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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.

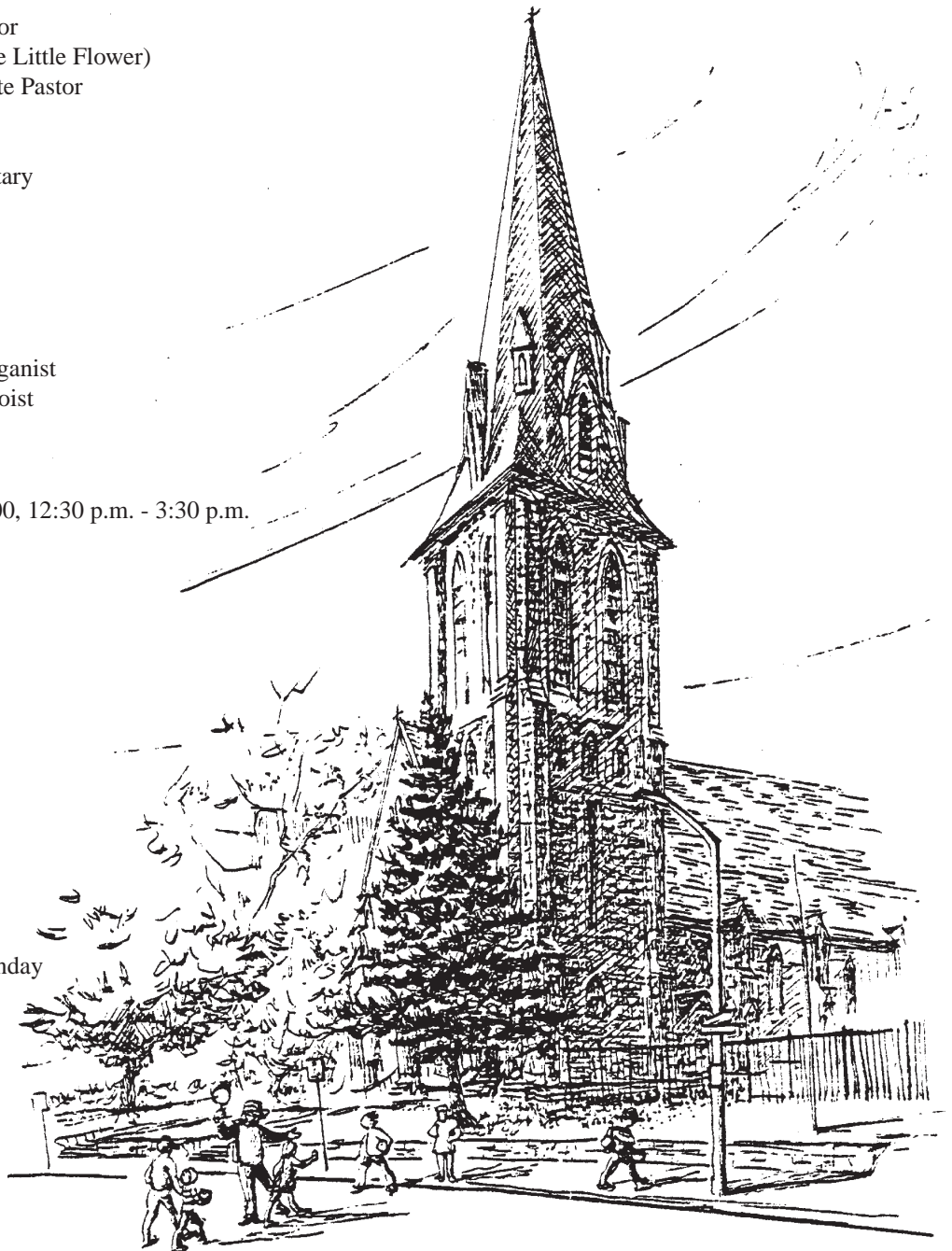
Schools

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.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Saturday, December 16

5:00 Vincent & Ruby Crowley *req by the Family*
Adua & Jean Pizzolato *req by Angela & David Dumele*

Sunday, December 17 Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Lena Altomare *req by the Family*
Ria Van Noort *req by Carol & Bill Bruyere (Port Colborne)*
11:30 Leo Martin *req by Eda Martin & Family*
Ody Argenta *req by Anthony & Paula Capacchino*

Monday, December 18

8:00 Carole Finella *req by her Hsb: Joe*
Agostino, Concetta & Tony Panetta *req by Jim & Rosemary Panetta*

Tuesday, December 19

8:00 Vilma Gallina *req by Gloria Pietrobon*
Bill Amadio *req by Vincent & Carol Campaner*

Wednesday, December 20

8:00 Ovidio & Madeline Rosati *req by the Family*
Tim Foster *req by Friends*

Thursday, December 21 St Peter Canisius

8:00 Augusta Macri *req by Lucy & John DiPaul & Family*
Raymond Woodhead *req by Carmette Oswald*

Friday, December 22

8:00 Fr. Bart Larkin *req by Cliff & Teresa*
Philomena Shepherd *req by Debbie Jane Shepherd*

Saturday, December 23 St John of Kanty

5:00 Victor Lea *req by Jeanne & Family*
Nancy & Nick DiPaolo *req by Jim & Rosemary Panetta*

Sunday, December 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 Dariusz Rebisz *req by the Family*
Peter Moi *req by the Nguyen Family*
9:30 Pietro Guerin *req by Maria & Family*
Pat Hudson *req by Debbie & Friends*

11:30 People of the Parish

Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve The Nativity of the Lord

4:00pm People of the Parish
6:00pm People of the Parish
12:00am People of the Parish

CWL News... Hello Ladies, your *CWL dues of \$40* is now overdue for the 2024 calendar year. Please hand it in as soon as possible. You may place your cash/cheque in an envelope and label it with your name and **CWL dues for 2024** and place it in the collection, or drop it off at the office, or call or text Maggie Scott at 905-246-6212 to arrange a drop off.

The CWL are happy to announce a huge thank you to everyone who donated towards **SOctober**. A total of **522 pairs of socks** were very well received at Out of the Cold! Thank you again!

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Contact Mount Carmel at 905-685-9155 today for more information and to book your tour!

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!*



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

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

Collections

December 10: \$7,490.00
Carmelite Missions: \$5,343.00 (to date)
Many thanks for your generosity!

Children Sacramental Dates 2024

Confirmation: Saturday, February 10, 2024 @ 5:00 PM
Confirmation Commitment Ceremony: Sunday, December 10, 2023 @ 11:30 AM Mass (all Candidates MUST attend)
First Reconciliation: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 @ 7:00 PM
First Communion: Sunday, April 28, 2024 @ 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM
(If you are a parishioner at St. Patrick Church, and have a child who does not attend St. Patrick or St. Mary Schools, and would like to celebrate their sacraments here, please contact the parish office for the registration forms.)

Children's Liturgy

Our Children's Liturgy at the 9:30 AM Sunday Mass, is still in need of a few more volunteers. If you would like to be part of this wonderful ministry, please give your name to the parish office as soon as possible. Our children need you!!! 905-354-7451

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!

Health Alert

Please remember, we are in the Flu Season, and there's also an increase in upper respiratory illnesses. If you are feeling ill, it is best to stay home. It is always safest to sneeze or cough into your arm (not your hand), or use a tissue. We ask that you use the hand sanitizer at the doors of the church. Let's do our part to keep everyone safe and healthy.

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



Dear Friends:

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(Today's bulletin material had to be submitted to the publisher on Monday, December 11th!)



Today is **Gaudete Sunday**, the 3rd Sunday of Advent. **Gaudete** means 'to rejoice'. Rose vestments are worn, and the Altar is dressed in rose to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near. We also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath. Rejoice! Christmas is coming soon. Rejoice, Christ entered our lives as one of us, 2000 years ago!

Our Gospel today tells us about a man named John, who was sent by God to give **testimony** to the Light. These words tell us about the vocation and mission of John the Baptist. He was **sent** (apostolein), apostle... to give **testimony** (marturios), martyr. John the Baptist is an apostle and a martyr. Like John, we are called to be apostles and witnesses to Christ. At our Baptism, we were entrusted with a mission from God, to share his life with others, and to make his presence a reality in our world. The world needs our witness to Christ so badly. It's sad to see so many people taking Christ out of **CHRISTmas**. They reject Christ and distort Christmas to be nothing but a celebration of **materialism**. Sadly, this is so shallow, empty, and meaningless. Even Santa keeps Christ in Christmas!

The world needs **new** John the Baptists to point to Jesus. That's our role. We are to be these witnesses. We are the ones called to stand up before friends, families, co-workers, and strangers, and say, **with our lives** more than our words, "*For me, the Life of Christ is more important than anything the world can offer.*" We have a responsibility to reflect the presence of Christ. The message of this 3rd Sunday of Advent is simple: **Our lives must lead others to rejoice in the Light**. Let's put light where there's no light, hope where there's no hope, and love where there's no love. Rejoice! Have a blessed week.

Fr. Gerard



Christmas Gift Campaign

Thanks to everyone for signing out Christmas Gift Tags! Once again we will spread our love and joy by providing gifts and food to some of our local needy children and families. Today, Sunday, December 17th is the deadline to return your gifts for our Local Needy Children! They will be distributed this week.



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

Christmas and New Year's Schedule 2023-2024

4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23- 5:00 PM
Sunday, December 24- 8:00 AM / 9:30 AM / 11:30 AM

Christmas Eve- Sunday, December 24

4:00 PM- (Children-Family Mass)
6:00 PM- Adult Choir Mass with Caroling
12:00 AM- Midnight Mass

Christmas Day-Monday, December 25

8:00 AM / 9:30 AM / 11:30 AM

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday, December 30- 5:00 PM
Sunday, December 31- 8:00 AM / 9:30 AM / 11:30 AM

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Sunday, December 31- 5:00 PM (New Year's Eve)
Monday, January 1, 2024- 11:30 AM (New Year's Day)

Decoration of Church

Wednesday, December 20- 7:00 PM

St. Patrick's Bingo

A huge thank you to our St. Patrick Bingo Volunteers. This year at **Delta Bingo**, they have raised \$24,200 for St. Patrick Church. God bless Mr. Leslie Khan and the teams for their serving spirit.

Smile a While

... Remember, children: The best way to get a puppy for Christmas is to beg for a baby brother.
... When you stop believing in Santa Claus is when you start getting clothes for Christmas.
... What was the three wise men's favourite Christmas carol? Oh camel, ye faithful...

2024 Church Envelopes

Please make sure you pick up your Offertory Envelopes as soon as possible. They are in the sacristy, to the left of the altar. Many thanks.

Parish Registration

Please help keep our records up to date! You may bring this form to the parish office or place it in the collection.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ PostalCode: _____

Telephone: _____

I am new in the parish and wish to register _____

I wish to use contribution envelopes _____

I have recently moved _____

I have changed my phone number _____

We have married & wish to update our information _____



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