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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
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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 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

Monday, September 18

8:00 Domenic Quiquero *req by the Family*
John & Mary Cahill *req by Les & Peggy & Family*

Tuesday, September 19 St Januarius

8:00 Daminh Maria & Anna Maria *req by Duy's Family*
Loretta Berrigan *req. by Kathy & Rick Woram*

Wednesday, September 20 St Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Paul Chong Ha-Sang & Companions

8:00 Frances Comeau *req. by Colin Nicholson & Family*
David Zimmermann *req by Jack & Marney Broderick*

Thursday, September 21 St Matthew

8:00 Betty Coyle *req. by Jim Lysick*
Ray Wee Lee Tan & Robert Oh *req by Grace & Family*

Friday, September 22

8:00 Patricia Desrosiers *req by Eda & Leo Martin*
Suor Rosina Golia *req by Lucy Ricci & Family*

Saturday, September 23 St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

5:00 Mary Creamer *req by Jeanne Lea*
Domenico LuuBich & Anthony Hung Nguyen *req. by the Nguyen Fam*

Sunday, September 24

8:00 Bridie McCann *req. by Mom & Dad*
Mary Argenta *req. by Anthony & Paula Capacchione*

9:30 Carmela Fabiano *req. by her Children & Grandchildren*
Donato & Filomena Masci *req. by Lucia D'Angelo & Family*

11:30 Jackie Cavašin *req. by the Cavašin Family*
Mate & Mary Grcevic, Manda Sekulic & Matt Dasovich *req. by the Sekulic & Grcevic Families*

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@branchesoftheword.org or check out their website at go2branches.com

Year of the Rosary ... Celebration of a Living Rosary:

Saturday, September 30, 2017 at St. Alfred Church, 272 Vine St., St. Catharines. 8:30am - Mass with Bishop Gerard Bergie; 9:15 - 11:30am - reflections, song & prayer. Parishioners, Diocesan organizations, Catholic school communities & all the faithful from across the diocese are invited to this special event to **pray for peace in the world** during the 100th anniversary of the Fatima Apparitions. Free Admission/No Registration.

A special Bishop's Collection will be taken up the weekend of September 23 & 24 for the Needs of the Canadian Church. Envelopes are available at the doors of the Church today. Please be generous.

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Irene Burlak and Magdelina Bakaric. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families 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'Ammizio, 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 9 & 10 : \$5,917.70

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... All are welcome to join our CWL for a Communion Breakfast and Special Guest Speaker in our Church Hall next Sunday, September 24th after the 9:30am Mass. Come enjoy Coffee, Tea, Treats and amazing company!!

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.

The CWL will be praying the Holy Rosary at 7pm, in the Church Hall every Wednesday evening during the month of October. We would love to see you there!!!

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

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



Dear Friends,

Our scripture readings this weekend address something that we all have to deal with as we journey through life: **FORGIVENESS**. It's been an issue as long as we've had humans on the earth! The Book of Sirach reminds us of the effects that anger, and vengeance can have on us. They violate our covenant with God and destroy us. "Forgive the wrong that is done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray," says Sirach. That sounds like Jesus' words in the Our Father prayer!

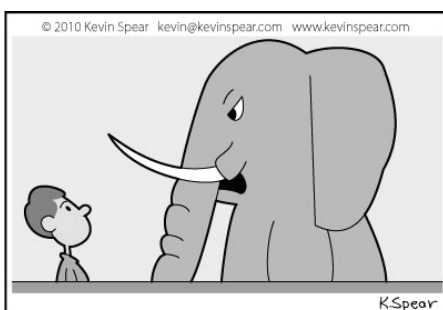
Today's Gospel deals with the same issue when Peter asks Jesus, "How often should I forgive my brother or sister if they sin against me? As many as seven times?" Jesus replied, "Not seven times but seventy- seven times!" Jesus went on to tell a parable about a servant who had his debts (10,000 talents)

forgiven by a king. The servant then went out and refused to forgive a fellow slave who owed him 100 denarii. How ruthless. How selfish. How hypocritical! When the king heard this he threw the man in jail until he paid his entire debt!

How easy do I forgive? What does resentment do to us? It destroys us!!! Even destroys our relationship with God, and others. There's a story about a big proud expensive yacht that was tied in a harbour in a poor town. The big fancy yacht began pulling away from the pier. But... someone forgot to untie one of the lines from the dock. The result? The stern of the ship could not pull away until either the rope busted or the stern was pulled off. The rope won! The whole back of the luxurious yacht was shattered! Something was holding it back, something was causing it to destroy itself. That's what anger does to us. That's what refusing to forgive, does to us. It destroys us.

We've all been offended by others. I sure have offended some people. And I have also been hurt by others. But, you know, we have a choice. We can get angry and nurse that anger for a long time, and let it grow into deep resentment and hatred. Or we can nip it in the bud early on, and make amends. What has someone done to me that has had a negative effect on my life? What are my personal battle stories? Against whom do I harbour resentments? What have I done that I can't forgive myself for? These are deeply spiritual questions. The past is past. Maybe a great week to untie the stern rope, and move freely out into the ocean of life, in one piece! 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 this be a week to bring peace and unity and Gospel love back into our souls and back into our families. Have a blessed and healing week! I'll pray for you, and you pray for me.

Fr. Gerard



"I can forgive, but you can't possibly expect me to forget!"

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!

Diaconate Program

I am happy to inform you that we have a young man in our parish who has entered the Discernment Process with our Diocese for the Diaconate Program! His name is DAVID SCOTT! David is the husband of Maggie, and son of Aileen and Norm Scott. His parents in law are Ethel and the late, Deacon Patrick O'Brien! We wish David our prayers and support throughout his Discernment process. If you feel God is calling you to the Diaconate, Religious Life or the Priesthood, please give our office a call!

Anyone can hold a grudge, but it takes a person with character to forgive. When you forgive, you release yourself from a painful burden. Forgiveness doesn't mean what happened was OK, and it doesn't mean that person should still be welcome in your life. It just means that you have made peace with the pain, and are ready to let it go. (Doe)

Youth Programs and Activities

In late Spring, we put out a call for volunteers to assist us in putting together some youth activities in our parish. A couple of people have showed interest, but it seems to have died out over the summer. I had a lot of exercise playing phone tag. With that said, our CWL, who has some new young members, will be assisting us with two upcoming youth activities, involving prayer and fun... **Halloween and Advent!** More details will be forthcoming. I want to call on young parents to please call the parish office and volunteer to be part of a team to organize spiritual and social activities for our children. Without your help and commitment, we will never get this off the ground. Our children are the future of the Church!!! Thanks to our CWL for getting the ball rolling!

Knights of Columbus Hennepin Council 1652

All you can eat Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner
Including Salad, Dessert, Tea and Coffee.

Wednesday September 20th 2017 4:00pm – 7:00pm
6101 North Street, Niagara Falls, ON

\$10.00/person, children under 10 \$5.00 (Takeout available)

Ryan's Bowl fundraising supper

Beef-on-a-Bun, Beans, 2 Salads & Dessert

Friday, October 6th Westminster United Church

180 Queenston Street, St. Catharines \$15.00 each

For Tickets: Call Ken 905-357-2703

NIAGARA FALLS PRAYER LUNCHEON-(formerly the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast)-Friday Sept. 29th, 11:30-1pm. \$20/Adult, \$12/student, Club Italia, NF.
Special Guest: Illusionist & Storyteller Harris the III.

For Tickets: NiagaraFallsPrayerLuncheon.ca

Holy Land Pilgrimage November 7-18, 2017

Join Fr. Stuart MacDonald on a 12 day customized tour of the Holy Land. Non-stop Air Canada flights, first class hotels – 4 nights Nazareth, 6 nights Jerusalem – and a unique itinerary visiting the sites associated with the birth, ministry, death and resurrection of our Lord, plus several sites not included in standard itineraries. **ONLY 4 SEATS LEFT.** For more information, please contact Ineke Brinkman of Vision Travel at 905-684-0888, ext. 1415

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 September!
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