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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.

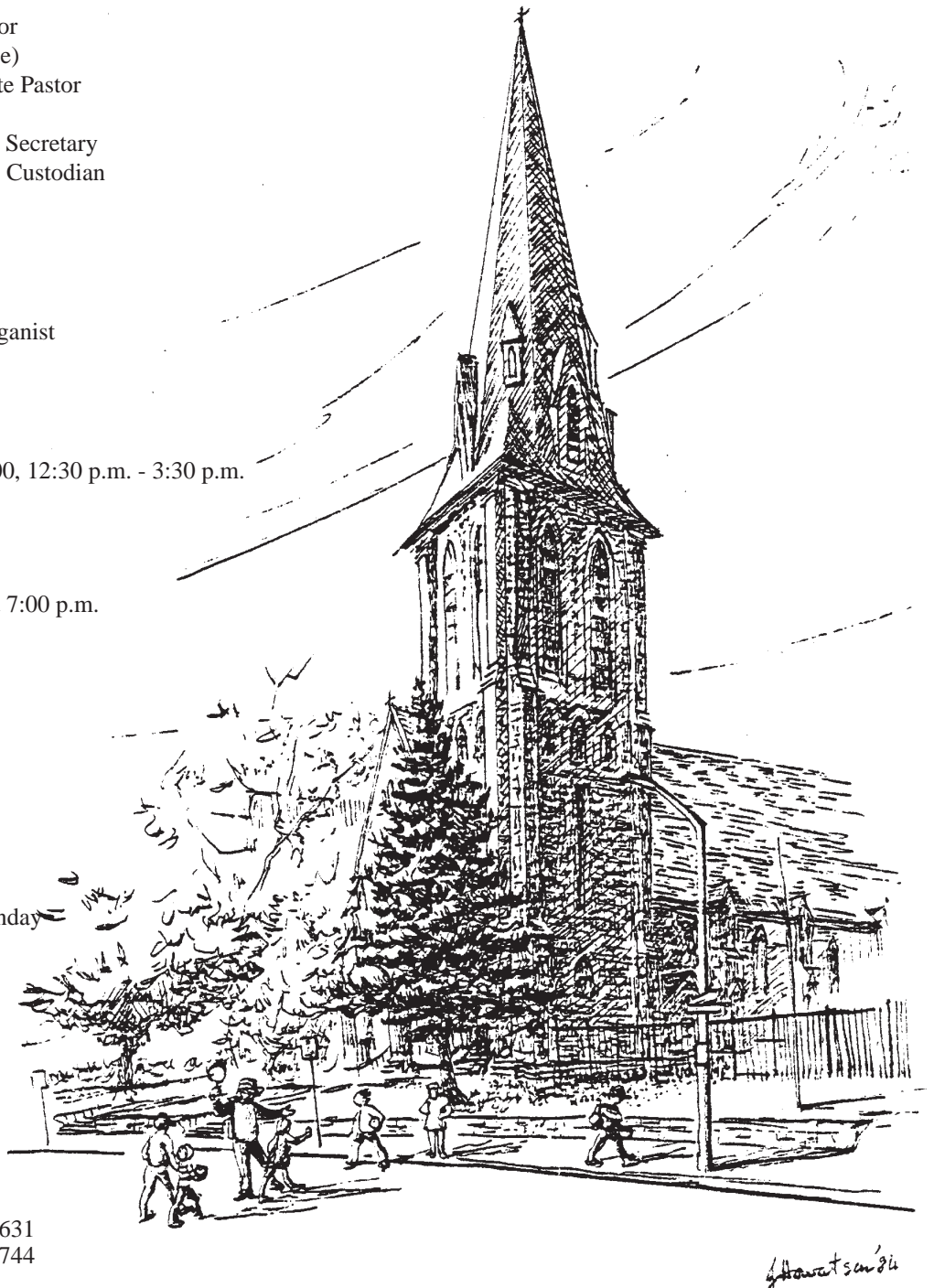
Schools

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.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, January 14

5:00 Aurdino Maiuri *req. by Peter & Stefanie Maiuri & Family*
Harold & Marc Bickerstaffe *req. by Imelda Bickerstaffe*

Sunday, January 15 World Day of Migrants & Refugees

8:00 Clarence & Marie-Ange Adams *req. by Aileen & Bryce Adams*
Giuseppina Canali *req. by John & Anna Condotta*

9:30 Adelino & Family *req. by Theresa Marcon*

Jean Lundy *req. by Anne Marie, Debbie & Peter*

11:30 Antonio Pietrobon *req. by Ody & Diana Argenta*

Jerry Shugg *req. by the Family*

7:00 People of the Parish

Monday, January 16

8:00 Dorothy Doyle *req. by Pierrette Guise*

Maria Kiem Nguyen *req. by Nguyen Family*

Tuesday, January 17 St Anthony

8:00 Jean Lundy *req. by Anna Bortolin*

Deacon Pat O'Brien *req. by the Family*

Wednesday, January 18

8:00 Harry Bongers *req. by the Family*

Special Intention for Dr. Andy Fisher & Kitty Decicco *req. by Caroline Bretti*

Thursday, January 19

8:00 Helen MacDonnell *req. by John & Family*

John Ruzyllo *req. by the Ruzyllo Family*

Friday, January 20 St. Fabian & St Sebastian

8:00 Judy Mahony *req. by the O'Callaghan Family*

John Sheppard *req. by JoAnn Bradfield*

Saturday, January 21 St Agnes

5:00 Assunta Maiuri *req. by Peter & Stefanie Maiuri & Family*

Victor Smatana *req. by the Family*

Anthony Hung Nguyen & Dominico Luu Tien *req. by Nguyen Family*

Sunday, January 22

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 Jean Meagher *req. by Rita Downes & Family*

Dec'd of the Herman & Mayer Families *req. by the Family*

11:30 Angelo Radice *req. by Antonietta Radice & Family*

Mike Rotundo *req. by Jim & Dora Spencer*

7:00 Kevin Butler *req. by his Sons: Sean & Keith*

Mario Lucio Tumalak *req. by his Friends*

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.

St. Catharines Right to Life Coffeehouse "Stop Censorship Tour"

Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 7:30 pm at Vineland Free Reformed Church, 3685 King St., Vineland. Learn about the censorship surrounding abortion in Ontario, why abortion data is essential in our work to protect the unborn and their mothers, and what's being done about it. Speakers: ARPA Lawyer John Sikkema and WeNeedALaw.ca Director Mike Schouten. Everyone welcome.

For more information, contact St. Catharines Right to Life at 905-684-7505 or visit ChooseLife.ca



Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Anton Kloc III, Brian Davidson & Ruth Roberts. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Marcy Mallett, Michael Brazeau, Carmela Fruci

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Patsy Power, Carmela Fruci, Melissa Brideau, Emily Hanover, Leo Martin, Drago Bicanic, Al Mosquite, Nancy Weiss, Wendy & John Calder, Shanda Gale, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffradi, Pauline Miner, Manfred Hawlitzky, Edna McDonnell, 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 Veralito, John Jefferson, Jill Leronowich, Vince(Jim) Baldassarro, Nancy Jean Rose, Guiseppina Paolessa, Phyllis Higgins, Patrick McCarthy, Norman Horth, Todd Reid, Muriel Pivarnyik, 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, Brian Smith, Maria Benevento, Jeanne S, Armando Alcaraz, Michelle Price, Ketty Dettlor

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

Collections

Christmas: \$30,265.25

January 7 & 8: \$6,353.00

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!

St. Patrick CWL News... the next General meeting will be held on Sunday, February 5 at 10:30am



St. Patrick's Day Dance, Saturday March 18, 2017

This Fun fund-raiser is run by a dedicated committee of volunteers.

The Coordinator needs a SHADOW to help oversee the dance, update lists, to make phone calls prior to dance, put up posters, collect Prizes, help with Decorations and Raffle Draws the night of the dance.

Interested persons please contact Colleen

905-374-4025 / colleen@vaxxine.com or the Church Office

Upcoming Weddings at St. Patrick's in January & February

Deanna Spironello & Myles Murray

Ivanna Novacic & Mark Fortier

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



Dear Friends:

The poinsettias are gone. The potting soil has been saved for the outdoor planters! The trees are stowed away, and the Manger put in storage. We have now returned to *Ordinary Time*, until Ash Wednesday!



This week we begin a ***Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*** (January 18-25). The sacred bookends of this event are January 18th, the Feast of the Confession of Saint Peter and January 25th, the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul). This universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to pray together that all may be one, as Christ desires. A prayer I found from an old Catholic Prayer Book is worthy of sharing: ***Lord Jesus Christ, at your Last Supper you prayed to the Father that all should be one. Send your Holy Spirit upon all who bear your name and seek to serve you. Strengthen our faith in you, and lead us to love one another in humility. May we who have been reborn in one baptism be united in one faith under one Shepherd. Amen.***

Our Gospel today takes us to the very beginning of Jesus' public ministry. Last Monday we celebrated Jesus' Baptism, and today we have the Gospel account where John the Baptist sees Jesus walk by, and points to him. ***"Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world..., the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit."*** John publicly testified that this is the Son of God! He saw firsthand what happened when he baptized Jesus!



In the first reading, Isaiah points to Jesus, as **the light to the nations**. And of course, being baptized, **that is our call also**. The world needs people to bring light to the darkness; people who will put others before themselves; who will reach out to those pushed aside by society. We, the baptized, must be committed and make the presence of God known.

Paul tells us in the second reading that ***we are sanctified, called to be saints!*** Wow! May we never forget what Jesus did for us. He came among us; he suffered and died, and then rose again to give us His life and **to set us aside for God**. Through our baptism, he has empowered us to spread the Gospel, to be people of Good News, to take care of his people. Like John the Baptist, we must point Christ out to others! We may be back in Ordinary Time... but this is an extraordinary call... our vocation. May we find some place this week to spread God's light and love! Have a blessed week.

Fr. Gerard



As Bishop of Rome and pastor of the Catholic Church, I want to ask for mercy and forgiveness for the behavior of Catholics towards Christians of other Churches which has not reflected Gospel values. At the same time, I invite all Catholic brothers and sisters to forgive if they, today or in the past, have been offended by other Christians. We cannot cancel out what has happened, but we do not want to let the weight of past faults continue to contaminate our relationships. God's mercy will renew our relationships. (Pope Francis, January 2016)

Thank You to the Parish

St. Mary School, St. Patrick School, Project Share and several families, send a big thank you to St. Patrick parishioners for your generosity to so many needy children this Christmas. They were overwhelmed by your kindness. Many, many thanks!

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!** This event is for parishioners of all ages! 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! If you would like to perform with song, dance or instrument, please let us know asap!

2017 Calendars... Many thanks to Ruth Ann and Ed Nieuwesteeg at Patterson Funeral Home for providing our parishioners with their 2017 Religious Calendars. May God bless them for their generosity.

The Sanctuary Candles to be used during 2017 at the Blessed Sacrament Altar have been generously donated by Fred Persia and Family in memory of Leo Persia

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All you can eat Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner Including Salad, Dessert, Tea and Coffee.
Wednesday January 18th 2017 4:00pm – 7:00pm
6101 North Street, Niagara Falls, ON
\$10.00/person, children under 10 \$5.00
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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.

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

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.carmelnlagara.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.



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

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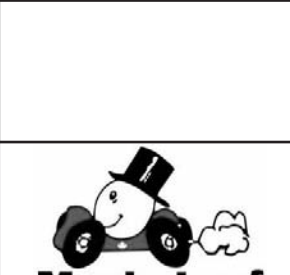
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