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Carol Martin - Director of Music
Sandra DiCienzo - Organist
Tim Marrie - Pianist and Soloist
Anthony Scaringi - Pianist and Organist
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.



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

Monday, January 25 The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle

8:00 Edward Power *req. by Fr. Gerard*
Bob Woodruff *req. by Jean & James Culp*

Tuesday, January 26 St Timothy & St Titus

8:00 Salvatore Augello-Todino *req. by the De Mizio Family*
Charlie Ogilvie *req. by Yolanda & Tina Fera*

Wednesday, January 27 St Angela Merici

8:00 Fern Cormier *req. by M/M Paul Martin*
Harry Bongers *req. by the Parish Staff*

Thursday, January 28 St Thomas Aquinas

8:00 Angelo Butera *req. by Emili & Michael Melymuka*
Stephen & Georgette Lafferty *req. by Parish Staff*

Friday, January 29

8:00 Angela Casagrande *req. by Anna Bortolin & Family*
Marco Bortolin *req. by Anna Bortolin & Family*
Marlene Nyilassy *req. by the Family*

Saturday, January 30

5:00 Irene & Robert Boyd Lavelle *req. by Joyce Weaver*
M/M Fred S Cormier *req. by Don & v Donna Cormier*

Sunday, January 31

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Lucy Atkinson *req. by Tim & v Erika & Family*
Benito Giustini *req. by the Family*
11:30 Marko Kotar *req. by Dagmar Sindelar*
Lucy Jenssen, Mike DeGuida & Lucy DeMizio *req. by Cousins: Frank, Anna & Angie*
7:00 Giuseppe (Joe) Caputo *req. by the Family*
Nina Brune *req. by Tim Marrie*

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 Harry Bongers, Michael Sweeney and Kevin Didham. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Hung Nguyen, Lucio Tumalak

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, 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 Pivarnyk, 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'Amizio, Kelly Laslo, Rose Vukmanich, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Alessia Commisso, 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 16 - 17: \$5,660.42

Refugee Sponsorship: \$65,195.10

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!!! **An information night will be held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, February 3rd at 7:00 PM.**

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. Mary School Pasta Night... Tuesday February 16 4 -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



Dear Friends in Christ:

In our scripture this Sunday we have **two public readings** from the Law and the Prophets, one from **Ezra** and one from **Jesus**! Each is dramatic scene, and we can't help but feel the excitement of the listeners.

In the Book of Nehemiah, Ezra is reading from the **Law of Moses** to the returned exiles. This takes place at the **Water Gate** in Jerusalem. The people listen with understanding, and the readings are interpreted for them. The people are so deeply moved that they fall on their faces to worship the Lord, and they weep. Nehemiah reminded them that this is a holy day and a cause for celebration! He encouraged them to share with those who have nothing.

Five centuries later, in Nazareth, the people are not in exile but they are under the yoke of the Romans. They still long for a Messiah. They do the customary thing, go to the synagogue to hear the **Law and the Prophets** proclaimed! Now, Jesus had been baptized by John, had called his disciples to follow him, and even wrestled with Satan in the desert. He returns home to Nazareth, knowing who he is, and what his mission from God is. With the assurance of a prophet, **Jesus read from Isaiah**, those powerful, familiar passages of the **Servant Song**. He proclaimed his mission, here in the town where he grew up: he has come for the poor, the captives, the blind, the oppressed. It is an electrifying moment when he says, **"Today, this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."**

Twenty centuries later, these words place the same demands on us. St. Paul tells us in our second reading that all of us baptized have a place in Jesus' mission and a role to play! The passage from Isaiah that Jesus makes his own, is not only referring to the ministry of Jesus, but also the ministry and mission for all of us. We are the ones to go out there and bring good news to the poor; liberate the **poor, the captives, the blind, the oppressed**. We, as baptized Christians, have the power to fulfill this scripture passage **in our hearing!** Maybe this week we can each do **one thing** for one person... to put flesh on these readings.

Fr. Gerard



"Poverty calls us to sow hope. . . . Poverty is the flesh of the poor Jesus, in that child who is hungry, in the one who is sick, in those unjust social structures." (Pope Francis)

REFUGEE UPDATE

We are still awaiting the arrival of our first refugee family, **Ayman, Suzyi and Stephanie (4)**!. 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 (7) and Alexandr (6)**). Once we know the exact sizes of the 4 adults and 3 children we will publish it in the bulletin. God bless you for your ongoing support.

"People don't notice whether it's winter or summer when they're happy."



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.

Knights of Columbus
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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



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**

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

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 Presenter Fr. Michael Wastag, O.Carm.

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. 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.

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