Saint Patrick's Church

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Parish Staff

Rev. Gerard Power, O.Carm., Pastor (Chaplain, Niagara Regional Police) Rev. Marc Bell, O.Carm., Associate Pastor Debbie Herman, Secretary Anne Marie Atkinson, Accountant Secretary Brian Kneller, Caretaker

Music Ministry

Carol Martin - Director of Music Sandra DiCienzo - Organist Tim Marrie - Pianist and Soloist Anthony Scaringi - Pianist and Organist 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 St. Mary School 905-354-6631 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.

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Saturday, November 21 The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 5:00 Irma & Julia Pizzolato req. by Angela & Dave Dumele Victor & Irene Smatana req. by the Family

Sunday, November 22 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:00 Florindo & Teresa Martin *req. by the Family* Enrico & Antonella Migliorelli *req. by Rocco Cavaliere*

- 9:30 Pasquale Macri req. by Augusta Macri & Family Caterina Ruberto req. by Teresa Ruberto
- **11:30** Ernesto Gualtieri *req. by his Dtr. Ida & Family* Tiomir Skrlac *req. by the Antonio Family*
- 7:00 People of the Parish
- Monday, November 23 St Clement I & St Columban
- 8:00 Dec'd mem. of the Besaw Family req by the Family Dec'd mem. of the O'Leary Family req by the Family
- Tuesday, November 24 St Andrew Dung-Lac
- 8:00 Cathy Cricenti req by Jim & Dora Spencer

Carol Ann Morin req by Joe & Jackie Angelone Wednesday, November 25 St Catherine of Alexandria

- 8:00 Sam Radice req by the Azzano Family Mass of Thanksgiving req by Jeanne & Patrick Eroles
- Thursday, November 26
- 8:00 Eduardo Augello-Todino req by the DeMizio Family Gino Pietrangelo req by Joanne & Frank Fortino
- Friday, November 27
- 8:00 Louis Vendramin *req. by Jackie & Dave* Luigi Camillo *req. by his Wife & Family*

Saturday, November 28

- 5:00 Pete Mundier req. by the Family
- Oscar Bonaguro req by the Family
- Sunday, November 29 First Sunday of Advent
 8:00 Giulio & Lucia Cavaliere req. by Rocco Cavaliere Angus Lafford req. by Muriel & Family
- 9:30 Angelo Butera req. by his Wife: Teresa & Family Rino & John Leo req. by Julie, Mary Ann, Lexis & Justus
- 11:30 Tommaso DeAngelis req. by Tomy & Rosa DeAngelis
- Marilyn & Leo Quinn req. by Colleen Quinn-Boyer & Bill Boyer 7:00 People of the Parish

Collections

November 8: \$6,906.08 November 15: \$4,877.15 Many thanks for your generosity!

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!

Bulletin Announcement: Vincent's, St Vincent de Paul Store in Niagara Falls, is looking for more volunteers. Duties including sorting and pricing of merchandise, stocking our shelves, operating the cash register, helping customers, etc. We have taken measures to provide a Covid safe environment. If you can spare 3-4 hours per week and enjoy helping others, this is an opportunity to serve in a friendly place for a worthwhile cause. If you need to do Community Service for school or other reasons, we can provide you with the hours you need. We are located at 5970 Lundy's Lane in Niagara Falls. If you are interested or have any questions, drop by, call us at (289)296-3807 or email vincentstorenf@gmail.com. Our manager, Andrea, would be happy to hear from you.

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.

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

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Phil Huntington, Fiorentina Stranges, Ralph Mills and Yolanda Fleming. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are ill

Baby M, Mary Power, Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Rita Ross, Fern Albert, Andrea Fisher, Ron O'Neill, Francis Patterson, Leroy Collee, Eric Van Noort, Ralph Davey, Maureen Tustin, Maureen Kealey, Betty Crete, Mahmat, Sean Sandel, Armando Rossi, Gerry Laffradi, Lori Ann Pizzolato, Dr. Andy Fisher, Gus Bagarozza, Judy, Andy Scotnicki, Cyndee Matvichuk, Rosanna Ricci, Karen Bradley, Ron Winslow, Carmine Astorino, Corinne Journeau, Arlene Collee, Betty & Joe Power, Mary Ann Quigley, Maria Nobile, Pat DiLorenzo Jr., Teresa Hebb, Carole Ann Ogilvie, Jarod Hickey, Julian Cassidy, Mary Frances Pye, Carol DeVilliers, Joe Young, Leo Martin, 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 Zanus, Patricia Williams, Mark Pepple, Nancy Huber, Danielle Barranca, Kelly Laslo, Toni Brideau, Edward Brzozowski Jr., Nikki Mansfield, Lester Snow, John Cox, Nicolina Compare, Alvin Learn, James Moody Sr., Nancy Jean Rose, Charlene Shannon, Eric Corcoran, Carmella Modenti, Anna Hunt, Rose MacDonald, John Kealey, Elizabeth Stachura, Denise Colalillo, Brian Smith, Donna Bradley, Margaret Smith, Anna Vergalito, Helen Lelievre, Nancy Weiss, Jeanne Lea, Rebecca Evans, Samuel Potapczyk, Mary Lawrence, William JA De Foe, Bernard Martin, Joyce Weaver, Michelle Price, Donna Cormier, Margaret Waghorn, Drago Bicanic, Jeanne S, Bob Marshall, Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Evelyn Rose Baker, Lorraine Spence, Vito Fuccillo, Tom Hilton, Robert & JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Marie Massolin, Jeannette Fabian, Francesco Albanese, Maria Melchiorre, Jozefa Bilski, Todd Reid, Mary Brennan, Conner Hawkswell, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Maria Guerin, Patricia O'Reilly, Audrey Vendramin, Faith Amadio, Patrick Kealey, Cheryl Granton, Walter Wallace, Florrie Heimbigner, Francois Chayer, Jadwiga Wozniak, Julie Nicholson, Stefanie Borin, Patrick McCarthy, D.D., Alessia Commisso, Baby Victoria, Mary Jo O'Kell, Trina Washington, Cheryl D'Ammizio, Pepper Martin Jr.

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

CWL Ladies...please note that your CWL 2021 Annual Dues of \$25.00 is now due. Please put your envelope in the collection at the end of Mass or bring to the Parish Office. If you have any questions please call Maggie at 905-246-6212

The members of the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** are seeking your financial assistance to help recover from the impact of COVID 19.

Since March, we have had to suspend our 'Emergency Help Line' operation due to the reduction of income resulting from the closure of Churches and Bingo halls...our only sources of revenue.

In addition, our revenue forecast for the balance of this year and into 2021 will remain lower until attendance restrictions at Churches and Bingo halls are relaxed by the Ontario Government. As a result, our Christmas Program will require severe cutbacks this year and in 2021.

We have been blessed by your longstanding generosity and pray for your continued support.

Our Community At Work

This year has been rough for the poor and the hungry. We are asked to do all we can to get them through this challenging period. Project SHARE's most needed food items include

peanut butter; protein items such as canned tuna, salmon, chicken, ham; and canned beans, pasta sauce, pasta, baby food and formula; cereals. School lunch snacks would be a great help also. *Lord, when did we see you hungry?*

Parish Office

Our parish office is open from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM Monday to Thursday, and 8:30 AM-2:00 PM on Fridays. All business will be conducted at a special table inside the office door. One person admitted at a time. Masks are **mandatory** in the office. Please call ahead so we can have certificates or Mass cards prepared for you. God bless!

Little Flower Society Cards

Did you know that St. Patrick Parish Office has Mass Cards in stock from the Carmelite's Little Flower Society? We have Healing Mass Cards, Living Intentions, Five-Year Memorial Cards, and also Perpetual Memorial Cards. By using those cards, you not only comfort a family member or friend, but you also support the mission of the Carmelites, our Carmelite Vocation Efforts, and our Carmelite Formation Programs in several countries.



Dear Friends:

It's hard to believe that this is the last Sunday in the Church's year... the **Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**! Next week is the **First Sunday of Advent**. This has been an extremely difficult year for everyone. We are still living with so many unknowns as we battle this pandemic. But we stay in the NOW, live today. And make the best of everything, never giving up hope. And may we never cease to give God thanks and praise if we are in a healthy situation, economically, financially, spiritually, emotionally, psychologically. Many are struggling. We do our best to reach out.

Today's Gospel from Matthew is about the final judgement. At the end of our lives we will not be judged by our diplomas, our jobs, or how much money we have accumulated, we will be judged by, *"I was hungry and you gave me to eat. I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless and you took me in."* St. Teresa of Calcutta spoke of how Christ appears when we least expect Him! She said, "Hungry, not only for bread, but hungry for love; naked not only for clothing, but for human dignity and respect; homeless, not only for want of a room of bricks, but homeless because of rejection. This is Christ in distressing disguise."



Our call is to keep our eyes, ears and hearts open for opportunities to serve our brothers and sisters. Not everyone is as fortunate as we are. One of our Carmelites, **St. John of the Cross**, reminded us that in the end, we will judged by love... how we have loved

SUNDAY the end, we will judged by love... how we have loved each other. As we end the Church year, maybe we can find extra ways to serve others. Perhaps we can increase our food donation to **Project Share**; buy a gift for some local needy child in our **Christmas Gift Campaign**; or a Grocery Card for our needy families; help St. Vincent de Paul to keep their ministry going; or the Carmelite Missions during our **Annual Mission Appeal.** *"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"* The answer is all around us!

As we end this Church year and enter into the Season of Advent, my prayer is that we will allow Christ the King to reign in our hearts and in our homes. May He reign over everything we say and do! Christ's Reign is not based on human power, but according to this Sunday's Gospel, it's based on *loving and serving* others. When we serve others, we serve Christ the King! May God help us serve the Kings of Kings, especially as He presents Himself disguised as those reaching out to us for help. Have a blessed week. And may Christ the King help to end this Covid Pandemic.

Fr. Gerard



Christmas Mass Schedule and Protocols

We are currently working with our diocese to see how we can approach Christmas safely this year. Given the unknowns, and the daily/weekly changes in the spread of Covid-19, we will be publishing a parish bulletin weekly so everyone can be updated quickly. We are looking at the possibility of adding extra Masses in the gym this year, at 4PM and 6PM Christmas Eve; and 11:30 AM Christmas Day, so we will definitely need lots of volunteers. As with all Masses, it will be first come, first seated. Please remember, you are exempt from Sunday and Holy Day obligations during this pandemic. We will keep you posted.

Sunday Missals

Our Sunday Missals still have not arrived at the parish office. They were ordered in June 2020! There's been a delay at the publishers. As soon as we receive them, they will be available at the church entrance for sale. If you have an old one on hand from 2017-2018, it will have the same readings for Year B.

What Our King is Like!

Most kings are born in a palace, but this king was born in a stable! While most kings spent their time building up riches of silver, gold and jewels, this

king owned nothing! While themselves with servants, servant. Instead of riding like other kings, he rode in hung out with a bunch of



most kings surrounded this king chose to **be a** into town on a big white horse on the back of a **donkey**. He fishermen, the poor and sinners,

instead of royalty. Yes, he wore a crown, but it was made of **thorns!** Instead of robes and jewels he wore **a cloak**. He was powerful but also powerless. Instead of using great armies and weapons, his only weapon was **love**. What a King we have!

Christmas Gifts for Local Needy Children

We have started our Annual Christmas Gift Campaign. We will still have gift tags available for children of different ages in our two schools, but given the protocols, we have to rely on Gift Cards this year. And the parents will shop for their own children. Also grocery cards for the families will also be included with the gifts this year. Many thanks for your help.

BOOK OF LIFE

We have our *Book of Life placed* in the Sanctuary. Because we cannot have everyone writing in the same book and touching the same surfaces, we ask that before you leave home, you write/type the names of your deceased loved ones on a piece of paper and we will arrange to have them written in the Book of Life for you. A basket will be placed on the altar steps to place your names. Our deceased loved ones will be remembered at all Masses and Rosaries during the month of November.

Mass Intentions

One of the greatest honours we can do for our deceased loved ones is to pray for them, and have Masses offered for them. Our **Mass Intention Book** for 2021 opened on November 3rd. We ask that you place your intentions and dates, your name and phone number, along with the \$10 stipend per Mass in a special envelope, marked "Mass Intentions 2021". You can put it in the collection or drop it off at the office. Please be flexible with your dates. Given the Covid-19 restrictions, we can only have one person in the office at a time.

Are you tired of living alone? Consider Mount Carmel Home in St. Catharines. A retirement home operated by the Carmelite Sisters, offering assisted living in an affordable and caring family tradition. Care services include meals, housekeeping and medication management. If interested please call 905-685-9155 for a tour.

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

