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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
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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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Saturday, May 11

5:00 Paul LeSu, Anthony Hung Nguyen & Paul Pham Chanh req. by Family
Aline Cormier req. by her Dtr: Joanne

Sunday, May 12 World Day of Prayer for Vocations Mother's Day

8:00 Iolanda DeProphetis req. by Giulio & Family
Giovanni & Lucrezia Rizzo req. by Mary, Patti, John, Steve & Families

9:30 Feliksa Brzozowski req. by Komor & Janusz Families
Adelino Marcon req. by Theresa Marcon

11:30 Jackie Cavašin req. by the Cavašin Family
Anna Goegan req. by her Children
7:00 People of the Parish

Monday, May 13 Our Lady of Fatima

8:00 Nancy DiPaolo req. by Paul DiPaul
Ken Walsh req. by Ange Martin

Tuesday, May 14 St Matthias

8:00 Frances & Bob Comeau req. by Friends
Addolorata Crisci req. by Maria Guerin

Wednesday, May 15

8:00 Philippine Bateau req. by the Family
Margaret Snow req. by Marcello & Connors Families

Thursday, May 16

8:00 Marie Cadman req. by Belle Liberty
Harold Mancini req. by Josephine Mirabelli

Friday, May 17

8:00 Ivan Peter Maglicic req. by Maria Carluccio
Russell Delaney req. by Cliff & Colette Empey

Saturday, May 18 St John I

5:00 Helen & Gregory Ogilvie req. by St. Angelo & Ogilvie Families
Domenico Marcon req. by Tullio Milani & Family

Sunday, May 19

8:00 Richard Campaner req. by the Family
Anthony (Tunney) Lococo req. by DeMizio & Lococo Families

9:30 Bernie Gozansky req. by Ethel & Family
Francesco Mastropiero req. by the Family

11:30 Scott Balfour req. by Mom & Dad
Immacolata Luciano req. by her Children

7:00 People of the Parish

Baptism Schedule for 2019

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

Sunday, May 26, June 23, July 21, Aug 25, Sept 22, Oct 20, Nov 24 & Dec 15

A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on

Tuesday, May 14, June 11, July 9, Aug 13, Sept 10, Oct 8, Nov 12 & Dec 3 at 7:00 pm.

Ministries... If you would like to serve as Eucharistic Minister, Altar Server, Lector, Usher, Funeral Server, or **Children's Liturgy** please let the parish office know, and with great joy we will provide the necessary training! Please call the office at 905-354-7451 if interested.

Cathedral Appeal

On Thursday, May 1st, all priests in the Diocese attended a very important meeting with Bishop Gerard Bergie and the Diocesan Business Managers. This was to address the work and restoration desperately needed for our Diocesan Cathedral, St. Catherine of Alexandria. Every parish in the Diocese is expected to help. We must remember, this is our Mother Church. And we all have to take care of our Mother! The first phase of this appeal begins today, May 11th. We will have all the information available after Masses this weekend. And there is a lot of information available on line. Every parish has been assessed, so St. Patrick parishioners are asked to raise \$16,000 this year. There are also opportunities for parishioners to consider donating toward a specific project, eg. mural, art, statue, restoration of a Station of the Cross, etc. And these contributions can be credited to the parish. Stay tuned. Check out:

<http://www.saintcd.com/bishop-announces-cathedral-restoration-project/>



Update on Construction

Last week we had a new Expansion Tank installed to the boiler system in our parish hall. The diaphragm in the old one had deteriorated. Hopefully this will remedy the many problems we experienced during this winter. Many thanks to Castle Plumbing for their wonderful service, and good price. As you may have noticed, we had a new Refrigerator installed in our Parish Kitchen. It is a good commercial quality with two sliding glass doors. The company (Advantage) gave us a \$500 discount. (It helps when you celebrate the wedding for the owner!!!) Hopefully in the near future we will be approved for a rebate program to replace the incandescent lighting in the parish hall, and the fluorescent tube lighting in the stairwells. The lighting in the gym, church, and exterior buildings have all been replaced with LED lighting. This past week we had Savaria Elevator Company here to replace the hydraulic hose in the church lift. Many thanks to you, our faithful parishioners, for making these projects and updates possible.

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

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

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Leon Dopke and Bruno DeLazzari. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Dr. Andy Fisher, Pauline Vaillancourt

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Carole Ann Ogilvie, Kelly Power, Gregory Roulston, Nancy Huber, Wilf Manuel, Victor Sincich, Nancy Praakel, Norma Zanous, Lily Williams, Mark Pepple, Margaret Christopher, Nikki Mansfield, Nicolina Compare, Bernadette Moore, Alvin Learn, Bruno DeLazzari, James Moody Sr., Fern Albert, Lester Snow, Rose MacDonald, Elizabeth Stachura, John Calder, Melissa Brideau, Toni Brideau, Charlene Shannon, Moira Campbell, Leon Dopke, Anna Hunt, John Kealey, Anna Vergalito, Helen Lelievre, Nancy Weiss, Leo Martin, Samuel Potapczyk, Baby Julian, 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, Tom Hilton, Jill Leronowich, Audrey Vendramin, Baby Maximus, Patrick Kealey, Margaret Smith, Evelyn Rose Baker, Francesco Albanese, Florrie Heimbigner, Kitty Decicco, Jozefa Bilski, Todd Reid, Rebecca Evans, Marie Massolin, Maria Guerin, Nancy Jean Rose, Faith Amadio, Kelly Laslo, Patricia O'Reilly, Baby Hope, Patrick McCarthy, Stefanie Borin, Frank Sica, Walter Wallace, Kerrie Szuch, Carmella Modenti, Vito Fuccillo, Donna Bradley, Cheryl D'Amizio, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Mary Jo O'Kell, Alessia Commisso, Baby Sebastian, Mary Brennan, Lorraine Spence, Robert & JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pepper Martin Jr., Michelle Price, Brian Smith, Carlo Trasmundi, Jadwiga Wozniak, Baby Gabriel, Shirley Machulla, 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

May 5: \$5,803.05

Easter & Easter Flowers: \$16,996.96

Ryan's Bowl (Lent to date): \$12,997.50

Many thanks for your generosity!

CWL News...

- For the month of May the C.W.L. will be Praying the Rosary in the hall at 6p.m. on Wednesday evenings except for May 22nd
- There will be a container at the back of the church for the duration of the month of May. Please place toiletry items for Woman's Place. We will be delivering it at the end of the month!!!
- Congratulations to Laurie, the winner of the Mother's Day basket

Congratulations to Father Gerard on his 20th year of Ordination to the Priesthood on May 15th.



Dear Friends:

Happy Mother's Day to all! A special prayer will be prayed for our mothers, living and deceased, at all Masses this Sunday.

Today our **Diocese of St. Catharines** begins Phase One of her **Cathedral Appeal** (see below). The interior is desperately in need of repair and revitalization. Our Parish of St. Patrick has been assessed, and asked to raise \$16,000 (3% of last year's income) between May and November of this year. There is a brief appeal letter that will be read at each Mass, and also brochures and envelopes will be distributed after all Masses. The Cathedral is our Mother Church, and each parish must do her part to take care of our Mother! May we open our hearts to this need.

Today is **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**! We must do everything we can to foster good solid vocations to the Married Life, Single Life, Religious Life and the Priesthood. This is also known as Good Shepherd Sunday! Our Gospel Acclamation says, *I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep, and my own know me!* In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' words, *My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.*



Jesus tells us with great love that we belong to him. He also offers us eternal life. We are in His hands and also in the hands of His Eternal Father! This is so comforting to know. We need his nurturing and caring hands when life weighs us down. Undoubtedly, the quality of our lives is

hinged on whether or not we have a good relationship with the Shepherd; whether or not we listen to his voice; and strive to do what he asks.

Maybe this week we can do something extra to deepen our relationship with God... maybe attend a Daily Mass, take a sacred prayer walk in nature appreciating God's created beauty, read a chapter from Sacred Scripture; spend some quiet time in prayer! Whatever we do, or wherever we go, God is already there!!! Talk to Him and listen to Him! Have a blessed week.

Fr. Gerard



Mother's Day Prayer

May the blessing of the Divine
Be an especially bright benediction
Upon mothers everywhere
On your blessed day -
On Mother's Day! Amen



Pray the Rosary in May

May is the Month of Our Lady!

St. Patrick Parish prays the Rosary every morning at 7:30.
Keep Mary in mind and Jesus will grow in your heart!

Quotes on Mary

O sinner, be not discouraged, but have recourse to Mary in all your necessities. Call her to your assistance, for such is the divine Will that she should help in every kind of necessity. --*Saint Basil the Great*

If you ever feel distressed during your day — call upon our Lady — just say this simple prayer: 'Mary, Mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now.' I must admit — this prayer has never failed me. --*Mother Teresa*

In trial or difficulty I have recourse to Mother Mary, whose glance alone is enough to dissipate every fear. --*Saint Therese of Lisieux*

As mariners are guided into port by the shining of a star, so Christians are guided to heaven by Mary. --*Saint Thomas Aquinas*

Student Summer Employment



St. Patrick Parish is once again hiring a high school grad/college student (18+) for **June to September** to assist our Care Taker, Adrian Elia, with maintenance, cleaning, gardening, lawn care. Preference will be given but not

limited to active parishioners (any parish). Must be a self-starter. Occasional heavy lifting, and ladder climbing involved. 40 hours weekly (8 AM-4 PM). If interested, please call **Fr. Gerard** for an interview, **905-354-7451**, or email (stpatrick1895@hotmail.com). If you have a resume, drop it off at the parish office asap!

Sometimes, as hard as we try, we just cannot get to Mass on time. Things happen. Traffic happens. Trains happen. That's normal and natural. Especially for parents with small children. If for some reason we



are late, then maybe consider using the main entrance of the church (back).

Then wait for an appropriate time to be seated. If we enter the side doors after Mass begins, please wait in the entrance for an appropriate time to be seated. This can be done during that

brief period after the Opening Prayer, and before the Scripture Readings are proclaimed. We can also enter during a hymn, but never while God's Word is being proclaimed.

When receiving Holy Communion in your hand, it must be consumed immediately. Please place it in your mouth while in front of the priest or Eucharistic Minister. We must never walk away with the Blessed Sacrament in our hand. Also, if you need a gluten-free Host, please let the priest or one of the Eucharistic Ministers know **before** Mass.

ARE YOU BEING CALLED?

Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations

I invite our **young people** to consider living a life dedicated to God as a Priest or Religious. I invite everyone in St. Patrick Parish to pray for vocations and just as important, to **encourage vocations**. If you've ever thought that someone might be called to the priesthood or religious life, **tell them!** Maybe they're waiting for someone to confirm what they've been feeling inside. We cannot bemoan the problem of fewer and fewer Priests and Religious, without recognizing our own responsibility in this regard. Let's do everything we can to foster and encourage Vocations!

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