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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 6 St François de Laval

5:00 Aurdino & Assunta Maiuri *req. by Peter & Stefanie Maiuri & Fam*
 Madeline Rosati *req. by her Grandchildren*

Sunday, May 7 4th Sunday of Easter World Day of Prayer & Vocations

8:00 Bridie McCann *req. by Mom & Dad*
 Annette Brideau *req. by Berni Wancha*
9:30 Adelino Marcon *req. by Theresa Marcon*
 Domenica & Eduardo Masci *req. by Lucia D'Angelo & Family*
11:30 Jackie Cvasin *req. by the Cvasin Family*
 Benito Giustini *req. by the Giustini Family*
7:00 People of the Parish

Monday, May 8 Catherine of St. Augustine

8:00 Deacon Pat O'Brien *req. by Jean Janusz*
 John MacDonnell *req. by Charlene Shannon*

Tuesday, May 9

8:00 Gianni 'Johnny' Bonaldo *req. by Antonio & Delfina Campagnaro*
 Cecil Shannon *req. by Bill & Theresa Culligan*

Wednesday, May 10

8:00 Ovidio & Madeline Rosati *req. by the Family*
 Giorgio Michalon *req. by Lidia Bonaldo & Family*

Thursday, May 11

8:00 Constance Dodge *req. by the Family*
 Gianni Bonaldo *req. by Cosma Galante*

Friday, May 12 Sts Nereus & Achilleus & St Pancras

8:00 Giovanni Rizzo *req. by Lucrezia & Family*
 Dorothy Kennedy & Jean Meagher *req. by Parish Staff*

Saturday, May 13 Our Lady of Fatima

5:00 Vincent & Nina Audibert *req. by the Family*
 Dec'd mem of the Creamer & McAllister Families *req. by Mary & Family*

Sunday, May 14 5th Sunday of Easter Mother's Day

8:00 Patricia Patterson *req. by Gloria Pietrobon & Family*
 Georgette Lafferty *req. by Margaret, Kevin, Paul, Michael, Danielle & Leona*
9:30 Feliksa Brzozowski *req. by Janusz & Komar Families*
 Irma Pizzolato & Pierina Baccichetto *req. by Dumele & Pizzolato Fam*
11:30 Immacolata Luciano *req. by Children & Grandchildren*
 Nancy Di Paolo *req. by John Di Paul*
7:00 People of the Parish

Children's Sacramental Dates 2017

First Communion: Sunday, May 7, 2017 @ 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM

2017 Church Envelopes & 2016 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. Many thanks.

Upcoming Weddings at St. Patrick's in May

Kavinee Hui & Jonathan Yat Fang Hung
Michelle Jedrzkiewicz & Ian Fernandes



Please continue to bring food items to Mass for Project Share! Every item helps! Project Share sends a heartfelt thanks for 668 pounds of food that we donated during March! Let's see if we can't double that!
"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"



Pilgrimage to St. Anne De Beaupre July 24 to July 27, 2017
 for information Please contact Maria Chiovitti @ 905-356-9794

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

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Bette Anne Chevalier, Samuel Potapczyk, Winifred Andrews, Baby Noah, Frances Comeau, Helen Lelievre, Loretta Bagnulo

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, John Nicks, Melissa Brideau, Anna Hunt, Lena Grespan, Loreto Rey, Mary Creamer, Mary Lawrence, Leon Dopke, Bernard Martin, William JA De Foe, Emily Hanover, Leo Martin, Drago Bicanic, Baby Victoria, Nancy Weiss, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffrady, Wendy & John Calder, Pauline Miner, Edna McDonell, Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, Sharon Regular, Fr Tony McNamara, O.Carm., Maria Melchiorre, Conner Hawkswell, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Jeannette Fabian, Donna Cormier, Maria Rosiana, Danielle Barranca, Lucy Rizzo, Barbara Phillips (Murray), Audrey Vendramin, Jeanne Lea, Stan Manning, Iole Mancini, Alice Dalton, Baby Maximus, David & Patrick Kealey, Joanna Daniels, Ray Sexton, Francesco Albanese, Mary Ann O'Shea, Rosalyn Dagleish, Kitty Decicco, Evelyn Rose Baker, Jozefa Bilski, Charlene Shannon, Dr. Andy Fisher, Rebecca Evans, Marie Massolin, Maria Guerin, Anna Vergalito, John Jefferson, Todd Reid, Jill Leronowich, Vince (Jim) Baldassarro, Nancy Jean Rose, Guiseppina Paonessa, Phyllis Higgins, Patrick McCarthy, Norman Horth, Muriel Pivarnyk, Helen Lelievre, Tom Hilton, Walter Wallace, Stefanie Borin, John Cox, Joyce Weaver, Kerrie Szuch, Faith Amadio, Margaret Smith, Carmella Modenti, Margaret Waghorn, Theresa Poirier, Carlo Trasmundi, Vito Fuccillo, Baby Hope, Cheryl D'Amizio, Kelly Laslo, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Alessia Comisso, Vicki Dubeau, Donna Bradley, Mary Jo O'Kelly, Baby Sebastian, Lorraine Murray, Patricia O'Reilly, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pepper Martin Jr., Vital & Emmanuel Chayer, Trina Washington, Shirley Machulla, Baby Gabriel Paraskevopoulos, Brian Smith, Lorraine Spence, Patricia Desrosiers, Helen Rotella, Maria Benevento, Jeanne S, Michelle Price, Kelly Dettlor

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

Collections

April 29 & 30: \$ 5,645.00
 Easter & Easter Flowers: \$ 17,864.40
 Ryan's Bowl: \$10,072.15 (to date)
 Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2017

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday, May 28, June 25, July 23 & Aug 27**
 A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on **Tuesday, May 16, June 13, July 11 & Aug 15 at 7:00 pm.**

Sacrament of Baptism

Congratulations on the birth of your child! If you wish to have your child baptized, please register in the parish (if you haven't already done so). One of the parents must come into the parish office, meet with the pastor or his designate, so we can complete the proper forms, and gather all the necessary information. We encourage parents and Godparents to make an effort to attend liturgies in the parish community. We also have a special evening of preparation for parents and Godparents! Many blessings!

CWL News... Every Wednesday in May, the Rosary will be Prayed in the Church at 7pm, followed by Refreshments in the Hall hosted by the CWL

Knights of Columbus Hennepin Council 1652

All you can eat Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner
 Including Salad, Dessert, Tea and Coffee.

Wednesday May 17, 2017 4:00pm – 7:00pm 6101 North Street
 \$10.00/person, children under 10 \$5.00 (Takeout available)

CHANGE FOR LIFE Baby Bottles for Hannah House

On Mother's Day weekend, we will be handing out Baby Bottles to help support **Hannah House**. Fill the bottle with either coins, bills or a cheque. Bottles will then be returned to St. Pat's Church on June 18, Father's Day. Hannah House provides women, ages 21 and under, with a safe environment to share the joys of pregnancy and gain effective parenting skills, when it seems there is nowhere left to turn.



Dear Friends:

This is the **Fourth Week of the Easter Season!** Today is **World Day of Prayer for Vocations!** Not only should we pray for and encourage vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life, but we should pray for **all Vocations!** This includes Christian vocations to the **Married Life, Parenthood** and also the **Single Life!** We can also see every occupation as a vocation! I cannot help but think of our dedicated teachers, nurses, RNA's, doctors, support workers, social workers, police, fire, EMS, , volunteers, and countless others who follow a call to serve! If we can bring Christ's compassion and love and care into our occupations, we can each have a blessed vocation!

Today is also our **First Communion Day** at St. Pat's. God bless our little children who will be fed and nourished at the Table of the Lord for the first time. This is an exciting day for them. My hope is that the parents will bring them to Sunday Mass so the little kids will continue to be strengthened by God's Word and the Eucharist.



Today's Readings and Gospel speak about God as Shepherd! We hear Psalm 23... ***The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want!*** Peter speaks of Jesus as ***the shepherd and guardian of your souls!*** Then in

John's Gospel, Jesus refers to himself as the ***shepherd of the sheep***, and the ***gate for the sheep***, and how the sheep follow the shepherd because they know his voice. We are undoubtedly in an age where we have to perk up our ears to hear the voice of the Shepherd. There are many distractions out there! We have to listen closely to hear God's voice. All the more reason to take the precious time in our lives for daily prayer, for weekly worship with our community, (to be fed by His Body and Blood and His Word), for scripture reading, reading and reflecting on the lives of the saints. These spiritual activities provide us with an opportunity to hear God's voice and to follow Him! May each of us listen more deeply to the voice of the Shepherd! Then follow him wherever he may lead! And it's always to the abundance of life! Blessings,

Fr. Gerard

SHEPHERD'S VOICE

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.
- JOHN 10:27 NIV

If ever you find it hard to sleep at night, don't count sheep. Instead, talk to the shepherd... give all your burdens to GOD and nothing will disturb you...

My Favourite Things

On Sunday, May 28, at 3:00 PM, one of our young parishioners, Sarah Dufresne, Soprano, will be performing at the LeMarsh Room in the Niagara Falls Public Library. This is a fundraiser (Free will donation) to assist Sarah to sing at Accademia Europea dell'Opera. Please come out and support Sarah. She will be accompanied by Anna Ronai on the piano. Let's celebrate our local talent!

ARE YOU BEING CALLED? **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 **encourage** that someone priesthood or Maybe they're confirm what We cannot bemoan the problem of fewer and fewer priests and religious, without recognizing our own responsibility in this regard. If you think you have to be perfect to be a priest or religious, look around... actually, look no further than the pulpit of St. Patrick's!



Pray the Rosary in May

May is the Month of Our Lady! The Rosary is prayed in our Church every weekday morning at 7:30!
Keep Mary in mind and Jesus will grow in your heart!

The Angelus

When you hear the Church Bells at Noon and 6 PM....
this is a call to pray the Angelus Prayer:

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.
Hail Mary, etc...

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. Be it done unto me according to Your Word.
Hail Mary, etc...

V. And the Word was made flesh,
R. And dwelt among us.
Hail Mary, etc...
V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:
Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord,
Your Grace into our hearts;
that as we have known the incarnation of Christ,
your Son by the message of an angel,
so by His passion and cross
we may be brought to the glory of His Resurrection.

DID YOU KNOW?



For those of you who have Celiac Disease or are allergic to wheat products, our parish has special **Gluton-Free hosts** available. The onus is on you to let the presiding priest know before each Mass. He will ensure that he has it in his ciborium for you... or in a separate pyx. If you wish, you can also receive the Precious Blood from the Chalice. Simply, let the presider know before Mass.

Student Summer Employment

St. Patrick Parish is hiring a post high school/collage-age student for the Summer... Victoria Day to Labour Day, to assist *with maintenance, painting, cleaning, yard work*. Preference given to active parishioners. Must be a self-starter. Some heavy lifting and ladder climbing involved. Must be committed for the entire summer. 40 hours weekly @ \$12 per hour. Please drop off a Resume or call Fr. Gerard for an interview, 905-354-7451. Deadline: Friday, May 19, 2017.

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