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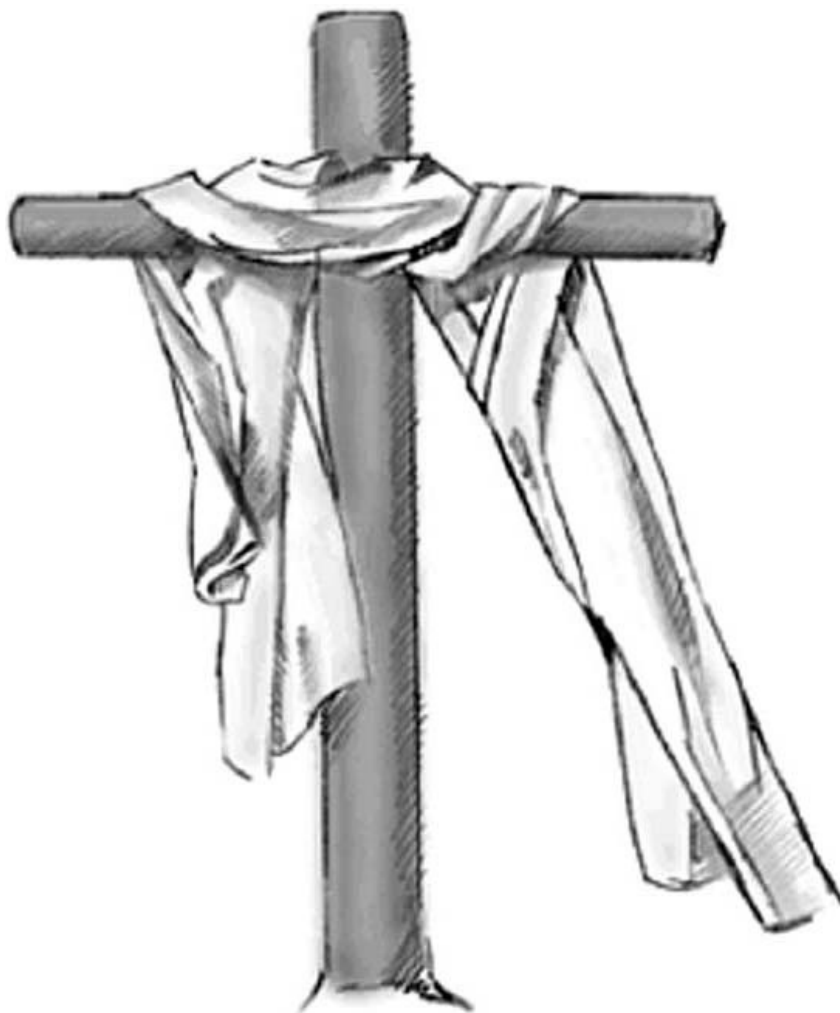
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Rejoice!
For the Lord is truly risen!

EASTER SUNDAY



Saturday, March 26 Holy Saturday

7:30pm Easter Vigil

Sunday, March 27 Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord

8:00 People

9:30 of the

11:30 Parish

Monday, March 28

8:00 Nancy & Nick Di Paolo *req. by Paul Di Paul*

Wanda Winslow *req. by the Catholic Womens League*

Tuesday, March 29

8:00 Luigi (Gino) Cerce *req. by Assunta Iammarino & Family*

Edward Nawrot *req. by Victoria & Family*

Wednesday, March 30

8:00 Simon & Alice Horth *req. by Gerard Cormier*

Pat Lelievre *req. by Peter & Helen Lelievre*

Thursday, March 31

8:00 Anna McKinty *req. by the Kids*

Bob Woodruff *req. by Carol Hetherington*

Friday, April 1

8:00 Alice Masur *req. by the Masur Family*

Deacon Pat O'Brien *req. by Marie & Theresa*

Saturday, April 2 St. Francis of Paola

5:00 Felicitas & Hugh Hockton Sr. *req. by the Hockton Family*

Giovanni Simonetti *req. by the Family*

Sunday, April 3

8:00 Frances Campaner *req. by Ray & Brenda Hicks & Family*

George Cole *req. by Marie & Susin Cadman*

9:30 Leo Ruberto *req. by Caterina Ruberto*

Dec'd mem of the Cavallin Family *req. by Theresa Marcon*

11:30 Chuck Williams *req. by the Williams Family*

Mark Patterson *req. by Paul & Angie DiMarco*

7:00 People of the Parish

Sacramental Dates for 2016

First Communion

St. Patrick and St. Mary Schools

Sunday, April 24, 2016 at 1:30 PM

Other Grade 2 Parishioners

Sunday, April 24, 2016 at 9:30 AM

Mandatory meeting April 5 @ 7:00pm

Confirmation

Saturday, April 30, 2016 at 5:00 PM

Congratulations and best wishes to those who were baptized in February

June Elizabeth Vaillancourt, Olivia Josephine Wynne Armstrong,
Charlotte Elle Ryan Mitchell and Peyton Louise
DeCarolis-Robins.



Church Envelopes and Tax Receipts

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

Lenten Folders

Please remember to return your **Lenten Coin Folders** as soon as
possible. Many thanks.

Pilgrimage to St Anne De Beaupre July 24 to July 27th 2016

For Information please call Maria Chiovitti 905 356 9794

Please refer to the Bulletin Board at the back of the Church for
many important notices and events

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Cecilia Milani and Bryan Brazeau.
May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Peter Viet Nguyen, Tony Laslo, Val Johnstone

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Sharon Regular, Fr Tony McNamara, O.Carm., Alfred Rampado,
Bette Anne Chevalier, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Maria Melchiorre, Jeannette Fabian,
Cleo Gagno, Donna Cormier, Maria Rosiana, Danielle Barranca, Carmela Fruci,
Lucy Rizzo, Barbara Phillips (Murray), Audrey Vendramin, Jeanne Lea, Gionni
Bonaldo, Stan Manning, Iole Mancini, Alice Dalton, Baby Maximus, David
Kealey, Joanna Daniels, Ray Sexton, Francesco Albanese, Mary Ann O'Shea,
Doreen Fletcher, Rosalyn Dagleish, Susan & Rick Rogers, Kitty Decicco, Patricia
Desrosiers, 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 Pivarnyik, 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'Ammizio, Kelly Laslo, Rose
Vukmanich, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Alessia Comisso, Vicki Dubeau,
Donna Bradley, Annette Brideau, George O'Kell, Mary Jo O'Kell, Baby Sebastian,
Mae MacLean, Dorothy Doyle, Lorraine Murray, Patricia O'Reilly, JoAnne
Biamonte Ely, Pepper Martin Jr., Vital & Emmanuel Chayer, Trina Washington,
Chester Mottola, Shirley Machulla, Gerry Laffrati, Lorraine Spence, Baby
Gabriel Paraskevopoulos

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

Collections

March 19 & 20: \$6,541.70

Development & Peace: \$2,017.00

Refugee Sponsorship: \$66,321.10

Ryan's Bowl: \$4,561.05

Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2016

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday, no Mar
Bapt, April 17, May 22, 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, **Mon Apr 4, May 10, June 14, July 12, Sept 13, Oct 4** at 7:00 pm.

-CARD PARTY Wednesday, March 30 1:00pm tickets \$10 Cards, Prizes,
Refreshments & 50/50 Draw call Theresa 905-358-9332 or Louise 358-7367
-CWL General meeting ...Wednesday, April 6 @ 7:00pm in the Lower Hall

St. Patrick's CWL Spring Fling Buffet Dinner
Saturday April 9 6pm in St. Pat's Hall Roasted Pork, Chicken,
Stuffing, Potatoes, Vegetables, Salad, Dessert, Coffee & Tea
Adults \$18, Children \$9 (6 -10yrs) Under 6 Free
Tickets can be purchased in the Church Office
Catering by Sina & Walter Sacco (No tickets sold at the doors)

PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND

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!!! Selling out fast! **For those who have reserved
places, please sign up immediately with Brinkman Travel.**





Dear Friends,

He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!!! I wish you and yours a very Happy and Blessed Easter! Today is the most joyful part of our faith. Although there is still a chill in the air, we can't help but come to Mass today feeling uplifted. Finding hope! New life all around. Darkness into Light!!! Sorrow into Joy!!!

On Good Friday, a Cross was covered in red, carried up the aisle, and unveiled in three stages! At each stage the priest sang, **"Behold, behold the wood of the Cross, on which is hung our Salvation!"** Then we



venerated the Wood of the Cross! He died this death for me and you! Now, at the Easter Vigil a fire is lit, and blessed... and a new Paschal Candle carried into a darkened church. And its light illuminates the dark as everyone lights a candle from our Source of Light!

Ironically, in the same three places where the cross was unveiled, the priest now sings, **"Christ our Light!"** Our Lord and Saviour, who hung upon the Cross on that dark Good Friday... brings light into our lives... into our world! Darkness into Light! Sorrow into Joy!

We are an Easter people! We received the resurrected life of Christ at our baptism. We who possess the life of Christ, are called to make the Reign of God a reality! To continue his mission and ministry. Christ has called us out of darkness and death and given us the ability to make his presence real for others. We pray today for the courage to bring his New Life, New Light, to others, to dispel any darkness we encounter.

May we find the strength in the Risen Christ this Easter to transform ourselves, weed any darkness from our lives. May we find the hope to deal with grief, knowing that God has promised us eternal life! As Pope Francis wrote: **Let the risen Jesus enter your life, welcome him as a friend, with trust: he is life! If up till now you have kept him at a distance, step forward. He will receive you with open arms. If you have been indifferent, take a risk: you won't be disappointed. If following him seems difficult, don't be afraid, trust him, be confident that he is close to you, he is with you and he will give you the peace you are looking for and the strength to live as he would have you do.**

The tomb is empty. The Savior Lives. May His Life change us, and send us out to change the world. As we renew our Baptismal Promises this Easter, may we bring the joy from our Church into our families and into our communities! Alleluia. Happy Easter! Many blessings!

Fr. Gerard

Church Mice

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"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song."

"The cross means there is no shipwreck without hope; there is no dark without dawn; nor storm without haven." [Pope John Paul II](#)



Easter Flowers

Envelopes are at the doors of the church if you would like to donate toward the Easter Flowers in memory of your deceased loved ones. Please submit your envelopes by Easter Sunday.

Family Prayer for Easter Dinner

Dear Lord,

As we gather together as family and friends, we invite you to our family table.

May the hope of your resurrection colour our days.

May the promise of your spirit working in us light up our lives.

May the love you revealed to us shape our giving.

May the truth in your word guide our journeys,

And may the joy of your kingdom fill our homes.

As we gather together underneath the banner of your life,

We thank you for all the wonderful food that we can now enjoy,

And celebrate your glorious resurrection. Thank you Lord.

Amen.

It was Palm Sunday but because of a sore throat, 5-year-old Bobby stayed home from church. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm branches. Bobby asked them what they were for. 'People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by,' his father told him. 'Wouldn't you know it,' Bobby fumed, 'the one Sunday I don't go and he shows up.'

Food Month... March has often been referred to as **"The Cold Hungry Month of March!"** Let's help stamp out local hunger by making March

FOOD MONTH! We are invited to bring macaroni and cheese, cereals, canned pasta, canned soups, school snacks or tomato sauce to the church on the weekends. Let's make a difference in our town and continue to fill our Project Share bins!

Annual Diocesan Respect for Life Mass...Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord Monday April 4, 2016 7:00pm Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria **Presider: Most Reverend Gerard Bergie**

CWL, K of C, & other groups are invited to send representatives & carry banners **Reception to follow** For more info: Elise 905-684-7569 or Martina 289-686-6122

Hospital Visits... If you have a family member in hospital, and would like a visit from one of our priests, or wish to celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please let the parish office know, 905-354-7451. St. Patrick Parish covers the on-call pager for GNGH from Tuesday 8 AM until Wed 8 AM. The hospital staff can put you in touch with the on-call chaplain at any time.

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

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

The Diocesan Separated & Divorced Healing Ministry Support Group meets every second & fourth Monday 7 - 9pm, at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154

Carmelite Spirituality Group ...You are invited to Mt Carmel Monastery on the second Sunday of each month to explore Carmelite spirituality. Mt Carmel Spiritual Centre, 2 - 5pm

Help Wanted at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre...Casual Part-time Server all interested parties please contact Christina @ 905-356-4113 ext 4205

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