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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, 11:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.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.

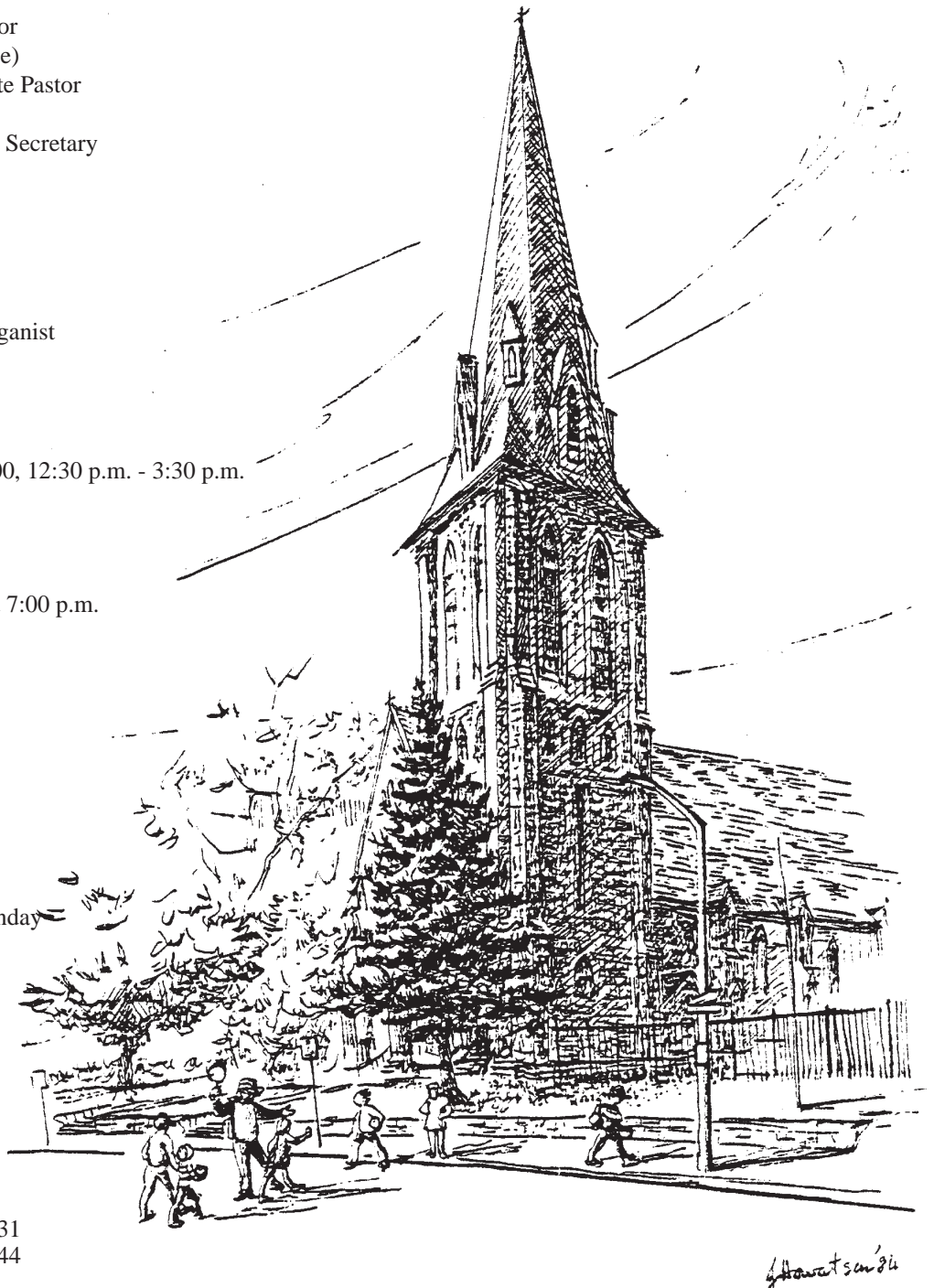
Schools

St. Patrick School 905-354-6631
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Diocese of St. Catharines (est. 1958)

Most Rev. Gerard Bergie, D.D., Bishop
Most Rev. John A. O'Mara, D.D., Bishop-Emeritus

Parish Established 1858
Church Dedicated 1895



New Parishioners are asked to complete a parish registration form.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Saturday, December 7 St Ambrose

5:00 Assunta Maiuri req. by Peter & Stephanie Maiuri

Martel Family req. by Leila & Jim Henderson

Sunday, December 8 Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 Vincent Bernardi req. by Gabriel Gagliardi

Albert-Liberty-Lelievre & Heacock Families req. by Aileen & Bryce Adams

9:30 Gino Pullano req. by the Pullano Family

Adelino Marcon & Cavallin Families req. by Theresa Marcon

11:30 Debbie Dowd req. by Lee & Kathleen

Dec'd mem. of the Quiquero & Fiore Families req. by Anna

7:00 People of the Parish

Monday, December 9 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 Nazzareno Felicetti req. by Rachel Marcon

Jazzmin Terrio-Tompkins req. by Aileen & Bryce Adams

Tuesday, December 10

8:00 Bert Roy req. by Valerie & Family

Louie & Frances Campaner req. by Vince & Carol Campaner & Family

Wednesday, December 11 St Damasus I

8:00 Madeline & Ovidio Rosati req. by the Family

Elaine Myke req. by Sheila Myke

Thursday, December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 Carmine Mastropiero req. by the Family

Sophie Potapczyk req. by Teresa & Warren Lemoine

Friday, December 13 St Lucy

8:00 Lot Giovanni req. by the Family Pozzebon

Edith Shaw, Victor & William Shaw req. by their Dtr: Gloria

Saturday, December 14 St John of the Cross

5:00 Fred Doody req. by the Family

Willi Albert req. by Fern

Sunday, December 15 Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 Lucia Cavaliere req. by Rocco & Giuseppina Cavaliere

Clemente Della Marca req. by Joanne & Richard Sanderson

9:30 Trevor Watson req. by the Pullano Family

Ethan Corey Dean req. by Bill & Mary Beth Dean

11:30 Rick Heximer req. by the Family

Immacolata Luciano req. by Alexander Luciano & Family

7:00 People of the Parish

Children Sacramental Dates 2020

Confirmation: Saturday, May 30, 2020 @ 5:00 PM

First Reconciliation: Tuesday, March 3, 2020 @ 7:00 PM

First Communion: Sunday, May 3, 2020 @ 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.)

Little Flower Society Cards



St. Patrick Parish Office has Mass Cards available 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 our 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 throughout the world.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The members of the SSVP again seek your generosity in helping to make this Christmas a little brighter for those less fortunate in our city. This year we are anticipating a significant increase in those requiring our help and we would appreciate your financial assistance.

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.

Please do not leave the Church Bulletins in the pews. If you do not wish to take it home, please return it to one of the tables at the doors of the Church. Thanks

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Lily Williams, John Collucci & Mary Racine. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Joe Young, Eric Corcoran, Francis Patterson, John Calder

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Andy Scotnicki, Anita Archambault, Roger Paradis, John Corfield, Arlene Collee, Gus Bagarozza, Betty & Joe Power, Jarod Hickey, Carole Ann Ogilvie, Carol DeVilliers, Kelly Power, Marney Broderick, Sister Prem, Gregory Roulston, Cameron Boyes, Pasquale Abrunzo, Alice Dalton, John Nicks, Wilf Manuel, Victor Sincich, Nancy Praakel, Bernadette Moore, Norma Zanus, Patricia Williams, Mark Pepple, Nancy Huber, Danielle Barranca, Fern Albert, Toni Brideau, Kelly Laslo, Edward Brzozowski Jr., Nikki Mansfield, Lester Snow, Nicolina Compare, Dr. Andy Fisher, Alvin Learn, James Moody Sr., Carmella Modenti, Rose MacDonald, Elizabeth Stachura, Charlene Shannon, Anna Hunt, John Kealey, Margaret Smith, Anna Vergalito, Helen Lelievre, Nancy Weiss, Denise Colalillo, Leo Martin, Nancy Jean Rose, Samuel Potapczyk, William JA De Foe, Bernard Martin, Brian Smith, Joyce Weaver, Michelle Price, Mary Lawrence, Emily Hanover, Drago Bicanic, Jeanne S, John Cox, Margaret Waghorn, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffrati, Rebecca Evans, Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Maria Melchiorre, Conner Hawkswell, Lorraine Spence, Jeannette Fabian, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Iole Mancini, Vito Fuccillo, Donna Cormier, Jeanne Lea, Maria Rosiana, Tom Hilton, Frank Sica, Evelyn Rose Baker, Jill Leronowich, Audrey Vendramin, Patrick Kealey, Francesco Albanese, Florrie Heimbigner, Jozefa Bilski, Todd Reid, Marie Massolin, Stefanie Borin, Maria Guerin, Faith Amadio, Patricia O'Reilly, Patrick McCarthy, Walter Wallace, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Alessia Commisso, Kerrie Szuch, Donna Bradley, Helen Rotella, Mary Jo O'Kell, Cheryl D'Amizio, Jadwiga Wozniak, Mary Brennan, Shirley Machulla, Robert & JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Trina Washington, Pepper Martin Jr., Baby Nicholas, Baby Victoria

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

Baptism Schedule for 2019 & 2020

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday, Dec 15, Jan 26, Feb 23, Mar 29, Apr 26, May 24 & June 28.** A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, Dec 3, Jan 14, Feb 11, Mar 17, Apr 14, May 12 & June 16 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!

Collections

December 1: \$5,020.57

Cathedral Appeal (to date): \$16,245.00

Many thanks for your generosity!

Cathedral Appeal

After 6 months of the Cathedral Appeal, we have reached **100%** of our goal of \$16,000. Many thanks to all of you who have made a sacrifice. If you decided not to make a donation, please consider helping the Carmelite Missions.

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!**

I'll be Home for Christmas Concert featuring David Diston on Sunday, December 15 @2:00pm held at Stamford Lane United Church

Our Lady of the Scapular Church Presents 'Simbang Gabi'
Dec 16 - Dec 21 at 6:30am, Dec 22 8am, Dec 23 & 24 6:30am

From Advent to Christmas "A musical journey"

Thursday, December 19 at 7:00pm Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church,
21 Queen St. South, Thorold

Donations of non-perishable food or monetary donations on behalf of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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

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



Dear Friends:

Today we begin the 2nd Week of Advent. We hear from the Prophet Isaiah and the Prophet John the Baptist. Both had very strong and compelling visions of God's Kingdom. Isaiah's vision of peace and justice brought hope to a people in despair! And they waited, and hoped. John the Baptist invited people to prepare for the coming of the Messiah by acknowledging their sins and asking for forgiveness. He urged the people to bear fruit worthy of repentance.

So we prepare again for Jesus' Birth, and ultimately, for the Second Coming. Our Christian life is an Advent... **waiting** in **BLESSED HOPE**. But are we waiting in **blessed hope**... or are we anxious? Maybe we



can let John the Baptist speak to us. Is there something keeping me from God... from others? Do I need to repent of anything? Maybe it's my sin that's causing me anxiety? Maybe I don't feel worthy to stand before God. Maybe it's the things I fail to do that bothers me, the sins of

omission. If so, this is a great season to heed John the Baptist and avail ourselves of the grace-filled Sacrament of Reconciliation. Then we'll be ready and free, to greet the Lord when he comes! Then on Christmas morning this year... we will be able to celebrate the Birth of Jesus with a new joy... a "blessed joy"! Happy preparing!

We have a powerful opportunity this weekend to make God's Kingdom a reality for many people. We are making an appeal for our Carmelite Missions, especially for our ministries in Peru, Mexico and El Salvador, where our Province serves. The needs are great in our mission territories, and it is only through the generosity of parishes like St. Pat's, that make this outreach possible. We also assist Carmelites all over the world in their efforts to help the poor, feed the hungry, house the homeless, and educate the children. We also assist in the formation of seminarians, and Religious men and women in several countries! God bless you for your generosity to the Carmelites over the years!

Fr. Gerard

Savage Chickens

by Doug Savage



For Christmas this year, Fr. Gerard and St. Patrick community would like more Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers and Funeral Servers! Wrap yourself up to serve the Lord!

"Take time to be aware that in the very midst of our busy preparations for the celebration of Christ's birth in ancient Bethlehem, Christ is reborn in the Bethlehems of our homes and daily lives. Take time, slow down, be still, be awake to the Divine Mystery that looks so common and so ordinary yet is wondrously present." *Edward Hays*

Church Envelopes 2020

Offertory Envelopes are available in the sacristy, to the left of the altar, please pick yours up today. Many thanks.

Christmas Mass Schedule 2019

Christmas Eve- Tuesday, December 24th
4:00 PM -Children's Mass with Pageant (Church)
4:00 PM - Mass in Gymnasium
6:00 PM -Choir Mass (Caroling at 5:30 PM)
12:00 AM- Midnight Mass

Christmas Day- Wednesday, December 25th
8:00, 9:30, 11:30 AM (*No Evening Mass!!!*)

December 2019 Dates

Sun, December 15- Children's Christmas Gifts due
Wed, December 18 - 7:00 PM Advent Reconciliation Service
Sun, December 22 - 8:00 PM Christmas Decorating Evening

Christmas Children's Pageant

If you would like your child to be part of the Christmas Pageant this year, please give your name to the Parish Secretary before **December 13th**. Our first rehearsal and role assignment will be on **Saturday, December 14th at 7:00 PM!!!** If you sign your child up, you **MUST** be at the rehearsal. The format will be a little different this year.

Christmas Gift Campaign



Once again we will help to spread our Christmas love and joy by providing gifts to some 145 of our local needy children. Gift tags are available at the main entrance of the Church this weekend. We ask that you return your gifts with the tag attached by **Sunday, December 15th**! School closes for Christmas Break on December 20th so we need to distribute them early that week. Please make this a family effort. Get the children involved. If you wish to make a monetary donation, please feel free. Also, Gift Cards for Tim Hortons, other eateries, movie theatres, Shoppers, Wal-Mart, supermarkets, would be wonderful! You can also sign up for candy and stocking stuffers!

Carmelite Mission Appeal This Weekend

Today we will have our annual **Carmelite Missions Appeal**. Envelopes are at the doors of the Church and also in your Envelope Boxes. So many people in our Carmelite Missions around the world, depend on our generosity year after year. This is a wonderful opportunity, once again, to spring the Gospel into action! *Lord, when did we see you hungry?* Did you know that Your gift of... **\$35** will buy rice for five families for one week. **\$50** will support a child in Torreon, Mexico's home for abandoned children, for one week. **\$75** will buy medical supplies for a health clinic. **\$500.00-\$1000.00** will help rebuild a burnt home. **Please be generous!!! We will be taking up a second collection immediately following the regular collection, at all Masses this weekend. God bless you!**

Perfume Allergies

We have some parishioners who are very sensitive to perfumes and colognes. When you are readying yourself for Mass, maybe consider just a little dab!

ARRIVING AT MASS LATE

If for whatever reason you arrive late for Mass, please wait at the door for an appropriate time to be seated. We should avoid coming up the aisle, or crossing in front of the sanctuary during the Proclamation of God's Word. Please wait for the singing of the Psalm or the singing of a hymn. Latecomers may also consider using the main entrance off Victoria Ave.



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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