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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.

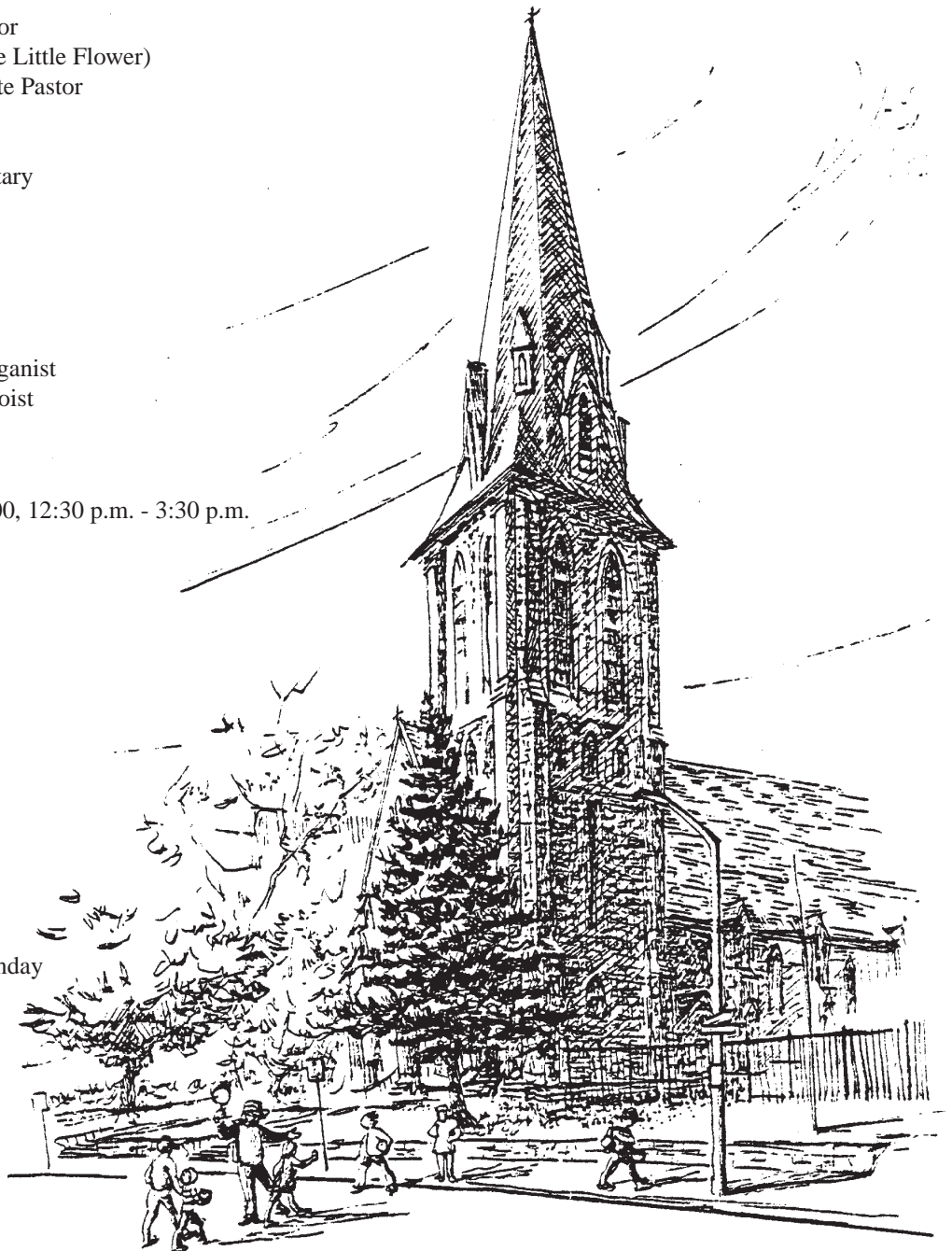
Schools

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.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Saturday, April 29 St Catherine of Siena

5:00 Beryl Blanche Vout req. by St. Patrick School Staff
Dec'd mem of the O'Brien & Gozansky Fam req. by Ethel & Fam.

Sunday, April 30 World Day of Prayer for Vocations

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Lucrezia Rizzo req. by Mary, Patti, John, Steve & Families
Sal Pietrangelo req. by Stu & Mary Lou Gallardi
11:30 Benito Giustini req. by the Giustini Family
Mary Cote req. by Lillian Winslow

Monday, May 1 International Worker's Day, St Joseph the Worker & St Pius V

8:00 Gary Kneller req. by the Family

Tuesday, May 2 St Athanasius

8:00 Erika Bell req. by Charlene Shannon
Gaetan Buteau req. by the Family

Wednesday, May 3 St Philip & St. James

8:00 Joe Okros req. by Aileen & Bryce Adams

Thursday, May 4 Bl Marie-Léonie Paradis

8:00 Cecil Shannon req. by Charlene Shannon

Friday, May 5 St Angelus

8:00 Chester Ross req. by Friends

Saturday, May 6 St François de Laval

5:00 Arduino & Assunta Maiuri req. by Stefanie & Peter Maiuri
Madeline Rosati req. by the Grandchildren

Sunday, May 7

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Beverly & Butch Brown req. by the Family
Louise Leyland req. by the Gowans Family
11:30 Jackie Cavašin req. by Norm & Family
Barbara Rondinelli & Carmela De Nisi req. by Jim & Dora & Fam.

CWL News... Every Wednesday in May the Rosary will be Prayed 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.

Hey everyone we would like to host a table sale...

When...Saturday, May 27th, 7am - 2pm

Where... in St. Patrick's Parish Hall

What...you purchase a round table from us (\$20) and you fill it with whatever you have to sell...the profits are yours!!!

Why...bring the community together and raise a little for our local CWL

We will also be hosting a BBQ that day...so if you don't want to buy a table come out and support us for lunch!!! You can set up your Table Friday, May 26th from 6 - 8pm or Saturday at 7am...any questions don't hesitate to contact Maggie @ 905-246-6212

Hennepin Council 1652 Knights of Columbus...Spaghetti Dinner

Wednesday, May 10th 4:00 - 7:00pm @ Columbus Club Hall,
6990 Stanley Ave, NFO (Our Lady of Peace Hall)

Menu: Salad, Spaghetti & Meatballs, Dessert, Coffee & Tea
\$12 per Adult, \$6 under 12

Upcoming Wedding at St. Patrick's in May

Eashita Ratwani & Brandon Jacobs

Vincent's Store

St. Vincent de Paul Store (Vincent's) on Lundy's Lane is in need of kitchenware, small appliances, cutlery and utensils. You can drop them off at the store Tuesday-Saturday, or at St. Pat's Rectory any time day or night (white porch off driveway). A good time to rid ourselves of the things we know we're not going to use. Someone can!



Rest in Peace... We pray for the soul of Lena Mary Paolin. 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 Barranca, 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, DH, 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 23: \$5,831.30

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**.

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.



Please continue to bring food items to Mass for Project Share! Every item helps!

"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"

Sunday Chuckle

A stranger approached the pastor after Mass and said, "I'd like you to pray for my hearing."

The pastor placed his hands on the man's ears and said a passionate, earnest prayer.

"How's your hearing now?" the pastor asked.

Looking surprised, the man said, "Well, it's not until Tuesday."



Dear Friends,

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Easter! It is also **World Day of Prayer for Vocations!** Not only should we pray for and encourage vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life, but we should also pray for **all Vocations!** This includes Christian vocations to the **Married Life, Parenthood** and also the **Single Life!** We should also view every occupation as a vocation! I cannot help but think of our dedicated teachers, principals, vice principals, nurses, doctors, PSW's, social workers, police, fire, EMS, volunteers, and countless others who follow a call to serve! If we can bring Christ's compassion and love and care into our occupations, we can each have a blessed vocation! And so many can be touched by God's love.

Today begins Catholic Education Week. The theme is, "**We are Many, We are One.**" Let's do everything we can to support our Catholic Education! Keep strong the bond between School, Family and Church. If

one part of this triad weakens, they all weaken. Some 30 years ago, we lost all Denominational Education in Newfoundland and Labrador. And now it's Public Schools only. And there are some who want the same thing to happen in Ontario. We need to fight for it,



and elect leaders who support our Catholic Education. We will have a teacher, principal or student at each Mass this weekend to address us after Communion.



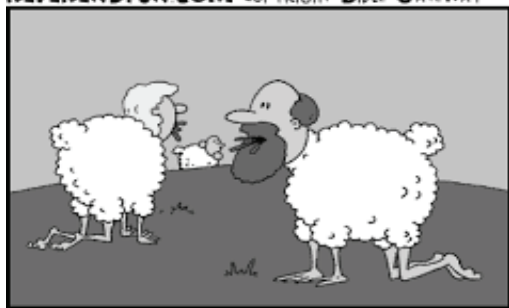
Today's Readings and Gospel speak about God as Shepherd! We hear Psalm 23... **The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want!** Peter speaks of Jesus as **the shepherd and guardian of your souls!** Then in

John's Gospel, Jesus refers to himself as the **shepherd of the sheep**, and the **gate for the sheep**, and how the sheep follow the shepherd because they know his voice. We are in an age where there are so many distractions, that it's hard to hear the voice of the Shepherd. We need to rid our lives of those distractions! Take the precious time for daily prayer, for weekly worship with our community, (to be fed by His Body and Blood and His Word), for scripture reading, reading and reflecting on the lives of the saints. These spiritual activities provide us with an opportunity to hear God's voice and to follow Him! May each of us listen more carefully to the voice of the Shepherd! Then follow him wherever he may lead! And it's always to the abundance of life!

Have a blessed week.

Fr. Gerard

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"No vocation is born of itself or lives for itself. A vocation flows from the heart of God and blossoms in the good soil of faithful people. Did not Jesus say: "By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." *Pope Francis*

ARE YOU BEING CALLED? World Day of Prayer for Vocations



I invite our **young people** to consider living a life dedicated to God as a priest or religious. I urge everyone at St. Patrick's to pray for vocations and just as important, to **encourage vocations.** If you ever feel that someone might be called to the

priesthood or religious life, **tell them!** Maybe they're waiting for someone to confirm what they've been feeling inside. We cannot bemoan the problem of fewer and fewer priests and religious, without recognizing our own responsibility in this regard. If you think you have to be perfect to be a priest or religious, look around... actually, look no further than the pulpit of St. Patrick's!

A message from our Carmelite Vocation Team



The 60th Annual **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** will be observed this Sunday, April 30. Because of the imagery in today's Gospel, today is popularly known as **Good Shepherd Sunday.** The purpose of this observance is to take seriously the Lord's instruction:

"The harvest is abundant but the labourers are few; so

ask the master of the harvest to send out labourers for his harvest" (Luke 10:2). We invite you to watch a brief video presentation by Brother Roberto Reyes, O.Carm., a third year theology student with the Carmelites at Whitefriars Hall in Washington, DC. Brother Roberto reminds us that Jesus Christ is the ultimate shepherd of the people who calls us to be part of his flock. He is calling young people today to be modern day shepherds in the Church. Brother Roberto tells us about his call to serve God as a Carmelite.

You can access the video at: <https://carmelitevideo.tiny.us/GSS2023>



Pray the Rosary in May

May is the Month of Our Lady! The Rosary is prayed in our Church every weekday morning at 7:30!

Keep Mary in mind and Jesus will grow in your heart!

The Angelus

When you hear the Church Bells at Noon and 6 PM... this is a call to pray the Angelus Prayer:

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, etc...

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done unto me according to Your Word.

Hail Mary, etc...

V. And the Word was made flesh,

R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, etc...

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord,
Your Grace into our hearts;

that as we have known the incarnation of Christ,
your Son by the message of an angel,
so by His passion and cross
we may be brought to the glory of His Resurrection.

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