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Music Ministry

Carol Martin - Director of Music
Sandra DiCienzo - Organist
Tim Marrie - Pianist and Soloist
Anthony Scaringi - Pianist and Organist
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
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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.

SIXTEENTH & SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, July 18

5:00 Franco Mancini *req. by the Family*
Dec'd mem. of the Hewitt & Finelli Families *req. by Family & Friends*

Sunday, July 19

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Nicola Rinaldi *req. by Daughter & Family*
John Paddon *req. by the Family*
11:30 Barbara Rondinelli *req. by Dora & Jim Spencer*
Erminia Gualtieri *req. by her Dtr: Ida & Family*
7:00 Oscar Bonaguro *req. by the Family*
Mercedes Bonaguro *req. by Lino Vidotto & Family*

Monday, July 20 St Apollinaris

8:00 Darrel Levert *req. by Fern Albert*
Joseph Poirier *req. by Aileen & Bryce Adams*

Tuesday, July 21 St Lawrence of Brindisi

8:00 John F. Power *req. by Mary Power*
Healing for Everyone *req. by a Parishioner*

Wednesday, July 22 St Mary Magdalene

8:00 Victoria Attard *req. by MaryLou Gallardi & Marilyn Gfeller*

Thursday, July 23 St Bridget

8:00 Martina Guitar *req. by Charlene Shannon & Family*

Friday, July 24 St Sharbel Makhluf

8:00 Tracy Mangan *req. by Belle Liberty & Family*
Don Liberty *req. by Friends*

Saturday, July 25 St James

5:00 Anita & Roger Archambault *req. by the Family*
Nancy & Nick DiPaolo *req. by Rosemary Panetta*

Sunday, July 26

8:00 Giuseppina Cavaliere *req. by Joe & Loretta Antonio*
Bartolomeo Pietrangelo *req. by the Family*
9:30 Adelino Marcon *req. by Theresa*
Dec'd mem of the MacLean Family *req. by the Family*
11:30 Margaret Mimnaugh *req. by the Family*
Maria Felicita Piccolo *req. by Carmela Wright*
7:00 People of the Parish

Monday, July 27

8:00 Concetta Camelia *req. by Aileen & Bryce Adams*
Joe & Martina Guitar *req. by Charlene Shannon & Family*

Tuesday, July 28

8:00 Fr. Roger Bonneau, O.Carm. *req. by Ethel O'Brien*

Wednesday, July 29 St Martha

8:00 Stephen & Georgette Lafferty *req. by Friends*
Marie & Jack Cadman *req. by Friends*

Thursday, July 30 St Peter Chrysologus

8:00 Glenn Power *req. by Mary Power*
Josephine Power *req. by her Family*

Friday, July 31 St Ignatius of Loyola

8:00 Reno & Ange Martin *req. by Friends*
Dan & Lee Morrison *req. by Friends*

Saturday, August 1 St Alphonsus Liguori

5:00 Omer Thibodeau *req. by the Family*
Benoit Tessier *req. by the Family*

Sunday, August 2

8:00 Bruno Pietrobon *req. by the Family*
Dec'd of the Bell Family *req. by the Family*
9:30 Cyndi Carroll *req. by Fred & Rosemary Girardo*
Clemente Della Marca *req. by Wife: Maria & Family*
11:30 People of the Parish
7:00 John Buckner *req. by the Friends*
Mercedes Bonaguro *req. by Amina Simonetti*

Collections

July 5: \$6,287.00

July 12: \$6,270.26

Many thanks for your generosity!

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Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Gerald Linehan, Fr. Roger Bonneau, O.Carm., Michael Britto and Colleen Tatarnic. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Ralph Davey, Maureen Tustin, Betty Crete, Sean Sandel

Please pray for those who are ill

Baby M, Mary Power, Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Fr. Terry Cyr, O.Carm., Andrea Fisher, Francis Patterson, Leroy Collee, John Corfield, Maureen Kealey, Fern Albert, Marie Betts, Lori Ann Pizzolato, Cyndee Matvichuk, Rosanna Ricci, Karen Bradley, Ron Winslow, Carmine Astorino, Andy Scotnicki, Corinne Journeau, Arlene Collee, Betty & Joe Power, Judy, Mary Ann Quigley, Maria Nobile, Pat DiLorenzo Jr., Teresa Hebb, Jarod Hickey, Julian Cassidy, Carole Ann Ogilvie, Mary Frances Pye, Gus Bagarozza, Carol DeVilliers, Joe Young, Kelly Power, Marney Broderick, Sister Prem, Kerrie Szuch, Gregory Roulston, Cameron Boyes, Pasquale Abrunzo, Alice Dalton, John Nicks, John Calder, Victor Sincich, Nancy Praakel, Bernadette Moore, Norma Zanus, Patricia Williams, Mark Pepple, Nancy Huber, Danielle Barranca, Fern Albert, Kelly Laslo, Toni Brideau, Edward Brzozowski Jr., Nikki Mansfield, Lester Snow, John Cox, Leo Martin, Nicolina Compare, Dr. Andy Fisher, Alvin Learn, James Moody Sr., Nancy Jean Rose, Eric Corcoran, Carmella Modenti, Anna Hunt, Rose MacDonald, Elizabeth Stachura, Denise Colalillo, Brian Smith, Donna Bradley, Charlene Shannon, John Kealey, Margaret Smith, Anna Vergalito, Frank Sica, Helen Lelievre, Nancy Weiss, Jeanne Lea, Rebecca Evans, Samuel Potapczyk, Mary Lawrence, William JA De Foe, Bernard Martin, Joyce Weaver, Michelle Price, Emily Hanover, Donna Cormier, Margaret Waghorn, Drago Bicanic, Jeanne S, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffrady, Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Evelyn Rose Baker, Lorraine Spence, Vito Fuccillo, Tom Hilton, Robert & JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Marie Massolin, Jeannette Fabian, Maria Melchiorre, Jozefa Bilski, Francesco Albanese, Todd Reid, Mary Brennan, Conner Hawkswell, George Teibert, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Maria Guerin, Patricia O'Reilly, Audrey Vendramin, Faith Amadio, Patrick Kealey, Cheryl Granton, Walter Wallace, Florrie Heimbigner, Francois Chayer, Jadwiga Wozniak, Julie Nicholson, Stefanie Borin, Patrick McCarthy, Alessia Commisso, Trina Washington, Mary Jo O'Kell, Cheryl D'Ammizio, Shirley Machulla, Baby Nicholas, Baby Victoria, Pepper Martin Jr.

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

!!!Project Share Needs our Help!!!



Food donations are at their lowest from June to August every year, and shelves often get close to being empty ... while the need doesn't diminish. This year has been

rough for the poor and the hungry. We are asked to do all we can to get 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, pasta, baby food and formula; cereals. **Lord, when did we see you hungry?**

CHURCH ENVELOPES

Many thanks to all of you who have been keeping up with your Sunday Offertory Envelopes. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and needed. If you wish to make a direct deposit on line please email it to: stpatrick1895@hotmail.com

Parish Gardens

If you feel moved to lend a helping hand around the parish gardens... weeding, trimming, pruning,... come on in!!!

Church Bulletins

For the time being we are not permitted to print church bulletins. So they will be available online only.

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!

Upcoming Wedding in July

Christina Cronkwright & Pietro Palermo

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.



Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe we are halfway through July! We still must take this pandemic one day at a time. Covid-19 is not over, so we still need to be very careful when we go into public places.

I wish to thank all of you for your patience during this crisis. Our parish office will remain closed to the public until September. All business will be conducted at the door. Please call ahead so we can have certificates or Mass cards prepared for you.

As you are aware, both myself and Fr. Stephen Bruzesse have been taking all emergency calls to the hospital for the past 4 months. While our local hospitals will still be following the Pandemic schedule of Emergency calls only, we just learned that **ONE priest** from each parish will now be permitted to visit the hospital for "end of life care only", with a rotation schedule. Training is now available online for those priests. Again, this is for end of life, emergency calls only. God bless you all, and stay safe!

Fr. Gerard

16th Sunday July 19th

Today we have the **Parable of the Weeds and the Wheat** (Matthew 13: 24-43). A farmer sows his seed, and wouldn't you know it, an enemy came during the night and sowed darnel weeds among his wheat! The farmer had to wait until harvest time to separate them. Why? 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!** 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. 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!

17th Sunday July 26th

Jesus uses three more parables to describe the Kingdom of heaven: a treasure hidden in a field; a merchant in search of fine pearls; and a net thrown into the sea. The kingdom is compared to the joy of the unexpected discovery of a **treasure in a field**. This causes a person to sell all and buy the field. The main point is **the joy of discovery**. *The treasure of God's forgiveness, when found in the proclamation of Jesus, releases us to respond without counting the cost.* The second parable of finding the pearl is different. A merchant has been searching for a precious pearl, and when he finds it, he sells all to buy it. The emphasis here is on the **long and successful search**. These two parables mirror our experience of discovering God's love and forgiveness perhaps **unexpectedly**, or perhaps **after a long search**. The third parable about the net with the **good and bad fish**, is really about the **final judgment**. This is a REMINDER that the treasure and costly pearl of God's Kingdom should evoke a response of **grateful and faithful discipleship** on our part.

That's the challenge! Our Christian life is defined by our **response to God** and to **our brothers and sisters**. Discovering God's kingdom is like stumbling across treasure or finding that one precious pearl. When we discover the Kingdom we receive the greatest possible treasure, **the Lord himself**. Treasure has a special connection to the heart, the place of desire and longing. The thing we most set our heart on **is** our highest treasure. May we never forget that as we go through life with its bumps and bruises, joys and sorrows, decisions and choices, roadblocks and challenges, ultimately, **the Lord himself** is the treasure we seek! Is the Lord the ultimate treasure and delight of my life?



Church Mice.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the Escobar-Hernandez Family on the Baptism of their baby, Vince Rodrigo; to the Corman Family on the Baptism of their baby, Oliver George; and to Christopher Horton on his Profession of Faith, Confirmation and First Communion!

2020 Trillium Awards

Because St. Patrick Church has received the highest honours available for the Summer Trillium Awards in Niagara Falls (Award of Excellence), there's no higher we can go! So we are not eligible to participate again!!! Thanks for the nominations! However, we have been invited to be part of the judging process. [I think I'll leave that to the professionals!] 😊 We do the best we can in keeping the grounds up and the property looking good. Thanks to our crew, Brian and Serge!



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.

Gardening Quotes

What is a weed? A weed is a plant whose virtues have not yet been discovered. **R.W. Emerson**

Earth laughs in flowers. **-R.W. Emerson**

Kiss of the sun for pardon. Song of the birds for mirth. You're closer to God's heart in a garden than any place else on earth. **-Dorothy Frances Gurney**



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Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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