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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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Saturday, March 9 St. Frances of Rome

5:00 Charlie Ogilvie req. by Debbie Ogilvie & Family
Salvatore 'Sam' Cundari req. by his Wife Teresa & Family

Sunday, March 10 First Sunday of Lent

8:00 Giulio Cavaliere req. by Rocco & Giuseppina Cavaliere
Luigi Canal req. by the Family

9:30 Giuseppina Toffi req. by Maria Rossi & Family
Monica, Michael & Cyril O'Leary req. by the Family

11:30 Tony Serra req. by the Family
Joe Mancuso req. by Mary & Lorenzo Leone & Family
7:00 People of the Parish

Monday, March 11

8:00 Hugh, Felicitas & William Hockton req. by the Family
Ivan Maglicic req. by the Antonio Family

Tuesday, March 12

8:00 Eloise & Marigwen Schumacher req. by Aileen & Bryce Adams

Wednesday, March 13

8:00 Anselmo & Giuditta Pozzebon req. by Mario Pozzebon & Family

7:00 Maria & Paul Di Paul req. by Rosemary Panetta
Adele Morabito req. by her Daughters

Thursday, March 14

8:00 Alice Doucette req. by the Roy Family

Friday, March 15

8:00 Loreto & Nicasio Rey req. by the Rey-Navarro Family

Saturday, March 16

5:00 James Ogilvie req. by the St. Angelo & Ogilvie Families
Patrick O'Brien req. by Ethel & Family

Sunday, March 17 Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 Robert Lelievre req. by Aileen Lelievre-Adams
Raffaele Fabiano req. by the Family

9:30 James, Elmira & Danny Dick req. by Yvette Dick & Colette Empey
M/M Lazzarin req. by Louise Marcon

11:30 Patricia Patterson req. by the Family
Ody Argenta req. by Diana Argenta

7:00 People of the Parish

Baptism Schedule for 2019

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday, March 24 (infants only), April 28, May 26 & June 23**

A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, March 12, April 16, May 14 & June 11 at 7:00 pm.

Children Sacramental Dates 2019

Confirmation: Saturday, June 1, 2019 @ 5:00 PM

First Reconciliation: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 @ 7:00 PM (*new date*)

First Communion: Sunday, May 5, 2019 @ 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM

(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.)

St. Patrick's Day Dance, Saturday March 16, 2019

St. Patrick Parish Hall From 8 p.m.-1 a.m.

\$10.00 per person includes:

• Beef on a Bun • Prizes • Cash Bar

• DJ • Irish Dancers (2 performances)

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for tickets contact Colleen @ 905-374-4025 /

colleenm@vaxxine.com or the Church Office 905-354-7451

Volunteers needed for set-up & clean-up



40 Days for Life Vigil... Jesus fasted and prayed in the desert for 40 days before He began His Ministry. During the 40 DAYS FOR LIFE VIGIL, we follow Christ's example: we fast and pray and offer sacrifice – from March 6 – April 14, 2019. We give prayerful, peaceful witness at Niagara Falls General Hospital, holding a sign: PRAY TO END ABORTION, from 8 am – 8 pm daily – sign up with friends and family for ONE HOUR. SIGN UP FOR ONE HOUR TO SAVE A LIFETIME. We encourage St. Patrick Parishioners and friends to sign up for one hour on **Sunday, April 7**. For further info, contact Annette at: 905-325-1251, loeffenlife@gmail.com or Angela: angelabraun@live.com

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Marigwen Schumacher, Mary Beth Corfield and Pauline Ellis. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Dr. Andy Fisher, Baby Nicholas, Victor Sincich, Angelo Panucci

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Carole Ann Ogilvie, Kelly Power, Margaret Christopher, Nikki Mansfield, Baby Evelina, Mark Pepple, Nicolina Compare, Bernadette Moore, Marie Cadman, Alvin Learn, Bruno DeLazzari, James Moody Sr., Fern Albert, Lester Snow, Rose MacDonald, Elizabeth Stachura, John Calder, Melissa Brideau, Toni Brideau, Charlene Shannon, John Nicks, Moira Campbell, Leon Dopke, Anna Hunt, John Kealey, Norah Marrie, Anna Vergalito, Helen Lelievre, Nancy Weiss, Samuel Potapczyk, Baby Julian, Baby Noah, Denise Colalillo, Mary Lawrence, Bernard Martin, William JA De Foe, Emily Hanover, Leo Martin, Drago Bicanic, Baby Victoria, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffradi, Edna McDonnell, Fred Girardo Sr., Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Maria Melchiorre, Conner Hawkswell, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Danielle Barranca, Iole Mancini, Jeannette Fabian, Donna Cormier, Jeanne Lea, Maria Rosiana, Alice Dalton, Audrey Vendramin, Baby Maximus, Patrick Kealey, Margaret Smith, Tom Hilton, Francesco Albanese, Rosalyn Dagleish, Kelly Detlor, Jill Leronowich, Florrie Heimbigner, Kitty Decicco, Evelyn Rose Baker, Jozefa Bilski, Rebecca Evans, Marie Massolin, Maria Guerin, John Jefferson, Todd Reid, John Cox, Nancy Jean Rose, Faith Amadio, Kelly Laslo, Patrick McCarthy, Stefanie Borin, Muriel Pivarnyk, Walter Wallace, Joyce Weaver, Kerrie Szuch, Carmella Modenti, Frank Sica, Margaret Waghorn, Vito Fuccillo, Baby Hope, Donna Bradley, Cheryl D'Amizio, Francois Chayer, Patricia O'Reilly Julie Nicholson, Mary Jo O'Kell, Alessia Comisso, Vicki Dubeau, Lorraine Spence, Baby Sebastian, Mary Brennan, Robert & JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pepper Martin Jr., Vital & Emmanuel Chayer, Michelle Price, Brian Smith, Carlo Trasmundi, Jadwiga Wozniak, Shirley Machulla, Baby Gabriel, Trina Washington, Helen Rotella, Jeanne S

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

Collections

February 24: \$5,787.00

March 3: \$6,022.50

Ryan's Bowl (to date): \$1,882.50

Many thanks for your generosity!

CWL News... The next meeting for the St. Patrick Church CWL will be held on **Wednesday, April 3 at 6:30pm** in the lower Hall.

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!

40 Days for Life...March 6 - April 14

Help save lives in Niagara Falls! www.wpcprolife.com

2019 Church Envelopes & 2018 Tax Receipts

Please make sure you pick up your Offertory Envelopes and Tax Receipts as soon as possible. They are at the main doors of the Church. Many thanks.

Friends of Carmel 2019 Fundraiser... Trivia Day...March 31, 2019

Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, Doors open @ 1pm, Trivia starts @ 1:30pm

\$20 each, includes Food, Tickets available at Mt Carmel Monastery Store or by calling Anna @ 905-358-3412

Annual Diocesan RESPECT FOR LIFE MASS on Monday, March 25

Celebrated by Bishop Gerard Bergie at 7:00pm

on The Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord at

The Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria

Reception to follow All are welcome

Church Bulletin Advertising... Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our Church bulletin. The advertising will begin in May 2019 & supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin & advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

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



Please continue to bring food items to Mass for Project Share!
Every item helps! "Lord, when did we see you hungry?"





Dear Friends:

On Ash Wednesday, we embarked upon the Season of Lent! We have a wonderful opportunity for 40 days to clean our spiritual houses... and to turn back to God with our whole heart! Lent is often called 'the **springtime of the soul!**' The word *lent*, comes from an English word meaning **spring**, not just a reference to the plants pushing their way through the soil before Easter, but also to the **greening of the human soul** - pruned with repentance, fertilized with fasting, spritzed with self-appraisal, mulched with prayer. That's what Lent is all about!

In the Gospel this Sunday, Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness for 40 days, where he was tempted by Satan. He fasted for 40 days, his human flesh cried out for food, famished. He was so vulnerable. Satan knew this and tempted him **three times!** *Turn this stone to bread... worship me and this kingdom will be yours... throw yourself down from here!* These temptations were spurned by Jesus, as he hurled **scriptural grenades** at Satan! The three temptations offered Jesus a quick fix, an easy way out. But Jesus **resisted** each one. Oh that we could do the same!



What are the **temptations** in our lives? Where do we look for our quick fixes? A great season to look seriously at our response to temptations. We all have them! They're everywhere. Do we give in to the wrong foods, the wrong activities, alcohol, drugs, pornography, peer-pressure, gambling, greed, desires of the flesh? To whom or to what do we give control over our lives... over our decisions? Maybe we can learn from the Master... and ward off all the little satans out there that keep popping up! Lent is a sacred time to face our temptations and deface them gracefully. May we have the courage, through Christ, to drive the little and big satans from our lives! During this special season, may we allow Jesus and his **POWER** to help us grow in this '**spring-time**' of the **soul!!!** We pray for each other along this Lenten journey! Blessings!

Fr. Gerard



"These are vegetables, mother. You wouldn't want me to eat something I've given up for Lent, would you?"

Weekday Mass Schedule for Lent

Monday- 8:00 AM
Tuesday- 8:00 AM
Wednesday- 8:00 AM & 7:00 PM
Thursday- 8:00 AM
Friday- 8:00 AM

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7:00 PM followed by **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction**. **Reconciliation** will also be available!



A Lenten Reflection by Henri Nouwen

"How often have I lived through these weeks without paying much attention to penance, fasting, and prayer? How often have I missed the spiritual fruits of the season without even being aware of it? But how can I ever really celebrate Easter without observing Lent? How can I rejoice fully in your Resurrection when I have avoided participating in your death? Yes, Lord, I have to die—with you, through you, and in you—and thus become ready to recognize you when you appear to me in your Resurrection. There is so much in me that needs to die: false attachments, greed, and anger, impatience and stinginess.... I see clearly now how little I have died with you, really gone your way and been faithful to it. O Lord, make this Lenten season different from the other ones. Let me find you again. Amen."

Prayer During Lent

Something we can do during Lent is commit ourselves to being more reflective! Lent is a good time to start new patterns of prayer. Perhaps we haven't been praying at all. This is a great time to begin.... and begin realistically. Start by simply pausing when we get up and taking a slow, deep breath, and recalling what I have to do this day, and asking for grace to do it as a child of God. We may want to go to bed earlier, and get up earlier, to give ourselves some quiet time to read the scripture for the day, or spiritual writings. We may choose to go to Mass each day during Lent, or celebrate the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings. Let's all try to increase our prayer lives on this pilgrimage to Easter Joy!!

Food Month

Let's make March **FOOD MONTH!** We are invited to bring Macaroni and Cheese; cereals, canned pasta, canned soups, or tomato sauce to Mass on the weekends. Let's make a difference in our town!

Help Needed

As you know, many of our local poor are living in motel rooms throughout Niagara Falls, predominantly on Lundy's Lane. If they receive food from Project Share, many have no means of heating the food. Hot plates, toaster ovens etc., are not permitted in motel rooms. So we are in need of good used Microwave Ovens. PLEASE check your garages and sheds and closets. Feel free to drop them off at St. Patrick Parish, and we'll ensure they get to Vincent's Store for distribution. To date we have collected 25 microwaves, thanks to a generous donation of 16 microwaves from the United Steelworker's Union Local 14241! Thanks Dylan Shannon for rallying the troops!



Marriage Preparation

Many thanks to Cliff and Teresa, Paul and Laura, Peter and Stefanie, Peter and Kyra, and Justin and Tina for making the Marriage Preparation Program such a success. Thanks also to Mary Lou, Stu and Mary Catharine for the wonderful luncheon! And to Lillian for her help! Please keep our young couples in prayer as they make the final preparations for their wedding day.

Ryan's Bowl Food Program "A Lenten Sacrifice" for St. Pat's!

Once again this Lent, we will have a special container at the front and back of the church. All donations will assist a food program in which one of our parishioners, Ken Walsh, has helped initiate in Eastern Uganda. Each day **Ryan's Bowl** feeds upwards to 1200 children at local Catholic Schools. This is the only hot meal these children get each day! Please place your donations into these containers during Lent! If you wish to donate by cheque, please make payable to **Ryan's Bowl Food Program**. "Lord, when did we see you hungry?"

This is a Registered Charity under the CRA, and they issue their own receipts for Income Tax Purposes. Approximately 90% of their funds go directly to the Lunch Program. The other 10% is used for school fees for the most desperate, a school uniform to replace the most tattered, also notebooks and pencils, and in dire cases, to purchase a goat for very needy families. Check out their website: ryansbowl.ca

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