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# Saint Patrick's Church

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#### **Parish Staff**

Rev. Gerard Power, O.Carm., Pastor (Chaplain, Niagara Regional Police) Rev. Marc Bell, O.Carm., Associate Pastor Debbie Herman, Secretary Anne Marie Atkinson, Accountant 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 - 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 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





Saturday, September 26 St Jean de Brébeuf & St Isaac Jogues

5:00 John O'Brien req. by his Family

Gus & Zorka Wach req. by John & Helen Olsiak

Sunday, September 27 World Day of Migrants & Refugees

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 Caterina Ruberto req. by Teresa Ruberto

Alex Fedorkow req. by Muriel Lafford

11:30 Vincent Bernardi req. by his Wife & Family

John Buckner req. by his Friends

7:00 Sergio & Giovanni Simonetti req. by Amina & Family John Rondinelli req. by Alba & Ann Marie

Monday, September 28 St Wenceslaus & St Lawrence Ruiz & Companions

**8:00** Nancy & Nick DiPaolo req. by Rosemary Panetta Lidia Bonaldo req. by Louisa Potalivo

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

8:00 Bert Massi req. by Donna & Ian Desmarteau Kelly Morellato req. by Charlene & Family

Wednesday, September 30 St Jerome

**8:00** Louis Campaner req by M/M Vincent Campaner & Family Mark McAvoy req by the Family

Thursday, October 1 St Thérèse of the Child Jesus

**8:00** Gemma Toneguzzo req by Eleanor Toneguzzo Angela Radice reg by Aileen & Bryce Adams

Friday, October 2 The Holy Guardian Angels

8:00 Pietro Guerin req. by Maria Guerin & Family Simon Jones req. by Parish Staff

Saturday, October 3

**5:00** Gus Winklemaier req. by his Family James Ogilvie req by the St. Angelo & Ogilvie Families

Sunday, October 4

8:00 Stefano & Rita DeProphetis req. by the DeProphetis Family Jim Strange req. by Mary Jane Strange

9:30 Michela DeNicolais req. by Augusta Macri & Family Nicola Rinaldi req. by Daughter & Family

**11:30** Dianne Goegan *req. by Louise Goegan* Adele Morabito *req. by the Family* 

7:00 People of the Parish

Monday, October 5

8:00 Lidia Bonaldo req. by Helen & Peter Lelievre Giuseppina Cavaliere req by Anna Bortolin

Tuesday, October 6 Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher & St Bruno

**8:00** Luigi Marcon *req by Louise & Family* Alex Fedorkow *req. by Friends* 

Wednesday, October 7 Our Lady of the Rosary

8:00 Ina Calzonetti req. by the Family Melissa Brideau req. by Parish Staff

Thursday, October 8

8:00 Simon Jones req by Aileen & Bryce Adams Marcy Mallett req by Friends

Friday, October 9 St Denis & St John Leonardi

8:00 Carmene Radice req by the Radice Family
William Hockton req by Fr. Gerard

Saturday, October 10

**5:00** Carlo Pizzolato *req. by Angela & Dave Dumele* Vincent & Ruby Crowley *req. by the Family* 

Sunday, October 11

8:00 Bert Massi req. by Bryce & Aileen Adams Emily Hanover req. by her Family

**9:30** Luigi Marcon & Family req. by the Children & Grandchildren Sam DiCarlo req. by Colleen Quinn-Boyer

11:30 Daniel Trabucco req. by Betty & Family

Lucia DeMeo & Antonio Gentile req. by Vince Spacone

7:00 People of the Parish

#### Collections

September 13: \$4,929.13 September 20: \$4,403.20 Many thanks for your generosity!

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**Rest in Peace...** We pray for the souls of Sandra Lee Martens, Angela Radice, Simon Jones, Emily Hanover, Chantal Jackman Valentino Mariglia, Br. Charles Kwiatkowski, O.Carm., Br. Tom Conlon, O.Carm., and Fr. Joseph McGowan, O.Carm. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Fr. Terry Cyr, O.Carm., Mary Bongers

Please pray for those who are ill

Baby M, Mary Power, Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Sharon Bruder, Rita Ross, Mahmat, Andrea Fisher, Francis Patterson, Leroy Collee, Ralph Davey, Maureen Tustin, Maureen Kealey, Fern Albert, Betty Crete, Sean Sandel, Marie Betts, Armando Rossi, Gerry Laffradi, Lori Ann Pizzolato, Cyndee Matvichuk, Rosanna Ricci, Karen Bradley, Ron Winslow, Carmine Astorino, Andy Scotnicki, Corinne Journeau, Arlene Collee, Betty & Joe Power, Judy, Mary Ann Quigley, Maria Nobile, Pat DiLorenzo Jr., Teresa Hebb, Jarod Hickey, Julian Cassidy, Carole Ann Ogilvie, Mary Frances Pye, Gus Bagarozza, Carol DeVilliers, Joe Young, Kelly Power, Marney Broderick, Sister Prem, Kerrie Szuch, Gregory Roulston, Cameron Boyes, Pasquale Abrunzo, Alice Dalton, John Nicks, John Calder, Victor Sincich, Nancy Praakel, Bernadette Moore, Norma Zanus, Patricia Williams, Mark Pepple, Nancy Huber, Danielle Barranca, Kelly Laslo, Toni Brideau, Edward Brzozowski Jr., Nikki Mansfield, Lester Snow, John Cox, Leo Martin, Nicolina Compare, Dr. Andy Fisher, Alvin Learn, James Moody Sr., Nancy Jean Rose, Eric Corcoran, Carmella Modenti, Anna Hunt, Rose MacDonald, Elizabeth Stachura, Denise Colalillo, Brian Smith, Donna Bradley, Charlene Shannon, John Kealey, Margaret Smith, Anna Vergalito, Frank Sica, Helen Lelievre, Nancy Weiss, Jeanne Lea, Rebecca Evans, Samuel Potapczyk, Mary Lawrence, William JA De Foe, Bernard Martin, Joyce Weaver, Michelle Price, Donna Cormier, Margaret Waghorn, Drago Bicanic, Jeanne S, Bob Marshall, Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Evelyn Rose Baker, Lorraine Spence, Vito Fuccillo, Tom Hilton, Robert & JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Marie Massolin, Jeannette Fabian, Maria Melchiorre, Jozefa Bilski, Francesco Albanese, Todd Reid, Mary Brennan, Conner Hawkswell, George Teibert, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Maria Guerin, Patricia O'Reilly, Audrey Vendramin, Faith Amadio, Patrick Kealey, Cheryl Granton, Walter Wallace, Florrie Heimbigner, Francois Chayer, Jadwiga Wozniak, Julie Nicholson, Stefanie Borin, Patrick McCarthy, Alessia Commisso, Trina Washington, Mary Jo O'Kell, Cheryl D'Ammizio, Baby Nicholas, Baby Victoria, Pepper Martin Jr.

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



# Congratulations and best wishes to those who were recently baptized

Kaiden Rhodes, Andrea Zabor, Jayden Zabor & Justin Zabor

#### St. Patrick Breakfast Program

Each year from September to June, our parish provides a breakfast for the needy children in our schools. With school opening this year during a Pandemic, we have received new guidelines. We cannot cook a hot breakfast anymore, and kids from all grades cannot come into parish hall together. We can only have pre-packaged breakfasts which must be dropped off at the school door by 8:30 AM. We cannot make any homemade muffins, toast etc., so this will affect how we prepare the breakfast this year. It will now be **Breakfast in a Bag.** In each bag we can put a juice Box, health bars; nutrigrain bars, individual cheese and crackers, fruit cups, Bear Paws, etc. There are many other pre-packaged options. If you are out and about shopping, please feel free to pick up any of those items and drop them to the parish office or to the church. We want no child going to school hungry. God bless you for whatever you can do to help feed the kids!

#### Volunteers Needed

We are now printing our parish bulletins every second Sunday. They will be available at the **Church Exits** at the end of Mass. We need two volunteers to pass out the bulletins. The Covid guidelines state that we cannot leave any printed materials to be touched and handled by everyone. So the volunteers would need to sanitize their hands and pass a bulletin to each family as they leave the side exits. Please let the parish office know at which Mass you can assist. Given that some people have returned to work, we could also use some more volunteers at the **9:30 AM and 7:00 PM** Sunday Masses.



#### Little Flower Society Cards

Did you know that St. Patrick Parish Office has Mass Cards in stock from the Carmelite's Little Flower Society? We have Healing Mass Cards, Living Intentions, Five-Year Memorial Cards, and also Perpetual Memorial Cards. By using those cards, you not only comfort a family member or friend, but you also support the mission of the Carmelites, our Carmelite

Vocation Efforts, and our Carmelite Formation Programs in several countries.

## FROM THE PASTOR

#### This Bulletin is for September 27th and October 4th

#### 26th Sunday (September 27)

Jesus tells a parable to some political and religious leaders of his day! It's about two sons. The father asks both to go into the vineyard and work. The first says NO, but changes his mind and goes. The second says YES, but does not go! Both changed their minds! The first son represents the tax collectors, prostitutes, and other sinners. The second son represents the Jewish authorities. The first son was blatantly rude: "I will not go," but he had a change of heart. He came out all right. The second son knew what to say to his father. "I will certainly go, sir," but he blew it in the end. Jesus was poking fun at the scribes and Pharisees for their pride in having all the externals perfectly in order, while being blind to God's call in their lives. They did not heed John the Baptist! They had a chance to hear what John had to say about justice and righteousness, but they chose to remain fixated on external laws. Jesus clearly divides people into those who act and those who don't.

Having knowledge of Jesus' words and sayings, or knowing the Bible inside out, is one thing, but we have to build our lives **by actions** and by **love-put-into-**



practice. Good intentions are not enough. Promises are useless if they are not kept. Jesus uses the faith of the tax collectors and prostitutes who heard John's message and then changed their ways, as a model for his followers. Where am I in all this? Am I part of the YES crowd or the NO crowd? Do my actions match my words? Do I

walk the Christian talk? That's the challenge for us, to have our deeds match our words. Being Christian needs to be evident in the way we live. There must be no chasm between our words, actions, and faith. I know we can all try harder. If we do mess up, or stray off the path, our God of second chances gently invites us back, ready to forgive us and love us!

#### 27th Sunday (October 4th)

Jesus tells another parable to the Chief priests and the elders. This parable is about a Vineyard which was leased to tenants. The owner went to another country. When he returned, he was not too pleased by what he found. The tenants had beaten and killed the workers, and even the owner's son. And Jesus' response to this parable, directed to the leaders? *The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom.* "That's our role, to produce the fruits of the kingdom of God!

In the final harvest of our lives, when we meet our Maker, to give an account of ourselves, what will God find in me? Would he find me doing what I am called to do? What would he find in my heart? In my home? How would he find me treating my children? My spouse? My parents? My family? Where would he find me on Sunday mornings? Would he be pleased with my relationships? My social life? My attitude? What would he think of the way I treat others? How I treat my neighbor? The elderly? The poor? The homeless? The stranger? Our call is to keep cleaning house. Throw out what doesn't belong in our Christian lives, what doesn't lead to God. Then when the day of the Lord comes, the day of the great harvest, we will be ready and waiting. Knowing that I have done my best. Gave it my best shot. That's all God asks!

#### Update on Stolen Tabernacle from Cathedral

Happily, the Tabernacle, Ciborium and Luna that were stolen from our Cathedral last week have been recovered. They were found in a river not far from the church. Some repairs will have to be done to the Tabernacle doors. It is believed and hoped that the Blessed Sacrament has dissolved in the water. We pray for the perpetrators.



#### Blessing of Animals

A Blessing of Animals in honour of St. Francis of Assisi will be celebrated on Sunday, October 4th at 1:00 PM on the school playground. Bring your pets, all creatures great and small! Fourlegged, two-legged, scaled, winged, finned, furried or feathered! Our Lord God made them all! [Remember to clean up after your pets!]

#### **Mass Intentions**

For those who wish, there are still some openings for Mass Intentions between now and December 31, 2020. Please drop your intentions in the Sunday Collection, bring them to the Parish Office, mail them to us, or email the fee to our direct deposit at <a href="mailto:stpatrick1895@hotmail.com">stpatrick1895@hotmail.com</a>. A Mass Intention is \$10.00. One of the greatest honours we can do for our deceased loved ones is to pray for them, and have Masses offered for them.

#### 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!



#### October, Month of the Holy Rosary

The month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. The liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on October 7th. It was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful. The feast was introduced by Pope St. Pius V (1504-1572) in the year 1571 to commemorate the miraculous victory of the Christian forces in the Battle of Lepanto on October 7, 1571. The pope attributed more to the "arms" of the Rosary than the power of cannons and the valor of the soldiers who fought there. Legend tells us that the Rosary as a form of prayer, was given to St. Dominic (1170- 1221) by Mary, the Mother of Our Lord, who entrusted it to him as an aid in the conflicts with the Albigensians (.13th Cent. heretics). The Dominican pope, St. Pius V, did much to further the spread of the Rosary and it thereafter became one of the most popular devotions in the Church.

#### Feast of St. Therese, The Little Flower



October 1st is the Feast of our great Carmelite Saint, *St. Therese of Lisieux*, Patroness of the Missions! She lived a short 24 years from 1873-1897, in Alencon and Lisieux, France. She has become the most popular saint of all times. Her autobiography, The Story of a Soul, has been translated into over 50 languages! St. Therese taught us the "Little Way!" And that is finding God in the ordinary everyday activities of life! When Pope John Paul II declared her Doctor of the Church in 1997, he called her "a young Carmelite who was filled with the love of

God, who offered herself completely to his love, and who knew how to practice love of neighbour in the ordinary things of daily life." That is certainly a call to all of us! Therese wrote, "Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love!" She also said, "You know well enough that Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, nor even at their difficulty, but at the love at which we do them."

#### SACRAMENT UPDATES

#### First Communion

Now that schools are open, we are still up in the air about how and when to celebrate First Holy Communion with last year's Grade 2's. Things seem to be changing every week. Once we have more information, we will be contacting the schools, and the parents of our Grade 3 children [in schools other than St. Mary and St. Patrick] so we can celebrate First Communion. We have a lot of catching up to do with our Sacraments! So please be patient.

#### Confirmation

Confirmation will be celebrated at St. Patrick Church on October 20, 2020 at 7:00 PM. Please see the Diocesan Guidelines on our Parish website. Because of Covid Restrictions, and limited space, the Confirmation celebration will be for the Confirmation Candidates and their parents only. They will still maintain their Sponsor, but the Sponsor will be unable to attend the liturgy. The Pastor will be the Sponsor by Proxy for all Candidates. Letters have been mailed to all Confirmation candidates. Please return your forms asap.

#### Parish Office

Our parish office will be open from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM Monday to Thursday, and 8:30 AM-2:00 PM on Fridays. All business will be conducted at a special table inside the office door. Masks are mandatory in the office. Please call ahead so we can have certificates or Mass cards prepared for you. God bless!



#### !!!Project Share Needs our Help!!!

This year has been rough for the poor and the hungry. We are asked to do all we can to get them through this challenging period. Project SHARE's most needed food items include peanut butter; protein items such as canned tuna, salmon, chicken, ham; and canned beans, pasta sauce, pasta, baby food and formula; cereals. Now that school will be open, lunch snacks would be a great help also. *Lord, when did we see you hungry?* 

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