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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.

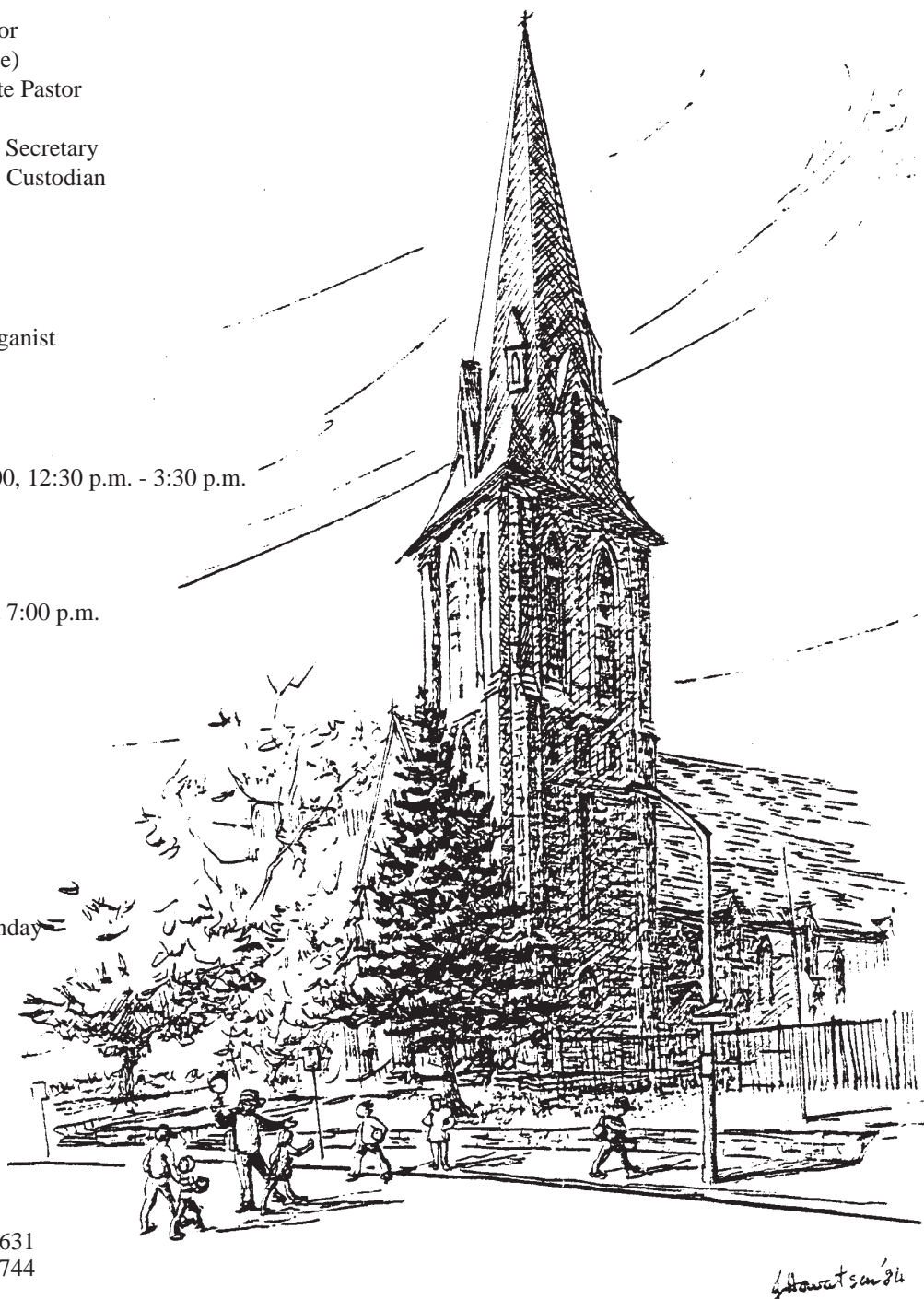
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Diocese of St. Catharines (est. 1958)

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.

FIFTEENTH & SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, July 15 St Bonaventure

5:00 Gregory Ogilvie *req. by the Ogilvie Family*
 Marcella, Kevin & Carl Hewitt *req. by Family & Friends*

Sunday, July 16

8:00 Luigi Todino *req. by Nicolina Compare & Family*
 Lococo, Cerantola & Visentin Families *req. by Marilyn Lococo*
9:30 Celeste Lanni *req. by Concetta & Family*
 Lorenzo, Maria Antonia & Peter Arista *req. by the Family*
11:30 Pellegrino Camelia *req. by Carmela Camelia*
 Domenico Luu Bich & Anthony Hung Nguyen *req. by the Nguyen Family*
7:00 People of the Parish

Monday, July 17

8:00 Mario Cardinal *req. by the Family*

Tuesday, July 18

8:00 Zorka Wach *req. by Mel & Rose Lalonde*

Wednesday, July 19

8:00 Oscar Bonaguro *req. by the Family*
 Barbara Rondinelli & Carmela Di Nisi *req. by Jim & Dora Spencer*

Thursday, July 20 St Apollinaris

8:00 Santa & Antonio Gagliardi *req. by the Family*

Friday, July 21 St Lawrence of Brindisi

8:00 Laura Bellon *req. by Lidia Bonaldo & Family*
 Gianni 'Johnny' Bonaldo *req. by Frank & Maria Teresa Berardi*

Saturday, July 22 St Mary Magdalene

5:00 Roger Archambault *req. by his Wife: Anita*
 Jean Lundy *req. by Jeanne Lea*

Sunday, July 23

8:00 Sam Fisher *req. by Howard & Sherry Wales*
 Pellegrino Camelia *req. by Carmela Camelia*
9:30 Carmen, Pietro & Angelo Radice *req. by their Families*
 Bette Anne Chevalier *req. by Shirley & Ross Wallace*
11:30 Bernardino & Gaetanina Mallone *req. by Loreta & Joe Antonio*
 Onelia Amadio *req. by the Daughter*
7:00 People of the Parish

Monday, July 24 St Sharbel Makhluh

8:00 Mario Lucio Tumalak *req. by the Family*

Tuesday, July 25 St James

8:00 Tracy Mangan *req. by Belle Liberty*
 Maria & Leo Benevento *req. by Elaine & Isabell*

Wednesday, July 26 St Joachim & St Anne

8:00 Anna Maria & Antonio Amadio *req. by Ange Martin*
 Patricia Patterson *req. by Anna Luciano*

Thursday, July 27

8:00 Ray Sexton *req. by Mel & Rose Lalonde*

Friday, July 28

8:00 John MacDonnell *req. by Gerard Cormier*
 Glenn Power *req. by the Family*

Saturday, July 29 St Martha

5:00 Bruno Pietrobon *req. by Rob, Peter & Christine Nicholson*
 James Dodge *req. by the Dodge Family*

Sunday, July 30

8:00 Bruno Pietrobon *req. by the Family*
 Patricia Patterson *req. by Loreta & Joe Antonio*
9:30 Omer Thibodeau *req. by his Wife: Leona & Children*
 Jack De Giorgio *req. by Loreta & Joe Antonio*
11:30 Pellegrino Camelia *req. by Carmela Camelia*
 Enrica Pietrobon *req. by Ody & Diana Argenta*
7:00 People of the Parish

Upcoming Weddings at St. Patrick's in July & August

Kyra Allan & Peter Nicholson
Victoria Sorrenti & Peter D'Aiuto

Change for Life...Hannah House Baby Bottle Campaign
has come to an end.

Please return your Bottle to the Church Office as soon as possible. Thank you!

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Winifred Andrews, Zorka Wach, Ray Tan, Maria Benevento and Cecelia Lococo. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Mary Brennan, Baby Tommy, Leon Dopke, Jack Horth

Please pray for those who are ill

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

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

Collections

July 1 & 2: \$6,214.00

July 8 & 9: \$5,903.75

Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2017

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday, July 23, Aug 27, Sept 24, Oct 22, Nov 19 & Dec 17**

A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, July 11, Aug 15, Sept 12, Oct 10, Nov 7 & Dec 5 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!

Weekday Rosary

Every morning at 7:30, the Holy Rosary is prayed in St. Patrick Church. Keep Mary in mind, and Jesus will grow in your heart!

Newly Baptized

We welcome with great joy **Robert III Corupe, Felicity Marrie, Giovanni Inneo, Melody Pellerin, Vittorio Menechella, Oliver Beckham, Maria De Amicis, Aurora Girardo, Christian Kiradjian, Bailee Lococo-Bastien, Michael Luciano, Quinlan O'Shea and Kaitlyn Young** who were baptized at St. Patrick's Church in April, May & June!



!!!Project Share Needs our Help!!!

Food donations are at their lowest from June to August, and shelves often get close to being empty ... while the need doesn't diminish. Close to 10% of Niagara households are food insecure. Project Share feeds 100 families each day! We are asked to do all we can to help them through this challenging period. Project Share's most needed food items include peanut butter; protein items such as canned tuna, salmon, chicken, ham; and canned beans, pasta sauce, baby food and formula; cereals. (Fresh produce can also be dropped off at Project Share!) **Lord, when did we see you hungry?**

During the Summer, we will publish our Parish Bulletin every second week. Our next Bulletin will be published on July 30th!



July 16th is the **Solemnity of Our Lady of Mount Carmel**. Because we are Carmelites, all Masses this weekend will be votive Masses to Mary! Mary is the patroness of our Carmelite Order. As you know, we were founded on Mount Carmel in Israel in the late 12th Century. Our first hermits built a chapel in the middle of their cells. This was the centre of their lives where they gathered each day to celebrate Eucharist. They dedicated this little chapel to **Our Lady of the Place**. The first group of Carmelites took Mary as their patroness, promising her their faithful service and expecting her protection and favour. They were proud to

bear the title of **Brothers of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel**. For us Carmelites, Mary is a constant presence in our lives, guiding us and protecting us as we seek to follow Christ. We Carmelites have been serving in St. Patrick Parish since 1875! Yes, 142 years! Like Mary, may each of us do our best to live as authentic disciples! May we seek to live in spiritual intimacy with Mary so that we can learn from her how to live as God's children. May God bless you and Mary keep you! Happy Feast Day!

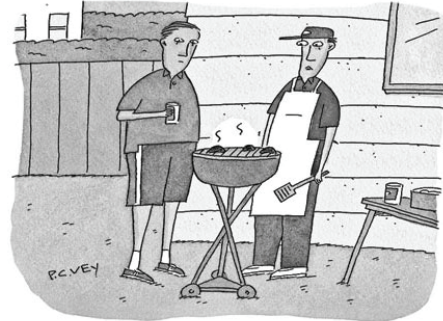
15th Sunday July 16th

This Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 13: 1-23), has Jesus speaking in parables! We have the **Parable of the Sower and the Seed**! Some of the seed is thrown on the pathway, where the birds eat it up, some on rocky ground where it had no deep roots, some among thorns where it was choked, and finally some were sown on good soil where it yielded an abundant harvest. The message? **We are to be good soil!** We are to hear the Word of God, and act on it, make it a way of life! Matthew goes on to explain the parable. The seed along the path is the person who hears God's word but doesn't understand it. The evil one devours what is scattered! The seed on the rocky soil is the person who does not have firm roots in his faith. The seed among the thorns is the person who wants to have faith but is preoccupied by the things of the world. Good soil is the one who hears the message and makes it his or her lifestyle. May God's word be the sure foundation of our lives!

16th Sunday July 23rd

Once again, Jesus speaks in parables! (Matthew 13: 24-43) Today we have the **Parable of the Weeds and the Wheat**! A farmer sows his seed, and wouldn't you know it, an enemy came during the night and sowed weeds among his wheat! Not nice! The farmer had to wait until harvest time to separate them. Why? Darnel is the weed referred to here. And darnel looks like wheat, even having a head similar to wheat. When the plant is young, it is impossible to distinguish it. It can only be separated at harvest time! Why would Jesus tell such a parable? I am sure the early Christians asked the same questions as me and you! **Why does good and evil exist side by side? Why is there evil in the world!** We turn on our televisions every day, and it's scary to see the things that happen in our world, even in our own country. God is more than aware of the evil in our world. As one scholar put it, **"Evil is the price of freedom. If we didn't have the ability to choose between good and evil, we wouldn't be free. The choice of evil affects all people, but it is the price of having the ability to choose good."** The farmer does not refuse to plant because he might find weeds among the wheat. He plants knowing that the result might not be perfect, but there will be wheat. It's up to us to put good out there, not to add to the evil, to plant good seeds, and to do our part to make the Kingdom of God more of a reality in our day! We are called to till the soil of the Lord, to bring forth good fruit. We can't allow evil to exist when we come upon it, particularly in ourselves. Happy weeding!

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



"And now I just step back and let the grilling process destroy any nutritional value it might have had."

Take some sacred time to relax this summer!
"Be still, and know that I am God." Ps. 46:10

Feast of Elijah the Prophet!!!

July 20th is the **Feast of St. Elijah**, spiritual Father of the Carmelites! In the Old Testament, Elijah is a solitary figure. On **Mount Carmel**, [where the Carmelite hermits first settled], Elijah challenged his people to choose one God for Israel, **Yahweh or Baal**. According to 1Kings: 18, Elijah's sacrifice was consumed by fire, which proved to the people that Yahweh was the one true God. Undertaking God's work, Elijah started a journey through the desert, but he lost his focus and commitment. Sitting under a bush, he wished to die. But God prodded him to continue his journey to Mount Horeb. There Elijah

became aware of God, not with the usual signs of wind, fire and earthquake, but rather as a **gentle breeze**. Elijah was sent back to his people refreshed. From Elijah, Carmelites learn to become **aware of the presence of God** in the unexpected, and to be silent enough to hear God's whisper. We seek to allow the **Word of God** to shape our minds and our hearts so that the way we live and the things we do may be prophetic and therefore faithful to the memory of our father Elijah. There is no better way to honour the Great Prophet Elijah, than to be people of peace and justice, people faithful to God. May Elijah's zeal for the Lord consume our very being!

Gardening Quotes

...If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need. –**Marcus Tullius Cicero**

...Life begins the day you start a garden. – **Chinese proverb**

...A garden is a grand teacher. It teaches patience and careful watchfulness; it teaches industry and thrift; above all it teaches entire trust. — **Gertrude Jekyll**

...Gardens are not made by singing 'Oh, how beautiful,' and sitting in the shade. – **Rudyard Kipling**

A Diocesan Marian Event, in celebration of the **Year of the Rosary & the 100th anniversary of the Fatima Apparitions** will be held on Saturday, September 30, 2017 at St. Alfred Church, 272 Vine Street, St. Catharines, Ontario. Mass will be celebrated by Most Reverend Gerard Bergie at 8:30 a.m. Reflections on Mary and the Rosary and Celebration of a Living Rosary 9:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Parishioners and diocesan organizations from across the diocese are all welcome. Free Admission/No Registration.

Everyone is welcome to attend the annual celebration for **Blessed Titus Brandsma, O.Carm, July 30, 2017 at 11:00 am** in the chapel of **Mount Carmel Spiritual Center**. Mass with Gregorian Chant will be celebrated by Fr. Paul McDonald. Please bring a lawn chair and food basket for a picnic on the grounds following Mass. For information contact Rhea Obdeyn at 905-892-4721 or Frank Niesink at 905-935-9457

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