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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 7 St Andre Bessette

5:00 Sara Grant-Weaver *req. by Joyce & Family*
Roger Archambault *req. by his Wife: Anita*
Vincent & Nina Audibert *req. by the Family*

Sunday, January 8 The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Jean Meagher *req. by Mary Beth & Holly Corfield*
Jozef Brzozowski *req. by the Janusz & Komor Families*
11:30 Salvatore Elia *req. by Angelo & Theresa Elia & Family*
Antonietta Thorne *req. by Paul & Joan Di Paul*
7:00 Lawrence & Lucy Kitney *req. by Evelyn Kemp*
Dorothy Doyle *req. by Caroline Brett*

Monday, January 9 The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 Jean Lundy *req. by Jean Lea*
Maria Hue, Anna Maria Hue, Anna Maria La & Joseph Maria Co *req. by Duy's Family*

Tuesday, January 10

8:00 Joseph Un & Anna Hoi *req. by Duy's Family*
John & Mary Cahill *req. by the Family*
Hugh Dempsey *req. by His loving Wife & Children*

Wednesday, January 11

8:00 Assunta & Giuseppe De Mizio *req. by the De Mizio Family*
Nicola DiLibero *req. by the Family*

Thursday, January 12 St Marguerite Bourgeoys

8:00 Aline Cormier *req. by Gerard Cormier*
Marco Bortolin *req. by his Wife: Anna & Family*

9:15 St. Patrick School Mass

Friday, January 13 St Hilary

8:00 Dorothy & Helen Rose Doyle *req. by the Family*
Sharon Howse *req. by Muriel Lafford*

Saturday, January 14

5:00 Aurdino Maiuri *req. by Peter & Stefanie Maiuri & Family*
Harol & Marc Bickerstaffe *req. by Imelda Bickerstaffe*

Sunday, January 15 World Day of Migrants & Refugees

8:00 Clarence & Marie-Ange Adams *req. by Aileen & Bryce Adams*
Giuseppina Canali *req. by John & Anna Condotta*
9:30 Adelino & Family *req. by Theresa Marcon*
Jean Lundy *req. by Parish Staff*
11:30 Antonio Pietrobon *req. by Ody & Diana Argenta*
Jerry Shugg *req. by the Family*
7:00 People of the Parish

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.

St. Catharines Right to Life Coffeehouse "Stop Censorship Tour"

Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 7:30 pm at Vineland Free Reformed Church, 3685 King St., Vineland. Learn about the censorship surrounding abortion in Ontario, why abortion data is essential in our work to protect the unborn and their mothers, and what's being done about it. Speakers: ARPA Lawyer John Sikkema and WeNeedALaw.ca Director Mike Schouten. Everyone welcome.

For more information, contact St. Catharines Right to Life at [905-684-7505](tel:905-684-7505) or visit ChooseLife.ca

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Jack Kozinski, Kevin Butler, Darlene Wancha, Jean Lundy, Viola Shurie, Jerry Keenan, Sharon Howse, William Watson, Michael Borycheski, Pauline Skrlac and Anton Kloc Jr.. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Marcy Mallett, Michael Brazeau, Phil Huntington

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Patsy Power, Carmela Fruci, Melissa Brideau, Emily Hanover, Leo Martin, Drago Bicanic, Al Mosque, Nancy Weiss, Wendy & John Calder, Shanda Gale, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffrady, Pauline Miner, Manfred Hawlitzky, Edna McDonnell, 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 Pivarnyik, 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'Ammizio, 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

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

Collections

December 24 & 25: \$29,985.25
December 31 & January 1: \$6,410.00
Carmelite Missions: \$8,857.25
Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2017

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday, January 22, February 26, NO Baptisms in March or April**
A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on **Tuesday, January 10 & Monday, February 13 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!

CWL News...The next meeting for the St. Patrick CWL will be held on Sunday, January 8 at 10:30am in the lower 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 Weddings at St. Patrick's in January & February

Deanna Spironello & Myles Murray
Ivanna Novacic & Mark Fortier



Dear Friends:

Many thanks for your generosity to me, Fr. Marc and to the parish at Christmas. It was a Christmas filled with much joy and fun. But it went by so fast. Unfortunately for some, Christmas brought much sadness. We hold many families in our thoughts and prayers, as they have had to bid farewell to loved ones during the holidays. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of *Jean Lundy, Darlene Wancha, Michael Borycheski, Viola Shurie, William Watson, Jerry Keenan, Kevin Butler, Pauline Skrlac and Jack Kozinski*. May they sleep in heavenly peace. And may God hold those who are grieving in the palm of his hand.



Today is the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. Epiphany means *manifestation* [to show; make known; or reveal.] This feast celebrates not only that God came to us, but more of human kind entered into the movement. These wise men or magi, (astrologers), traditionally known as *Gaspar, Melchior and Balthasar*, representing all nations, followed the star and came to God! They are our symbolic pioneers. They blazed the trail which we are to follow. Not only did they come to Christ, they prostrated themselves, did him homage, and brought him gifts.

This is really a 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 our lives in tune with God. Bringing Christ to others. Dispelling all darkness. I think the real Epiphany call is:



When the star in the sky is gone;
when the Magi are back in their homeland;
when the shepherds are once more with their flocks;
then the real work of Christmas begins:
To manifest God by the way we live
and act toward each other.

Always remember the secret of Christmas: It's not the things we do at Christmas time, but the Christmas things we do all year through! May the glory of the Christ Child shine throughout the earth, across our country, around our city, and within our homes and hearts! God bless you all! Have a blessed 2017!

Fr. Gerard



Life is a pilgrimage. The wise man does not rest by the roadside inns. He marches direct to the illimitable domain of eternal bliss, his ultimate destination.

"May we allow the miracle of Christmas to continue long after the holiday trappings have been packed away; May we welcome the adult Messiah and his challenging Gospel to recreate our lives, making the peace, justice and hope of this holy season a reality in every season of the new year."

THANK YOU

I want to express 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 beautiful 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 some 30 **children** who participated in the Children's Pageant.... Many thanks for adding so much joy to our 4 PM Mass! To big Mary and Joseph and Baby Jesus, **Andrew, Halya and Colin**, many, many thanks! To our talented young parishioners, **Nadine and Charlotte**, who shared their spectacular voices with solos on Christmas Eve. 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. MANY 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 joy 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!

Epiphany Prayer

Lord Jesus
may your light shine our way,
as once it guided the steps of the magi;
that we too may be led into your presence
and worship you,
the Child of Mary,
the Word of the Father,
the King of nations,
the Saviour of humankind;
to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

St. Pat's Talent Night

If all goes as planned, and if there's enough interest, mark your calendars! **Saturday, February 11, 2017** for a **St. Pat's Talent Night and Pot-Luck!** This event is for parishioners of all ages! Let's celebrate Valentine's Day and Family Day in fun!!! If you would like to be part of the planning team, call the parish office! If you would like to perform with song, dance or instrument, please let us know asap!

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!

"Vincent's" the New St. Vincent de Paul Store is now opened

If you have 4 Hours to spare and would like to volunteer at the St. Vincent de Paul Store 5970 Lundy's Lane (few steps from Main & Ferry) Please call Nicole 905-358-4687 and leave a message

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