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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 and 11:30 a.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

Parish Established 1858 Church Dedicated 1895

New Parishioners are asked to complete a parish registration form.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Saturday, May 7

5:00 Arduino & Assunta Maiuri *req. by Stefanie & Peter Maiuri* Maria Antonietta Antidormi *req. by the Antonio Family*

Sunday, May 8 Mother's Day World Day of Prayer for Vocations

8:00 Nancy Di Paolo req. by Paul Di Paul Jean Dopke req. by the Family

9:30 People of the Parish

11:30 Agazio & Carmela Conidi req. by Vince Conidi Anna Goegan req. by Louise Goegan

Monday, May 9

8:00 Reno Marcon req. by Rachel & Family Tuesday, May 10 Saint John of Avila

8:00 For the Healing of Gaetan Buteau *req. by his Family* For the Healing of Cole Farnham *req. by his Family*

Wednesday, May 11

8:00 Deceased Carmelites

Thursday, May 12 St Nereus & St Achilleus & St Pancras, Canada Health Day

8:00 Giovanni Rizzo req. by Mary, Patti, John, Steve & Families Friday, May 13 Our Lady of Fatima

8:00 Ricardo & Tonis Hernandez req. by the Family

Saturday, May 14 St Matthias

5:00 Irene Smatana req. by the Family
Laura Pavanetto req. by the Pozzebon Family

Sunday, May 15

8:00 Philippine Buteau req. by the Family

Helen & Greg Ogilvie req. by the St. Angelo & Ogilvie Families

9:30 People of the Parish

11:30 Immacolata Luciano req. by the Children Jackie Cavasin req. by Norm & Family

!!!!! Church Roof- Sub-Committee !!!!!

Once again, we are having a problem with slates coming off the church roof during wind storms. It is in the same section as before (school side). We had 12 slates replaced in 2020, and we also had the roof inspected. Provincial Roofing, at the request of our insurance company, was here before Holy Week and replaced 13 more slates. This 1895 roof was replaced in 1989, using clips. This apparently is at the source of the problem. All the slates had pre-drilled holes, but it appears that the only slates that are nailed are at the bottom sections. These clips are snapping and coming up with the pressure of the wind, and also with ice. Another issue is that the slates were installed on 100 year old wood, which has softened and worn over the years. Would you like to volunteer to be on a sub-committee so we can look at all options for our roof? There are some indications of water damage on the church ceiling and above the altar. This needs to be addressed immediately. Please call the parish office if you would like to volunteer to be on this committee. We have two people, [one man and one woman], who have called to volunteer. A few more would be great. We will be having a Parish Council Meeting shortly to determine the best approach.

Upcoming Wedding at St. Patrick's in May

Jennifer Pierson & Luca Damiano

Congratulations

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Quinlynn Cudmore who was baptized last weekend. And Congratulations to Benjamin Biletchi who celebrated his First Holy Communion.

Children Sacramental Date 2022

First Communion: Sunday, May 15, 2022 at 1:30pm for St. Mary & St. Patrick Schools (9:30am-Children in other schools)

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Roland Huard and Ralph Davey. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

George Mc Evoy, Mary Lawrence, Erika Bell, Cole Farnham

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Sherry Wales, Tony Laslo, Patrick Macri, Nancy Waters, Christine Pritty, Jerry Slak, Antoinette Vescio, Fern Albert, Charlene Shannon, Sandra DeFoe, Natalie Speth, Missy Bilotta, Mary Lou Gallardi, Flori Heimbigner, Elaine Pampena, Justin Vaillancourt, Betty Calzonetti, Marcellina Mativo, Sr. Carol Forhan CPPS, Rita Ross, Ron O'Neill, Francis Patterson, Estelle Critelli, Leon French, Teresa Calzonetti Spiller, Dr. Andy Fisher, Andrea Fisher, Kelsey Liles, Angelina Greco, Maureen Tustin, Betty Crete, Leroy Collee, Eric Van Noort, Joe Young, Judy, Gaetan Buteau, Teresa Hebb, Rose MacDonald, Kathryn Kneller, Mahmat, Maureen Kealey, Edward Brzozowski Jr., Lori Ann Pizzolato, Andy Scotnicki, Pat DiLorenzo Jr., Dennis Bowers, Jeannette Fabian, Carole Ann Ogilvie, Karen Bradley, Corinne Journeau, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Carmine Astorino, Arlene Collee, Betty & Joe Power, Mary Ann Quigley, Kelly Laslo, Mary Frances Pye, Nancy Weiss, Julian Cassidy, Marney Broderick, Mark Pepple, Gregory Roulston, Sister Prem, Kerrie Szuch, John Nicks, Cameron Boyes, Pasquale Abrunzo, John Calder, Victor Sincich, Nancy Praakel, Bernadette Moore, Jeanne Lea, Norma Zanus, Patricia Williams, Nancy Huber, Danielle Barranca, Toni Brideau, John Cox, Nikki Mansfield, Nicolina Compare, Nancy Jean Rose, Anna Vergalito, Carmella Modenti, Anna Hunt, Elizabeth Stachura, Denise Colalillo, Brian Smith, Donna Bradley, Margaret Smith, Rebecca Evans, Samuel Potapczyk, Michelle Price, Mary Lawrence, William JA De Foe, Bernard Martin, Joyce Weaver, Drago Bicanic, Margaret Waghorn, Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Evelyn Rose Baker, Lorraine Spence, Vito Fuccillo, Tom Hilton, Jeanne S, Francesco Albanese, Robert & Maria Melchiorre, Jozefa Bilski, Todd Reid, Mary Brennan, Conner Hawkswell, Faith Amadio, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Maria Guerin, Patricia O'Reilly, Audrey Vendramin, Bob Marshall, Patrick Kealey, Cheryl Granton, Walter Wallace, Francois Chayer, Baby Victoria, Vital & Anna Chayer, Emmanuel & Aline Chayer, Jadwiga Wozniak, Julie Nicholson, Stefanie Borin, Patrick McCarthy, Alessia Commisso, Mary Jo O'Kell, Pepper Martin Jr., D.D., Trina Washington, Jackie, Cheryl D'Ammizio

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

Collections

May 1: \$6,375.01 The Giving Bowl: \$9,676.95 (to date) Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2022

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: Sunday, May 29, June 26, July 24 & August 21. A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, May 17, June 14, July 12 & Aug 9 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 the necessary information. We encourage parents and Godparents to make an effort to attend liturgies in the parish community. We also have a mandatory evening of preparation for parents and Godparents!

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



Pray the Rosary in May

May is the Month of Our Lady! St. Patrick Parish prays the Rosary every morning at 7:30.

St. Failter Failsh plays the Rosaly every morning at 7.30.

Keep Mary in mind and Jesus will grow in your heart!

Pastor's Pen

Dear Friends!

It's hard to believe it's the 4th Sunday of Easter already. And this is also 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, Diaconate 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 the Gospel, Jesus tells us with great love that we belong to him. The relationship between Jesus and his

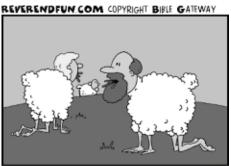


followers is like the intimate relationship between Jesus and the Father! Jesus does more than just care for humanity in general, he cares for us as **individuals**. No one is insignificant. Every person is a gift! There is nothing about us: no situation,

event, concern, fear, sorrow or joy that Jesus does not want to embrace. We must be willing to give it over to Him! I love the image of Jesus carrying the lamb in his arms, back to safety. That's how he treats us. Just as the shepherd gives direction and protection to the sheep, he also gives it to us. We need to rely on him to get through life... through those crises and traumas, the bumps and bruises. Without Christ, we flounder! With Christ, we can weather anything. His is the strength that gives meaning, purpose and direction to our lives.

He knows His sheep. He knows each of us personally. He knows us better than we know ourselves. He knows everything about our lives from the day we were in our mothers' wombs, right up to now. So, what is preventing me from trusting the Shepherd? May we have the courage to stay close to him and let him guide our lives, and even carry us when we need it. Have a blessed week.

Fr. Gerard



BEFORE A SHEPHERD CAN ACHIEVE 'GOOD SHEPHERD' STATUS HE MUST FIRST ATTEND A SHEEP AWARENESS SEMINAR

Confirmation Thanks

Many thanks to Bishop Bergie for coming to our parish last Saturday and confirming 32 of our young adults. It was a wonderful celebration. Thanks so much to our parents, teachers and principals for assisting in the spiritual preparation of their children. Thanks to Debbie Herman for organizing all the details, and keeping everything in order, including me! Many thanks to Carol, Sandra, John Arnold and our Adult Choir for the uplifting music. Congratulations to our young adults. May you put the Gifts of the Holy Spirit to good use! God bless and protect you on your journey.

2022 Church Envelopes & 2021 Tax Receipts

Please make sure you pick up your Offertory Envelopes & 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.



Are You Being Called?

I invite our **young people** to consider living a life dedicated to God as a priest or religious... even as a CARMELITE. 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. If you think you have to be perfect to be a priest or religious, look around... actually, look no further than the pulpit at St. Patrick's! Check out a small video by one of our students in formation! https://carmelites.net/good-shepherd/

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O Holy Spirit, Spirit of wisdom and divine love, impart Your knowledge, understanding, and counsel to youth that they may know the vocation wherein they can best serve God. Give them courage and strength to follow God's holy will. Guide their uncertain steps, strengthen their resolutions, shield their chastity, fashion their minds, conquer their hearts, and lead them to the vineyards where they will labour in God's holy service.

Amen.

A New Carmelite Saint

Blessed Titus Brandsma, O. Carm., will be canonized on Sunday, May 15, 2022 in St Peter's Square. Finally, 80 years after his death and 37 years after his beatification, Fr. Titus can be venerated as a saint by the



entire Catholic Church. The Carmelite Order, the Church in The Netherlands, as well as the entire Carmelite Family joyfully welcome this much awaited news. Brandsma, the 'dangerous little friar', ran foul of the Nazi authorities in Holland during World War II for his stance against Nazi ideology and anti-Semitism. He fought to keep Nazi propaganda out of the Catholic and secular press

and to keep Jewish children in Catholic schools. He was arrested, imprisoned and finally sent to Dachau Concentration Camp where he was killed by lethal injection on 26 July 1942. (Fr. Titus visited Mount Carmel in Niagara Falls in the 1930's and gave a lecture. While there he wrote some magnificent things about the thunderous Falls!)

Help Needed- Parish Bingo

Our St. Pat's Bingo Committee is looking for a few more volunteers to assist at Delta Bingo Hall. We currently have 6 members, so a few more would be great. We are required to have 2 people at Delta, 2-3 times a month for two hours. So you may only have to do one or two sessions a month. You will be trained on site. Mr. Leslie Khan is retiring, so we need someone to volunteer to be the coordinator of the scheduling. We thank Mr. Khan for his wonderful ministry. And we thank the Bingo Committee for their dedication. We have three people interested so far!



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