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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.



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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*

Monday, February 1

8:00 Teresa & Vincenzo Fiore *req. by Anna Quiquero & Family*

Tuesday, February 2 The Presentation of the Lord

8:00 Dorothy Kennedy *req. by the Masur Family*

Wednesday, February 3 St Blaise & St Ansgar

8:00 Jean Dopke *req. by the Family*

Thursday, February 4

8:00 Bob Woodruff *req. by Marlene & Norman Tubbe*

Friday, February 5 St Agatha

8:00 Mrs Trasmundi *req. by her Hsb: Carlo*

Saturday, February 6 St Paul Miki & Companions

5:00 Mary & John Dunphy *req. by the Family*
Mary Davey *req. by the Staff of Our Lady of Mt Carmel School*

Sunday, February 7

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 Francesco D'Angelo Family *req. by the Family*
James Fischer *req. by Betty Fischer*

11:30 Domenic Morabito *req. by Luciano & Gowers Families*
Bery Roy *req. by Valerie & Family*

7:00 Domenico & Zita Marcon *req. by Tullio & Giuliana Milani*
Luigi Canal *req. by his Wife & Family*

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

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



Congratulations and best wishes to those who were baptized in October, November, December & January

Olive O'Brien, Ryan Mooney, Olivia Boeck, Sophioa Boeck, Eliana Fabiani, Georgia Grebenc, Peter Kiradjian, Katelyn Nguyen, Amelia Pietrangelo, Emily Cicchino, Ayla-Ann Cudmore, Addison Grebenc, Christina MacInnis, Lillianna Memme, Samuel Memme, Brenden Speck, Noelle Tokuc, Claire Wortel, and Kaycen Sawada

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

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Anthony Hung Nguyen and George Cole. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

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'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 Laffrati, 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 23 - 24: \$5,062.00
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:

Imagine, February begins tomorrow! The word **February** comes from the Latin, **februum- februa**, which means **to purify, to cleanse, to atone**. We will have wonderful opportunities for that this month, as Lent begins in just ten days. This is a sacred time to draw closer to our God, and to amend our ways. May we never forget that we have a God of Mercy!

If you're tired of winter, well here's Good News: next month Spring will arrive! And of course we will also celebrate Easter at the end of March! So hope abounds. Hang in there. Before long we'll be saying, "Spring is here, the grass is riz, I wonder where the birdies is!!!" And then we'll be hearing tweets and twirps and songs all around the gardens!

This Sunday's Gospel continues from last week. Jesus is in his hometown of **Nazareth**. His townsfolk spoke highly of him and were amazed at the **gracious words** he spoke. Then things changed! "Is this not Joseph's son?", came from someone's lips! Jesus gets his back up. He challenged his people's ideas. They knew they were the chosen people! And they weren't open to anyone else being recipients of God's grace and salvation!



Jesus, in all his wisdom, give them the stories of the prophets Elijah and Elisha who went outside the Israelites to the Gentiles to work the wonders of God. He mentioned specifically a widow at Zarephath, and Naaman the Syrian, who were healed! Well, this upset the people, and they were filled with rage! What was Jesus doing? He was speaking a universal message from God, salvation for all. Jesus' kin were so upset they wanted to throw him over a cliff.

The crowd at Nazareth that day were angry because God didn't act as they preferred. They should be rejoicing at the kingdom of God breaking into their midst. I guess they fell into the old trap of trying to tell God how to act, telling God whom to bless and on what terms. It doesn't hurt to ask ourselves, **Do I limit God's activities to what I think God should do? Do I try to create God in my own image, rather than the other way around?** God does whatever God wants to do! God can be gracious to whomever God pleases. Do I really want a gracious God? Or a God whose love and grace is limited or trickled down to just a few? Maybe this week we can all take the sacred time to **"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow!"** We sing that old hymn so well... so now we must follow the command to live it! God's blessings and mercy don't trickle, they flow! As a notorious U.S. politician frequently says, "Can I hear an Alleluia!" Have a blessed week!

Fr. Gerard



Ground Hog Day Tuesday, February 2nd!

According to folklore, if the groundhog sees its shadow on February 2 it will return to its burrow, indicating that there will be six more weeks of winter. If it does not see its shadow, then spring is on the way. Let's pray for a cloudy Tuesday!

This Wednesday, February 3rd, at 7:00 PM, there will be an information evening in the Parish Hall for those interested in the trip to Ireland in September.

St. Blaise

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

Food Month

Let's make February **FOOD MONTH!** We are all invited to bring Macaroni and Cheese; canned pasta, canned soups, or tomato sauce to Mass on the weekends. Let's make a difference in our town!

Presentation of the Lord

Tuesday, 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. Simeon took Jesus in his arms and was moved to say, **my eyes have seen your salvation!** Now we know what salvation looks like. It takes on the face and body of a human being, Jesus. God has come among us in human form to live as we live, to experience life with us in all its wonder and sorrow, and to lead us to a new appreciation of what it means to be truly human.

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.

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

Hannah House Maternity Home Annual Lunch Fundraiser...
Friday February 12, White Oaks Resort 905-353-8552 ext 206 or <http://2016hannahhouselunch.eventbrite.ca>

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