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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



New Parishioners are asked to complete a parish registration form.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, September 7

5:00 Gino Rampado *req. by the Family*
 Palmiro Goegan *req. by the Family*

Sunday, September 8

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 Ovidio & Madeline Rosati *req. by the Grandchildren*
 Adelino Marcon *req. by Theresa Marcon*

11:30 Andrew Rondinelli *req. by Dora & Jim Spencer*
 Ody Argenta *req. by Diana Argenta*

7:00 Sergio Simonetti *req. by Mario & Maria Silvestrone*
 Adele Morabito *req. by Jim & Jo-Anne*

Monday, September 9 St Peter Claver

8:00 Betty Sargeson *req. by Wayne*
 Marian & Janina Brzozowski *req. by Edward Brzozowski*

Tuesday, September 10

8:00 Winnifred 'Winnie' Mocniak *req. by Mary Jane Strange & Family*
 Nino Lococo *req. by the Family*

9:30 St. Patrick & St. Mary's School Mass

Wednesday, September 11

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

Thursday, September 12 The Most Holy Name of Mary

8:00 Gus & Zorka Wach *req. by John & Helen Olsiak*
 Trudy Bombicino *req. by her niece Clara & Family*

Friday, September 13 St John Chrysostom

8:00 Clemente Della Marca *req. by Alessandro Luciano & Family*
 Healing Mass Intention for Elizabeth Stachura *req. by the Wojciechowska Fam*

Saturday, September 14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

5:00 Marie Cadman *req. by Lorraine Pietrobon*
 Melissa Brideau *req. by Belle Liberty*

Sunday, September 15

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 Phil & Mary Campagna *req. by the Clark Family*
 Mary, Mate Grcevic, Mate Dasovich & Dec'd members of the Matasich
 Family *req. by the Grcevic Family*

11:30 Gimino Cardamone *req. by Fiorina Cardamone & Family*
 Immacolata Luciano *req. by Alexander Luciano & Family*

7:00 Stanley Potapczyk *req. by Les & Peggy Potapczyk*
 Sam Raina Armas & Peter Gentile *req. by the Spacone Family*



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 12th, at 7:30pm in the Church and the Children's Choir Sundays, please gather on September 8th 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.

Upcoming Wedding at St. Patrick's in September

Alicia Willick & Vincent Filice

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!*

**TRIVIA NIGHT - Our Lady of Peace Church... on Friday,
 September 27 at 7:00pm Doors open at 6:15 Tickets: \$20 each
 Contact Barb at 905-356-5006 Refreshments and Cash Bar
 All proceeds go to the upkeep of Parish Buildings**

All are welcome to a free presentation on *The Art of Sacred Listening*, facilitated by Rev. Bob Bond, Coordinator of Spiritual and Religious Care at Niagara Health, on September 24, 2019 from 7:00-9:00 pm at the Catholic Centre, 3400 Merrittville Highway in Thorold. Come learn about the importance of empathetic listening and its role in compassionate care of family and those in crisis. Register by calling 905-684-0154 or emailing familyandyouth@saintcd.com.

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Lia Nieuwesteeg, Ron Bassett, Monica Roulston & Vincent Germano. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Dr. Andy Fisher

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Guistino 'Gus' Bagarozza, Kitty Decicco, Betty & Joe Power, Carole Ann Ogilvie, Carol DeVilliers, Kelly Power, Gregory Roulston, Pasquale Abrunzo, Alice Dalton, John Nicks, Wilf Manuel, Victor Sincich, Nancy Praakel, Norma Zanus, Lily Williams, Patricia Williams, Mark Pepple, Nancy Huber, Fern Albert, Toni Brideau, Bernadette Moore, Edward Brzozowski Jr., Nikki Mansfield, Lester Snow, Nicolina Compare, Alvin Learn, James Moody Sr., Rose MacDonald, Elizabeth Stachura, John Calder, Charlene Shannon, Anna Hunt, Carmella Modenti, John Kealey, Margaret Smith, Anna Vergalito, Helen Lelievre, Nancy Weiss, Leo Martin, Samuel Potapczyk, William JA De Foe, Denise Colalillo, Kelly Laslo Joyce Weaver, Michelle Price, Mary Lawrence, Bernard Martin, Emily Hanover, Drago Bicanic, Jeanne S, John Cox, Margaret Waghorn, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffradi, Nancy Jean Rose, Danielle Barranca, Fred Girardo Sr., Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Maria Melchiorre, Conner Hawkswell, Jeannette Fabian, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Iole Mancini, Vito Fuccillo, Donna Cormier, Jeanne Lea, Maria Rosiana, Tom Hilton, Frank Sica, Evelyn Rose Baker, Jill Leronowich, Audrey Vendramin, Patrick Kealey, Brian Smith, Francesco Albanese, Florrie Heimbigner, Jozefa Bilski, Todd Reid, Rebecca Evans, Marie Massolin, Stefanie Borin, Maria Guerin, Faith Amadio, Patricia O'Reilly, Patrick McCarthy, Walter Wallace, Francois Chayer Alessia Comisso, Kerrie Szuch, Donna Bradley, Helen Rotella, Cheryl D'Amazio, Mary Jo O'Kell, Julie Nicholson, Jadwiga Wozniak, Lorraine Spence, Mary Brennan, Shirley Machulla, Robert & JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Trina Washington, Carlo Trasmundi, Pepper Martin Jr., Baby Nicholas

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

Baptism Schedule for 2019

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

Sunday, Sept 22, Oct 20, Nov 24 & Dec 15

A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, Sept 10, Oct 8, Nov 12 & Dec 3 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 the necessary information. We encourage parents and Godparents to make an effort to attend liturgies in the parish community. We also have a mandatory evening of preparation for parents and Godparents!

Collections

September 1: \$5,532.50

Cathedral Appeal (to date): \$8,080.00

Many thanks for your generosity!

Cathedral Appeal

After 3 months of the Cathedral Appeal, we have reached 50% of our goal of \$16,000. Many thanks to those who have made a sacrifice. We have until November to reach our goal. Anyone wishing to donate by credit card, can do so through Canada Helps.

Go to: www.canadahelps.org

Search: **Diocese of St. Catharines**

Choose: **"Cathedral Appeal"**

Fill in parish name and complete the donor information.

Canada Helps issues tax receipts.

The Diocese will get a monthly report which will show what parish the donation is from. **Canada Helps** will deposit donations in the diocesan bank account. On a monthly basis the diocese will provide parishes with updates if parishioners have donated through Canada Helps. Let's see how quickly we can reach our goal!

Spiritual Reading Bookclub: Come out and join lively discussions on inspirational books chosen to deepen the Catholic Faith. Meetings are the last Wednesday of the month, 1:30pm at St. Denis, 230 Lake St., St. Cath., First meeting is September 25. Contact bc Coleman@bell.net or 905-646-1995.



Dear Friends,

We continue to keep the people of the Bahamas in prayer in the aftermath of Hurricane Dorian. May those who died be raised up in Christ's glory. May those who lost loved ones be comforted; and those who lost their homes and businesses find the help and resources they need to rebuild their lives.

I arrived back from Newfoundland on Tuesday evening, having spent most of the month of August with my mother and family. I also had the joy of celebrating the wedding of my niece, Vanessa, and her husband Phil. It was wonderful to have our entire family together again. I did some fishing, boating, berry picking and biking, even managing to get my brother's ATV stuck in the mud. And I mean, stuck... buried. Thankfully, help came before sunset, or it would have been a frightful night fighting coyotes and moose and bears with a fishing pole.

This is the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, and the Gospel gives us some very harsh words from Jesus. He is speaking to his followers about discipleship, and its 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



something we usually hear from Jesus! He is not literally telling 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. God must come first.

To place any relationship or 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 take a serious look at that! We must ***love less*** anyone or anything that keeps us from God.

Jesus also 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 our lives each day for Jesus' sake. It can mean sacrificing my time for a needy family member, friend or stranger; sacrificing my treasure to help the poor, sacrificing my talent to assist someone! May we find some concrete ways to serve God, and to make sacrifices this week!

Fr. Gerard

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Love always involves sacrifice. And we do not really love Christ unless we are prepared to face His task and to take up His Cross. *William Barclay*

Si libenter crucem portas, portabit te. If you bear your Cross cheerfully, it will bear you. *Thomas a Kempis*

It is to the Cross that the Christian is challenged to follow his Master: No path of redemption can make a detour around it. *Balthasar*

Mass Intentions

We still have some openings in our ***Daily Mass Intention Book*** for the 2019 year. The greatest gift we can give to our deceased loved ones is to have them remembered at the **Holy Sacrifice of the Mass**. A Mass intention is \$10 and can be dropped off at the Parish Office, or put in the Sunday Collection. We must never forget to pray for those who have died. A Mass can also be offered for a Living Intention or for a particular cause.

Little Flower Society Cards



St. Patrick Parish Office has Mass Cards available 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 throughout the world.

Flying Fathers Hockey Games

The Flying Fathers will be bringing their hockey skills and slap-stick comedy show to the Niagara area for two games in November. On Tuesday, November 19 at the **Gale Centre** in Niagara Falls, the Flying Fathers will skate against Niagara Catholic student all-stars, staff and local priests. The following night, Wednesday, November 20, they will face off with the Thorold Mounts at the **Frank Doherty Arena** in Thorold. Games start at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$10.00 each and will be available for the Niagara Falls game after all Masses during September, and also at Front Row Sports in the Gale Centre. The Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education and Knights of Columbus councils are partnering to sponsor the games to raise funds for students in need and other local charities. Further information: Bill Mann, (905) 374-2386, Jim Marino, (905) 735-0247 ext. 210.



Project Share sends a big thank-you to our parishioners who continued to donate food. We are really making a difference! Now that school is open,

please continue to bring food items. School snacks would be great, and also Macaroni and Cheese, canned Tuna, Peanut Butter, canned pasta, sauce and meats! If you prefer, Project Share also distributes toiletry items: soaps, shampoos, toothpaste, wash-cloths/towels.

"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"

Knights of Columbus Cathedral Appeal Fundraiser

Pasta Dinner - Buffet Style Starlight Ballroom, Limited Seating for 200 at Club Roma, 125 Vansickle Rd., St. Catharines on Thursday, September 19 \$15 per person Penne, meatballs, sausage, roll, salad, coffee, tea & dessert
Time: 6:00pm CASH BAR 50/50 Draw for tickets call:
Rinaldo 905-358-2250, Maria 905-984-6299, the Cathedral 905-684-3964 or Club Roma 905-682-7621

Join the SAINTCD group study of Pope Francis' latest apostolic exhortation, **Christ is Alive** and learn more about his message to Young People and their place in today's Church. This study series will run from 7 – 9pm for five consecutive Thursdays beginning September 19th at the Catholic Centre, 3400 Merriville Highway, Thorold. Cost is \$25 with the book or \$10 if using a free and downloadable copy of Christ is Alive. Register by Sept. 13th by calling 905-684-0154, emailing familyandyouth@saintcd.com or online at: <https://forms.gle/nneRz5FF6dw4W9Bj7>

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