Saint Patrick's Church

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#### Parish Staff

Rev. Gerard Power, O.Carm., Pastor (Dean of Niagara Falls) Rev. Marc Bell, O.Carm., Associate Pastor Debbie Herman, Secretary Alice Corfield, Bookkeeper Secretary Brian Kneller, Caretaker

#### **Music Ministry**

Carol Martin - Director of Music Sandra DiCienzo - Organist Tim Marrie - Pianist and Soloist Anthony Scaringi - Pianist and Organist Ashley Gallardi-Pietrangelo - 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 and 11:30 a.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 St. Mary School 905-354-6631 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 govert son 34

New Parishioners are asked to complete a parish registration form.

Saturday, January 8 St Raymond of Penyafort 5:00 Barb Lorentz *req. by Stu & Mary Lou Gallardi* Joe Bombicino *req. by the Family* 

# Sunday, January 9 The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 People of the Parish

- 9:30 Jozef Brzozowski req. by their Dtr: Jean Janusz Albina Tonet req. by Alba & Ann Marie Rondinelli
- 11:30 Rosina Paonessa req by Tony & Rosa DeAngelis Assunta DeGuida req. by William Janssen Sr. & Jr.

#### Monday, January 10

- 8:00 Fillipo Stranges req. by the Maruca Family
- Venera Castronovo *req. by her Dtr: Jacqueline Bortolussi* **Tuesday, January 11**
- 8:00 Assunta & Giuseppe DeMizio *req. by the DeMizio Family* For the Healing of Gaetan Buteau *req. by his Family*

#### Wednesday, January 12 St Marguerite Bourgeoys

8:00 For the Healing of Baby Mia req. by the Di Ciero Family Ines Marcon req. by Tullio & Giuliana Milani & Family

# Thursday, January 13 St Hilary

8:00 Gus & Zorka Wach req. by Family

Sophie Potapczyk & John Cahill req. by Les & Peggy Potapczyk Friday, January 14

- 8:00 Maria Zappitelli req. by the Di Ciero Family
- Barb Rossi req. by the St. Pat's Catholic Women's League

# Saturday, January 15

- 5:00 Victor Smatana req. by the Family Arduino Maiuri req. by Stefanie & Peter Maiuri
- Sunday, January 16
- 8:00 People of the Parish
- **9:30** Nazzario Faiella *req. by his Son: James Faiella* Bill Woods *req. by Linda & Family*
- 11:30 Maria Nobile req by Carol Martin

Natale Giampa & Frank Conidi req. by the Family

# **2022 Church Envelopes**

Please make sure you pick up your Offertory Envelopes as soon as possible. Call the Office (905-354-7451) to arrange for pick up during the week. They are in the sacristy, to the left of the altar, if you are here at Mass on the weekends. Many thanks.

<u>Attention</u> CWL new and existing members, your Membership Dues of \$25 for 2022 are now due. Please submit to the Church Office or drop in the Offertory as soon as possible. Thank you

#### The Soup Kitchen, Niagara Falls Community Outreach...

Needs your help: Cash donations are appreciated as they receive no government funding. nfcommunityoutreach.org 905-354-1640 All donations can be dropped off at 4865 St. Lawrence Avenue

**Catholic Marriage Tribunal**...If you are considering remarriage in the Catholic Church or hoping to enter a marriage with someone previously married, please speak to a priest, or contact the St. Catharines Catholic Marriage Tribunal at 905-687-8817 or tribunal@saintcd.com.

# Little Flower Society Cards

Did you know that St. Patrick Parish Office has Mass Cards in stock from the Carmelite's Little Flower Society? We have Healing Mass Cards, Living Intentions, Five-Year Memorial Cards, and also Perpetual Memorial Cards. By using those cards, you not only comfort a family member or friend, but you also support the mission of the Carmelites, our Carmelite Vocation Efforts, and our Carmelite Formation Programs in several countries.

Check out our website: http://www.stpatricknf.ca and watch Mass on our Facebook page **Rest in Peace...** We pray for the souls of Ines Marcon, Douglas Caverson and Barb Rossi. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

### Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

## Guy Snyder, Charlene Shannon

#### Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Tony Laslo, Patrick Macri, Sandra DeFoe, Nancy Waters, Christine Pritty, Natalie Speth, Missy Bilotta, Mary Lou Gallardi, Marcellina Mativo, Lena Loro, Rita Ross, Francis Patterson, Fern Albert, Estelle Critelli, Leon French, Joan Foell, Teresa Calzonetti Spiller, Dr. Andy Fisher, Ron O'Neill, Andrea Fisher, Kelsey Liles, Angelina Greco, Rosanna Ricci, Betty Crete, Leroy Collee, Eric Van Noort, Joe Young, Judy, Gaetan Buteau, Ralph Davey, Rose MacDonald, Kathryn Kneller, Maureen Tustin, Mahmat, Maureen Kealey, Lori Ann Pizzolato, Andy Scotnicki, Pat DiLorenzo Jr., Dennis Bowers, Bianca MacDonnell, Karen Bradley, Ron Winslow, Corinne Journeau, Carmine Astorino, Arlene Collee, Betty & Joe Power, Mary Ann Quigley, Teresa Hebb, Carole Ann Ogilvie, Mary Frances Pye, Nancy Weiss, Julian Cassidy, Marney Broderick, Sister Prem, Kerrie Szuch, John Nicks, Gregory Roulston, Cameron Boyes, Pasquale Abrunzo, John Calder, Victor Sincich, Nancy Praakel, Bernadette Moore, Norma Zanus, Patricia Williams, Mark Pepple, Nancy Huber, Danielle Barranca, Kelly Laslo, Toni Brideau, Jeanne Lea, John Cox, Nikki Mansfield, Edward Brzozowski Jr., Nicolina Compare, Nancy Jean Rose, Anna Vergalito, Charlene Shannon, Carmella Modenti, Anna Hunt, Elizabeth Stachura, Denise Colalillo, Brian Smith, Donna Bradley, Margaret Smith, Rebecca Evans, Samuel Potapczyk, Michelle Price, Mary Lawrence, William JA De Foe, Bernard Martin, Joyce Weaver, Margaret Waghorn, Drago Bicanic, Jeanne S, Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Evelyn Rose Baker, Lorraine Spence, Vito Fuccillo, Tom Hilton, Robert & JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Jeannette Fabian, Francesco Albanese, Maria Melchiorre, Jozefa Bilski, Todd Reid, Mary Brennan, Conner Hawkswell, Faith Amadio, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Maria Guerin, Patricia O'Reilly, Audrey Vendramin, Patrick Kealey, Cheryl Granton, Walter Wallace, Florrie Heimbigner, Francois Chayer, Baby Victoria, Vital & Anna Chayer, Emmanuel & Aline Chayer, Jadwiga Wozniak, Julie Nicholson, Stefanie Borin, Patrick McCarthy, D.D., Alessia Commisso, Mary Jo O'Kell, Pepper Martin Jr., Trina Washington, Jackie, Cheryl D'Ammizio, Bob Marshall

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



# Children Sacramental Dates 2022

Confirmation: Saturday, April 30, 2022 First Communion: For 2021 & 2022 TBA (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.)

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Congratulations and best wishes to Aiden Thomas Syzek who was recently baptized

#### Parish Registration

Please help keep our records up to date! You may bring this form to the parish office or place it in the collection.

PostalCode:

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Name:\_\_

Address:\_\_\_\_\_

City:\_\_\_\_

Telephone:\_\_\_\_\_

I am new in the parish and wish to register

I wish to use contribution envelopes

I have recently moved

I have changed my phone number

We have married & wish to update our information

# The Pastor's Pen

Today is officially the last day of the Christmas Season, the Baptism of the Lord. I hope everyone was able to make the best of Christmas this year. If we focused on the *Reason for the Season*, then we had the best of everything: the celebration of God coming among us! With God's help, and with people continuing to follow protocols, this virus will be brought to an end. It's been way too long. With the Provincial Announcements from last Monday, we do have to be very careful and extra vigilant.

With respect to protocols, [not to sound like a broken record], but we are continuing to have difficulties with people not following protocols, and being discourteous with the volunteers/screeners at the church entrance. Again, we are in the middle of a pandemic, and it's an honour and privilege to be able to celebrate Mass in a safe way. Simply, if we cannot follow the protocols, please remember that you "are exempt from the Sunday Obligation" until this crisis passes. It is best to remain home, be safe, and allow the rest of us to celebrate joyfully! If you are feeling unwell, please remain home. Until this pandemic is over, we ask that you please arrive at the church before Mass begins. Most churches lock their doors once Mass starts. We will be closing the front door after the *Gloria* is sung for the safety of all, and out of respect for the Liturgy.

# Baptism of the Lord- January 9, 2022

Today is the feast of *The Baptism of the Lord*! Of course, Jesus didn't need to be baptized... he **chose** to be baptized! He accepted the mission, which was the whole reason why God came among us. When he was baptized by John, Jesus began his public ministry. He was obedient to the Father, and had such a deep love for all people. Jesus embraced his Mission, defeated Satan, established the Kingdom of God, and then called on me and you to continue His ministry, or should we say, *complete his ministry*. We do this through our vocation in life, whether married life, parenthood, priesthood, religious life, or to the life of the committed Catholic single.

When we were baptized, we became a member of the **Body of Christ**, The Church! We became **children of God**, brothers and sisters to each other, and brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ! And that's a powerful relationship. Today's feast is a wonderful occasion to look at our own baptism. Am I faithful to my baptismal promises? Am I a model disciple... a model servant... a faithful member of the *People of God*? Does everyone I encounter know that I am baptized by how I live and act and love? Where I live and work and socialize... is it more human, more sacred, more loving, more Christ-like, because I am there? These are questions worth pondering. And of course, the ultimate question is: Can God say out loud about you and me, as he said to Jesus in today's Gospel, *"This is my beloved son/daughter, with whom I am well pleased?"* If not, maybe it's time for a good old renewal! We must tell ourselves that we **can** make a difference by uniting ourselves to the One who changed the world with His Life. We can continue the Mission of Jesus Christ. Let's do it!!! Have a blessed week!



### Parish Office

Please note that the Parish Office will remain open during this set-back with the Omicron Variant. Phones will be answered and all business will be conducted at the door. If you require a Mass Card, Little Flower Card, or Baptism Certificate, please call ahead and we will gladly have it ready for you. Because of recent thefts from our mailboxes, please do not leave anything in the mailbox after hours.

# THANK YOU'S

Many thanks to all of you who donated toward our Christmas Flowers, in memory of your deceased loved ones. May they sleep in Heavenly Peace. And thanks to those who came out to help decorate the Altar for Christmas. Thanks also to Country Basket for donating extra flowers!

Many thanks to all of you who were so generous with our Christmas Campaign for Local Needy Children. Every child was taken care of, and every family received grocery gift cards. The heart of St. Pat's is bigger than the Horseshoe Falls! God bless all of you.

Thanks to **Fred and Lisa Persia** for donating the Sanctuary Candles to be burned at the Tabernacle during 2022, in memory of their son, Leo Persia.

Many thanks to *Patterson Funeral Home* for providing our parishioners with 2022 Calendars. May God bless you in the coming year.

To our lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, screeners and altar servers, many thanks for sharing your gifts with the community. To our musicians and cantors, thanks for adding to the sacredness and beauty of the liturgies. To Carol and Sandra, our Adult Choir; Anthony, Ashley, Julia, Robert, Sonny and Nadine, thanks for all your hard work, and for sharing your heavenly voices and music with so many people! 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!

# From the Rite of Baptism

# White Garment

N., you have become a new creation, and have clothed yourself in Christ. See in this white garment the outward sign of our Christian dignity. With your family and friends to help you by word and example, bring that dignity unstained into everlasting life.

# Baptism Candle

Parents and godparents, this light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly. This child of yours has been enlightened by Christ. He/she is to walk always as a child of the light. May they keep the flame of faith alive in their hearts. When the Lord comes, may they go out to meet him with all the saints in the

heavenly kingdom.

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# **Bulletin Bloopers**

Next Sunday, we will celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. "In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by Jordan in the John."

Please refer to the Bulletin Boards at the back and side entrances of the Church for many important notices and events.



