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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.

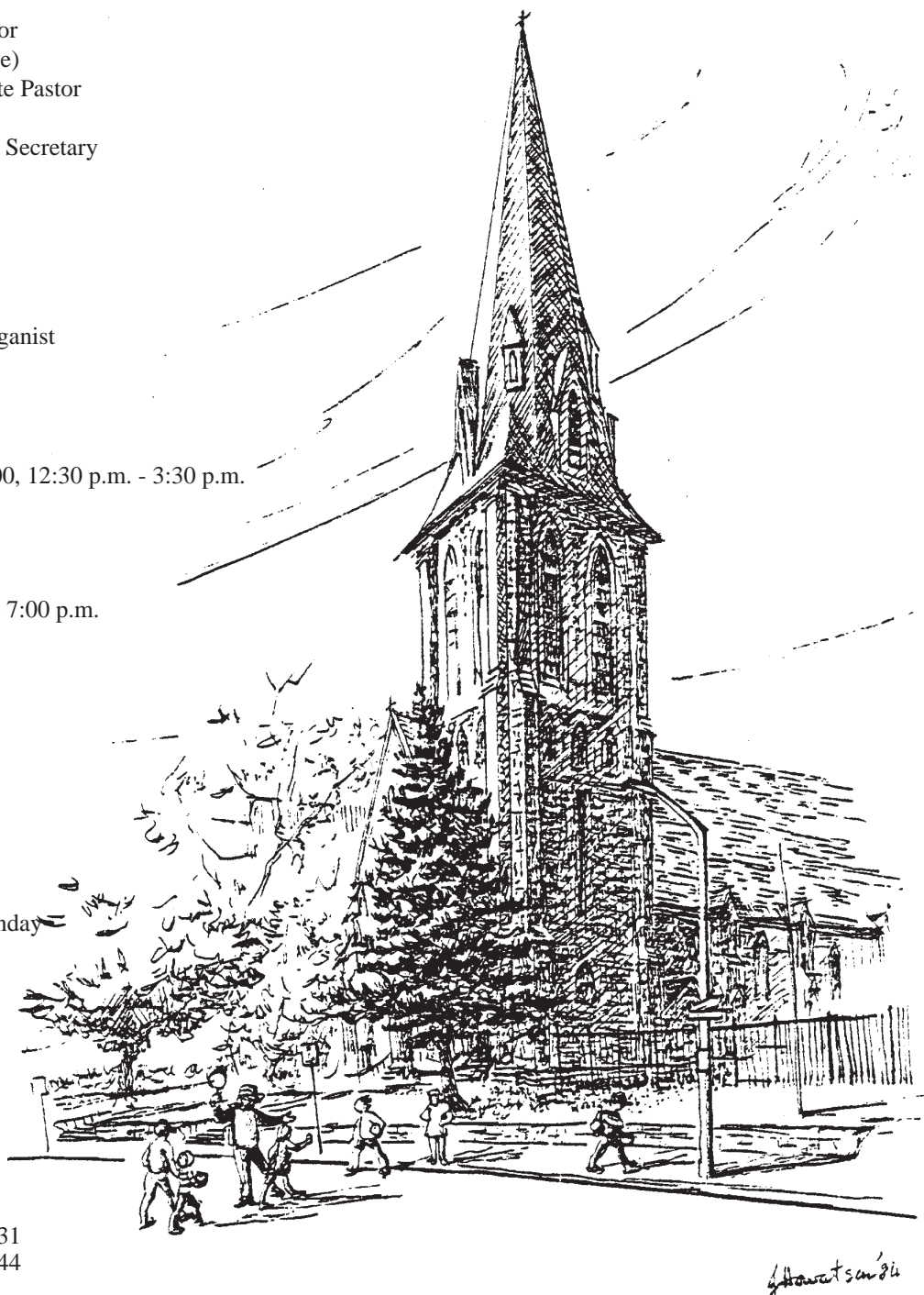
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Diocese of St. Catharines (est. 1958)

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



Saturday, March 23 St Turibius of Mogrovejo

5:00 Aline Cormier req. by Linda Cormier
Paul Le Xu, Anthony Hung Nguyen, Le & Truong req. by the Family

Sunday, March 24 Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 Ronald Henry req. by Mary Profeta
Giuseppina, Giulio & Albert Canali req. by Anne & John Condotta & Family
9:30 Francesco Mastropiero req. by the Family
Faye Moore req. by Ross & Shirley Wallace
11:30 Peter Viet req. by the Nguyen Family
Ivon Loro req. by the Family
7:00 People of the Parish

Monday, March 25 The Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 Angela Theresa Catone req. by Vince Catone
Norman McBride req. by Aileen & Fern

Tuesday, March 26

8:00 Luigia Lot req. by Mario Pozzebon & Family
Giuseppe Rinaldi req. by the Radice Family

Wednesday, March 27

8:00 Scott Balfour req. by Mom & Dad
Adolph (Red) Heimbigner req. by his Wife: Florrie
7:00 Adele Morabito req. by the Catholic Womens League
Joe Mancuso req. by Amato & Mary Natale

Thursday, March 28

8:00 Mark McAvoy req. by the Family
Lawrence & Lucy Kitney req. by Evelyn Kemp

Friday, March 29

8:00 Carmela Petrella req. by the Petrella Family
Agostino Marchio req. by the Parish Staff

Saturday, March 30

5:00 Rev. Anthony McNamara, O.Carm. req. by Anna & Cathy
William & Emily Bolton req. by Mary Profeta & Family

Sunday, March 31 Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 Agostino Compare req. by Nicolina & Family
Giovanni Lot req. by Mario Pozzebon & Family
9:30 Battista Sacco req. by the St. Vincent de Paul Society
Lucia Rossi req. by the Family
11:30 Philomena Shepherd req. by Kay McCann
Colette Smythe req. by Curtis & Lianne Smith
7:00 People of the Parish

Baptism Schedule for 2019

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: Sunday, April 28, May 26 & June 23

A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, April 23 (new date), May 14 & June 11 at 7:00 pm.

Children Sacramental Dates 2019

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

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.)

The Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education's Annual Benefit Gala with
honourary guest, Bishop Gerard Bergie, D.D.

Saturday, March 30, 2019 at Club Roma, \$80 each

5:30pm Antipasto Bar, 7pm Dinner, After Dinner Speaker, Pat Stapleton NHL

Legend & Team Canada 72 Member

Please see the bulletin boards for details

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

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Dr. Andy Fisher, Angelo Panucci

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Carole Ann Ogilvie, Kelly Power, Victor Sincich, Nancy Praakel, 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, Leo Martin, Samuel Potapczyk, Baby Julian, Baby Noah, Denise Colalillo, Mary Lawrence, Bernard Martin, William JA De Foe, Emily Hanover, Drago Bicanic, Baby Victoria, Joyce Weaver John Cox, Margaret Waghorn, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffrati, 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, Kelly Detlor, Francesco Albanese, Rosalyn Dagleish, Jill Leronowich, Florrie Heimbigner, Kitty Decicco, Evelyn Rose Baker, Jozefa Bilski, Rebecca Evans, Marie Massolin, Maria Guerin, John Jefferson, Todd Reid, Nancy Jean Rose, Faith Amadio, Kelly Laslo, Patricia O'Reilly, Patrick McCarthy, Stefanie Borin, Muriel Pivarnyik, Walter Wallace, , Kerrie Szuch, Carmella Modenti, Frank Sica, Vito Fuccillo, Baby Hope, Donna Bradley, Cheryl D'Amizio, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Mary Jo O'Kell, Alessia Comisso, Vicki Dubeau, Baby Sebastian, , Mary Brennan, Lorraine Spence, Robert & JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pepper Martin Jr., Vital & Emmanuel Chayer, Michelle Price, Brian Smith, Carlo Trasmundi, Jadwiga Wozniak, Shirley Machulla, Baby Gabriel, Baby Nicholas, 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

March 17: \$5,997.25

Ryan's Bowl (to date): \$3,240.25

Many thanks for your generosity!

Upcoming Weddings at St. Patrick's in April

Cassandra Rosati & Mark Lelievre

Lyndsay Sobieraj & David Mastrandrea

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!

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.

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



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



Dear Friends:



Spring has officially sprung! Praise God! Before we know it, everything will be in full bloom! And we will be complaining about the heat!



This is the 3rd Sunday in the Season of Lent! Our scripture this Sunday gives us some profound insights into what our God is like. We have a God of **second chances**. In Exodus, the Israelites wandered far from home... to Egypt. They strayed

from God... evil befell them... but did God abandon them? Absolutely not! God's nurturing hands were held out to them. From the burning bush, Moses is called to lead his people from slavery to freedom! In the Gospel, we have a parable about a 3-year old fig-tree that bore no fruit. The owner wants to cut it down, but the gardener makes a plea to save it! It is given a second chance, one more year! This speaks not only of God's patience, but also of the urgency of the call to conversion. We are the fig tree. We have been planted in the Kingdom of God to bear fruit. We must make the best use of the life God gave us, and produce results.

We all stray from God... times we are burdened by sin. We do things that are contrary to the Gospel, or fail to do the things that God asks. The Good News is, **God's nurturing hand is held out to all of us**. Hear God saying to us, "**Come back to me, I will give you a second chance.**" A great week to examine our lives and consider the consequences of our sin. SIN DOES HAVE CONSEQUENCES!!!!... not only in the next life, but here and now. On Saturday, April 6th, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered in every Parish in our diocese from **10:00 AM until 2:00 PM** with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. A wonderful opportunity to repent and turn to the Gospel, to get ourselves back on track! This Gospel is about grace and mercy! As Pope Francis said, "God's name is MERCY." We are cultivated by a loving gardener who will help us bear the fruits of conversion and discipleship. The time for change is now, **today**, not tomorrow. Life is precious. Life is also short. We have to make the best use of every day that we are gifted. Have a blessed week.

Fr. Gerard

3rd Sunday of Lent Bearing the Fruit Luke 13:1-9



Okay, okay. Another year for the figs to come out. But will you quit with the manure already?!?

Offering forgiveness and giving second chances is what Jesus and his followers do.

St. Patrick's Dance

Many thanks to Colleen McLaughlin and all the awesome volunteers and generous donors for making our St. Patrick's Dance such a wonderful success. It was the biggest crowd we had in years! Lots of fun was had by all.

Please do not leave the Church Bulletins in the pews. If you do not wish to take it home, please return it to one of the tables at the doors of the Church. Thanks

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.**

Communal Reconciliation Service

Monday of Holy Week at 7:00 PM (April 15)

Sacrament of Penance

The Diocese of St. Catharines invites all Catholics to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance on Saturday, April 6, 2019 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Every church in the diocese will have priests available. Brochures containing an Examination of Conscience and instructions for the Sacrament are available at all the doors of the church.

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!

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



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.

Separated & Divorced Healing Ministry The next meeting will be held on March 25, 2019. Meetings are 7 to 9 pm at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Ave, Niagara Falls.

Pre-registration is not required. For a pamphlet call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com

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

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