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Ashley Gallardi - Soloist

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.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD & PENTECOST SUNDAY



Saturday, May 15

5:00 Irene Smatana *req. by the Family*
Philippine Buteau *req. by Family*

Sunday, May 16 Pope's Pastoral Works World Communications Day The Ascension of the Lord

8:00 Helen Ogilvie *req. by St. Angelo & Ogilvie Families*
Felice & Maria Renda *req. by Rosanne Ricci & Family*
9:30 Agazio & Carmela Conidi & Frank Conidi *req. by the Family*
Leo Martin *req. by Eda Martin & Family*
11:30 Carmela & Amelia Persia *req. by Josephine Sacco*
Jackie Cavin *req. by Norm & Family*
7:00 People of the Parish

Monday, May 17

8:00 Bortolin Family *req. by Anna Bortolin*
Luisa Potalivo *req. by John & Helen Olsiak*

Tuesday, May 18 St John I

8:00 Francesco Mastropiero *req. by the Family*
For the Healing of Gaetan Buteau *req. by his Family*

Wednesday, May 19

8:00 Scott Balfour *req. by Mom & Dad*
Greg & Helen Ogilvie *req. by St Angelo & Ogilvie Families*

Thursday, May 20 St Bernardine of Siena

8:00 Bernard Gozansky *req. by the Family*
Jaime Lim *req. by the Family*

Friday, May 21 St Eugène de Mazenod & St Christopher Magallanes

8:00 Richard Campaner *req. by the Campaner Family*
Deceased Carmelites *req. by the Parish*

Saturday, May 22 St Rita of Cascia

5:00 Domenico Marcon *req. by Tullio Milani & Family*
Luigi Marcon & Family *req. by Dina Marcon Argenta*

Sunday, May 23 Pentecost Sunday

8:00 Anna Pyrka *req. by Danuta Lukach*
Assunta DeGuida *req. by Alessandro Luciano & Family*
9:30 Mary McGhee *req. by Stu & Mary Lou Gallardi*
Melissa Geddes *req. by Diana DiRuscio*
11:30 Dec'd mem of Heximer & Croghan Families *req. by Betty Heximer*
Ben, Lidia & Philomena Capacchione *req. by Anthony & Paula Capacchione*
7:00 People of the Parish

Monday, May 24 Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

8:00 Don Culligan *req. by Charlene Shannon*
Anna McEvoy *req. by the Power Family*

Tuesday, May 25 St Bede the Venerable, St Gregory VII & St Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi

8:00 For the Healing of Gaetan Buteau *req. by his Family*
Ovidio & Madeline Rosati *req. by the Family*

Wednesday, May 26 St Philip Neri

8:00 In Honour of Willi & Fern Albert *req. by Family*
Josephine Morrison *req. by the Gowan's Family*

Thursday, May 27 St Augustine of Canterbury

8:00 Thomas Stranges *req. by the Maruca Family*
Gus and Zorka Wach *req. by Friends*

Friday, May 28

8:00 Cometto Family *req. by Anna Bortolin*
Pauline Vaillancourt *req. by Fr. Gerard*

Saturday, May 29 St Paul VI

5:00 Maria Zaniol *req. by the Family*
Dec'd mem of the Olsiak & Kulesh Families *req. by John & Helen Olsiak*
Sunday, May 30 The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
8:00 Dec'd Shannon, Legace, Guitar Families *req. by Charlene Shannon*
Irma Amadio & Angela Martin *req. by the Family*
9:30 Raffaele Fabiano *req. by his Children & Grandchildren*
Bette Anne Chevalier *req. by Tom & Family*
11:30 Peter Quy *req. by the Nguyen Family*
Giovanni Rizzo *req. by Mary, Patti, John, Steve & Families*
7:00 People of the Parish

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Colleen O'Shea and Khalida Dawood. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Andrea Fisher, Valerie Watson

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Nancy Waters, Missy Bilotta, Rita Ross, Fern Albert, Ron O'Neill, Andrea Fisher, Guy Snyder, Anne Diodati, Francis Patterson, Kelsey Liles, Rosanna Ricci, Betty Crete, Leroy Collee, Eric Van Noort, Gaetan Buteau, Ralph Davey, Rose MacDonald, Kathryn Kneller, Maureen Tustin, Sean Sandel, Mahmat, Maureen Kealey, Lori Ann Pizzolato, Dr. Andy Fisher, Andy Scotnicki, Bianca MacDonnell, Gus Bagarozza, Judy, Karen Bradley, Ron Winslow, Jarod Hickey, Carmine Astorino, Corinne Journeau, Arlene Collee, Betty & Joe Power, Teresa Hebb, Mary Ann Quigley, Maria Nobile, Pat DiLorenzo Jr., Carole Ann Ogilvie, Julian Cassidy, Mary Frances Pye, Nancy Weiss, Carol DeVilliers, Joe Young, Marney Broderick, Sister Prem, Kerrie Szuch, Gregory Roulston, Cameron Boyes, Pasquale Abrunzo, Alice Dalton, John Nicks, John Calder, Victor Sincich, Nancy Praakel, Bernadette Moore, Norma Zanuz, Patricia Williams, Mark Pepple, Nancy Huber, Danielle Barranca, Kelly Laslo, Toni & Guy Brideau, Jeanne Lea, John Cox, Edward Brzozowski Jr., Nikki Mansfield, Lester Snow, Nicolina Compare, Nancy Jean Rose, Charlene Shannon, Eric Corcoran, Carmella Modenti, Anna Hunt, John Kealey, Elizabeth Stachura, Denise Colalillo, Brian Smith, Anna Vergalito, Donna Bradley, Margaret Smith, Rebecca Evans, Samuel Potapczyk, Michelle Price, Mary Lawrence, William JA De Foe, Bernard Martin, Joyce Weaver, Donna Cormier, Margaret Waghorn, Drago Bicanic, Jeanne S, Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Evelyn Rose Baker, Lorraine Spence, Vito Fuccillo, Tom Hilton, Robert & JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Jeannette Fabian, Francesco Albanese, Maria Melchiorre, Jozefa Bilski, Todd Reid, Mary Brennan, Conner Hawkswell, Faith Amadio, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Maria Guerin, Patricia O'Reilly, Audrey Vendramin, Patrick Kealey, Cheryl Granton, Walter Wallace, Florrie Heimbigner, Francois Chayer, Jadwiga Wozniak, Julie Nicholson, Stefanie Borin, Patrick McCarthy, D.D., Alessia Comisso, Baby Victoria, Mary Jo O'Kell, Pepper Martin Jr., Trina Washington, Cheryl D'Amazio, Bob Marshall

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

Collections

May 2: \$3,927.00

May 9: \$3,748.09

Pope's Pastoral Works: \$305.00

Many thanks for your generosity!

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

2021 Church Envelopes & 2020 Tax Receipts

Please make sure you pick up your Offertory Envelopes and Tax Receipts as soon as possible. Call the Office (905-354-7451) to arrange for pick up during the week. They are in the sacristy, to the left of the altar, if you are here at Mass on the weekends. Many thanks.

Children Sacramental Dates 2021

Confirmation: April 17, 2021 at 7:00pm POSTPONED

First Communion: Sunday, May 2, 2021 POSTPONED

(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.)

May is Mary's Month



May is the month that we as Catholics pay special tribute to Mary, the Mother of God. The Rosary is prayed daily during the year at St. Patrick Church at 7:30 AM, Mon-Fri as a way of honouring Mary. You will also hear some familiar Marian Hymns throughout the month, as a way of praising Mary in song. This is a good month for all of us to renew our devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Check out our website: <http://www.stpatricknf.ca>
and watch Mass on our Facebook page



Dear Friends,

My dear friends, we are still in lockdown, and under 'stay at home orders'. We wait it out and do the best we can, knowing that 'this too shall pass'. If we each do our part, we can expedite the process of bringing this virus under control. We are still celebrating our full Weekday and Sunday Mass schedule with 10 people, including the priest. It's so sad to look out on Sundays and see 9 people in a church that can hold 450-500 people. There's nothing we can do but wait. We hope and pray that one day, our government will see attending church, and celebrating sacraments and rites of passage, as an essential service.

If you wish to attend a Mass, simply phone the parish office to preregister, from 9 AM-12 Noon, Monday to Friday. Out of courtesy, we give priority to the families who have requested a Mass Intention for a loved one. We also ask that you consider not attending Mass every Sunday, so we can give others a chance. Our Sunday Obligation to attend Mass has been relaxed during the pandemic. The 11:30 Mass on Sunday is live streamed on my Facebook Page (Power Gerry), uploaded to our Parish Facebook Page, and also to YouTube.

I want to thank all of you for your generosity to your parish during this time of pandemic. Without your ongoing support, it would be very difficult to keep up with the bills. God bless you for making sacrifices. You can e-transfer your Offertory to stpatrick1895@hotmail.com. This comes through as a direct deposit.

I thank all of you who are bringing food, drinks and snacks for the homeless. There is an increase in homelessness in our downtown core this spring, and another tent city is starting to appear on Victoria Avenue under the bridge. If we can quench someone's thirst, or fill their hunger, then we are doing what Jesus asked. If you wish to donate \$10 Tim Horton's Cards, this would ensure that our homeless can get a hot breakfast. Until we can all get together again, God bless and keep you all!

Fr. Gerard

Sunday, May 16th- Ascension of Lord

As we meditate on the mystery of the Ascension of the Lord, we remember his words to his disciples immediately before His Ascension. He not only promises the Holy Spirit, He commands the disciples to go forth as missionaries to the world. He gives them the charge of evangelization. He then gives them the power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish this mission. Our ministry is the same! Jesus wants us to finish what he began. He will never ask us to do the impossible. Simply, we can evangelize right where we are, with those we meet, with those we work with, with those we go to school with! Let's do our best to be a witness for Jesus every day in our lives. Maybe this week, we can each do one concrete act of charity, as our way of preaching the Good News! If we each do 'one' thing, what a difference we can make!

Sunday, May 23rd- Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost Sunday is the Birthday of the Church! The Fifty-Days of Easter Season are completed. But let's not forget, we are *always* an Easter people! People of Good News. All 365 days of the year. Today the church is dressed in RED, representing the *tongues of fire* that came upon the disciples (Acts 1:1-11). John's Gospel has Jesus promising the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, the Spirit of Truth to come after his death. My prayer is that the Holy Spirit of Pentecost, will fill our hearts and homes with love, peace and joy! May the Holy Spirit help end this Pandemic, and set us toward smooth sailing again! May we always allow the Spirit to work in and through us... and even to change us! Happy Birthday to the Church! Many Blessings!



Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Breathe into me Holy Spirit, that all my thoughts may be holy. Move in me, Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Attract my heart, Holy Spirit, that I may love only what is holy. Strengthen me, Holy Spirit, that I may defend all that is holy. Protect me, Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy. Amen.

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

A Collection will be taken up on June 6th for Diocesan Needs.
Envelopes are available in your bulletin today,
please be generous.

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!

Mass Intentions

We have openings in our *Daily Mass Intention Book* for weekdays in 2021. The greatest gift we can give to our deceased loved ones is to have them remembered at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. A Mass intention is \$10 and can be dropped off at the Parish Office, or called in. A Mass can also be offered for a Living Intention or for a particular cause.

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 Soup Kitchen, Niagara Falls Community Outreach...

*Needs your help: Cash donations are appreciated as they receive no government funding. nrcommunityoutreach.org 905-354-1640
All donations can be dropped off at 4865 St. Lawrence Avenue*



Many thanks to our St. Patrick Bingo Committee for their wonderful work. Even during this pandemic, we are still able to receive some funds from Charitable Gaming.

And now you can play Delta Bingo at Home

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