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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

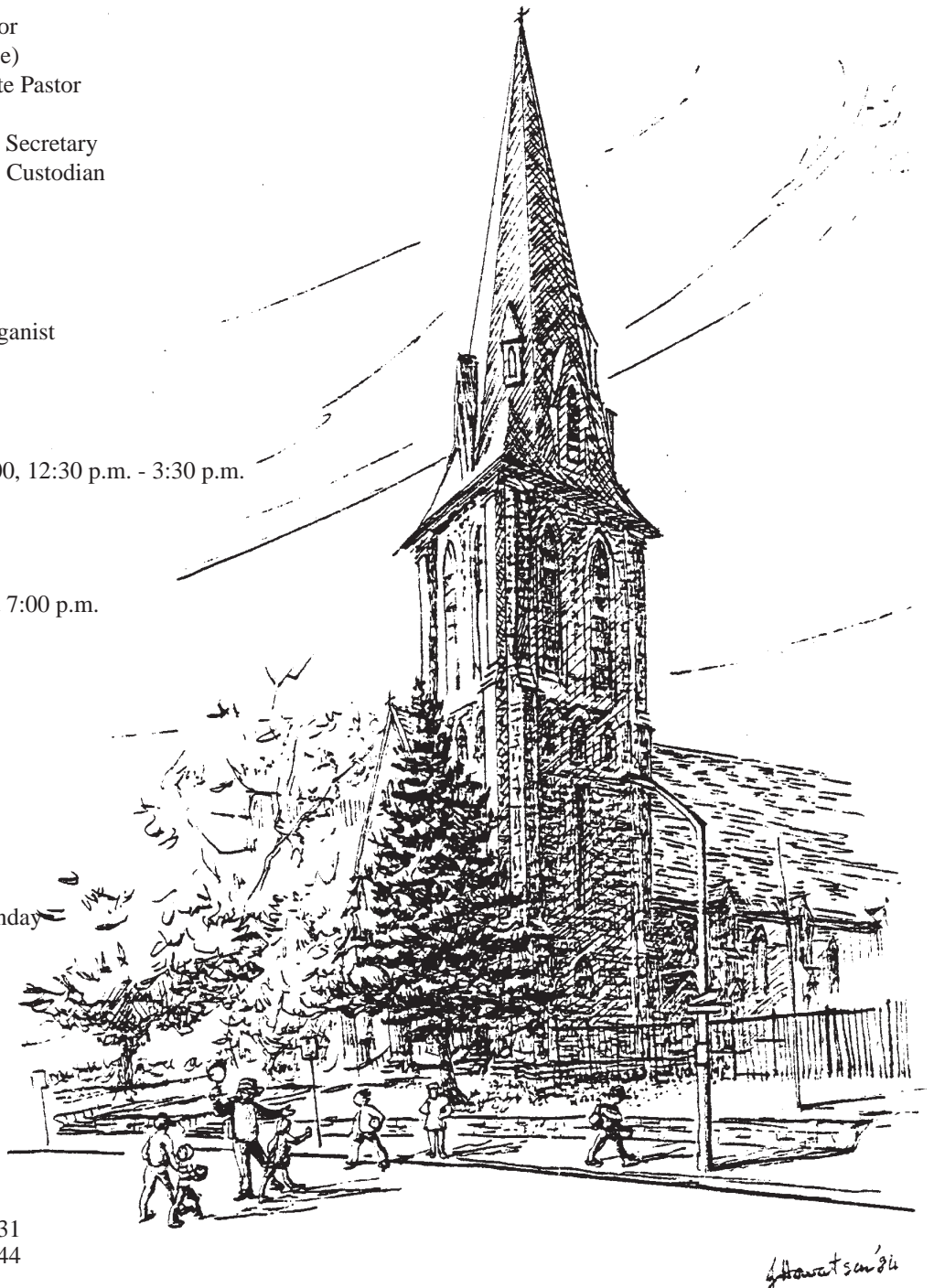
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Diocese of St. Catharines (est. 1958)

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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, September 15 Our Lady of Sorrows

5:00 Stanley & Sophie Potapczyk req. by Les & Peg Potapczyk
Herald & Marc Bickerstaffe req. by Imelda Bickerstaffe

Sunday, September 16

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 Don Liberty req. by Belle

Mate & Mary Grecevic, Mande Sekulic & Matt Dasovich req. by the Sekulic Family

11:30 Andrea Rondinelli req. by Jim & Dora Spencer

Immacolata Luciano req. by Alessandro Luciano & Family

7:00 Luigi Marcon req. by Dina, Liana, Gino & Families

Giovanni Simonetti req. by Amina Simonetti

Monday, September 17 St Robert Bellarmine

8:00 Anna In & Daminh Quoc req. by Duy's Family

Ivan & Robbie Loro req. by the Family

Tuesday, September 18

8:00 Dominic Quiquero req. by the Family

Wednesday, September 19 St Januarius

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

Anna Goegan req. by her Daughter

Thurs, Sept 20 St Andrew Kim Tae-Gön, Paul Chông Ha-Sang & Companions

8:00 Sergio Simonetti req. by John & Lucy Sills

Friday, September 21 St Matthew

8:00 Leonarda Ulbinas req. by the Family

Saturday, September 22

5:00 Lucrezia & Giovanni Rizzo req. by Lidia Bonaldo & Family

Lisa Chruscicki req. by the Family

Sunday, September 23

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 Caterina Ruberto req. by Teresa Ruberto

Elmira, James & Danny Dick req. by Collette Empey & Yvette Dick

11:30 Jackie Cvasin req. by the Cvasin Family

Ody & Mary Argenta req. by Paula & Anthony Capacchione

7:00 Giuseppe Masci req. by the D'Angelo Family

Alex Fedorkow req. by Muriel Lafford

Upcoming Wedding at St. Patrick's in September

Krista Antonio & Oladipo Onayemi

Baptism Schedule for 2018

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

September 23, October 21 & November 25

A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, September 11, October 9 & November 13 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!

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 at 7:30pm in the Church and the Children's Choir Sundays, 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.

Retrouvaille...A Lifeline for Marriage- Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Retrouvaille has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on October 12, 2018 at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre in Niagara Falls, please call 905-664-5212 or email: hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org

Diocesan **SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY** support group monthly meetings. Meetings are the second and fourth Mondays from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls.

For a pamphlet or information call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com. No pre-registration required.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Dr. Andy Fisher, Nicolina Compare

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Marie Cadman, Colin Nicholson, 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, Mary Lawrence, Bernard Martin, William JA De Foe, Emily Hanover, Leo Martin, Drago Bicanic, Baby Victoria, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffrady, Edna McDonnell, 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 Dettlor, 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, Vince(Jim) Baldassarro, Kelly Laslo, Patrick McCarthy, Stefanie Borin, Muriel Pivarnyk, Walter Wallace, Joyce Weaver, Kerrie Szuch, Carmella Modenti, Frank Sica, Margaret Waghorn, Vito Fuccillo, Baby Hope, Donna Bradley, Cheryl D'Amizio, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Mary Jo O'Kell, Alessia Commisso, Vicki Dubeau, Lorraine Spence, Baby Sebastian, Patricia O'Reilly, Mary Brennan, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pepper Martin Jr., Vital & Emmanuel Chayer, Michelle Price, Brian Smith, Carlo Trasmundi, Jadwiga Wozniak, Baby Gabriel Paraskevopoulos, Trina Washington, Shirley Machulla, Helen Rotella, Jeanne S

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

Collections

September 9: \$5,890.09

Many thanks for your generosity!

CWL News...

Sunday, September 23, after the 9:30 Mass, the CWL will have a Potluck Breakfast in the Hall with guest speaker. **All are invited to attend and please bring your favourite dish to share.**

-The CWL will be hosting a Bake Sale on the weekend of September 29 & 30th, all donations of baked goods will gladly be accepted

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Student Employment

St. Patrick Parish is hiring a student (Grade 12 or older) to work each Saturday from 10:00 AM-4:30 PM. It will involve cleaning, snow removal, among other duties. This could also lead into a full-time Summer Job at St. Patrick's. If you are interested, please drop off a resume to the office as soon as possible. The position is available immediately! Preference will be given to active parishioners!

Parish Registration

Please help keep our records up to date! You may bring this form to the parish office or place it in the collection.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **Postal Code:** _____

Telephone: _____

I am new in the parish and wish to register _____

I wish to use contribution envelopes _____

I have recently moved _____

We have married & wish to update our information _____

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



Dear Friends,

We hear again from St. James in this Sunday's Readings. He was very hands-on and pro-active when it came to putting the Gospel into action. In these short verses (2:14-18), he addresses the **how** of our faith in a most practical way! He reminds us that **WORKS** are important! Faith **WITHOUT** works is DEAD!!! He gives an example of a person having no food or clothing and we say, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,"... and we do nothing to meet their bodily needs! Not so, says James! "By my works, I will show you my faith!!!" People of faith are people who reach out to others. This requires **sacrifice**. This is what Jesus means when he tells his disciples in today's Gospel, to "take up your cross, deny yourselves, and follow me."

This past Wednesday morning we had a person sleeping on our fire escape at the back of the parish hall. I saw the person at 7:00 when I was walking the dog. They were fully covered in a yellow blanket with a bicycle parked at the base of the stairs. My heart said, "Let them sleep it off!" Then my mind thought, "Well, it's dangerous. They're blocking the fire escape!" I always think 'litigation'!!! I was preparing for a funeral, and had two electricians in the house. Our keen staff kept an eye on the yellow bundle. Between the jiggs and reels, the person finally woke up in a daze. It was a woman, with nowhere to go, nowhere to sleep. Peter gave her food. A few of us stayed with her until she packed her things in a garbage bag. We made sure she was ok. Before I knew it, our secretary, Anne Marie, came around the corner with a note for me to give her. Anne Marie had found a place for her to stay at the YWCA in St. Catharines. They even volunteered to pick her up. I was so proud of our staff. Yes, it's one thing to ask a homeless person to go away... but Anne Marie and Peter did what St. James asked, they took care of her.

Simply put, being Christian, is not only about **me and Jesus!** Christianity is about Jesus Christ, YES. But, to follow Him means we are to be like Him. We can't call ourselves Christian and refuse to live the Christian way. We must have a Christian attitude at all times! A sacrificial love, a sacrificial heart, always ready to hear the cries of those around us, to answer to the needs of the less fortunate. And this parish of St. Pat's do that so well. But we can always do more!

How can we concretely and practically and pro-actively put flesh on that this week? If we're out grocery shopping, maybe pick up a couple of food items for **Project Share**. Maybe when we pass the St. Vincent de Paul Box this weekend, we'll empty the coins from our pockets. If everyone did this, we could feed a few more people in our town. Maybe we can pick up some juices or cereal for our Breakfast Program! Maybe we can pick up some \$5 Tim Hortons cards so we can have them on hand to give those who need something to eat and drink right away. Maybe we can clean out our clothes closet, and give away the things we haven't worn in a while. These are practical things we can do. And they are Christ-like. May we have the courage to be more Christian this week! Have a blessed and sacrificial week!

Fr. Gerard



We think sometimes that poverty is only being hungry, naked and homeless. The poverty of being unwanted, unloved and uncared for is the greatest poverty. We must start in our own homes to remedy this kind of poverty.

Mother Teresa

Prayer for Healing Victims of Abuse (USCCB)

God of endless love, ever caring, ever strong,
always present, always just:
You gave your only Son to save us by the blood of his cross.
Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace, join to your own suffering
the pain of all who have been hurt in body, mind, and spirit
by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.
Hear our cries as we agonize
over the harm done to our brothers and sisters.
Breathe wisdom into our prayers, soothe restless hearts with hope,
steady shaken spirits with faith:
Show us the way to justice and wholeness,
enlightened by truth and enfolded in your mercy.
Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds
and transform our brokenness.
Grant us courage and wisdom, humility and grace,
so that we may act with justice and find peace in you.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Project Share sends a big thank-you to the people of our parish who are so faithful in bringing food items for the poor! We are really making a difference! Please continue to bring Macaroni and Cheese, canned Tuna, Peanut Butter or other items to the church on the weekends. If you prefer, Project Share also distributes toiletry items: soaps, shampoos, toothpaste, wash-cloths/towels.

Final Call for Young Adults (18+) interested in participating in World Youth Day 2019, Panama City

The pilgrimage price has been reduced.
The 10 day experience, January 18-28, 2019 is now \$2900, including airfare, accommodations, WYD registration, local travel and some meals.
The registration deadline has been extended.
Forms and down payment are due on or before Sept. 23, 2018.
Visit www.saintcd.com/wyd and email wydpanama2019saintcd@gmail.com your interest & questions.

INTEREST IN a Poland Trip?

Several people have approached me and asked if I would plan another pilgrimage. There seems to be some interest in Poland! If enough people are interested, this can certainly be arranged.
Please let Fr. Gerard or the Parish Office know if you are interested in a **September 2019** pilgrimage to Poland.

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



Ontario Early Years Centre is located in St. Patrick School. Open Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 8:30am to 12 Noon. It is a FREE program with fun activities for the little ones. Call 905-357-2398 for more details, or check out the website: niagaracatholic.ca/oeycnf

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