Saint Patrick's Church

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Parish Staff

Rev. Gerard Power, O.Carm., Pastor (Dean of Niagara Falls) Rev. Marc Bell, O.Carm., Associate Pastor Debbie Herman, Secretary Alice Corfield, Bookkeeper 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-Pietrangelo - 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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Mass Lotentions 🙊 Saturday, October 30 5:00 Nina Audibert req. by Fred & Betty Geraldine Mann Hofmann Elliot reg. by Lois Mann Sunday, October 31 8:00 People of the Parish 9:30 Luigi Marcon req. by Louise Marcon & Family Dec'd mem of the Mallone & Montoni Families reg. by the Antonio Family 11:30 Immacolata Luciano req. by Alessandro Luciano & Family Rick Heximer req. by the Family 7:00 NO MASS Monday, November 1 All Saints 8:00 Salvatore & Giuseppe Sacco reg. by the Sacco Family Mario Turra req. by Maria & Family Tuesday, November 2 The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) 8:00 All Souls Novena Wednesday, November 3 8:00 All Souls Novena Thursday, November 4 St Charles Borromeo 8:00 All Souls Novena Friday, November 5 8:00 All Souls Novena Saturday, November 6 5:00 All Souls Novena Sunday, November 7 8:00 People of the Parish All Souls Novena 9:30 Ody Argenta req. by D & D Argenta Alexandra Scott req. by the Family 11:30 Benito Giustini req. by the Family Francesco D'Angelo req. by the Grandchildren 7:00 NO MASS Monday, November 8 8:00 All Souls Novena Tuesday, November 9 The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica 8:00 All Souls Novena Wednesday, November 10 St Leo the Great 8:00 All Souls Novena Thursday, November 11 Remembrance Day & St Martin of Tours 8:00 Fiorentina, Filipo & Thomas Stranges req. by the Maruca Family Bruno Bortolussi req. by his Wife: Jacqueline Bortolussi Friday, November 12 St Josaphat 8:00 Catone Maria Caterina req. by Maria & Family Antonetta Picca req. by the Malong & Leone Families Saturday, November 13 Louie Vendramin reg. by Audrey 5:00 Giorgio & Zita Marcon req. by Tullio Milano & Family Sunday, November 14 World Day of the Poor 8:00 People of the Parish Fr. Tony McNamara, O.Carm. req. by Cliff & Teresa Sexton 9:30 Gino Pullano req. by Wife & Family Caterina Ruberto req. by Teresa Ruberto 11:30 Ody Argenta req. by Diana Argenta Maria De Angelis req. by Tony & Rosa De Angelis 7:00 NO MASS Congratulations and best wishes to Aniyah Onayemi, Antonio Risi, Matteo D'Aiuto & Charlotte-Rose Morrison

who were recently baptized

2021 Special Wedding Anniversaries...Bishop Bergie will send a congratulatory certificate to married couples who have celebrated or will celebrate a 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th Anniversary in the year 2021. To receive a certificate, please complete a registration form available at the parish Office by November 12th.

Deo Gratis Collection will be taken up on November 14th. Envelopes are available in your Bulletins. **Rest in Peace...** We pray for the soul of Anne Diodati. May she rest in peace. Please remember her family in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized: Andrea Fisher, Angelina Greco, Leon French

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Mary Power, Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Tony Laslo, Patrick Macri, Sandra DeFoe, Nancy Waters, Christine Pritty, Natalie Speth, Missy Bilotta, Mary Lou Gallardi, Marcellina Mativo, Rita Ross, Francis Patterson, Fern Albert, Estelle Critelli, Dr. Andy Fisher, Ron O'Neill, Andrea Fisher, Guy Snyder, Kelsey Liles, Rosanna Ricci, Betty Crete, Leroy Collee, Eric Van Noort, Joe Young, Judy, Gaetan Buteau, Ralph Davey, Rose MacDonald, Kathryn Kneller, Maureen Tustin, Sean Sandel, Mahmat, Maureen Kealey, Lori Ann Pizzolato, Andy Scotnicki, Pat DiLorenzo Jr., Dennis Bowers, Bianca MacDonnell, Gus Bagarozza, Karen Bradley, Ron Winslow, Corinne Journeau, Carmine Astorino, Arlene Collee, Betty & Joe Power, Mary Ann Quigley, Teresa Hebb, Carole Ann Ogilvie, Mary Frances Pye, Nancy Weiss, Julian Cassidy, Marney Broderick, Sister Prem, Kerrie Szuch, John Nicks, Gregory Roulston, Cameron Boyes, Pasquale Abrunzo, John Calder, Victor Sincich, Nancy Praakel, Bernadette Moore, Norma Zanus, Patricia Williams, Mark Pepple, Nancy Huber, Danielle Barranca, Kelly Laslo, Toni Brideau, Jeanne Lea, John Cox, Nikki Mansfield, Edward Brzozowski Jr., Nicolina Compare, Nancy Jean Rose, Anna Vergalito, Charlene Shannon, Eric Corcoran, 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, Margaret Waghorn, Drago Bicanic, Jeanne S, Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Evelyn Rose Baker, Lorraine Spence, Vito Fuccillo, Tom Hilton, Robert & JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Jeannette Fabian, Francesco Albanese, Maria Melchiorre, Jozefa Bilski, Todd Reid, Mary Brennan, Conner Hawkswell, Faith Amadio, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Maria Guerin, Patricia O'Reilly, Audrey Vendramin, Patrick Kealey, Cheryl Granton, Walter Wallace, Florrie Heimbigner, Francois Chayer, Baby Victoria, Vital & Anna Chayer, Emmanuel & Aline Chayer, Jadwiga Wozniak, Julie Nicholson, Stefanie Borin, Patrick McCarthy, D.D., Alessia Commisso, Mary Jo O'Kell, Pepper Martin Jr., Trina Washington, Jackie, Cheryl D'Ammizio, Bob Marshall

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



Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

> Upcoming Wedding at St. Patrick's in November Julie Pierson & Andrew Edwards

<u>Attention</u> CWL new and existing members, your Membership Dues of \$25 for 2022 are now due. Please submit to the Church Office or drop in the Offertory as soon as possible. Thank you

Children Sacramental Dates 2022

Confirmation: Saturday, April 30, 2022 First Communion: Sunday, May 2, 2021 POSTPONED (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.)

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.

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.



31st Sunday October 31, 2021

LOVE is in all our Readings this Sunday! In the 1st Reading, as the people prepare to cross the Jordan, Moses urged them to remain loyal to God and to love God with all your heart and all your soul and all your might. He basically says: Hey folks, your years of wandering are over and I assure you that your need for God will be no less in a land of plenty than it was in that barren desert. Then in the Gospel, the scribes ask Jesus a tough guestion, to test him. And Jesus answers them with the TWO GREATEST COMMANDMENTS, Love of God... and love of self and neighbour! This sums up all 613 precepts of the OT Law. Let's face it. A God we cannot see, is easy to love! But what about our neighbour? And that includes every human person!!! Even those we dislike. Or the lady in our group who judges others? Or the man who sees everyone else going to hell except himself. Or the family member who ruins every family gathering? Or the one who hates to see others getting ahead in life. Or the group of teens hanging out on our street corner on skate boards yelling profanities. Or the homeless on the street asking for a loonie. Well, the Gospel tells us to love them all. Aren't they also our neighbour? There's a few people around to whom I'd like to say, "You know, I love you but I really don't like you!" The bottom line? We show our love for God by how we love those around us. That's where the challenge lies. As our great Carmelite Saint, St. John of the Cross said, "Put love where there's no love, and you'll find love." Maybe we can take that extra loving leap of faith this week.

32nd Sunday November 7, 2021

In today's readings we see what Trusting in God is all about. In The Book of Kings, a widow gives her last morsel of food to Elijah the Prophet (Father of the Carmelites)!!!... and because of her trust and generosity, God provides for her and her son in a time of famine. Her jar of meal was not emptied, nor did her jug of oil go dry. Powerful! In the Gospel, Jesus observes people putting large sums into the Temple Treasury... and then he sees a poor widow putting in two copper coins. Most gave out of their abundance, but Jesus says, "She, out of her poverty, has put in everything she had to live on." What is the point of Jesus' commendation of the widow? Maybe it's not how much we give, but how much remains behind. The true measure of gifts is the self-denial involved, the sacrifice, the cost for the giver. We need to look at the *spirit* in which we give our gifts and offerings. Is it truly a self-offering? Self-forgetfulness? Selfsacrifice? Total commitment? Loyalty and devotion to God's call? A great week to reflect on our own generosity and stewardship! And always remember, God loves a cheerful giver.



BOOK

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.

All Souls Memorial Mass

Sadly, given the Covid-19 restrictions and the limited space available, it will be impossible to celebrate our Annual All Souls Memorial Mass on November 2nd. The names of our loved ones who died during the past year are written on a special insert in this parish bulletin. They will also be inscribed in our Parish Book of Life, and remembered at all Masses throughout the month of November. You may wish to have them included in the All Souls Novena of Masses.



All Souls Novena of Masses

Envelopes are available at the doors of the church for our Nine Day All Souls Novena of Masses. This Novena will begin on All Souls Day. Please submit your envelopes at your earliest convenience. May our loved ones rest in the peace of the Risen Christ.

Mass Intentions for 2022

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 2022 will open on November 11th. 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 2022". 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. So it is best that you submit your requests in advance. They will be written in the book according to the date received.



November 1, 2021 Happy All Saints Day! We each have our favourite saints. But what draws us to them? I think it's a big mistake if we focus on their supernatural powers, as if they were a Superman-woman, or Super-Hero! We must be very careful we don't turn them into plastic, fantasy figurines, whose lives are nice stories... but impossible for us to follow. The saints were and are real

people who had to fight the same battles and demons we fight, in order to serve God. They're not plastic or stone... they are real, normal human beings like us. They were fully human, in that they allowed the best of their humanity to dominate their lives. As human, we are both physical and spiritual. The saints allow the **spiritual aspect** of their lives to be integrated into the physical. They were and are the best of us. As we honour the saints, we recognize that they are with God and we call upon their intercession. We ask them to pray for us, and to help us in the struggles of our lives.



November 11th is *Remembrance Day- Armistice Day*. May we take the sacred time to remember all those who served our country in the World Wars, those who paid the ultimate sacrifice with their lives, and those who were injured physically and emotionally... all for our freedom. We pray for

those who currently serve our country in the peace-keeping missions around the world. Lest we Forget!



OF LIFE

Flashback from 2009

Due to the H1N1 virus (Swine Flu), we are asked by our diocese and health officials to be extra vigilant. We ask you to use the hand-sanitizer at the doors of the church; refrain from taking communion on the tongue or sharing in a common Cup; consider a verbal greeting instead of a hand-shake; and stay home if you are not feeling well.



Is God calling You?

If you feel called to serve as an Altar Server, Funeral Server or Lector, please call the parish office, 905-354-7451.

