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Music Ministry

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

Marriage

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

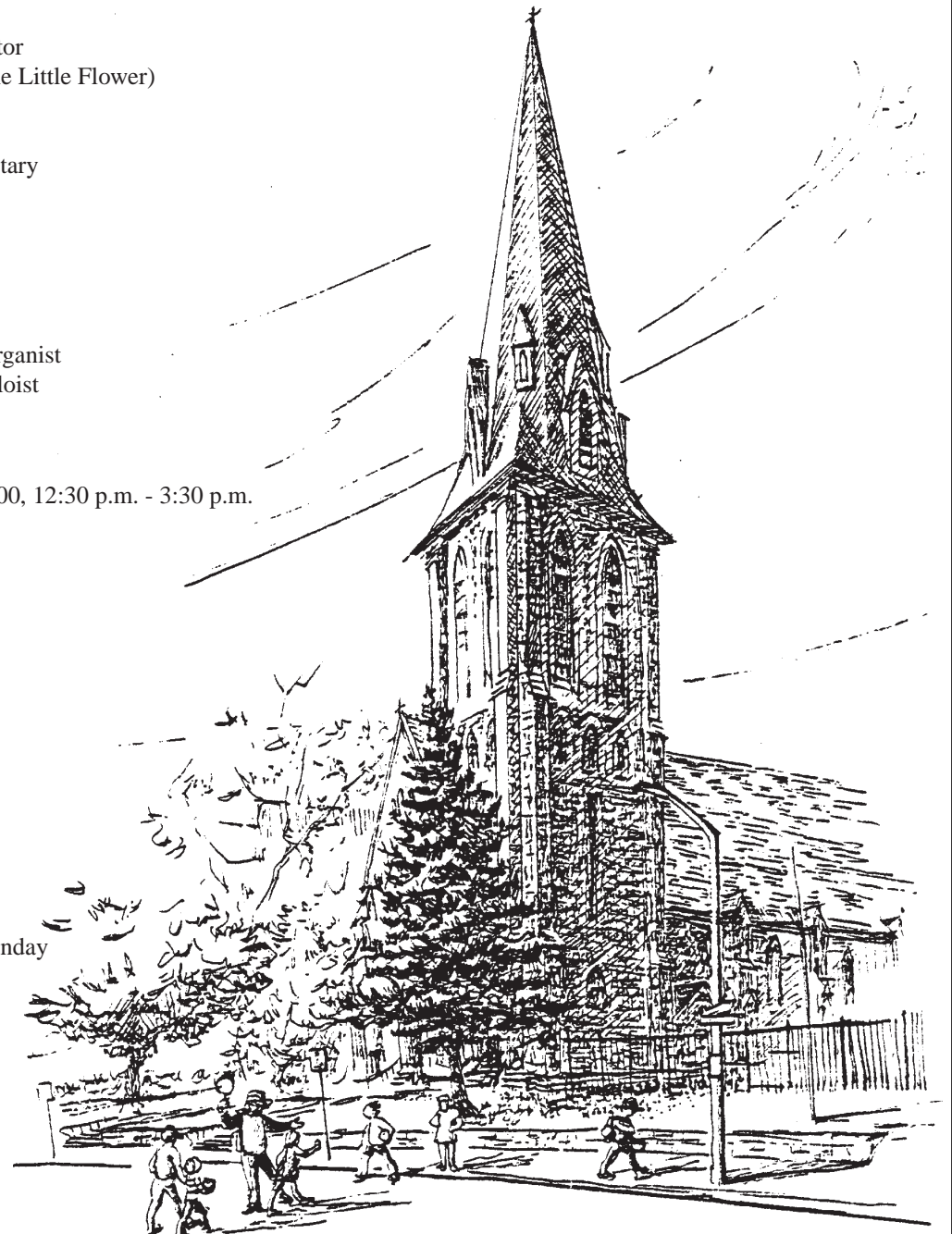
Schools

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.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Saturday, April 27

5:00 Leo & Eda Martin req by the Family
Laura Carroll req by St. Patrick St. Vincent de Paul Society

Sunday, April 28

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Bev & Butch Brown req by the Family
Luigi Marcon, Antonia & Giuseppe Lazzarin req by Louise Marcon
11:30 Benito Giustini req by the Giustini Family
Leona & Omer Thibodeau req by Danielle, Vic & Family

Monday, April 29 St Catherine of Siena

8:00 Reno Marcon req by his Wife: Rachel Marcon

Tuesday, April 30 St Marie de L'Incarnation

8:00 Lucrezia Rizzo req by Mary, Patti, John, Steve & Families
Dec'd mem of the Wegner Family req by Joseph & Nancy Solomon

Wednesday, May 1 St Joseph the Worker & St Pius V

8:00 Gerald Cormier req by Stu & Mary Lou Gallardi
Helen Malpaya req by Violeta

Thursday, May 2 St Athanasius

8:00 Intentions of the Little Flower Society

Friday, May 3 St Philip & St James

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Saturday, May 4 BI Marie-Léonie Paradis

5:00 Cecil Shannon req by Charlene Shannon
Dec'd mem of the Gozansky Family req by Dave & Maggie Scott

Sunday, May 5

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Pat Hudson req by Shirley & Ross Wallace
Cecilia Shugg req by St. Patrick St. Vincent de Paul Society
11:30 Jackie Cavasin req by Norm & Family
Barbara Rondinelli & Carmella DeNisi req by Jim & Dora

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.

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 1st. For any questions call Mary at 905-359-2975 mcsimplegirl@gmail.com
Donations can be dropped off at Vincent's Store at 5970 Lundy's Lane (Tuesday-Saturday), or at St. Patrick Church any time.

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!

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!

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



Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Ed Nieuwesteeg and Frank Murray. 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, Ted Greschuk, 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 Cuvieello, 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 21: \$6,349.95
Giving Bowl (to date) \$11,273.00
Many thanks for your generosity!

Children Sacramental Date 2024

First Communion: Sunday, April 28, 2024@ 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM

Baptism Schedule for 2024

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday May 26, June 23, July 21, Aug 18, Sept 22, Oct 20 & Nov 24.**
A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, **May 14, June 11, July 9, Aug 13, Sept 10, Oct 8 & Nov 12 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!

This is **Catholic Education Week**. Praise God we still have the opportunity to form and nurture our students through a faith-based education. Through our Catholic Education, we must do everything we can to strengthen the bonds between HOME, PARISH and SCHOOL! The theme this year is, "We Are Called to Love". May we do everything we can to promote and support our Catholic Education. God bless our students and staff.

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.



Dear Friends,

Fr. Joi is gradually settling in. It is a big adjustment, as it is his first time living outside his home country of the Philippines. It is also a big time and temperature adjustment. We are very grateful to have him minister with us. We continue to welcome him with great joy! On Sunday, May 5th, following the 11:30 AM Mass, we will have a dessert reception in the parish hall to officially welcome him to St. Patrick's! See the notice below.

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The month of May begins on Wednesday! May is a month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. I encourage all of us to do something special to honour Mary each day during May. Perhaps we can pray the *Rosary* more frequently, maybe pray the *Hail Mary* before each meal as a family. One saint said, "Keep Mary in mind, and Jesus will grow in your heart!"



In today's Gospel Jesus gives us a beautiful image of himself when he says, "I am the vine, you are the branches." Just as a branch cannot bear fruit if it is disconnected from the vine, neither can we bear fruit if we are disconnected from Jesus. This image of the vine and branches describes the intimate union

between Christ and the believer. To be a follower, a Christian, is to live united with Christ.

We get ourselves in trouble if we separate ourselves from Him or try to make it through life on our own. We are called to make Christ's message real in the world, to be witnesses of the Resurrection, to bring His Love out into the world, and transform the world with His Presence. We can only do that in as much as we are intimately connected to Him! Maybe this week, we can spend time reflecting on how well am I grafted to the True Vine? Do I have an intimate union with Christ? And, is this evident to others? What can I do this week to bear fruit for the Gospel? Blessings!

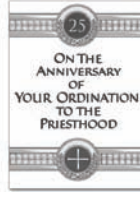
Fr. Gerard



First Holy Communion

This weekend we welcome our little children as they celebrate First Holy Communion. At the 9:30 AM Mass, we will have 12 children celebrating the Sacrament. And at 1:30 PM there will be a special Mass for St. Mary and St. Patrick Schools. On this day of great joy in their lives, we keep these little children and their families in prayer. And we encourage them to come back to the Table to be fed and nourished for their journey.

Fr. Gerard's 25th Anniversary of Ordination



On Wednesday, May 15, 2024, Fr. Gerard will celebrate his 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. He was ordained at Mount Carmel Chapel by Bishop John O'Mara on May 15, 1999.

To honour this milestone in his life, Fr. Gerard will preside at the 5:00 PM Mass on **Saturday, May 18th**, in thanksgiving for these 25 years. There will be a reception in the parish hall immediately following Mass. Everyone is invited to attend. Please drop by the Hall between 6:00 and 8:00 PM. **In lieu of gifts, a donation toward purchasing two defibrillators for our church and gymnasium would be gratefully appreciated.** Make cheques payable to St. Patrick Parish! Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Welcome Fr. Joi

Next Sunday, May 5th following the 11:30 AM Mass we will officially welcome **Fr. Joi**. We invite all of you to come to the Parish Hall for a meet and greet. This will be a dessert reception. If you would like to make a dessert, cookies, banana bread, etc, please let the parish office know by Friday. You can drop off the desserts in the sacristy on Saturday evening before or after Mass or on Sunday morning at any Mass. Come out and welcome Fr. Joi. Many thanks.

St Vincent De Paul Summer Camp

SVDP sincerely thanks you for your continuous support and generosity. Food insecurity has risen to a level where we have to dedicate more financial resources to alleviate hunger. As a result, we are requesting your assistance. SVDP Conferences across the Region, pool their resources to send 80 children, ages 9-12, to a one week summer camp in Beamsville. The children from our area schools truly benefit from this experience. They would otherwise not have an opportunity to attend this Camp. On **Sunday, May 5th** we will dedicate all proceeds from the poor boxes to this initiative. The SVDP donation boxes are available at the doors of the church. If anyone wishes to sponsor one or more campers at a cost of \$275 per child, you may drop off your donation at the parish office or in the collection by May 20th. "Let the little children come to me." Thank you.

May is Mary's Month



May is the month that we as Catholics pay special tribute to Mary, the Mother of God. The Rosary is prayed daily at St. Patrick Church at 7:30 AM, Mon-Fri as a way of honouring Mary. You will also hear some familiar Marian Hymns throughout the month, as a way of praising Mary in song. This is a good month for all of us to renew our devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Maybe when you hear the **Noon Bell** and the **6 PM Bell** at St. Patrick Church, you can stop what you're doing and say a prayer to honour Mary.



Congratulations and best wishes to those who were Baptized in April!

Isabella Boudreau, Lucy Dugas, Matthew Filice, Matthew Finkbeiner, Mason Preval, Scarlet Preval & Benjamin Prokopchuk

Church Bulletin Bloopers

- The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.
- The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'
- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- I have received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour. I would like a personal call.

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