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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.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, September 9 St Peter Claver

5:00 Betty Sargeson *req. by Wayne*
Pietro Pizzolato *req. by the Family*

Sunday, September 10

8:00 Leo Persia *req. by Fred & Lisa Persia*
Anthony & Lena Girardo *req. by the Girardo Family*
9:30 Ovidio & Madeline Rosati *req. by their Grandchildren*
Philip & Mary Campagna *req. by the Family*
Georgette Lafferty *req. by her Mom, Sister & Brother*
11:30 Gimino Cardamone *req. by Fiorina Cardamone & Family*
Andrew Rondinelli *req. by Jim & Dora Spencer*
7:00 People of the Parish

Monday, September 11

8:00 Giuseppe De Mizio *req. by Pasqualina De Mizio & Family*
Victims & Families of September 11, 2001

Tuesday, September 12 The Most Holy Name of Mary

8:00 Kelly Morelato *req. by Charlene*
Butch & Lucy Kitney *req. by Andrea & Wayne*

9:15 St. Mary & St. Patrick School Mass

Wednesday, September 13 St John Chrysostom

8:00 Cecelia Lococo *req. by Jim & Dora Spencer*
Betty Coyle *req. by Carol & Derek Retter*

Thursday, September 14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00 Frances Comeau *req. by Aileen Lelievre Adams*
Suzanne Charlebois *req. by Bert & Marilyn Massi*

Friday, September 15 Our Lady of Sorrows

8:00 Anna Maria & Joseph Maria *req. by Duy's Family*
Suor Rosine Golia & Pasqualine Lucia *req. by Nicola Lucia & Family*

Saturday, September 16 St Cornelius & St Cyprian

5:00 Don Liberty *req. by Belle Liberty*
Harold & Marc Bickerstaffe *req. by Imelda Bickerstaffe*

Sunday, September 17

8:00 Richard Campaner *req. by Ray & Brenda Hicks & Family*
Gino & Mary Visentin *req. by Marilyn Lococo*
9:30 Luigi Marcon *req. by D & D Argenta & Girls*
Alex Fedorkow *req. by Muriel Lafford*
11:30 immacolata Luciano *req. by Alessandro Luciano & Family*
Lina Grespan *req. by Sam & Christine St. Angelo*
7:00 People of the Parish

Upcoming Wedding at St. Patrick's in September

Elena DeCaria & Michael Renda

Regenerate(d) Youth Rally 2017...Saturday, November

18 at the Scotiabank Convention Centre in Niagara Falls. Speakers include Genevieve Broadley, Jennifer Fulwiler, Trent Horn, Ante and Robert Skoko, and beats by Joe Zambon. The main celebrant & homilist is Fr. Rico Passero. For purchase of youth group tickets please email: gbroadley@branchestheword.org or check out their website at go2branches.com

!!!Project Share Needs our Help!!!



Project Share sends a big thank-you to the people of the parish who continue to bring food. We are really making a difference! Now that school is open again, please continue to bring food items. School snacks would be great, and also Macaroni and Cheese, canned Tuna, Peanut Butter, canned pasta! If you prefer, Project Share also distributes toiletry items: soaps, shampoos, toothpaste, wash-cloths/towels. (Fresh produce can also be dropped off at Project Share!)
Lord, when did we see you hungry?

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

Rest in Peace... We pray for the soul of James Shanahan. May he rest in peace. Please remember his family in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Mary Brennan, Jack Horth

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, John Nicks, Melissa Brideau, Toni Brideau, Leon Dopke, Anna Hunt, Helen Lelievre, Samuel Potapczyk, Baby Julian, Baby Noah, Mary Lawrence, Bernard Martin, William JA De Foe, Emily Hanover, Leo Martin, Drago Bicanic, Baby Victoria, Nancy Weiss, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffradi, Wendy & John Calder, Pauline Miner, Edna McDonell, Fr Tony McNamara, O.Carm., Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Trudy Smelko, Maria Melchiorre, Conner Hawkswell, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Jeannette Fabian, Donna Cormier, Maria Rosiana, Danielle Barranca, Lucy Rizzo, Barbara Phillips (Murray), Alice Dalton, Audrey Vendramin, Jeanne Lea, Stan Manning, Iole Mancini, Baby Maximus, David & Patrick Kealey, Francesco Albanese, Mary Ann O'Shea, Rosalyn Dagleish, Kelly Dettlor, Kitty Decicco, Evelyn Rose Baker, Jozefa Bilski, Charlene Shannon, Dr. Andy Fisher, Rebecca Evans, Marie Massolin, Maria Guerin, Anna Vergalito, John Jefferson, Todd Reid, Jill Leronowich, Vince(Jim) Baldassarro, Nancy Jean Rose, Patrick McCarthy, Norman Horth, Muriel Pivarnyik, Tom Hilton, Walter Wallace, Stefanie Borin, John Cox, Joyce Weaver, Kerrie Szuch, Faith Amadio, Margaret Smith, Carmella Modenti, Margaret Waghorn, Theresa Poirier, Carlo Trasmundi, Vito Fuccillo, Baby Hope, Donna Bradley, Cheryl D'Amizio, Kelly Laslo, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Alessia Commisso, Vicki Dubeau, Mary Jo O'Kell, Baby Sebastian, Lorraine Murray, Patricia O'Reilly, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pepper Martin Jr., Vital & Emmanuel Chayer, Trina Washington, Shirley Machulla, Baby Gabriel Paraskevopoulos, Brian Smith, Lorraine Spence, Helen Rotella, Jeanne S, Michelle Price

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

Collections

September 2 & 3 : \$5,575.00

Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2017

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: Sunday, Sept 24, Oct 22, Nov 19 & Dec 17

A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, Sept 12, Oct 10, Nov 7 & Dec 5 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!

CWL News...

Feel like a sweet treat, well come & get it after every Mass on Saturday and Sunday, September 30 & October 1. Come & support our Catholic Womens League bake sale!

Are you a baker? Do you enjoy sharing your treats? Please feel free to donate to our bake sale...we are accepting donations at the office on Friday, Sept 29 from 9 until 3pm or the Church Hall on the morning of Saturday, September 30 between 9am & 1pm. We sincerely thank you for your consideration.

Ministries... If you would like to serve as Eucharistic Minister, Altar Server, Lector, Usher or Funeral Server, please let the parish office know, and with great joy we will provide the necessary training for you in early September! Please call the office at 905-354-7451 if interested.

Wanted: Ryan's Bowl is looking for a volunteer who would be able to give an average of one hour per week helping Ken Walsh in making phone calls and assisting in fundraising. Please call 905-354-7451 or 905-357-2703

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

and assist in fundraising.



Dear Friends,

As I write, I have the television on in the background. The images of destruction from Hurricane Irma are scary and heart wrenching. We pray for all the victims of the hurricane, and we ask God's protection for all those in its path.

School got off to a start this week for our students, teachers, principals and staff. May God shower his blessings on them for a productive, safe and happy school year. May God also bless our young adults who have returned to college, or left home for the first time to attend college. Transitions are never easy, but with God, all things are possible.

In our second reading today, St. Paul says, "The Commandments are summed up in this word, **'Love your neighbour as yourself! Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law!'**" That is our daily task, to love as Jesus loved, unconditionally!

In today's Gospel Jesus addresses disagreements and sins between a brother or sister. And then tells us that **"whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven!"** If someone has sinned against us, offended us, done us wrong, ...Jesus commands us to go and be reconciled privately with that person! **Forgive each other.** The time is **NOW.**

Forgiveness and reconciliation is not something we should put off. We get one chance at life. As a priest, I have seen so many people going to the grave leaving their families behind in agony and hurt... not only from grief... but from **family disputes and turmoil!** That's not what life is about! It's beautiful what Jesus says at the end of this Gospel, **"Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."** If we have a dispute with someone, take the time to sit down and talk it out, knowing that God is right there in the thick of things. We must take that first step. Our God of love can help us through anything. It's actually un-Godly to let things fester for months and years.

This is a **"WAKE UP"** call. Find happiness NOW... TODAY!!! Let Go and Let God! Who needs my hand in forgiveness... in reconciliation... this week? Who needs to hear me say, **"I'm sorry,"** or **"I was wrong,"** or **"I forgive you... let's move on?"** Let this be a week to bring peace and unity and Gospel love back into our lives and back into our families. Have a blessed and healing week!

Fr. Gerard

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



It takes a strong person to say I'm sorry, and an ever stronger person to forgive.

"What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of others. That is what love looks like." *St. Augustine of Hippo*

A Gentle Reminder From Pope Francis (Pilgrim's Center)

"This life will go by fast.

"Don't fight with people, don't criticize your body so much, don't complain so much.

"Don't lose sleep over your bills. Look for the person that makes you happy. If you make a mistake, let it go and keep seeking your happiness.

"Never stop being a good parent. Don't worry so much about buying luxuries and comforts for your home, and don't kill yourself trying to leave an inheritance for your family. Those benefits should be earned by each person, so don't dedicate yourself to accumulating money.

"Enjoy, travel, enjoy your journeys, see new places, give yourself the pleasures you deserve. Allow dogs to get closer. Don't put away the fine glassware. Utilize the new dinnerware; don't save your favorite perfume, use it to go out with yourself; wear out your favorite sport shoes; repeat your favorite clothes.

"So what? That's not bad. Why not now? Why not pray now instead of waiting until before you sleep? Why not call now? Why not forgive now? We wait so long for Christmas; for Friday; for Reunions; for another year; for when I have money; for love to come; when everything is perfect...look...

"Everything perfect doesn't exist. Human beings can't accomplish this because it simply was not intended to be completed here. Here is an opportunity to learn.

"So take this challenge that is life and do it now...love more, forgive more, embrace more, love more intensely and leave the rest in God's hands. Amen."

Update on Church Projects

During the summer we had some re-pointing done to the front of our parish hall. We had experienced several leaks this year. Thankfully that's completed, and no reported problems since. The cost was \$1500.

Last week we replaced the remainder of windows in the rectory (upstairs). A&C Vinyl have completed the project, with some 14 windows for approximately \$8400.

Over the past year there has been water slowly seeping into the wall above one of our stain glass windows (above Mary's Altar). There has also been some leakage through the mortar at the side entrance of the church (house side). This needs to be addressed immediately, so Penn Restoration began work this past week.

Because of the height, a snorkel lift was needed to do the necessary repairs. Penn Restoration will also touch up some peeling that's happening on the archways at the main entrance of the church. Work and supplies and machinery will cost approx. \$5000.00.

Furthermore, we received word last week from the City that a contractor has been hired to replace the drain in our parking lot, and put in a new drainage system so that all rainwater will go directly to the city's storm drain across Victoria Avenue, and not into the sewer system. This has caused extensive flooding in our parish hall. We are still waiting for the final cost, which will be split with the city. We are hoping that our share will not exceed \$30,000.00. The work will hopefully get completed during late September and early October. We apologize for any inconveniences. Again, many thanks for your generosity in helping us get these projects completed.

OUR CHURCH CHOIRS...

Once again the choral season is upon us. We welcome all former choir members and new people to join either of our choirs – Youth at 9:30 Mass and Adults at 11:30 Mass.

Adult Choir rehearsals – Thursday nights starting on September 14th, at 7:30pm in the Church and the Children's Choir Sundays, please gather on September 10th with practice following the 9:30am Mass.

If you want to help make a **"Joyful Noise"**, all new and returning members please call Carol at 905-374-0467, so she can be prepared with music for you.

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