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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.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, January 28 St Thomas Aquinas

5:00 Rose Vukmanich *req. by John & Helen Olsiak*
Dorothy Doyle *req. by Anna & Cathy*

Sunday, January 29

8:00 Jean Lundy *req. by John & Wendy Calder*
John Sheppard *req. by JoAnn Bradfield*

9:30 Gabriel Mallouk *req. by Muriel Lafford*
Pat Simon *req. by Friends*

11:30 Benito Giustini *req. by the Giustini Family*
Anna Marie Sacco *req. by the Family*

7:00 People of the Parish

Monday, January 30

8:00 Cecil & Gertie Gozansky *req. by the Family*
Kelly Morelato *req. by Gloria Pietrobbon*

Tuesday, January 31 St John Bosco

8:00 Jack Kozinski *req. by Eda & Leo Martin*
Alex Wurn *req. by Ethel O'Brien*

Wednesday, February 1 World Day for Consecrated Life

8:00 Carmela Fruci *req. by Richard & Judy Schrader*
Peter Laughlin *req. by Richard & Judy Schrader*

Thursday, February 2 The Presentation of the Lord

8:00 Giovanni Pizziola *req. by Rina Rampado*
Dorothy Doyle *req. by Christine Wraight*

Friday, February 3 St Blaise & St Ansgar

8:00 Jean Dopke *req. by the Family*
John Sheppard *req. by JoAnn Bradfield*

Saturday, February 4

5:00 Irene & Robert Boyd Lavelle *req. by Joyce & Family*
Nina Audibert *req. by the Family*

Sunday, February 5

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Francesco D'Angelo *req. by the Grandchildren*
Harry Bongers *req. by the Family*
11:30 Bert Roy *req. by Valerie & Family*
Lucy Jenssen, Michael DeGuida & Lucy DeMizio *req. by Cousins: Anna, Frank & Angie*
7:00 Lawrence & Lucy Kitney *req. by Evelyn Kemp*
Luigi Canal *req. by Concetta Canal & Family*

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.

2017 Bishop's Gala... The Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education is hosting the 14th Annual Bishop's Gala on April 1, 2017, 5:30pm at Club Roma, 125 Vansickle Rd, St. Catharines. The event supports scholarships and students in need throughout the Catholic schools of the NCDSB. For information contact Linda Marconi 905-735-0240 ext 214.

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



Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Patsy Power, Michael Brazeau, Al Mosquite, Leon Dopke

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Melissa Brideau, Emily Hanover, Leo Martin, Drago Bicanic, Baby Victoria, Al Mosquite, Nancy Weiss, Shanda Gale, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffrati, Wendy & John Calder, Pauline Miner, Manfred Hawlitzky, Edna McDonnell, Gloria Smelko, 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 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 Commisso, 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, Kelly Dettlor

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

Collections

January 21 & 22: \$5,452.32
St. Vincent de Paul Society: \$1,015.00
Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2017

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday, Feb 26, May 28, June 25, July 23 & Aug 27, NO Baptisms in March or April**
A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on **Monday, Feb 13, Tuesday, May 16, June 13, July 11 & Aug 15 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 in the Hall



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 Wedding at St. Patrick's in February

Ivanna Novacic & Mark Fortier



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

Talent Night... Potluck?

Due to the lack of interest, and busyness of so many people, we will have to do a rain check on our February 11th Talent Night. We tried!



Dear Friends:

It's hard to believe that January is almost over. And the weather has been so un-winter-like! This weekend marks the 40th Anniversary of the **Blizzard of '77** (See article below.) Of course, I was 12 years old, in Newfoundland at the time, but we were also buried in snow, as we are on most winter days, up to and including 2017!



On this last Sunday in January, we hear the **Beatitudes** from Matthew's Gospel. Jesus goes up the Mountain, looks out over the crowd, and he opens his heart to everyone! He saw what they were going through! It was really a sermon of blessed assurance! The Beatitudes sum up the blessings and joys for those who follow Jesus. No matter how tough things may get.... You are blessed. You are mine, I love you. I'm right there with you! I am at your side. I even carry you at times. Trust me!

God always wants what is best for us. The Beatitudes tell how we can enjoy the **peace of heaven**, even now, by knowing the heart of God. If we want to enjoy something of that peace, we must be close to God, dependent on God: poor in spirit!!! Jesus praises certain values and attitudes and tells us if we have these values and attitudes we will be close to God, and you will be blessed. If we want to know what the heart of God is like we need look no further than the Beatitudes. Then knowing what the heart of God is like, we are invited to imitate God, to become more like God, to reflect God's goodness, beauty and truth!

May each of us feel blessed by God this week! And if we are struggling, may we hear God saying, **Blessed are you.... things will get better, trust me!** Have a blessed week.

Fr. Gerard

Blessed are we who
can laugh at ourselves
for we shall never
cease to be amused.



Smile for the Week

"Blessed are you who expect nothing, for you shall never be disappointed" was the ninth beatitude." *A. Pope*

St. Blaise

Friday, February 3rd is the Feast of **St. Blaise**. We will have a Blessing of Throats after the 8:00 AM Mass.

The Presentation of the Lord

Thursday, February 2nd is the Feast of **The Presentation of the Lord**. This comes forty days after Christmas. We also know it as the **Purification of the Blessed Virgin**, and **Candlemas Day**! Joseph and Mary did what was required of them. They presented their first-born male child to God in the Temple! May we present the best of ourselves to others and to God!

Thank You

Many thanks to our St. Patrick's Bingo Committee for their donation of **\$18,000.00** to our Church during 2016! God bless you for your commitment! If you can volunteer to help once a week at the Monday Morning Bingo, please let the Parish Office know, and we will gladly put you in touch with one of the members! Again, thanks so much to the Bingo Committee for your dedication and support!

BLIZZARD OF '77 40th Anniversary!

I am sure most of our parishioners remember the **Blizzard of '77**! I've heard so many stories. Ernie Rossi, author of *White Death*, wrote, *Lake Erie has a surface area of ten thousand square miles. This water surface had frozen by December 14th, 1976, an early freezing record. Here formed a desert of ice that was flatter than any prairie or desert of sand. It had snowed nearly every day since mid-December... with no warm days to harden or thin knew what next. On Jan. unusually from the across the of three-foot-coating the accumulation down on*



the snow, no one was to happen 28, 1977, strong winds southwest swept 10,000 sq.miles deep fluffy snow lake, lifting the and slamming it Niagara and

northern New York State, resulting in what would be known as the Blizzard of '77. It was somewhat of a perfect storm, a unique storm, that resulted from a host of factors. The winds picked up the snow and dumped it on Niagara, which acted like a giant snow fence. With zero visibility for more than 24 hours and 60 below zero wind chills, both Niagara and northwestern New York were declared major disaster areas. It went on for four days, and high winds blew out people's windows, filled homes with ice, and buried cars, houses and individuals alike in 20- to 40-foot snowdrifts. Children were trapped in schools, motorists buried in their cars and residents spent days trapped in their own homes or those of strangers who took them in. In the end 29 people died in the storm, most from freezing in the cold temperatures. [But on a positive note, the birth rate in Niagara jumped 18 per cent, nine months after the storm.]

Special Collections

Some have asked about dates for Special Collections in 2017.

Here they are:

Development and Peace	April 2
Holy Land/Refugee Ministry (Good Friday)	April 14
Pope's Pastoral Works	May 21
Education of Seminarians and Clergy	June 11
Catholic Missions in Canada	August 13
Needs of Canadian Church	September 24
World Missions	October 22
Deo Gratias (Retired Priests)	November 19

*During Lent we will continue our support for Ryan's Bowl.

*Our Carmelite Missions Appeal will be on the 2nd Sunday of Advent.



Groundhog Day is Thursday, February 2nd.

What will the groundhogs say? Will [winter](#) last another 6 weeks? The tradition of Groundhog day began in the 18th century. It is said that if the groundhog sees its shadow on February 2nd, there will be six more weeks of winter.

In North America the most famous [groundhogs](#) are [Punxsutawney Phil](#) from the United States and [Wiarton's Willie](#) from Canada. May the snow block their holes and prevent them from surfacing!!! ☺

When it storms and snows on Candlemas Day, Spring is not far away. But if its bright and clear, Spring is not yet near!

St. Catharines Diocese Sharelent Launch... February 18, 2017
St. Julia Parish, 251 Glenridge Ave., Mass at 9:00am with Bishop Bergie Gathering to follow in the Church Hall with complimentary soup & sandwich lunch

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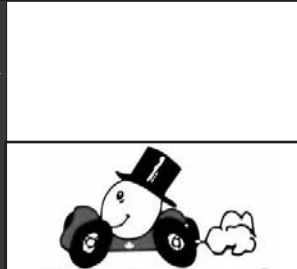
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