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# Give thanks to the Lord for His many Blessings On Thanksgiving





# Saturday, October 11 St John XXIII

5:00 Vincent & Ruby Crowley req by the Family John Kolbuc req by Anna Mason & Irene Sawicki

#### Sunday, October 12

8:00 Franciszek Rebisz reg by the Rebisz Family

Dec'd of Shannon, Coscarella & Mannarino Fam reg by the Fam

**9:30** Kathryn Kneller *req by the Kneller Family* Alfino Spadafora *req by the Family* 

11:30 People of the Parish

# Monday, October 13 Thanksgiving Day

8:00 Maria Ferrara req by Rachel Marcon Pat Hudson req by Friends

#### Tuesday, October 14 St Callistus I

8:00 Nora Molnar req by Clara Fisher & Family Caterina Frucci req by Rachel Marcon

#### Wednesday, October 15 St Teresa of Jesus

8:00 Gabriel Gagliardi req by the Family Intentions of the Little Flower Society

#### Thursday, October 16 St Marguerite D'Youville

8:00 Giovanni & Fermina Lot req by Mario Pozzebon & Family Family Cometto req by Anna Bortolin & Family

# Friday, October 17 St Ignatius of Antioch

8:00 Intentions of the Little Flower Society
World Peace

#### Saturday, October 18 St Luke

5:00 John Audibert reg by Fred & Betty

Arduino Maiuri & Victor Smatana reg by Stefanie & Peter Maiuri

# Sunday, October 19 World Mission Sunday

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 Trevor Watson reg by the Pullano Family

Georgette & Stephen Lafferty req by Vic & Danielle & Family

11:30 Danny Trabucco req by Betty & Family

Dec'd of the Mallone & Montoni Families req by the Antonio Family

# All Souls Novena of Masses



Envelopes are available at the doors of the church for our 9-Day All Souls Novena of Masses. This Novena will begin on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. It is an important duty to pray for those who have died. May our deceased loved ones, rest in the peace of the Risen Christ.

# **All Souls Memorial Mass**



This year our All Souls Memorial Mass will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church on **Sunday**, **November 2**, **2025** at **5:00 PM**. The names of our loved ones who died during the past year will be read aloud at this Mass. Bells will be chimed after each name is proclaimed. A candle will be lit for each person. Families who have lost a loved one

during the past year, (whose funeral was celebrated at St. Pat's or by our priests) are encouraged to attend. All parishioners are invited!

# Holy Rosary

Every weekday morning at 7:30, the Holy Rosary is prayed in St. Patrick Church.

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

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



**Rest in Peace...** We pray for the souls of Shawn Glynn and Sheila Kennedy. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are ill. We are currently updating our sick list. This will be limited to parishioners and family members who are hospitalized or chronically ill. Please be advised that only an immediate family member can request a name to be added to this list.

Mary Power, Nancy McKinley, Carl Lundrigan, Howard Wales, Maureen Young, Norah Marrie, Isabell Frost, Victor Pizzolato, Peter Meisenburg Jr., Tom Murray, Edward Brzozowski, Emma Corfield, Jeanne Lea, Joe Antonio, Theresa Prentice, Anna Tartaglia, Leonardo Gualtieri, Muriel Lafford, Baby Max, Robert Orsini, Rick Woram, Enzo Bellon, Kurt Stevens, Barbara Conidi, Lindsey Luby, Norm Scott, Toni Brideau, Charlene Shannon, Scott MacLaren, Jim Crowley, Sherry Wales, Leila Khan, Maureen Tustin, Maureen Watson, Anna Hunt, Mary Jo O'Kell, Nancy Waters, John F, John Arnold, Leroy Collee, Andrew Zacharuk, Jeanne S, Patrick Macri, Christine Pritty, John & Laura Giampa, Eric Van Noort, D.D., Jim & Betty Calzonetti, Julian Cassidy, Lorraine Spence, Estelle Critelli, Rita Ross, S.H., Sr. Carol Forhan CPPS, Leon French, Tony Cuviello, Kelsey Liles, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Sr. Prem, Samantha Jayne, Laurie Crites-Warner, Norma Zanus, Judy, Kerrie Szuch, William JA DeFoe, Betty Crete, Bob Marshall, Cameron Boyes, Danielle Barranca, Kelly Laslo, Mahmat, Lori Ann Pizzolato, Teresa Hebb, Rose MacDonald, Karen Bradley, Betty & Mary Ann Quigley, Arlene Collee, John Calder, Maria Guerin, Gregory Roulston, Anna Chayer, Denise Colalillo, Patrick McCarthy, Michelle Price, Julie Nicholson Francesco Albanese, Emmanuel & Aline Chayer, Carmella Modenti, Bernard Martin, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Margaret Waghorn, Evelyn Rose Baker, Patricia O'Reilly, Fran Smelko, Gloria Smelko, Jackie, Faith Amadio, Vanessa Athoe, Walter Wallace, Samuel Potapczyk, Marie Brooker, Francois Chayer, Jozefa Bilski, Elda Schneider, Susana Flego, Patricia Flego, Cynthia Alegre, Josie Wojciechowska, Elizabeth Stachura, James Poortinga

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

#### Collections

October 5: \$7,144.10

Needs of the Canadian Church: \$708.65

Many thanks for your generosity!

# Baptism Schedule for 2025

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on:

Sunday, October 19 & November 23

A mandatory meeting for <u>Parents & Godparents</u> will be held in the Church on Tuesday, October 7 & November 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 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!

# Sacramental Date for 2025

Confirmation: Saturday, November 15, 2025 @ 5:00pm Mass (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.)

World Mission Day Collection will be taken up next weekend October 18 & 19th. Envelopes are available at the doors of the Church.

# Upcoming Weddings at St. Patrick's in October

Brittany Valente & Pietro Leone Kaitlin Sanderson & Tyler Kelly

Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner Thursday, October 23 from 4–7pm Columbus Hall 6990 Stanley Ave Spaghetti, Meatballs, Salad, Dessert, Coffee & Tea \$15 Adults, \$8 12 & under Pay at the Door Cash Bar

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# The Pastor's Pen

(Please remember that you can e-transfer your Sunday Offertory as a direct deposit to <a href="mailto:stpatrick1895@hotmail.com">stpatrick1895@hotmail.com</a>) No password is required. Many thanks for your generosity.

#### Dear Friends:

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families! Our Gospel today speaks about the importance of giving thanks! Ten lepers beg Jesus for mercy and healing. And when they are healed, only **ONE** returns to praise God, and say THANK YOU to **Jesus!** And he was the least expected, as he was a Samaritan. Great Gospel for Thanksgiving weekend!

**Thanksgiving** gives us an opportunity to stop and reflect on all the things and people in our lives that we have to be thankful for. I am so thankful for all of you in our parish who make things happen... who keep things moving along! Sometimes we take for granted that everything will get done, somehow, or that **someone** else will do it!

On behalf of Fr. Joi, Fr. Marvin and Deacon David, I want to shout a **big thanks** to all of you! To you in the pews, and those who cannot get out to Mass, thanks for your generosity and stewardship week after week. Thanks to our dedicated sacristans who are here day in, and day out. Thanks to our wonderful office staff, caretakers and housekeeper for your dedication and loyalty. Thanks to our Parish Council for your valuable input and vision! Thanks to our catechists! Thanks to all of you



who serve at our liturgies: lectors, altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, choirs, music ministers, children's liturgy, funeral servers! Thanks to you who bring communion to the sick. Thanks to our volunteers for being there to help the parish and to organize activities! Thanks to those who serve as counters. Thanks to you who

donate so generously to our Breakfast Program. Thanks to our ladies who sew and embroider our baptism garments during the year. Thanks to our Bingo Committee who work tirelessly to help our Parish financially. To our St. Vincent de Paul Society for your wonderful outreach to the poor. Thanks to all of you whom I can call upon when we need assistance on the property, our electricians, plumbers, carpenters, boiler mechanics, steel workers, welders and police!

One of the joys of being a Christian is that we know whom to thank for our many blessings. In the bulletin today, you will find a *Thanksgiving Meal Prayer* which I encourage all of us to pray at our Thanksgiving Dinner! Enjoy your Turkeys, Hams or Vegan Delights! Let us take some sacred time this weekend to remember the ways in which God has blessed us. And then thank God by reaching out to those who are less fortunate. Happy Thanksgiving to all! Have a blessed week.

#### Fr. Gerard



# Thanksgiving Day Meal Prayer

Bless this food we have before us, O God.
Let it provide the nourishment we need.
Bless our family and our friends gathered around this table.
Let us be nourished by our love and care for one another.
Bless those who have less than we have.
Let our eyes be open to their needs.
Bless us as we bless your holy name on this day of Thanksgiving.
Let us praise and thank you always in Jesus' name. Amen.

# HOW TO OBSERVE THANKSGIVING

Count your blessings instead of your crosses;
Count your gains instead of your losses.
Count your joys instead of your woes;
Count your friends instead of your foes.
Count your smiles instead of your tears;
Count your courage instead of your fears.
Count your full years instead of your lean;
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.
Count your health instead of your wealth;
Count on God instead of yourself.

# St. Teresa of Avila- Carmelite- October 15

St. Teresa (1515-1582) was born in Avila and died in Alba, Spain. When only a child of seven, she ran away from home in the hope of being martyred by the Moors; in this way, she said she could come to see God. At the age of eighteen she joined the Carmelite Order and chose Christ as her heavenly Spouse. With the help of St. John of the Cross she reformed most of the Carmelite convents and founded new ones. She reached the highest degree of prayer and through prayer obtained such knowledge of divine things that in 1970 Pope Paul VI named her the first woman Doctor of the Church.

"To be grateful is to recognize the Love of God in everything."

Thomas Merton

Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough.

"If the only prayer you ever say in your whole life is 'thank you' that would suffice." *Meister Eckhart* 

# THE BISHOP'S FUNDRAISING GALA 2025

The Most Reverend Gerard Bergie,
Bishop of the Diocese of St. Catharines, invites you to
an amazing evening of faith, fellowship, and fun in support of
evangelization in our community and the growth of youth and young
adult ministries throughout the Niagara Region and Haldimand County.

Join us for a feast of scrumptious food and drink.
Friday, November 28th: 5:30-11:00 PM Live auction begins at 8:30 PM.

John Michael's Banquet Hall

Please see church bulletin board for details.

Or visit the Diocesan Website for further information.

#### **Smiles**

What did the turkey say to the computer? "Google, google, google."

A lady was picking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery store for Thanksgiving, but couldn't find one big enough for her family. She asked a stock boy, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?"

"No, making Thou're dead."

"No, ma'am. They're dead."





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