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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.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Saturday, January 6

5:00 Sara Grant-Weaver *req. by Grandma Weaver*
Lena Gauvreau *req. by Laurie Walsh*

Sunday, January 7 Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 Dr. Michael Arseneau *req. by Howard & Sherry Wales*
Sam Fisher *req. by Howard & Sherry Wales*
9:30 Jozef Brzozowski *req. by the Janusz & Komor Families*
Stanley Dick *req. by Yvette Dick*
11:30 People of the Parish
7:00 Lawrence & Lucy Kitney *req. by Evelyn Kemp*
Pacifico & Jenny Sacco *req. by the Family*

Monday, January 8 Baptism of the Lord

8:00 Joseph Maria Co & Joseph Doi *req. by Duy's Family*
Dec'd mem of the Shannon, Guitard & Legace Fam. *req. by Charlene*

Tuesday, January 9

8:00 Venera Castronovo *req. by Dtr: Jacqueline Bortolussi*
Gianni 'Johnny' Bonaldo *req. by Jackie & Tony Phillip*

Wednesday, January 10

8:00 John Buckner *req. by Belle Liberty*
Emilio F Zannuti *req. by Giuseppe & Ana Mancini*

Thursday, January 11

8:00 Assunta & Giuseppe De Mizio *req. by the De Mizio Family*
Cecelia Lococo *req. by Carolyn Giganti*

Friday, January 12 St Marguerite Bourgeoys

8:00 William 'Bill' Woods *req. by his Wife: Linda & Family*
Fred & Sharon Doody *req. by Elaine Doody*

Saturday, January 13

5:00 Helen Rose Doyle *req. by the Family*
John Cahill *req. by Les & Peg Potapczyk*

Sunday, January 14 World Day of Migrants & Refugees

8:00 Marie-Ange & Clarence Adams *req. by Bryce & Aileen Adams*
John Buckner *req. by Parish Staff*
9:30 Adelino Marcon & Cavallin Family *req. by Theresa Marcon*
Donald Jackman *req. by Muriel Lafford*
11:30 Antonio Pietrobon *req. by Ody & Diana Argenta*
Salvatore Elia *req. by Therese & Angelo Elia & Family*
7:00 People of the Parish

Baptism Schedule for 2018

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday, January 21, February 11, April 15, May 13, June 17, July 15 & August 19**
A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, Jan & Feb meeting is together on January 16, April 3, May 1, June 5, July 3 & August 7 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 designee, 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!

Ontario Early Years Centre is located in St. Patrick School. Open Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 8:30am to 12 Noon. It is a FREE program with fun activities for the little ones. Call 905-357-2398 for more details, or check out the website: niagaracatholic.ca/oeycnf

Please note: 2017 Tax Receipts are at the main doors of the Church for Ryan's Bowl donations. Thank you!

Church Envelopes 2018

Offertory Envelopes are available in the sacristy, to the left of the altar, please pick yours up today. Many thanks.

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Charles Leonard, Frances Repa, Raisa Zuj and Sally Godin. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Jack Horth

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, Courtney Doody, Marie Cadman, Wendy & John Calder, Melissa Brideau, Toni Brideau, John Nicks, Leon Dopke, Anna Hunt, John Kealey, Helen Lelievre, Samuel Potapczyk, Baby Julian, Baby Noah, Mary Lawrence, Bernard Martin, William JA De Foe, Emily Hanover, Leo Martin, Drago Bicanic, Baby Victoria, Nancy Weiss, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffrati, Pauline Miner, Edna McDonell, Fr Tony McNamara, O.Carm., Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Trudy Smelko, Maria Melchiorre, Conner Hawkswell, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Danielle Barranca, Iole Mancini, Jeannette Fabian, Donna Cormier, Maria Rosiana, Lucy Rizzo, Barbara Phillips (Murray), Alice Dalton, Audrey Vendramin, Jeanne Lea, Stan Manning, Baby Maximus, David & Patrick Kealey, Francesco Albanese, Mary Ann O'Shea, Rosalyn Dagleish, Kelly Dettlor, Kitty Decicco, Evelyn Rose Baker, Jozefa Bilski, Charlene Shannon, Rebecca Evans, Marie Massolin, Maria Guerin, Anna Vergalito, John Jefferson, Todd Reid, Jill Leronowich, Nancy Jean Rose, Vince(Jim) Baldassarro, Patrick McCarthy, Norman Horth, Muriel Pivarnyk, Tom Hilton, Walter Wallace, Stefanie Borin, John Cox, Joyce Weaver, Kerrie Szuch, Faith Amadio, Margaret Smith, Carmella Modenti, Margaret Waghorn, Theresa Poirier, Vito Fuccillo, Baby Hope, Donna Bradley, Cheryl D'Ammizio, Kelly Laslo, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Mary Jo O'Kell, Alessia Commisso, Vicki Dubeau, Baby Sebastian, Lorraine Murray, Patricia O'Reilly, Mary Brennan, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pepper Martin Jr., Vital & Emmanuel Chayer, Michelle Price, Brian Smith, Baby Gabriel Paraskevopoulos, Trina Washington, Shirley Machulla, Lorraine Spence, Helen Rotella, Jeanne S, Dr. Andy Fisher, Carlo Trasmundi, Frank Sica

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

Collections

December 24 & 25 : \$31,290.00
Christmas Flowers: \$1,572.00
Carmelite Missions: \$11,040.65
December 31 & January 1: \$7,106.00
Many thanks for your generosity!

CWL News... The next CWL Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 10 at 6:30pm in the Hall. (Please Note: New time)

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 400 needy individuals and families in Niagara Falls. May God bless you one hundred fold!

2018 Calendars... Many thanks to Ruth Ann and Ed Nieuwesteeg at Patterson Funeral Home for providing our parishioners with their 2018 Religious Calendars. May God bless them for their generosity.

Is God calling You?

If you feel called to serve as **Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Altar Server, or Funeral Server**, please call the parish office. We will gladly arrange for a training sessions.



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

Sacramental Dates for 2018

First Reconciliation- February 7, 2018 @ 7pm
Confirmation- April 14, 2018 @ 5pm
First Communion- May 6, 2018 @ 9:30 & 1:30



(If you are a parishioner at St. Patrick Church, and have a child who does not attend St. Patrick or St. Mary Schools, and would like to celebrate their sacraments here, please contact the parish office for the registration forms.)



Dear Friends:

By now the decorations are coming down and we are getting back to normal after such a busy season! For those who dreamed of a White Christmas, well you got it, unfortunately it was coupled with a Polar Vortex! Even my wood-horse was crying to get into the garage!

School will reopen tomorrow, and before long it will be Ash Wednesday (Valentine's Day)! Not sure that's a good combination of days! Then again, Easter falls on April Fool's Day! God help us all.

A common expression in Newfoundland is, "Christmas is just as far away as ever!" Maybe the date!... but our role is to keep the spirit of Christmas alive all year! That's our challenge!

Today is the **Feast of the Epiphany** (*Little Christmas*). **Epiphany** means **manifestation** [*to show; make known; to reveal.*] This feast celebrates not only that God came to us, but more of humanity entered into the movement. These wise men, (magi-astrologers) representing all nations, followed the star and came to God! They are our symbolic pioneers. **Epiphany** is the feast of the pilgrim who seeks God on the journey. The call for us is to make our lives a continuous movement *toward* God, putting more of our lives in tune with God, bringing **Christ's light** to others. Dispelling all darkness! And God knows there's lots of darkness out there in the world.

Someone once wrote: *And so, we journey to the Lord. Where exactly are we going to find Him? We really don't know. He may be in marriage. He may be in the priesthood or religious life. He may be in the life of the single, determined to spread Christianity. He may be in children and teens. He may be in a career. He may be in our caring for a sick spouse or relative. He may be in the outcast who reach out for us. He is in all these and countless more places. If we are wise, we will spend our lives seeking Him out, wherever He is.*" I couldn't have said it better myself! We must go out there and see the face of Christ in others! Keep Christ in 2018! God bless you all!

Fr. Gerard



Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: heaven on earth, earth in heaven, man in God, God in man, one whom the whole universe cannot contain now enclosed in a tiny body. As they look, they believe and do not question, as their symbolic gifts bear witness: incense for God, gold for a king, myrrh for one who is to die. (*Peter Chrysologus*)

"As the old year retires and a new one is born, we commit into the hands of our Creator the happenings of the past year and ask for direction and guidance in the new one. May He grant us His grace, His tranquility and His wisdom!"

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

THANK YOU

Once again, on behalf of the parish, I want to say a big **thank you** to everyone who made our Christmas celebrations so joyful. To our parishioners who came out to decorate the church, thanks for such a creative display! To those who donated toward the Christmas Flowers in memory of your loved ones, many thanks for your kindness. To our **lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers and altar servers**, many thanks for sharing your gifts with the community. To our **children** who participated in the Children's Pageant Many thanks for adding so much joy to our 4:30 PM Mass! To our Big Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus, Joseph, Michelle and Nia, many thanks! To our musicians and cantors, thanks for adding to the sacredness and beauty of the liturgies! To **Carol and Sandra, and our Adult Choir and Children's Choir**, thanks for all your hard work, and for sharing your heavenly voices and music with so many people! To **Anthony, Julia, Ashley and Robert**, thanks so much! Thanks to Santa for taking time out of his busy schedule to kneel and pray before baby Jesus. BIG THANKS to our hundreds of parishioners who donated so generously to the Christmas Gift Campaign, and to those who helped sort and distribute them! You helped so many people this year! Many little faces lit up with smiles on Christmas morning because of you! And finally, to you, **our faithful parishioners**, many thanks for your generosity to me, Fr. Marc and to your parish at Christmas. May God bless you all!

'Twas the month after Christmas

'Twas the month after Christmas, and all through the house
Nothing would fit me, not even a blouse.
The cookies I'd nibbled, the eggnog I'd taste
At the holiday parties had gone to my waist.
When I got on the scales there arose such a number!
When I walked to the store (less a walk than a lumber).
I'd remember the marvelous meals I'd prepared;
The gravies and sauces and beef nicely rared,
The wine and the rum balls, the bread and the cheese
And the way I'd never said, "No thank you, please."
As I dressed myself in my husband's old shirt
And prepared once again to do battle with dirt---
I said to myself, as I only can
"You can't spend a winter disguised as a man!"
So--away with the last of the sour cream dip,
Get rid of the fruit cake, every cracker and chip
Every last bit of food that I like must be banished
"Till all the additional ounces have vanished.
I won't have a cookie--not even a lick.
I'll want only to chew on a long celery stick.
I won't have hot biscuits, or corn bread, or pie,
I'll munch on a carrot and quietly cry.
I'm hungry, I'm lonesome, and life is a bore---
But isn't that what January is for?
Unable to giggle, no longer a riot.
Happy New Year to all and to all a good diet!

The Late John Roy Buckner

On the day following John Buckner's Visitation and Funeral Mass, I celebrated a private interment with Pattersons Funeral Home and the Cemetery Staff. John did have a pre-paid plot next to his mom and dad. It touched my heart to learn that all three of them, Jack, Bernice, and now, John, are in unmarked graves, not far from the main entrance of Fairview Cemetery. I am looking into getting a marker (at cost) for the family, with all three names and dates on it. As soon as I can get a final price, I will let you know. My heart says we need to do this. I have already received \$50 toward this sacred project. I will keep you informed. He touched many lives, and was so well known in our town. May he rest in peace!

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