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Carol Martin - Director of Music
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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 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 Sunday
Preparation for Parents
and Godparents required.

Marriage

Please contact the parish office
at least six months in advance.
Preparation weekend is required.

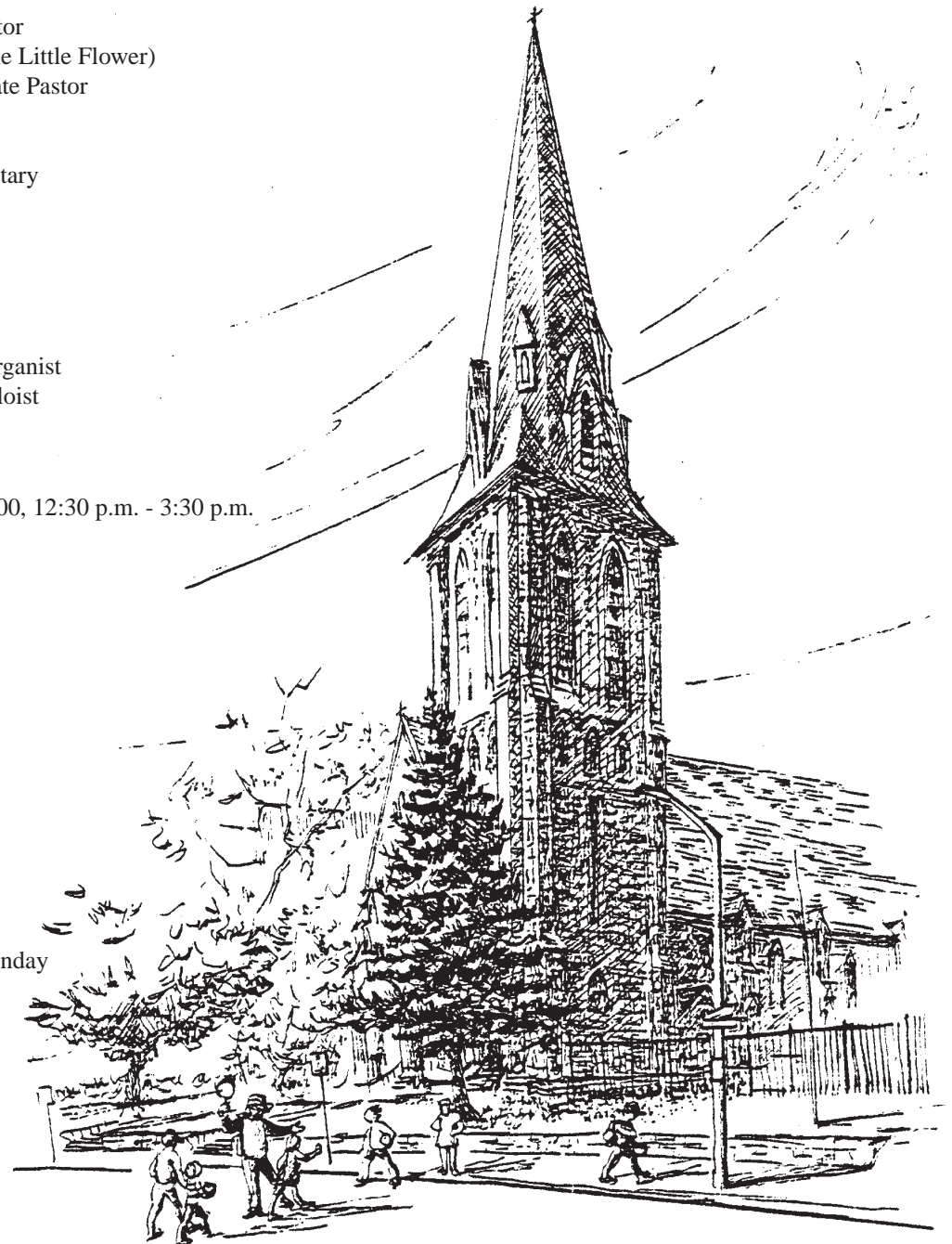
Schools

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

Parish Established 1858
Church Dedicated 1895

New Parishioners are asked to complete a parish registration form.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Saturday, April 15

5:00 Vincent & Ruby Crowley req. by the Family
Herb Ogilvie req. by Molly Ogilvie & Family

Sunday, April 16 Sunday of Divine Mercy

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 Erika Bell req. by Parish Staff

Elmira, James & Danny Dick req. by Colette & Yvette

11:30 Anna & Palmiro Goegan req. by Louise Goegan
Maria Nobile req. by her Dtr: Antonietta

Monday, April 17 St Kateri Tekakwitha

8:00 Betty Sargeson req. by Wayne

Tuesday, April 18 Bl Marie-Anne Blondin

8:00 John Corfield req. by his Wife: Alice Corfield & Family

Wednesday, April 19

8:00 Tracy Bungay req. by the Family

Thursday, April 20

8:00 Tina Masur req. by the Giajnorio Family

Friday, April 21 St Anselm

8:00 Dennis Bowers req. by the Parish Council

Saturday, April 22

5:00 Vincent Audibert req. by Fred & Betty

Sandra & Marilyn Brideau req. by Guy Brideau

Sunday, April 23

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 Luigi Marcon req. by David & Dina Argenta

Vito Colangelo Sr. req. by the Family

11:30 Theresa & Tom Senese & the Mancuso & Senese Families
req. by Cecilia & Family

Adam & Mary Shugg & the Ganter & Shugg Families

req. by Cecilia & Family

2023 Church Envelopes & 2022 Tax Receipts

Please make sure you pick up your Offertory Envelopes & Tax Receipts as soon as possible. They are in the sacristy, to the left of the altar, if you are here at Mass on the weekends. Call the Office (905-354-7451) to arrange for pick up during the week. Many thanks.

Plastic Milk Bags

St. Pat's will be collecting plastic milk bags. These will be used to make 3' X 6' sleeping mats for the homeless. A church group in NOTL has many volunteers and several looms to do this project. A basket will be placed at the main entrance of the church for drop off. A sample of the mat is also on display.

CWL News... Every Wednesday in May the Rosary will be said in the Hall at 6pm...all are welcome to attend! May 3rd we will follow the Rosary with our monthly meeting for those who wish to attend.

Upcoming Wedding at St. Patrick's in April

Kayla Nicole Thibert & Myles Peter Methner

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.

Check out our website: <http://www.stpatricknf.ca>
and watch Mass on our Facebook page



Rest in Peace... We pray for the soul of Roseanne Butski. May she rest in peace. Please remember her family in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Sherry Wales, Karyn McEvoy, Mary F Hanlon, Tony Laslo, Leila Khan David Gallina, Ray Buckborough, Andrew Zacharuk, Patrick Macri, Alba Rondinelli, John Pritty, Nancy Waters, Natalie Speth, Cecilia Shugg, Jeanne S, John & Laura Giampa, Christine Pritty, Antoinette Vescio, Charlene Shannon, Sandra DeFoe, Ron O'Neill, Missy Bilotta, Mary Lou Gallardi, Flori Heimbigner, Toni Brideau, Anna Hunt, Robert Morningstar, Leon French, Isabell Frost, Leroy Collee, Elaine Pampena, Rita Ross, Teresa Calzonetti Spiller, Tony Cuiello, Karen Watt, Jim & Betty Calzonetti, Eric Van Noort, Marcellina Mativo, William JA DeFoe, Sr. Carol Forhan CPPS, Judy, D.D., Estelle Critelli, Betty Crete, Bernadette Moore, Andrea Fisher, Sister Prem, Joe Young, Kelsey Liles, Julian Cassidy, Kelly Laslo, Mahmat, Maureen Tustin, Jeannette Fabian, Teresa Hebb, Rose MacDonald, Edward Brzozowski, Lori Ann Pizzolato, Pat DiLorenzo Jr., JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Karen Bradley, Corinne Journeau, Tom Hilton, Carmine Astorino, Bob Marshall, Arlene Collee, Betty & Mary Ann Quigley, Danielle Baranca, Nancy Weiss, Brian Smith, Gregory Roulston, Cameron Boyes, Samuel Potapczyk, Kerrie Szuch, Norma Zanus, John Nicks, Pasquale Abrunzo, John Calder, Todd Reid, Anna Chayer, Patricia Williams, Nancy Praakel, Jeanne Lea, Rebecca Evans, Nancy Huber, Denise Colalillo, John Cox, Francesco Albanese, Margaret Smith, Nikki Mansfield, Baby Victoria, Carmella Modenti, Donna Bradley, Elizabeth Stachura, Michelle Price, Vito Fuccillo, Bernard Martin, Joyce Weaver, Emmanuel & Aline Chayer, Margaret Waghorn, Drago Bicanic, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Evelyn Rose Baker, Lorraine Spence, Patricia O'Reilly, Gloria Smelko, Conner Hawkswell, Jackie, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Jozefa Bilski, Mary Jo O'Kell, Robert & Maria Melchiorre, Mary Brennan, Faith Amadio, Cheryl Granton, Alessia Comisso, Trina Washington, Maria Guerin, Jadwiga Wozniak, John O'Leary, Walter Wallace, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Patrick McCarthy, Stefanie Borin, Pepper Martin Jr, Cheryl D'Amizio
Please help us update our list of those who are homebound, infirm, or hospitalized by calling the parish office.

Collections

April 9/Easter: \$14,736.44
Giving Bowl: \$11,284.05 (to date)
Holy Thursday: \$1,371.00
Good Friday: \$2,171.05
Many thanks for your generosity!

Children Sacramental Date 2023

First Communion: Sunday, May 7, 2023 @ 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM

Baptism Schedule for 2023

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday May 21 & June 25**. A mandatory meeting for **Parents and Godparents** will be held in the Church on Tuesday, **May 9 & June 13 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!

!!!! Student Weekend Employment !!!!

St. Patrick Church is looking to hire a student (**Grade X and up**) to work on Saturdays (10:00 AM - 4:00 PM). Duties may include cleaning floors, leaf raking, doing garbage sweeps, clearing snow, opening and closing gates and doors for functions. If interested, please call the parish office or drop off a resume as soon as possible. This could also lead to summer employment with flexible hours!

Kids Helping Kids

Many thanks to the students at St. Patrick School for raising \$567 for **The Giving Bowl** during the Season of Lent! The students and staff were able to meet the director, Mrs. Isabella Bujor, at their Passion Play during Holy Week. God bless the students for their big charitable hearts!



Dear Friends,



Here we are on the Second Sunday of Easter (**Divine Mercy Sunday**)! The Gospel scene is from the Upper Room on Easter Evening! Jesus' disciples (minus Thomas) were hiding behind locked doors out of fear of the authorities. They knew they could be killed for

being associated with Jesus! Then the Risen Christ appeared to them! His first words were: *Peace be with you.* This greeting of **PEACE** was just what they needed to hear. Jesus knew that. Then he breathed the Spirit on them and told them to *forgive others.* Imagine the first thing Jesus did after he rose from the dead was **send his disciples out to forgive others!** This Gospel and this commission is just as critical today as it was that first Easter Evening! We too are called to be people of *peace and forgiveness.*

Too often we fail miserably at forgiveness, especially with our family members. Some people hold on to resentments and grudges for life. I've encountered many people who end up feeling deep regret because of things left unsaid and undone! And that's so sad. Life is too short. Family is too important. There's no better time than Easter to put that **GOD-GIVEN FORGIVENESS** into practice. We are reminded each time we pray the *Our Father* prayer, that we are only forgiven to the extent that we forgive others.

Now is the day! Now is the hour... for the **real work** of Easter! Someone once said, "To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover the prisoner was YOU." Where in my life do I need to sow the seeds of peace and reconciliation? Is there a family member with whom I'm on the outs? Against whom am I holding a grudge? Who needs to hear me say, "I'm sorry"? or "Can we talk!" Who are the people in my life who need a visit or a call... or a kind word? May the peace and reconciliation of the Risen Christ reign in our hearts and in our homes!

Many blessings!

Fr. Gerard



Thought for the Week

...The practice of forgiveness is our most important contribution to the healing of the world.

Easter Sacraments

Congratulations and best wishes to those who were Baptized and Received into the Church this Easter: **Clark Euale, Todd Saunders and Kyle Black!** It was a wonderful celebration. May God continue to bless you on your faith journey!

The Giving Bowl Canada

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 \$11,284.05 (to date) through our church box Donations, and Church Envelope Donations. This will help feed many children in Eastern Uganda during this school year. Again, many thanks for your support!

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday

In 1905, a young Polish girl (Faustina Kowalska) was born into a poor but devout family. As a teenager, she entered the *Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy* in Warsaw. Because she was uneducated, Faustina was assigned the most menial tasks. Yet while cooking, baking, gardening, and housekeeping, Faustina underwent many mystical experiences during which Our Lord asked her to become both His apostle and His secretary, to announce anew to all people the Gospel of God's mercy. She died in 1938. In one of Christ's messages to her, He said: *Humankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy.*

Faustina was told that the Church should celebrate a feast in honour of the divine mercy on the **Sunday after Easter.** Not by accident does the Church, on that day, read the Gospel text that recounts Christ's institution of the Sacrament of Penance, which is the surest and clearest sign of the divine mercy. Faustina wrote down two prayers dictated to her by the Font of Mercy Himself. The first: *Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for my sins and those of the whole world.* The second: *For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on me and on the whole world.* On April 30, 2000 (Divine Mercy Sunday) [Pope John Paul II canonized](#) St. Faustina and designated the Sunday after Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday (*Dominica II Paschae seu de divina misericordia*). Pope John Paul II died during the [vigil](#) of the Divine Mercy Sunday 2005.

Thanks

Sincere thanks to our many parishioners who made our Holy Week and Easter Liturgies such a prayerful, spiritual and joy-filled experience. Thanks to **Carol, Sandra, John Arnold, and our Adult Choir** for their tireless efforts in enhancing our liturgies with beautiful music. Thanks to Nadine, Gemma and all our cantors! Thanks to the **dedicated and fun group** who decorated our church on Good Friday night! You did a fantastic job! Thanks to our **parishioners** who donated toward the Easter Flowers. Your generosity is gratefully appreciated. Thanks to Paul Bongers from Country Basket for the beautiful flowers! Thanks to our **Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Commentators, Altar Servers and Ushers** for your wonderful ministry during the High Holy Days of our Church. Thanks to **Fr. Marc and Deacon David** for your assistance during these sacred days! And finally thanks to you, our parishioners, for your ongoing support and dedication to St. Patrick's! God Bless You All! Fr. Gerard

Church Chuckle

Mrs. Jones was fumbling in her purse for her offering envelope, when a large television remote fell out and clattered into the aisle. The curious usher bent over to retrieve it for her and whispered, "Do you always carry your TV remote to church?" "No," she replied, "but my husband refused to come with me this morning, and I figured this was the most evil thing I could do to him legally."



Please continue to bring food items to Mass for Project Share! Every item helps!
"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"

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