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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.

THIRTEENTH & FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, June 25

5:00 Vincent & Ruby Crowley *req. by the Family*
Joseph Zaniol *req. by the Family*

Sunday, June 26

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 Jack & Rosalie Clark *req. by the Clark Family*
Wilf & Tessie Helmink *req. by the Family*

11:30 Ralph Fabiano *req. by his Wife: Lula & Children*
Janice Grant & Scott Balfour *req. by Mother & Nona Audrey*

7:00 Giovanni Simonetti *req. by the Family*
Anna Marie & Josephine Sacco *req. by the Family*

Monday, June 27 St Cyril of Alexandria

8:00 Deacon Patrick O'Brien *req. by Louisa Potalivo*
Mary & John Cahill *req. by the Family*

Tuesday, June 28 St Irenaeus

8:00 Leopold Buteau *req. by the Family*
Mae MacLean *req. by Marie Cadman & Family*

Wednesday, June 29 Sts Peter & Paul

8:00 Eileen & Tom Clail *req. by Muriel Lafford*
Cecil Gozansky *req. by the O'Brien Family*

Thursday, June 30 The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

8:00 Rosaleen O'Brien *req. by the O'Brien Family*
Bernie Gozansky *req. by the Catholic Womens League*

Friday, July 1 Canada Day

8:00 Michele Iammarino *req. by Assunta Iammarino & Family*
Margaret Nicholson *req. by the Family*

Saturday, July 2

5:00 George O'Kell *req. by Stu & Mary Lou Gallardi*
Jim & Mina Irwin & Giuseppe & Giudita Morellato *req. by Cero & Carol*

Sunday, July 3

8:00 Linda Tonini *req. by the Family*
Peter Viet Nguyen *req. by Bryce & Aileen Adams*
9:30 Frank Ruberto *req. by Caterina Ruberto*
Ron Liberty & Tracy Mangan *req. by Belle Liberty*
11:30 Jackie Cavasin *req. by the Cavasin Family*
Giuseppe Elia *req. by Angelo & Theresa Elia*
7:00 People of the Parish

*** Please note: Sunday June 26, 9:30am Mass is the last Children's Liturgy until September

Upcoming Weddings at St. Patrick's in July

Toni Winklemailer & Guy Brideau
Tiffany Nieuwesteeg & Kevin Cancian

Hannah House Baby Bottle Campaign has come to an end.
Please return your Bottle to the Church or Office as soon as possible. Thank you!

Year of Mercy Retreat... On July 7-11, 2016, Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre will be offering a program entitled, *A Retreat with Pope Francis During the Year of Mercy*. For information contact 905-356-4113 or www.carmelniagara.com

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Rose lapel emblems at the doors of the Church, at all Masses this weekend in support of "Right to Life" and "Birthright"

Congratulations to Rita & Pasquale Abrunzo on their 60th Wedding Anniversary

Is God calling You? If you feel called to serve as Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Altar Server, or Funeral Server, please call the parish office, 905-354-7451.

Rest in Peace... We pray for the soul of Val Johnstone. May she rest in peace. Please remember her family in your prayers

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Brian Smith and Lucio Tumalak

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Emily Hanover, Shanda Gale, Bob Marshall, Tony Laslo, 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, Carmela Fruci, Lucy Rizzo, Barbara Phillips (Murray), Audrey Vendramin, Jeanne Lea, Gianni Bonaldo, Stan Manning, Iole Mancini, Alice Dalton, Baby Maximus, David & Patrick Kealey, Joanna Daniels, Ray Sexton, Francesco Albanese, Mary Ann O'Shea, Doreen Fletcher, Rosalyn Dagleish, Susan & Rick Rogers, 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 Pivarnyk, Helen Lelievre, Tom Hilton, Maria Colalillo, Walter Wallace, Stefanie Borin, John Cox, Joyce Weaver, Marie Cleary, Rita Bruneau, Orlando Garofalo, Kerrie Szuch, Faith Amadio, Margaret Smith, Carmella Modenti, Margaret Waghorn, Theresa Poirier, Bruno Maiolo, Carlo Trasmundi, Vito Fuccillo, BabyHope, Cheryl D'Amizio, Kelly Laslo, Rose Vukmanich, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Alessia Commisso, Vicki Dubeau, Donna Bradley, Annette Brideau, Mary Jo O'Kell, Baby Sebastian, Dorothy Doyle, Lorraine Murray, Patricia O'Reilly, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pepper Martin Jr., Vital & Emmanuel Chayer, Trina Washington, Chester Mottola, Shirley Machulla, Gerry Laffradi, Lorraine Spence, Baby Gabriel Paraskevopoulos, Mary Wilkes-Matthews, Helen Rotella

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

Collections

June 18 & 19: \$6,102.25
Education of Seminarians: \$732.75
Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2016

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday, June 26, July 24, no Aug Bapt, Sept 25, Oct 16**
A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, **June 14, July 12, Sept 13, Oct 4** 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!

PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND (just a few seats left)

Fr. Gerard is leading a 10-Day Pilgrimage to Ireland from September 14-24, 2016: **Churches and Shrines of Ireland**. There are brochures in the parish office and also at the back of the church. We will fly direct from Toronto to Dublin, 9 nights in 4-star hotels in Newry, Donegal, Galway, Cork, Kilkenny, and Dublin, experiencing many great sights and sounds, prayers and Masses! Daily Irish Breakfast, eight 3-Course Dinners, Irish Party Show, ferry ride, Luxury Coach, Guide etc!!! This pilgrimage is limited to 40 people!!! Cost is \$3495 per person (including taxes and fuel surcharges), based on double occupancy. Don't miss out!!! For those who have reserved spaces, please sign up **immediately** with BrinkmanTravel.



The Diocesan Separated & Divorced Healing Ministry Support Group
Held on the 2nd & 4th Monday of the month from September to June, the last meeting will be on June 27 from 7 - 9pm, at Mt Carmel Spiritual Centre, separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154



Dear Friends:

Summer has officially begun. On Wednesday our children will be finished school until September 6th! We celebrated a Graduation School Mass at Saint Paul High last week; and this past Tuesday we celebrated closing school Masses for St. Patrick and St. Mary Schools. On Monday evening we will celebrate the Grade 8 Graduation for both schools, and then Saint Paul Graduation will be held on Tuesday evening. Congratulations and Best Wishes to all our students! We wish our students, teachers, principals, parents and school staff a very safe, happy and healthy summer.



Today's Gospel is about discipleship and commitment to Jesus. When God calls us to follow, he gives us the grace and strength to put aside everything that prevents us from doing His will. Loyalty to Jesus requires sacrifice, **letting go of my will for God's will**. In today's Gospel a *would-be* disciple responded to Jesus' call by saying, **first let me go and bury my father!** (take care of him until he

dies.) Jesus didn't mean that we should refuse to care for others, especially our parents. His shocking response made clear that God must **always come first in our lives**. If we love God above all, then everything else will fall into its proper place.

Jesus surprised his disciples and he challenges us... by saying that we **must not look back** (*keep our hands to the plow*) and keep our focus on the goal set for our lives, full happiness and union with God. Isn't that what we all desire? A plowman who looks back can cause his furrow to be crooked. Likewise, if we keep **looking back** to what we left behind, our path in following God will likely go off course and we'll miss what God has in store for us. Am I resolved to keep my eyes fixed on Jesus and to "stay the course" in following him to the end? That's the question! With Jesus, nothing should be wishy-washy! If we catch ourselves straddling fences, take that leap of faith, and come back onto his radical path. Have a good week, and a Happy Canada Day this Friday!

Fr. Gerard



Discipleship is the pursuit of holiness and happiness. It is the path to our best and happiest self.

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!



let them know that you saw their AD here!

Please take time to look at the back of our Parish Bulletin! These local advertisers pay for the printing/publishing of our bulletin. Let's do everything we can to **patronize them**, and

Happy Canada Day! (1867-2016)

This Friday, July 1st, we celebrate Canada Day, (formerly *Dominion Day*), the 149th Anniversary of Confederation... **Canada's Birthday!**



May **God keep our land, glorious and free!** We should make an effort to partake in some activity on **Canada Day**... even by wearing red! We have much to be thankful for... and so much to be proud of.

A Prayer for Canada

Gracious God: As we raise high and wave our flag with pride today, fill us with gratitude for the freedoms we enjoy. And fill us with compassion for those who do not know what it is to live and speak and worship freely.

As we meet with family and friends around a heavily-laden table, may our grace include a moment of silent reflection for those who don't know how they or their children will eat today. May we show them respect, not only by exhibiting restraint, but by resolving to take one step, however small, to alleviate their suffering.

As we raise our glasses in salute to a dominion that has, as its foundation, a deep and abiding trust in you, give us an appreciation for the almost unparalleled access to health care and clean water that we enjoy. Remind us that one person, obeying your command to give water to the thirsty and food to the hungry, can change the world.

As we stand and gaze up at the heavens, in awe of the breathtaking display as fireworks streak and blaze across the night sky, may we be overwhelmed by the beauty of creation. And may we be sobered by the realization that we all have a responsibility to do what we can to take care of and save it.

And above all, as we celebrate this great country today, may we be grateful for all the blessings we have received. And, even more, may we give thanks to you, the one who has blessed us so that we, in turn, might be a blessing to others. God, keep our land glorious and free. Amen.

Please continue to bring food items to the church on the weekends. If

each family brought one or two cans of food, we can fill our two bins every Sunday! If you prefer, Project Share also distributes toiletry items. (Next time you stay in a hotel, bring home the little soaps and creams, shampoos, razors, toothpastes etc. They'll be put to good use!)



Summer Bulletins

During the months of July and August, we will publish our Sunday Bulletins every second week. If you have announcements pertaining to parish or diocesan events, etc., please submit them early! Our bulletins go to print on Thursdays at NOON... so please have all announcements into the office by Wednesday. This week, because of Canada Day, our bulletin material must be submitted by noon on Tuesday.

Gardening Quotes



Everything that slows us down and forces patience, everything that sets us back into the slow circles of nature, is a help. Gardening is an instrument of grace.

Gardening simply does not allow one to be mentally old, because too many hopes and dreams are yet to be realized.

No Fixed Address... a YWCA Niagara Region event August 12-13 at the Pen Centre...visit www.nfaniagara.com for more information or contact Franziska at 905-988-3528 ext 3246

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