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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 3 St Gregory the Great

5:00 Gino Rampado *req. by the Family*
George O'Kell *req. by Jeanne Lea*

Sunday, September 4

8:00 Lena Girardo *req. by the Girardo Family*
Dominic Marchese *req. by his Children*

9:30 Francesco D'Angelo *req. by Lucia D'Angelo & Family*
Jozef & Feliksa Brzozowski *req. by Komor & Janusz Families*

11:30 Maria Fabiano Nicoletta *req. by her Dtr: Tina*
Lucy Janssen, Mike De Guida & Lucy De Mizio *req. by Cousins: Frank, Anna & Angie*

7:00 People of the Parish

Monday, September 5 Labour Day

8:00 Kevin Berrigan *req. by Kathy & Rick Woram*
Fr. Patrick McMahon, O.Carm. *req. by the Parish*

Tuesday, September 6

8:00 Special Intention for Dr. Andy Fisher & Kitty Decicco *req. by Caroline Bretti*

Wednesday, September 7

8:00 Carlo Pizzolato *req. by Adua & Family*
Deceased of the Parish

Thursday, September 8 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 Palmiro Goegan *req. by Anna Goegan & Family*
Georgette Lafferty *req. by the Family*

Friday, September 9 St Peter Claver

8:00 Andrew Rondinelli *req. by Jim & Dora Spencer*
Betty Sargeson *req. by Wayne*

Saturday, September 10

5:00 Power Family *req. by the Hockton Family*
Gary Butterill *req. by Shirley Wallace*

Sunday, September 11

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

9:30 Ovidio & Madeline Rosati *req. by the Grandchildren*
Elmira, James & Danny Dick *req. by ColetteEmpey & YvetteDick*
Georgette Lafferty *req. by Leona Thibodeau & Family*

11:30 Gimino Cardamone *req. by Fiorina Cardamone & Family*
Mary Brodie *req. by Bob & Eleanor Adams*
William Ferguson *req. by Frances & Family*

7:00 People of the Parish

Upcoming Wedding at St. Patrick's in September

Paula Ashe & Eric Condon
Stephanie Skrlac & James Antonio

CWL News... Hello Ladies welcome to St. Patrick's CWL. A gentle reminder on **September 7th** is our monthly meeting. We will start at **6:30pm** with a Buffet style supper, meeting to follow. Please bring your favourite dish for all to sample.

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!

Hospital Visits... If you have a family member in hospital, and would like a visit from one of our priests, or wish to celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please let the parish office know, 905-354-7451. St. Patrick Parish covers the on-call pager for GNGH from Tuesday 8 AM until Wed 8 AM. The hospital staff can put you in touch with the on-call chaplain at any time.

Ryan's Bowl Fundraiser... "Beef on a Bun Nite", at Westminster Church Hall, St. Catharines, **Friday October 7, 5:30 - 7pm**
\$10.00 includes salad, dessert, Coffee/Tea.
Tickets available in St. Patrick's Church Office

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Peter Damore and Jozef Zielke. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Gerry Laffradi

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Shanda Gale, Bob Marshall, Tony Laslo, Pauline Miner, Manfred Hawlitzky, Fran Smelko, Sharon Regular, Fr Tony McNamara, O.Carm., Bette Anne Chevalier, Maria Melchiorre, Conner Hawkswell, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Jeannette Fabian, Donna Cormier, Maria Rosiana, Danielle Barranca, Carmela Fruci, Lucy Rizzo, Barbara Phillips (Murray), Audrey Vendramin, Jeanne Lea, Gionni Bonaldo, Stan Manning, Iole Mancini, Alice Dalton, Baby Maximus, David & Patrick Kealey, Joanna Daniels, Ray Sexton, Francesco Albanese, Mary Ann O'Shea, Doreen Fletcher, Rosalyn Dagleish, Susan & Rick Rogers, Kitty Decicco, Evelyn Rose Baker, Jozefa Bilski, Charlene Shannon, Mary O'Shea, Dr. Andy Fisher, Dorothy Simon, Rebecca Evans, Marie Massolin, Maria Guerin, Anna Vergalito, John Jefferson, Jill Leronowich, Vince(Jim) Baldassarro, Nancy Jean Rose, Guiseppina Paonessa, Phyllis Higgins, Patrick McCarthy, Norman Horth, Todd Reid, Muriel Pivarnyik, Helen Lelievre, Tom Hilton, Maria Colalillo, Walter Wallace, Stefanie Borin, John Cox, Joyce Weaver, Marie Cleary, Orlando Garofalo, Kerrie Szuch, Faith Amadio, Margaret Smith, Carmella Modenti, Margaret Waghorn, Theresa Poirier, Bruno Maiolo, Carlo Trasmundi, Vito Fuccillo, Baby Hope, Cheryl D'Amizio, Kelly Laslo, Rose Vukmanich, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Alessia Commisso, Vicki Dubeau, Donna Bradley, Annette Brideau, Mary Jo O'Kell, Baby Sebastian, Dorothy Doyle, Lorraine Murray, Patricia O'Reilly, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pepper Martin Jr., Vital & Emmanuel Chayer, Trina Washington, Shirley Machulla, Lorraine Spence, Baby Gabriel Paraskevopoulos, Mary Wilkes-Matthews, Patricia Desrosiers, Helen Rotella, Darlene Wancha, Brian Smith, Maria Benevento, Jeanne S
Please help us update our list of those who are homebound, infirm, or hospitalized by calling the parish office.

Collections

August 20 & 21: \$5,083.00
Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2016

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at **1:00 PM** on: **Sunday, September 25, October 16, November 20 & December 11**
A **mandatory** meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on **Tuesday, Sept 13, Oct 4, Nov 8 & Dec 6 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 starting on September 15th, at 7:30pm in the Church and the Children's Choir Sundays, please gather on September 11th 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.

Ministries... If you would like to serve as a Eucharistic Minister, Altar Server or Lector, please let the parish office know, and with great joy we will provide the necessary training for you!

Volunteers are also needed for the 9:30 Mass Childrens' Liturgy, Funeral Altar Servers & Breakfast Program.

Please call the office at 905-354-7451 if interested.



Dear Friends,

We continue to keep the people of Central Italy in prayer as they grieve their loved ones, and begin the long process of healing and rebuilding their lives. May our Gentle God hold them in the hollow of His hand!

Today is the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time! It's the first weekend of September, and it's also Labour Day!!! This week school reopens and it's back to the grind-stone! May God bless and protect our students, teachers, principals and staff as the new school year begins. And we also ask God's blessings on our college and university students, especially those leaving home for the first time! Keep Christ in your life!

Today we have what sounds like very harsh words from Jesus. He speaks to his followers about discipleship, and the great demands! ***Whoever comes to me and does not hate their father and mother, spouse and children, brothers and sisters, and even their life itself, cannot be my disciple.*** Wow! Not a typical thing to hear



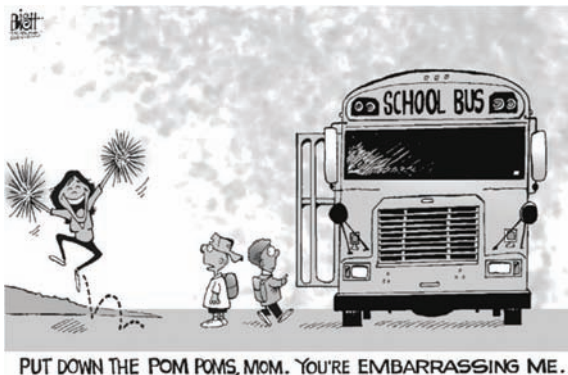
from Jesus! He is not really calling us to hate our loved ones. The word hate has often been translated as 'preferred less' or 'love less.' Jesus does not want anyone or anything to stand in the way of our following Him. That is to say, nothing should take precedence or first place in our lives, over God.

To place any relationship or any possession above God is a form of idolatry. If a relationship with someone leads us away from God, then we need to look at that. If we are caught up in material things and possessions, to the point that they have become little gods, then we need to look at that! We must ***love less*** anyone and anything that enslaves us, or keeps us from God.

Jesus then adds that whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple! What does this mean? A "cross" is never inflicted on anyone. Taking up a cross involves sacrifice, the sacrifice of laying down my life each and every day for Jesus' sake. It can mean sacrificing my time for a needy family member or friend, sacrificing my treasure to help the needy, sacrificing my talent to assist someone! May we find some concrete ways to serve God this week!

Fr. Gerard

Couldn't Resist



Quotes on Discipleship

- His voice leads us not into timid discipleship but into bold witness.
- Church attendance is as vital to a disciple as a transfusion of rich, healthy blood to a sick man.
- Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ. (Bonhoeffer)

Children Sacramental Dates 2017

Confirmation: Saturday, February 25, 2017 @ 5:00 PM.

First Communion: Sunday, May 7, 2017 @ 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM

Look for Registration Information in upcoming Parish Bulletins.

Come September

Come September. Come cold. Come longer nights.

I can do without this heat. Without this sweat.

I will open up my closet. Put on a jacket months seen.

I will live your days. I will take the steps from summer to fall. (Curcio)



Project Share sends a big thank-you to the people of the parish who continued to bring food. We are really making a difference! Now that school will be 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. "Lord, when did we see you hungry?"

LABOUR DAY PRAYER

Lord on this Labour Day,
we celebrate the work we do,

and we thank You for the blessing of our jobs.

We ask for those seeking employment that
You guide them in their search for work.

We ask for guidance when we are confused.

We ask for patience when working through conflicts.

We ask for strength to complete each day.

We ask for rest when we are weary.

We ask that You be with those whose faces
we might never see but who work tirelessly
each day for the good of us all.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Niagara Falls is looking for people to volunteer for a few hours per week at their Nearly New Store at 4311 Queen Street. Also BINGO Volunteers for 1 to 2 Thursdays a month from 3 - 5:30pm. If you are interested please call Jennifer at 905-357-5454 x221

Spiritual Reading Bookclub: Come out and join lively discussions on inspirational books chosen to deepen the Catholic faith. Last Thursday of every month, September - June, 6:30pm at St. Denis Parish, St Catharines. First meeting is September 29, 2016, and the book is Heaven in Stone & Glass by Robert Martin. For more information contact 905-656-1995.

DID YOU KNOW?



For those of you who have Celiac Disease or are allergic to wheat products, our parish has special **Gluten-Free hosts** available. If you let us know before each Mass, we will have a special host consecrated for you. Please make yourself known to the presiding priest, and he will ensure he has it in his ciborium for you... or in a separate pyx. The onus is on you to let us know!

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

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

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

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