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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.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME & THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD



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

Monday, July 31 St Ignatius of Loyola

8:00 Pellegrino Camelia *req. by Carmen & Patricia Maccarone*

Tuesday, August 1 St Alphonsus Liguori

8:00 Jack De Giorgio *req. by Sam & Christine St. Angelo*

Wed, August 2 St Eusebius of Vercelli & St Peter Julian Eymard

8:00 John MacDonnell *req. by Sam & Christine St. Angelo*

Thursday, August 3

8:00 Cecelia Lococo *req. by the Persia Family*

Friday, August 4 St John Mary Vianney

8:00 Dave Linton *req. by the O'Shea Family*
Mary O'Shea *req. by Colleen*

Saturday, August 5 BI Frédéric Janssoone & Ded. of St Mary Major

5:00 Ron Lococo *req. by Marilyn Lococo*
Antoni & Stefania Nytko & Armando Alcaraz *req. by Nytko-Alcaraz Fam*

Sunday, August 6 The Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00 Sant Donato *req. by Guilio & Family*
Achille Paolin *req. by the Paolin Family*
Gianni 'Johnny' Bonaldo *req. by Lidia & Family*
9:30 Pellegrino Camelia *req. by Carmela Camelia*
Bette Anne Chevalier *req. by Ethel O'Brien*
11:30 Neal Jackson *req. by the Family*
Ray Sexton *req. by John & Josie MacLean*
7:00 People of the Parish

Mon, Aug 7 St Sixtus II & Companions, St Cajetan & Albert of Trápani

8:00 John MacDonnell *req. by John & Maureen Kealey*
For the Inocencio Family in Thanksgiving *req. by Minerva*

Tuesday, August 8 St Dominic

8:00 Bruno Pietrobon *req. by Jackie, Tony, Vicky & John*

Wednesday, August 9 St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

8:00 Ray Sexton *req. by Ange Martin*

Thursday, August 10 St Lawrence

8:00 Donato Genovese *req. by the Radice & Genovese Families*
Lucietta Marchese *req. by the Children*

Friday, August 11 St Clare

8:00 Luigi Camillo *req. by his Wife & Family*

Saturday, August 12 St Jane Frances de Chantal

5:00 John MacDonnell *req. by John & Helen Olsiak*
Mary Creamer *req. by Nancy Oatley*
Dec'd of the Antonio & Morellato Families *req. by Loreta & Joe Antonio*

Sunday, August 13

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Carmela Fabiano *req. by her Children & Grandchildren*
Filomena Sebastiano *req. by the Family*
11:30 Roy, Durette & Doucette Families *req. by Valerie Roy*
Ben & Lidia Capacchione *req. by Anthony & Paula Capacchione*
Yap Maximo *req. by the Family*
7:00 Carmela D'Angelo *req. by Meredith & Norah & Family*
Pellegrino Camelia *req. by Carmela Camelia*

Upcoming Weddings at St. Patrick's in August

Victoria Sorrenti & Peter D'Aiuto
Katie Robertson & Peter Nguyen
Lindsay Millar & Steven Pietrangelo

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!

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Giuseppina Paonessa, Francesco Rosano and James Lynett. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Mary Brennan, Baby Tommy, Jack Horth

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, John Nicks, Melissa Brideau, Leon Dopke, 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 Laffrady, 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, Patrick McCarthy, Norman Horth, Muriel Pivarnik, 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'Ammizio, 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, Baby Hope, Donna Bradley, 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 15 & 16: \$5,857.00

July 22 & 23: \$5,157.10

Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2017

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: Sunday, 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, 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!



!!!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?**

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.

Warehouse of Hope: -Accepting used electronics, small appliances, TVs, etc. working or not. Bring items Monday to Friday 9 - 5pm and place them in the drop-off house at the back of the building, 46 Broadway Ave., St. Cath.

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

During the Summer, we will publish our Parish Bulletin every second week. Our next Bulletin will be published on August 13th!



17th Sunday July 30th

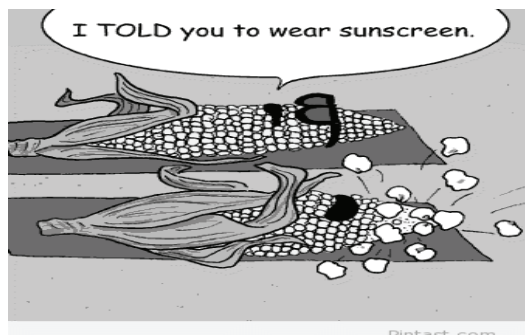
Jesus uses three parables to describe the Kingdom of heaven: a treasure hidden in a field; a merchant in search of fine pearls; and a net thrown into the sea. The kingdom is compared to the joy of the unexpected discovery of a **treasure in a field**. This causes a person to sell all and buy the field. 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 must seek! Is the Lord the ultimate treasure and delight in my life?

18th Sunday August 6th (Transfiguration of the Lord)

Today is **The Transfiguration!** Just prior to this, Jesus told the disciples of his coming passion and death. He takes Peter, James and John up Mount Tabor to pray. Going up a mountain was a way to draw nearer to God, like a point of contact between the heavens and the earth. On the mountain, Jesus' appearance changed. He became dazzling white. His face shone like the sun. Moses and Elijah appear, and we hear God's voice, **"This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!"** His disciples witnessed the divine nature shine out through the human nature of the transfigured Jesus. There was more to Jesus than met the eye. They got a glimpse of the future glory of his Resurrection. This should give them the strength they need for the coming scandal of the cross. They needed the glory of Tabor before enduring the horror of Good Friday.

We all need good news and hope and glimpses of the Divine. May God transfigure our world, so that world leaders will strive for peace... and all people will one day see each other as brothers and sisters of one family! And we ask ourselves, Is there anything in my life that needs to be transfigured or changed? Just one thing, maybe? Let's bring it to God this week, and let him turn it into glory... from darkness to light, from pain to glory! God can do anything, if we only get out of His way! And if we trust him. Let's go up the mountain this week for some quiet time with God... and come down a better person! Let's make an effort to create some space in this crazy, busy life, so that God can speak to us, so that we can talk to God... and hear his calming voice! Have a transfiguring week!



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GLIMPSES OF GOD

Like Peter, James and John, we too get glimpses of the presence of God in our lives. We get glimpses of God in the love we receive from other people. We get glimpses of God when badly needed help suddenly comes to us from out of nowhere. We get glimpses of God when we look back over our lives and what we couldn't understand in the past makes sense now. We see glimpses of God when we see someone making a sacrifice to help somebody else. We see glimpses of God in the beauty of a fine day, a nice beach or a beautiful sunrise or sunset. We see glimpses of God when a passage from the Bible or a homily strikes a chord in our hearts. We get a glimpse of God when we spend time in prayer and experience the loving presence of God in our lives. We get more than just a glimpse of God when we receive the Body of Christ in Holy Communion.

Pastor on Vacation

Fr. Gerard will be visiting his family in Newfoundland until the third week of August! We wish him a relaxing and fun vacation. And we pray he doesn't partake in any illegal fishing activities.

Summer Trillium Award

St. Patrick Parish received notification that we have won a 2017 Silver Trillium Award for our Property and Gardens! The Recognition Ceremony will take place on Wednesday, September 20th at 7:00 PM at the Ramada Plaza, 7389 Lundy's Lane. Thanks to everyone who help to keep our property looking beautiful in the heart of downtown!

Baptisms

Congratulations to those who were baptized at St. Patrick's in July: Olivia Dabrowski, Lyla Harris, Noah Kneller, Isabella Lucia and Cooper Moore. God bless the little children, their parents and Godparents!

Gardening Quotes

...I grow plants for many reasons: to please my soul, to challenge the elements or to challenge my patience, for novelty, or for nostalgia, but mostly for the joy in seeing them grow. -David Hobson

... Gardening is the art that uses flowers and plants as paint and the soil and sky as canvas. -Elizabeth Murray

... To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow. -Audrey Hepburn

Catholic Missions Shared Collection

On Sunday, August 13th, there will be a special collection taken in all Catholic Churches in Canada for **Catholic Missions in Canada**. Envelopes will be available at the doors of the church. We ask that you place your special envelope in with the **Regular Collection** on the August 12/13th weekend.

Holy Land Wood Art...on August 19 & 20 we will be having beautiful hand crafted olive wood religious items for sale at the main doors of the Church. The income from sales goes towards strengthening the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre Presentations:

(7020 Stanley Avenue, 905-356-4113)

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| August 1 - 11 | The Carmelite Rule Retreat
Presenter: Fr. Chris Kulig |
| August 4 - 6 | 12-Step Retreat for Men & Women
Presenter: Kathryn McMorrow |
| August 6- 12 | Icon Writing Workshop
Presenter: Phil Zimmerman |
| August 13- 17 | Summer Stillness Retreat for Women
Presenter: Kathryn McMorrow |
| August 13- 18 | Preached Retreats
Presenters: Ministerial Team |
| August 18 - 20 | 12-Step Retreat for Women
Presenter: Kathryn McMorrow |

Carmelite Spirituality: The discussion group, Elijah's Well, meets the 2nd & 4th Friday at 7pm at Mt Carmel Spiritual Centre, Contact Jean 905-975-5326

Monday to Friday Daily Mass at 11:15am

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