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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 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.



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIM



Saturday, November 17 St Elizabeth of Hungary

5:00 Irma Pizzolato req. by the Dumele & Pizzolato & Families Oscar Bonaguro req. by the Family Colin & Margaret Nicholson req. by the Family

Sunday, November 18

8:00 Enrico Migliorelli req. by Rocco & Giuseppina Cavaliere M/M Kobik req. by the Family

9:30 Salvatore 'Sam' Sacco req. by the Family

Raffaele & Carmela Fabiano req. by their Children & Grandchildren

11:30 Benito Giustini req. by the Family
Ernesto Gualtieri req. by his Dtr: Ida & Family

7:00 People of the Parish

Monday, November 19

8:00 John & Margaret Pederi req. by their Dtr: Margaret Pederi Francesco Mastropierro req. by the Family

Tuesday, November 20

8:00 Leopold Buteau req. by the Family Richard Morris req. by Arme Aramburo

Wednesday, November 21 The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 Madeline & Ovidio Rosati req. by the Family

Nick Varalli & Maria Varalli req. by Mary & Alfredo Varalli & Family

Thursday, November 22 St Cecilia

8:00 Delores Vaccaro req. by Al & Judy Learn

Josep Thuat & Daminh Maria Song req. by Duy's Family

Friday, November 23 St Clement I & St Columban

8:00 Elvira Dimatteo req. by Angeliolina D'Alimonte

Vito Picca, Nick & Nancy DiPaul req. by John & Lucy DiPaul & Family

Saturday, November 24 St Andrew Düng-Lac & Companions

5:00 Victor & Irene Smatana req. by the Family Pete Mundier req. by the Family

Sunday, November 25 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 Pasqualino Macri req. by Augusta & Family Caterina Ruberto req. by Teresa Ruberto

11:30 Tihomir Skrlac req. by the Onayemi Family

Dec'd members of the Tutti Family reg. by Maria Guerin & Family

7:00 John Roy Buckner req. by Anna & Cathy Sergio Simonetti req. by John & Lucy Sills

Baptism Schedule for 2018 & 2019

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: Sunday, Nov 25, Dec 30, Jan 20, Feb 17, Mar 24 (infants only), Apr 28, May 26 & June 23 A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, Nov 13, Dec 18, Jan 8, Feb 5, Mar 12, Apr 16, May 14 & June 11 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!

Children Sacramental Dates 2019

Confirmation: Saturday, June 1, 2019 @ 5:00 PM

First Reconciliation: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 @ 7:00 PM (new date)
First Communion: Sunday, May 5, 2019 @ 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM
(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.)

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

If you or a family member/friend is interested in becoming a Roman Catholic through a *Profession of Faith*, or desiring Baptism, or other Sacraments of

Initiation (Eucharist or Confirmation), please give your name to our Parish Office as soon as possible. Our first RCIA meeting will be held during the Advent Season. The sessions will resume after Christmas. During Lent we will meet once a week. This is also a

wonderful opportunity for anyone who wants to "refresh or renew" their faith and theology! More information will be forthcoming.

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Jeremy Johnson, Dave St. Onge, Moira Cooper and Giorgio Marcon. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Dr. Andy Fisher, Nicolina Compare, Lester Snow

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Bernadette Moore, Marie Cadman, Alvin Learn, Bruno DeLazzari, James Moody Sr., Fern Albert, Rose MacDonald, Elizabeth Stachura, Joe Mancuso, John Calder, Melissa Brideau, Toni Brideau, Charlene Shannon, John Nicks, Moira Campbell, Leon Dopke, Adele Morabito, Anna Hunt, John Kealey, Norah Marrie, Anna Vergalito, Helen Lelievre, Nancy Weiss, Samuel Potapczyk, Baby Julian, Baby Noah, Denise Colalillo, Mary Lawrence, Bernard Martin, William JA De Foe, Emily Hanover, Leo Martin, Drago Bicanic, Baby Victoria, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffradi, Edna McDonell, Fred Girardo Sr., Fr Tony McNamara, O.Carm., Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Maria Melchiorre, Conner Hawkswell, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Danielle Barranca, Iole Mancini, Jeannette Fabian, Donna Cormier, Maria Rosiana, Alice Dalton, Audrey Vendramin, Baby Maximus, Jeanne Lea, Patrick Kealey, Tom Hilton, Francesco Albanese, Rosalyn Dagleish, Kelly Detlor, Florrie Heimbigner, Kitty Decicco, Evelyn Rose Baker, Jozefa Bilski, Rebecca Evans, Marie Massolin, Maria Guerin, John Jefferson, Todd Reid, John Cox, Jill Leronowich, Nancy Jean Rose, Margaret Smith, Faith Amadio, Kelly Laslo, Patrick McCarthy, Stefanie Borin, Muriel Pivarnyik, Walter Wallace, Joyce Weaver, Kerrie Szuch, Carmella Modenti, Frank Sica, Margaret Waghorn, Vito Fuccillo, Baby Hope, Donna Bradley, Cheryl D'Ammizio, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Mary Jo O'Kell, Alessia Commisso, Vicki Dubeau, Lorraine Spence, Baby Sebastian, Patricia O'Reilly, Mary Brennan, Robert & JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pepper Martin Jr., Vital & Emmanuel Chayer, Michelle Price, Brian Smith, Carlo Trasmundi, Jadwiga Wozniak, Shirley Machulla, Baby Gabriel Paraskevopoulos, 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

November 11: \$5,979.00 Deo Gratis: \$767.00 Many thanks for your generosity!

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY... Meetings are the Second and Fourth Mondays of the month, 7 to 9 pm at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Ave. Pre-registration is not required. For more info please call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com

"Vincent's" the St. Vincent de Paul Store is looking for Volunteers If you have 4 Hours to spare and would like to volunteer at the St. Vincent de Paul Store, 5970 Lundy's Lane (by Main & Ferry) Please call 289-296-3807 or visit the store

Patterson Funeral Home Christmas of Hope Candlelight Memorial Service will be held on Sunday December 2, 2018 at 7:00 pm at Our Lady of the Scapular Church. All are welcome to attend. For more information please call the Funeral Home at 905-358-3513, or visit www.pattersonfuneralhome.com

St. Patrick Catholic School



Join us on Thursday, November 22nd, 2018 for a delicious meal of Penne and Meatballs or Meatball Sub at St. Patrick's Church Hall Doors Open @ 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 pm

Take out/Pick up Available 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Tickets are only \$9.00/adults and \$7.00/kids

Water, Pop & Juice Available for \$1.00

Smile for the Week

How will you spend eternity -- Smoking or Nonsmoking?

Thought for the Week

We should live our lives as though Christ were coming this afternoon.

Is God calling You?

If you feel called to serve as **Eucharistic Minister**, **Lector**, **Altar Server**, or **Funeral Server**, please call the parish office. We will have training sessions later in the fall.



Dear Friends.

It's been too cold, too soon. But we're tough Canadians, able to adapt to any type of weather. We are reminded to pray for the people of California whose lives have been devastated by the wild fires. It's so painful to watch the images on TV, as the death toll continues to rise. Brutally sad. One woman who fled, had lost her home. When asked if she had time to take anything with her, she said NO! She had to run. Her most important possession that she left behind, was her great grandmother's portrait, that was supposed to be passed on to the next generation? We should all ask ourselves, what is my most important possession? I bet the answers will vary!

This is the 33rd Sunday, the second last Sunday in our Church Year! Next Sunday is the *Feast of Christ the King!* At first appearance, today's readings are full of gloom and doom. The Book of Daniel talks about the end of time being a time of anguish, where some who die shall be in shame and everlasting contempt. The Gospel of Mark presents the end of time as a day of tribulation, when the sun will be darkened, the moon will shine no light, stars will fall from the sky and the heavens shaken! Those end of the world readings can certainly shaken us awake! I see it as a great warning.

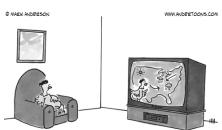


I think it's frightening and scary for **those** who do not live the "Jesus Way!" ... **those** who deny Jesus, **those** who turn their back to Jesus, those who put Jesus aside every Sunday, **those** who live as if they were god! Daniel also says, that many who sleep in the dust of the earth *shall awake*, some *to*

everlasting life! Who are they? They are the wise and the righteous. They will shine like the brightness of the sky!

We know what all this means. Let's not pretend. We all must work out our own salvation. We are fully responsible for what happens to us in the afterlife. We reap what we sow! I'm trying my best to live as decent a Christian life as I can. I am sure most of you are trying your best also. When I fall or fail or mess up... I turn to God through the power of the sacraments, especially Eucharist and Reconciliation, and use God's grace to change! I'm going to continue to try my best... because I really don't want to bring a garden hose and fan into the next life! The choice is ours. He gave us the roadmap... let's follow it together.

Fr. Gerard



"We've got a cold front coming in from the North, scattered showers tonight, and a seventy-five percent chance of falling sky tomorrow."

"After you die, you wear what you are." - St. Teresa of Avila
"To lead a good life a person should always imagine himself at the hour
of death..." - St. Bonaventure



Christmas Cards

The Knights of Columbus will be at the main entrance of the church this weekend and next, selling *Religious* Christmas Cards. They have beautiful cards in several languages. Get them early and avoid disappointment.

Mass Intentions for 2019

Offering Masses for our beloved dead is a sacred duty. This is a powerful way of assisting them, even after death. Please make an effort to get your Mass Intentions to the Parish Office as soon as possible. The Mass Book fills up fast. Please plan ahead and avoid disappointment. Please place your intentions in the Sunday collection, or bring them to the office. We cannot accept Mass requests over the telephone.



Book of Life

Our *Book of Life* is in the sanctuary. Please write the names of your deceased loved ones in this book and they will be remembered at all Masses, Rosaries and Prayers during November.

Reflection on Life after Death

Bishop Bergie reminds us: "The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven (1030). The Catechism goes on to say, "The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the doomed" (1031). We should take the opportunity to preach about purgatory to assist parishioners in deepening their understanding of this mystery. It seems today that many of our faithful assume that immediately after death our loved ones are in heaven. If everyone is in heaven then there is no need to pray for the dead or offer Masses for the repose of their souls. Unfortunately, these practices are becoming less known especially with our youth. To pray for the dead is not morbid, but hope filled as we are able to assist those we love even after death. We pray these souls to heaven. "Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them."

Invitation to Help the Homeless

An overnight warming shelter to protect people living on the street has opened in Niagara Falls. It is operating out of St. Andrew's United Church, 5645 Morrison St., as a two-year pilot project overseen by Niagara Region but run through Project Share. It is set up to accommodate 15 people every night, from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m., through to March 31. If any parishioners or parish organizations would like to volunteer, there are many opportunities to help! Volunteers are needed to help staff greet guests in the evening, show them to their area, make and serve coffee, provide a snack. If residents want a game of cards or a conversation volunteers could engage with them if they are comfortable. If there are early risers, volunteers could help with wake up at 6 am, prepare coffee and snacks, distribute bus tickets. Or help with clean-up after 7 am. If you are interested, please let the parish office know, and we will put you in touch with the coordinator. If you are not able to give time we are collecting boots, shoes, men's mitts and gloves, feminine hygiene products and cleaning products for the church like bleach, spray disinfectant and wipes. These can be dropped off at St. Pat's Parish Office or next to the Project Share Bins in the Church!





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

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

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