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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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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 Cavasin *req. by the Cavasin Family*
Mate & Mary Grcevic, Manda Sekulic & Matt Dasovich *req. by the Sekulic & Grcevic Families*
7:00 People of the Parish

Monday, September 25 Sts Cosmas & Damian

8:00 Clinton Clendening *req. by Carolyn Dykas*
Louis & Frances Campaner *req. by Vince & Carol Campaner & Family*

Tuesday, September 26 St John de Brebeuf & St Isaac Jogues

8:00 Betty Sargeson *req. by Wayne*
Frances Comeau *req. by Alice Mokrzynski & David Malone*

Wednesday, September 27 St Vincent de Paul

8:00 John O'Brien *req. by the Family*
Nancy Di Paolo *req. by John Di Paul*

Thursday, September 28 St Wenceslaus & St Lawrence Ruiz

8:00 Kathleen Dodge *req. by the Dodge Family*
Onelia Amadio *req. by Daughter*

Friday, September 29 St Michael, St Gabriel & St Raphael

8:00 Nick Di Paolo *req. by Rosemary Panetta*
Michael Iammarino *req. by Assunta Iammarino & Family*

Saturday, September 30 St Jerome

5:00 Mark McAvoy *req. by the Family*
Louis Campaner *req. by Ray & Brenda Hicks*

Sunday, October 1

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Celeste Lanni *req. by Concetta & Family*
James, Elmira & Danny Dick *req. by Yvette Dick & Colette Empey*
11:30 Dianne Goegan *req. by Anna Goegan & Family*
Beates, Dec'd Hsb & Dec'd Mem. of her Family *req. by DM*
7:00 Ray Sexton *req. by the St Vincent de Paul Society*
Giovanni Simonetti *req. by Amina Simonetti & Family*

Upcoming Wedding at St. Patrick's in September

Elena DeCaria & Michael Renda

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!

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!

A special Bishop's Collection will be taken up this weekend, 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 Catherine McGean and Susan Moore. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Mary Brennan, Jack Horth and John Kealey

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 Laffrady, Wendy & John Calder, Pauline Miner, Edna McDonnell, 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 Detlor, 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 Pivarnyk, 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 16 & 17 : \$5,235.00
Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2017

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

A **mandatory** meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, Oct 10, Nov 7 & Dec 5 at **7:00 pm**.

CWL News... All are welcome to join our CWL for a Communion Breakfast and Special Guest Speaker in our Church Hall this 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!!!



Dear Friends,

Isaiah 55 says, *For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord!* It is so difficult to comprehend God's ways! This goes hand in hand with today's Gospel, where we have a Parable about those hired last, receiving the same wages as those hired first. It seems so unfair to us. God's ways are not our ways! God is God.... and we are NOT!!! Workers in the vineyard were hired at different times during the day and promised a fair wage! Some laboured the whole day in the heat, while some worked just the last hour or so. Yet, they all received the same pay! Fair? Not really. But who can knock the employer? He did nothing wrong! He was super generous! Well, so too is God!



God gives grace freely to all of us, in ways we can't imagine, whether we came to know Him early in life, or late! And we are all part of God's plan whether our role is little or big, whether we have worked for the Lord all our lives or have recently returned to the Lord. God sees the individual effort and rewards it. The worst thing we can do is to **DO**

NOTHING!!!! Imagine standing around all our Christian lives and letting others **DO** the Gospel work! There's no reward for that! Sometimes we hear people say, "I am not as good as him or her." That's wrong! We should never compare ourselves to others. None of us is better or worse than anyone else. Times we feel inadequate, and we give up. We are each created to be unique reflections of God's love. We simply need to do our best, to be our best, try our best and let God take care of the rest. God will reward us according to the way we live out the grace he gives each of us. As someone once said: *Working for the Lord doesn't pay much, but the retirement plan is out of this world!* Have a grace-filled week! - Fr. Gerard



"There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up."

"You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you."



Blessing of Animals

Our **Blessing of Animals** in honour of St. Francis of Assisi will be celebrated on **Saturday, October 7th at 11:00am** in the church. Bring your pets, all creatures great and small, four-legged, two legged, scaled, winged, finned, furred or feathered! Our Lord God made them all!

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

Bishop's Charities Dinner...Saturday, October 21, 2017 at Club Roma
Reception 6pm, Dinner 7pm. Tickets \$50 each payable to Knights
Bishop's Charity Association. Door prize is a Smart TV. Contact Bill:
289-456-7888, Martin: 905-401-5646 or Chris: 905-643-3375

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

Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre Presentations:

7020 Stanley Avenue, 905-356-4113 carmelniagara.com

Carmelite Spirituality: The discussion group, Elijah's Well, meets the 2nd & 4th Friday at 7pm at Mt Carmel Spiritual Centre, Contact Jean 905-975-5326

Separated & Divorced Healing Ministry Support Group meets every second & fourth Monday of the month, (**Tuesday, October 10** due to Thanksgiving) from 7 - 9pm at Mt Carmel Spiritual Centre.

For information call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154

Carmelite Spirituality Group ...You are invited to Mt Carmel Monastery on the second Sunday of each month to explore Carmelite spirituality.
Mt Carmel Spiritual Centre, 2 - 5pm www.carmelniagara.com

Monday to Friday Daily Mass at 11:15am

You Can Help Your Marriage – Are you frustrated or angry at each other or have you just stopped talking to each other? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **November 3, 2017** at the 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.

Vincent's Store NEEDS HELP!!!

The St. Vincent de Paul store (Vincent's) at 5970 Lundy's Lane in Niagara Falls, is looking for more volunteers. They can use people who can lift furniture, use their trucks, sort donations, appraise items, customer service, set up displays, etc. This is a non-profit store with all proceeds helping the needy of our community. Please call Laura at (289) 296-3807 if you can assist! St. Vincent de Paul's Feast is on Wednesday, September 27! In 16th and 17th Century France, Vincent, founder of the Congregation of the Missions, devoted his life to charity, by organizing groups to provide food, clothing and shelter for the poor! He is the Patron Saint of Charitable Societies!

North American Martyrs

Tuesday, September 26 is the Feast of St. John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues and Companions. These are Secondary Patrons of Canada! Six Jesuit priests and two lay assistants died in Upstate New York and in Canada between 1642 and 1649. cieties!

Thank You Thank You Thank You

Project Share sends a **BIG THANK YOU** to our parishioners who are so generous in bringing food items to Mass every week. Please continue this wonderful ministry.

When you are out buying groceries for your family... pick up an extra something that you know your child or your grandchild would like! And drop it in the barrel at the doors of our church! School snacks (cheese and crackers, health bars, juices etc.) are a wonderful idea for families with school children. Also cans of tuna, salmon, ham, sauces, peanut butter, jams and other items are needed. Many blessings! *"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"*



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