, and our Mother too. It's comforting to reflect on the tender image of the Baby Jesus, sleeping so peacefully in Mary's arms. We can take refuge in the comfort and protection of her loving embrace. She is the supreme model of love toward God and neighbour. A supreme model of faith and trust. She blazed the trail which we the Church are to follow. May she keep us in her tender care throughout this New Year!

This is also World Day of Prayer for Peace! God knows the world is in desperate need of peace and justice and healing. So much war, violence, terrorism. The situation in Syria is beyond comprehension, especially Aleppo. The images across the media break our hearts. We pray that God will send the healing power of the Holy Spirit across our world. We must do our part too, especially in our own families to keep the peace. A great question to ask ourselves: ***If my family life was lived out on the world scene, would it be a world at peace or a world at war?*** If the latter, what am I going to do about it?

May God bless each of us, and may he fill our hearts with love, good health, happiness and much joy in 2017. Mary, pray for us, and draw us ever closer to your Son!

Fr. Gerard



"People are so worried about what they eat between Christmas and the New Year, but they really should be worried about what they eat between the New Year and Christmas!"



St. Pat's Talent Night

If all goes as planned, and if there's enough interest, mark your calendars... **Saturday, February 11, 2017** for a St. Pat's Talent Night and Pot-Luck! Let's celebrate Valentine's Day and Family Day in fun!!! If you would like to be part of the planning team, call the parish office!

A Family New Year's Prayer

God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time. Amen.

A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one Year and out the other.



"Vincent's" the New St. Vincent de Paul Store is now opened

If you have 4 Hours to spare and would like to volunteer at the St. Vincent de Paul Store 5970 Lundy's Lane (few steps from Main & Ferry) Please call Nicole 905-358-4687 and leave a message



Congratulations and best wishes to those who were baptized in December

Owen Kenneth Blaney, Ashton Lazslo Pali & Stacey-Marie Pali

Hospital Visits... If you have a family member in hospital, and would like a visit from one of our priests, or wish to celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please let the parish office know, 905-354-7451. St. Patrick Parish covers the on-call pager for GNGH from Tuesday 8 AM until Wed 8 AM. The hospital staff can put you in touch with the on-call chaplain at any time.

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.carmeliagara.com

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

For those of you who have Celiac Disease or are allergic to wheat products, our parish has special **Gluten-Free hosts** available. If you let us know before each Mass, we will have a special host consecrated for you. Please make yourself known to the presiding priest, and he will ensure he has it in his ciborium for you... or in a separate pyx. The onus is on you to let us know!

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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