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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.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Saturday, January 11

5:00 Assunta & Giuseppe De Mizio *req. by the De Mizio Family*
 Arduino Maiuri *req. by Peter & Stefanie Maiuri*

Sunday, January 12 Baptism of the Lord

8:00 Carmen Maccarrone *req. by Catherine Bernardi*

Giuseppina, Giulio & Albert Canali *req. by Giancarlo & Anne Condotta & Family*

9:30 Fred Girardo Sr. *req. by Ken Borutski*

Bill Woods *req. by his Wife: Linda & Family*

11:30 Dec'd mem. of the Camillo Family *req. by Peter & Starr Daly*

Natale & Anna Giampa *req. by the Family*

7:00 People of the Parish

Monday, January 13 St Hilary

8:00 Helen Rose Doyle *req. by the Doyle Family*

Fred Girardo Sr. *req. by Jeanne Lea*

Tuesday, January 14

8:00 Shirley Margaret Muldoon *req. by Aileen & Bryce Adams*

Barbara Lorentz *req. by Mary Lou & Stu Gallardi*

Wednesday, January 15

8:00 Dorothy Ann Doyle *req. by the Doyle Family*

Sergio Simonetti *req. by Mario & Maria Silvestrone*

Thursday, January 16

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

Antonietta Radice *req. by Angela Klaric*

Friday, January 17 St Anthony

8:00 Margaret Snow *req. by Stan & Penny Connors*

Wendy Calder *req. by Friends*

Saturday, January 18

5:00 Victor Smatana *req. by the Family*

Vincent & Nina Audibert *req. by Fred & Betty*

Sunday, January 19

8:00 John & Mary Ruzyllo *req. by the Family*

Anthony 'Joe', Agostino & Catherine Stranges, Adrianna Corbi &

Betty Lou Lockhard *req. by Helen Rotella Starnes*

9:30 People of the Parish

11:30 Mike Rotundo *req. by Dora & Jim Spencer*

Jerry Shugg & his Dec'd Friends *req. by Cecilia*

7:00 Jack Antle *req. by the Marrie Family*

Anthony Hung Nguyen, Dominico Luu Tien, Dominico Luu Bich &
 Maria Sa Le *req. by the Family*

Little Flower Society Cards



St. Patrick Parish Office has Mass Cards available from the Carmelite's Little Flower Society. We have Healing Mass Cards, Living Intentions, Five-Year Memorial Cards, and also Perpetual Memorial Cards. By using our cards, you not only comfort a family member or friend, but you also support the mission of the Carmelites, our Carmelite Vocation Efforts, and our Carmelite Formation Programs throughout the world.

Baptism Schedule for 2020

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday, Jan 26, Feb 23, Mar 29, Apr 26, May 24 & June 28.** A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, Jan 14, Feb 11, Mar 17, Apr 14, May 12 & June 16 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 the necessary information. We encourage parents and Godparents to make an effort to attend liturgies in the parish community. We also have a mandatory evening of preparation for parents and Godparents!

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.

Please do not leave the Church Bulletins in the pews. If you do not wish to take it home, please return it to one of the tables at the doors of the Church. Thanks

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Francis Patterson, John Calder, Shirley Webb

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Andy Scotnicki, Anita Archambault, Roger Paradis, John Corfield, Arlene Collee, Betty & Joe Power, Jarod Hickey, Julian Cassidy, Carole Ann Ogilvie, Mary Frances Pye, Gus Bagarozza, Carol DeVilliers, Joe Young, Kelly Power, Marney Broderick, Sister Prem, Gregory Roulston, Cameron Boyes, Pasquale Abrunzo, Alice Dalton, John Nicks, Wilf Manuel, Victor Sincich, Nancy Praakel, Bernadette Moore, Norma Zanus, Patricia Williams, Mark Pepple, Nancy Huber, Danielle Barranca, Fern Albert, Toni Brideau, Kelly Laslo, Edward Brzozowski Jr., Nikki Mansfield, Lester Snow, Nicolina Compare, Dr. Andy Fisher, Alvin Learn, James Moody Sr., Carmella Modenti, Rose MacDonald, Elizabeth Stachura, Charlene Shannon, Anna Hunt, John Kealey, Margaret Smith, Anna Vergalito, Helen Lelievre, Nancy Weiss, Denise Colalillo, Leo Martin, Nancy Jean Rose, Samuel Potapczyk, William JA De Foe, Bernard Martin, Brian Smith, Joyce Weaver, Michelle Price, Mary Lawrence, Emily Hanover, Drago Bicanic, Jeanne S, John Cox, Margaret Waghorn, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffrati, Rebecca Evans, Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Maria Melchiorre, Conner Hawkswell, Lorraine Spence, Jeannette Fabian, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Vito Fuccillo, Donna Cormier, Jeanne Lea, Maria Rosiana, Tom Hilton, Frank Sica, Evelyn Rose Baker, Jill Leronowich, Audrey Vendramin, Patrick Kealey, Francesco Albanese, Florrie Heimbigner, Jozefa Bilski, Todd Reid, Marie Massolin, Stefanie Borin, Maria Guerin, Faith Amadio, Patricia O'Reilly, Patrick McCarthy, Walter Wallace, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Alessia Commisso, Kerrie Szuch, Donna Bradley, Helen Rotella, Mary Jo O'Kell, Cheryl D'Amizio, Jadwiga Wozniak, Mary Brennan, Shirley Machulla, Robert & JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Cheryl Granton, Trina Washington, Pepper Martin Jr., Baby Nicholas, Baby Victoria, Eric Corcoran
 Please help us update our list of those who are homebound, infirm, or hospitalized by calling the parish office.

Collections

Christmas: \$31,139.75

New Years & Epiphany: \$8,329.25

Cathedral Appeal (to date): \$16,715.00

Many thanks for your generosity!

Children Sacramental Dates 2020

Confirmation: Saturday, May 30, 2020 @ 5:00 PM

First Reconciliation: Tuesday, March 3, 2020 @ 7:00 PM

First Communion: Sunday, May 3, 2020 @ 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.)

CWL News... The next meeting for the St. Patrick Church CWL will be held on **Wednesday, March 4 at 6:30pm** in the lower Hall. There will not be a meeting in February.

-Reminder: CWL Annual Membership dues are overdue, please submit to the Office or drop an envelope in the Offertory as soon as possible.

Thank you to all who have already paid.

-Save the date of Friday, March 27th, for our third annual Trivia Night, details to follow

Church Envelopes 2020

Offertory Envelopes are available in the sacristy, to the left of the altar, please pick yours up today. Many thanks.

Big Brothers Big Sisters

Big Brothers Big Sisters is currently looking for caring, responsible people to become volunteer mentors to guide children and youth (ages 6 - 18). One hour In-School Mentoring or 2 - 4 hours weekly as a Big Brother or Big Sister. There are currently 180 children waiting for a Mentor, with lists growing weekly. If interested or for more information please call 905-932-0403 or 905-357-5454

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!**

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

Check out our website: <http://www.stpatricknf.ca>





Dear Friends,

We look at the News since 2020 started, and we quickly see that the world is in a fine mess. Assassinations, Missiles, Fires, Plane Crash. It's a lot to bear. We pray for world peace at every Mass... in every church! And nothing seems to change. We are left with big 'why' questions. Why is there so much hatred? Why are there so many tragedies? God bless all the victims of war. God be with the souls of the Ukrainian Plane Crash, and their families. It breaks our hearts to see 63 Iranian-Canadians among the dead. Returning to Canada from visiting their families. Brutally sad. May God send a healing rain across the land of Australia during these devastating Bush Fires, some believed to have been intentionally started. We remember those who lost their lives, those who lost every earthly possession- homes, businesses, farms, animals. We must never lose faith in prayer. Keep praying, and keep working toward peace in our own families. That's a good place to start.

Today is the feast of *The Baptism of the Lord*. We jump ahead 30 years from the Manger to the Jordan! In the Gospel, we hear John the Baptist telling Jesus, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus said he wanted to *fulfill all righteousness!* Why was Jesus baptized, when he didn't need it? He so loved us, wanted to be so close to his people, that he *chose* to get down into the waters to be baptized by John! What a God we have! John was faithful to his vocation as the last prophet of the Old Testament and first prophet of the New Testament! He prepared the way of the Lord.... and now prepared him for his ministry. After his baptism, the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove, and we hear the voice of the Father from Heaven, "*This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased!*" Only after Jesus was baptized did his public ministry begin. We'll hear all the great stories and miracles of Jesus' ministry throughout the year.

Today's feast is an occasion to look at our own baptism. Am I faithful to my baptismal promises? Am I a model disciple... a model servant... a faithful member of the *People of God*? Being a member of the *Body of Christ*, the Church, does everyone out there know that I am a baptized Christian by how I live and act and love? Where I live and work and socialize... is it more human, more sacred, more loving, more Christ-like, because I am there? These are questions worth pondering. And of course, the ultimate question is: Can God say out loud about you and me, "*This is my beloved son/daughter, with whom I am well pleased?*" If not, maybe it's time for a good old Christian renewal! We enter once again into the Church's Liturgical Season of Ordinary Time until Lent! Maybe we can turn our lives into something Extra-Ordinary! God bless!

Fr. Gerard



Thanks to the Family of Fred Girardo, Sr.

Many thanks to the family of the late Mr. Fred Girardo Sr.. In his memory, they asked that donations be made to the St. Patrick Breakfast Program. To date we have received \$2200.00. When we found a sale at Home Hardware during Christmas, we bought eight new 6-foot tables to use for the Breakfast Program and other Parish events. May Mr. Girardo rest in the peace of Christ and God's healing and comfort for his family.

St. Patrick's Bingo

Many thanks to our St. Patrick Bingo Volunteers. During 2019, they were able to donate \$18,000 to the Parish. We have bingos at Delta Bingo scheduled until the end of March 2020. At that time, Ms. Patricia Hudson will no longer be able to oversee the program. We thank Pat for her many years of service. If we have any parishioner, or current Bingo Volunteers who would be interested in helping out, please let the Parish Office know. You would have to organize the schedule for the volunteers, complete the paper work, and be a liaison with the OLG and the City. Please pray about it!

A Catholic Prayer for World Peace (1978)

Lord, we pray for the power to be gentle;
the strength to be forgiving;
the patience to be understanding;
and the endurance to accept the consequences of holding to what we believe to be right.
May we put our trust in the power of good to overcome evil and the power of love to overcome hatred.
We pray for the vision to see and the faith to believe in a world emancipated from violence, a new world where fear shall no longer lead people to commit injustice,
nor selfishness make them bring suffering to others.
Help us to devote our whole life and thought and energy to the task of making peace, praying always for the inspiration and the power to fulfill the destiny for which we and all humans were created. Amen

On the Lighter Side

Before performing a baptism, the priest approached the young father and said solemnly, "Baptism is a serious step. Are you prepared for it?" "I think so," the man replied. "My wife has made appetizers and we have a caterer coming to provide plenty of cookies and cakes for all of our guests." "I don't mean that," the priest responded. "I mean, are you prepared spiritually?" "Oh, sure," came the reply. "I've got a keg of beer and a case of whiskey."

Pope Francis on Baptism

Who among you knows the date of your Baptism? It is important to know the day on which I was immersed in that current of Jesus' salvation. And I will allow myself to give you some advice... but, more than advice, a task for today. Today, at home, go look, ask about the date of your Baptism and that way you can bear in mind that most beautiful day of Baptism. To know the date of our Baptism is to know a blessed day. Thanks to Baptism, we are capable of forgiving and of loving even those who offend us and do evil to us. By our Baptism, we recognize in the least and in the poor the face of the Lord who visits us and makes himself close. Baptism helps us to recognize in the face of the needy, the suffering, and also of our neighbour, the face of Jesus. All this is possible thanks to the power of Baptism!

No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize a cat.

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 6, 2020. 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.

2020 Calendars... Many thanks to Ruth Ann and Ed Nieuwesteeg at Patterson Funeral Home for providing our parishioners with their 2020 Religious Calendars. May God bless them for their generosity.

The Sanctuary Candles to be used during 2020
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