Saint Patrick's Church

# 4673 Victoria Ave.

Niagara Falls, Ontario L2E 4B8 Served by Carmelites Since 1875

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### **Parish Staff**

Rev. Gerard Power, O.Carm., Pastor (Director in Canada, Society of the Little Flower) Rev. Mr. David Scott, Deacon Debbie Herman, Secretary Alice Corfield, Bookkeeper 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-Pietrangelo - 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 and 11:30 a.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 Sunda 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

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**Diocese of St. Catharines (est. 1958)** Most Rev. Gerard Bergie, D.D., Bishop

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New Parishioners are asked to complete a parish registration form.

#### Mass Intentions 🎡 For The Wesk

### Saturday, April 13 St Martin I

- 5:00 Adelino Marcon req by Theresa Marcon Maria & Paul Di Paul req by Paul Di Paul
   Sunday, April 14
- 8:00 People of the Parish
- 9:30 Carole Finella req by her Hsb: Joe Finella Richard Glowacki req by his Wife: Nicki Glowacki
- **11:30** Anna & Palmiro Goegan req by Louise Goegan Mark & Wanda Solomon req by the Family

### Monday, April 15

- 8:00 Herb Ogilvie req by Molly Ogilvie & Family Rick Glowacki req by Lucy, John & Family
- Tuesday, April 16
- 8:00 James Shanahan req by his Wife: Mary-Ann Vince & Elizabeth Dalton req by the Family

#### Wednesday, April 17 St Kateri Tekakwitha

8:00 Betty Sargeson req by her Hsb: Wayne John F. & Glenn Power req by Fr. Gerard

### Thursday, April 18 BI Marie-Anne Blondin

8:00 John Corfield req by his Wife: Alice Helen Reid req by the Family

#### Friday, April 19

8:00 Intentions of the Little Flower Society World Peace

### Saturday, April 20 World Day of Prayer for Vocations

5:00 Franciszek 'Frank' Rebisz req by Stella & Family Francis & Patricia Patterson req by the Family

### Sunday, April 21

- 8:00 Vito Colangelo req by the Family Linda, Lena & Achille Paolin req by the Paolin Family
- **9:30** People of the Parish
- 11:30 Iolanda & Giulio DeProphets req by the Family Marilyn Bauer req by St. Pat's Choir

### 2024 Church Envelopes & 2023 Tax Receipts

Please make sure you pick up your Offertory Envelopes & Tax Receipts as soon as possible. Call the Office (905-354-7451) to arrange for pick up during the week. If you are here at Mass on the weekends, they are on the Radiator at the back of the Church. Many thanks.

TRIVIA NIGHT...Saturday, April 20th, in the Hall. Doors open at 6pm, Trivia starts at 6:30pm. \$20 a person, includes Pizza. Maximum 8 people per table. To purchase tickets and/or table, please call the Church Office at 905-354-7451 or text /call Maggie at 905-246-6212. 50/50 draw, beer, wine, pop & water for sale. Deadline for tickets: April 14, 2024

Prom Donations.....We are looking for donations of gently used prom dresses (formal dresses), men's shirts, pants/suits and accessories to help out students at our local high schools. Anything is greatly appreciated. Donations are being collected until May 1<sup>st</sup>. For any questions call Mary at 905-359-2975 <u>mcsimplegirl@gmail.com</u> Donations can be dropped off at Vincent's Store at 5970 Lundy's Lane (Tuesday-Saturday), or at St. Patrick Church any time.

# Upcoming Wedding at St. Patrick's in April Grace David & Samuel Seguin

Check out our website: http://www.stpatricknf.ca

**Rest in Peace...** We pray for the souls of Laura Carroll and Helen Reid. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

#### Please pray for those who are ill. We are currently updating our sick list. This will be limited to parishioners and family members who are hospitalized or chronically ill. Please be advised that only an immediate family member can request a name to be added to this list.

Mary Power, Norm Scott, Helen Korce, Barbara Conidi, Lindsey Luby, Charlene Shannon, Jim Crowley, Toni Brideau, Sherry Wales, Peter Meisenburg Jr., Maureen Young, Maureen Tustin, Maureen Watson, Michael DelGrande, Leila Khan, John F, John Arnold, David Gallina, Andrew Zacharuk, Patrick Macri, Alba Rondinelli, Antoinette Vescio, Nancy Waters, Victor Pizzolato, Jeanne S, Christine Pritty, John & Laura Giampa, Jim & Betty Calzonetti, Eric Van Noort, Isabell Frost, D.D., Jeannette Fabian, Missy Bilotta, Flori Heimbigner, Rita Ross, Anna Hunt, Leroy Collee, Leon French, Tony Cuviello, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Judy, Sr. Carol Forhan CPPS, William JA DeFoe, Estelle Critelli, Betty Crete, Sister Prem, Kelsey Liles, Julian Cassidy, Kelly Laslo, Mahmat, Teresa Hebb, Rose MacDonald, Lori Ann Pizzolato, Karen Bradley, Norma Zanus, Jadwiga Wozniak, Betty & Mary Ann Quigley, Bob Marshall, Arlene Collee, Danielle Barranca, John Calder, Gregory Roulston, Cameron Boyes, Kerrie Szuch, Pasquale Abrunzo, Anna Chayer, Denise Colalillo, Patrick McCarthy, Michelle Price, Francesco Albanese, Mary Jo O'Kell, Maria Guerin, Emmanuel & Aline Chayer, Carmella Modenti, Bernard Martin, Joyce Weaver, Margaret Waghorn, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Evelyn Rose Baker, Lorraine Spence, Patricia O'Reilly, Gloria Smelko, Jackie, Fran Smelko, Jozefa Bilski, Walter Wallace, Vanessa Athoe, Faith Amadio, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Pepper Martin Jr, Marie Brooker, Brian Boudreau, Samuel Potapczyk

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

	Collections April 7: \$7,704.60 Easter: \$17,628.00 Giving Bowl (to date) \$11,159.60 Many thanks for your generosity!
	Children Sacramental Date 2024 First Communion: Sunday, April 28, 2024@ 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM
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oors on, chase at 2.	Sacrament of BaptismCongratulations 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!
	Parish Registration Please help keep our records up to date! You may bring this
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# Dear Friends,

The Pastor's Pen

The Total Solar Eclipse has happened. Although it was very cloudy, we did get some spectacular glimpses. It was such an odd feeling when the birds flew away.... and then everything went dark for some three minutes. There was a complete silence. We had about 20-30 neighbourhood children sitting outside by the playground fence for two hours. It was great to see them take in this spectacular event. They will remember this for their entire lives. Nature is wonderful.

Our new Associate Pastor, Fr. Joiezl Fern Piñon, O.Carm, will be here this week. We welcome him with great joy! He brings his youth and lots of gifts and enthusiasm. Praise God, and we pray for a happy and smooth transition.



We now begin the 3rd week of Easter. I love those Easter Gospels. They are filled with much joy and so many interesting details. In today's Gospel, Jesus appears to a larger crowd. Again, he says, "Peace be with you." He shows them his hands and feet, and they are still "disbelieving." So he goes a step further and asks for a piece of fish to prove to them that he is not a ghost. He eats it in

their presence and then explains everything that was written about him in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms. He explained why he had to suffer and die, and rise again. Then comes the call: You are witnesses to these things.

This is the call and commission for us here at St. Patrick Parish... to continue to proclaim the Good News in whatever part of God's green acre we live and move and have our being. Am I truly a witness to the Risen Christ? Is my life truly praising God? May God give us the power, joy and boldness to proclaim the Gospel in word and deed. May we never forget what St. Augustine wrote in the 4th century, You cease to praise God only when you swerve from justice and from what is pleasing to God. If you never turn aside from the good life, your tongue may be silent but your actions will cry aloud! May our actions this week, give witness to the Risen Christ! Blessings!

### Fr. Gerard



Because He lives, I can face tomorrow, Because He lives, all fear is gone; Because I know He holds the future And life is worth the living. Just because He lives!

# The Giving Bowl Program

On behalf of The Giving Bowl, we would like to offer a sincere thanks to our parishioners for the generous donations to this program during the Lenten Season. We were able to raise \$11,159.60, through our Church envelopes and Church donation boxes. This will help feed many children in Eastern Uganda during this school year. The director, Isabel Bujor, who recently returned from Eastern Uganda, sent me a video and photos last week. She says that the children know all about St. Patrick Parish and the generosity of the people. They send their love. Again, many thanks for your support!

What to do with your Used Eclipse Glasses There are two organizations in the US who are collecting Eclipse Glasses. If you want to drop yours off at the church or parish office, we will send them for you. Latin America will be experiencing an eclipse this October. The two organizations accepting eclipse glasses are: Astronomers Without Borders and Eclipse Glasses USA. If you Google either organization, you can learn about their special programs.

### On the Lighter Side

-My wife told me to stop impersonating a flamingo. I had to put my foot down.

-People who take care of chickens are literally chicken tenders. -What did the Dalmatian say after dinner? "Woof, that hit the spot!" -How do you make a squid laugh? Give it ten-tickles.

### Little Flower Society Cards

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.

DID YOU KNOW? For those of you who have Celiac Disease or are allergic to wheat products, our parish has special approved Gluten-Free hosts available. The onus is on you to let the presiding priest know before each Mass. He will ensure that he has it in his ciborium for you.

We have a few parishioners who struggle with perfume allergies! Please keep this in mind as you prepare yourself for Sunday Mass.

Just a little dab'll do!



Allergy

Alert

Project Share is looking for Volunteers in their Food Room and Warehouse. If you can commit to 3.5hrs a week for at least 6 months, please

consider helping them out. The Hours of Operation are Monday -Friday, 8:30 – 3:30pm. Contact Karen Misek at 365-880-4726 or email volunteer@projectshare.ca

For more details, please read the Posters on the Church Bulletin Boards at either the Back or Side entrances of the Church.

Catholic Marriage Tribunal...If you are considering remarriage in the Catholic Church or hoping to enter a marriage with someone previously married, please speak to a priest, or contact the St. Catharines Catholic Marriage Tribunal at 905-687-8817 or tribunal@saintcd.com

# 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!

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



