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Ashley Gallardi - Soloist

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 16

5:00 Charlie Ogilvie *req. by Jackie & Tony Phillip*
Margaret Nicholson *req. by John MacDonnell*

Sunday, January 17 World Day of Migrants and Refugees

8:00 Giuseppina Canali *req. by Anne & John Condotta*
Angelo Butera *req. by Emili & Michael Melymuka*
9:30 Adelino & Luigi Marcon *req. by Bruno & Ines Marcon*
Dick & Hadley Families *req. by Yvette Dick*
11:30 Gerald Shugg *req. by Cecile Shugg*
Mike Rotundo *req. by Jim & Dora Spencer*
7:00 People of the Parish

Monday, January 18

8:00 John O'Brien *req. by the O'Brien Family*
Victor Smatana *req. by the Family*

Tuesday, January 19

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

Wednesday, January 20 St Fabian & St Sebastian

8:00 Charlie Ogilvie *req. by Gerard Cormier*
Deceased Carmelites

Thursday, January 21 St Agnes

8:00 Mrs. Trasmundi *req. by her Hsb: Carlo*
Bob Woodruff *req. by Marlene & Norman Tubbe*

Friday, January 22 St Vincent

8:00 Angelo Butera *req. by Emili & Michael Melymuka*
Deceased of the Parish

Saturday, January 23

5:00 Vincenza Augello-Todino *req. by the DeMizio Family*
Dorothy Kennedy *req. by the Kennedy Family*

Sunday, January 24

8:00 Giuseppe & Maria Cavaliere *req. by Luigi Cavaliere*
Luke & Imelda Ketterer *req. by Geraldine Yazaroglu*
9:30 Luigi & Domenico Marcon *req. by D & D Argenta & Girls*
Anna Marie Sacco *req. by the Family*
11:30 Angelo Radice *req. by the Family*
Roderick Hudson *req. by Pat Hudson*
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

BINGO Volunteers needed... Do you have 2 1/2 hours one Monday morning a month to work the St. Patrick's Bingo? Due to retirement our numbers are down and we could use and appreciate a few more volunteers. For more information contact Pat H at 905-358-7202.

The next **St. Patrick's Day Dance** is **Saturday March 12, 2016**

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

Wanted a co-chairperson to help oversee the dance, to assist with phone calls prior to dance and to help co-ordinate Prizes, Decorations and Raffle Draws the night of the dance.

Interested persons please contact Colleen

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

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Francis Gregotski and Msgr Vincent Ferrando. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Hung Nguyen

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 Cruci, Lucy Rizzo, Audrey Vendramin, Jeanne Lea, Gionni 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 Comisso, 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 Laffradi, 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 9 - 10: \$5,105.00

Refugee Sponsorship: \$62,900.10

Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2016

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday, Jan 24, 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.**

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!!!

THANK YOU FROM THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The members of the SSVp gratefully thank all who contributed so generously to our Christmas needs...which were greater than ever this year. We were able to help out 350 needy individuals and families in Niagara Falls. May God bless you one hundred fold!

2016 Calendars... Many thanks to Ruth Ann and Ed Nieuwesteeg at Patterson Funeral Home for providing our parishioners with their 2016 Religious Calendars. May God bless them for their generosity.

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



Dear Friends in Christ:

Last week we celebrated the Baptism of the Lord. And we had the opportunity to renew our Baptismal Promises! Of course, only after his Baptism at the age of 30, did Jesus begin to **BE** the Messiah in very physical and public ways!



Today's Gospel presents Jesus' first miracle, *The Wedding Feast at Cana!* In this miracle we see his love, concern and generosity. As the wedding went on, the wine ran out. It must have been quite an embarrassment for the couple. So Mary brought it to Jesus' attention, and after a few words with his Mother, Jesus showed his glory! He performed the miracle of

turning water into wine. Not just one bottle... but 600 litres! And the wine was a very fine wine! He did not let the bridegroom or the guests down. He rescued them in their difficulty. This miracle not only revealed his glory but it led the disciples to believe in him. Jesus does not let any of us down either. He can do infinitely more than we can imagine.

Do we let him down? St. Paul reminds us in our 2nd Reading that God's gifts to individuals **are not meant** primarily for personal use, but for the service of others. He tells of the many gifts of the Holy Spirit to each person, **"to each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good,"** not for personal profit. The Spirit is supposed to be manifested in the baptized! Do we act that way? Do others see that? Do my neighbors know that? What gifts do I have? What has God bestowed on me? ... what am I good at? Am I using my gifts for my own personal profit or do I use them for the service of others? ... my time, talent and treasure? Imagine, if we used the gifts we have for the common good – even the gifts of **praying, singing, teaching, caring, sharing, encouraging, supporting, motivating**, -- then these gifts will grow and soon we'll see more miracles. Service to others and concern for others is the beginning of **all miracles**.

Now, go and share that Good News! Be good wine, deep love, deep concern, compassion and joy for others! **Be miracle workers!** May we allow God to turn any self-centeredness into service! Have a blessed week!

Fr. Gerard



"Miracles happen every day. Not just in remote country villages or at holy sites halfway across the globe, but here, in our own lives."

"Miracles are not contrary to nature, but only contrary to what we know about nature." *Saint Augustine*

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Today is World Day of Migrants and Refugees. Pope Francis recently wrote, "... In an age of such vast movements of migration, large numbers of people are leaving their homelands, with a suitcase full of fears and desires, to undertake a hopeful and dangerous trip in search of more humane living conditions. Often, however, such migration gives rise to suspicion and hostility, even in ecclesial communities, prior to any knowledge of the migrants' lives or their stories of persecution and destitution. In such cases, suspicion and prejudice conflict with the biblical commandment of welcoming with respect and solidarity the stranger in need. Jesus Christ is always waiting to be recognized in migrants and refugees, in displaced persons and in exiles, and through them he calls us to share our resources, and occasionally to give up something of our acquired riches. Pope Paul VI spoke of this when he said that "the more fortunate should renounce some of their rights so as to place their goods more generously at the service of others."



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 February 24. If you have a child in other schools 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.

REFUGEE UPDATE

We are still awaiting the arrival of our first refugee family. We received a note two weeks ago from Immigration and the Visa Office in Beirut, *"I am glad to inform you that Immigration has confirmed the approval of your application to sponsor Ayman Krait, Principal Applicant, with a family size of 3. (Ayman, Suzyi and Stephanie.)* With a few more odds and ends, the house will be ready for this family. Hopefully they will arrive soon, and begin their transition among us. Our other application (family of 4) has been received and is awaiting official approval (**Bassem, Alma, Celena and Alexandr**). It has been highly recommended by our Diocese and by our Refugee experts, that we house the two families together for a period until they are more settled. We can only imagine how traumatized they must be, having been driven from their homeland, having witnessed some horrible things, and then having been in a Refugee Camp in Lebanon for some 18 months. We have a four-bedroom house on Maple Street which can accommodate both families for a period. We still have some furniture to pick up from parishioners. We have also received a lot of clothing donations from our parishioners. Many thanks. Once we know the exact sizes of the 4 adults and 3 children we will publish it in the bulletin.

We had a Refugee Meeting this past Monday evening, during which a well-seasoned Refugee sponsor was present to answer our questions, and to give us a sense of what to expect when our families arrive, and how to make the transition easier for the families. We then had a tour of the furnished house, and there was such enthusiasm about what St. Patrick Parish has been able to do in such a short time! God bless you for your ongoing support.

Knights of Columbus

Hennepin Council 1652

All you can eat Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner

Including Salad, Dessert, Tea and Coffee.

Wednesday January 27th 2016

6101 North Street, Niagara Falls, ON

\$8.00/person, children under 10 \$5.00 (takeout available)

Trivia Night! Come join us for the Second Annual St. Patrick School Trivia Night on Friday, February 5th, in St. Patrick's Gym. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the first round of questions begin at 7:00 p.m. There will be prizes for the winning team as well as door prizes and a 50/50 draw. A meal will be served after the 4th round of questions and adult beverages are available throughout the night. Tickets are \$20.00 each and teams of 8-10 people are welcome. This event is hosted by St. Patrick Catholic School and all proceeds raised from this event will go directly to the school. All inquiries and ticket information are to be directed to St. Patrick Catholic School at 905-354-6631 or at night to Tim Atkinson at 905-358-1587.

If you are able to donate a door prize it would be GREATLY appreciated!

So please, get your team together and come out and support

St. Patrick Catholic School and have a fun night out

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