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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.

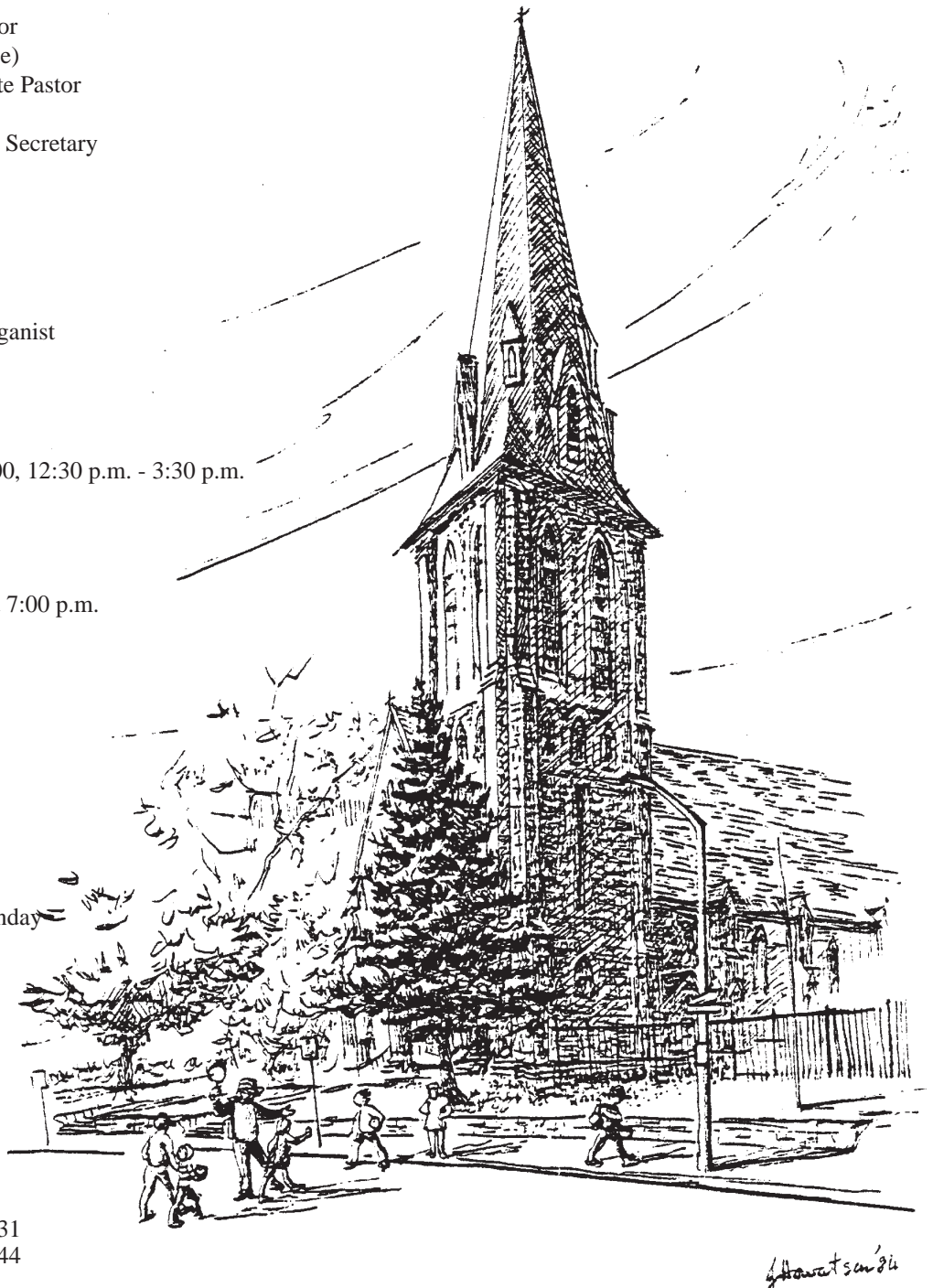
Schools

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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, February 15

8:00 Irene & Victor Smatana *req. by the Family*
Rina Rampado *req. by the Rampado Family*

Sunday, February 16

8:00 Lucy Janssen & Mike DeGuida *req. by William Janssen Jr. & Sr.*
For the Healing of John Corfield *req. by Dan Moody*

9:30 Ovidio & Madeleine Rosati *req. by the Grandchildren*
Emily & Lindo Marcheson *req. by Paul Di Paul*

11:30 Andrew & Domenic Rondinelli *req. by Dora & Jim Spencer*
Peter Mong *req. by the Nguyen Family*

7:00 People of the Parish

Monday, February 17 The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

8:00 Angela Genovese *req. by the Radice & Genovese Families*
In Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered

Tuesday, February 18

8:00 Dec'd Roy, Durette & Doucet Families *req. by Valerie Roy & Family*

Wednesday, February 19

8:00 Bruno Forte *req. by Anna Bortolin*

Thursday, February 20

8:00 Frances Campaner *req. by M/M Vincent Campaner & Family*

Friday, February 21 St Peter Damian

8:00 John Buckner *req. by Friends*
Fr. Tony *req. by Friends*

Saturday, February 22 Chair of St Peter

8:00 Kristina Potapczyk *req. by Teresa & Warren Lemoine*
Dec'd Shannon, Guitard & Legace Families *req. by Charlene*

Sunday, February 23

8:00 Lucia De Lucia *req. by Pasqualina De Mizio & Family*
Sam Fisher *req. by Friends*

9:30 Maria Gulla *req. by the Family*
Fred Girardo Sr. *req. by Casino Staff*

11:30 Salvatore 'Sam' Cundari *req. by his Wife: Teresa & Family*
Pauline Daly *req. by John & Marnie Broderick*

7:00 People of the Parish

Baptism Schedule for 2020

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday, Mar 29, Apr 26, May 24 & June 28.** A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, Mar 17, Apr 14, May 12 & June 16 at 7:00 pm.

A ST. PATRICK'S TRADITION



St. Patrick's Day Dance
Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 8:00pm
New volunteers needed especially for set up & clean up
If you are interested in helping
please call the Office at 905-354-7451

Third annual Trivia Night hosted by the CWL... This is an adult function for 19 yrs and over ... tickets are \$20 each or a table of 8 for \$135 ... NO ticket sales at the door!! Come out and support our charities on March 27th at 7:00pm, doors open at 6:30pm ... it's going to be a great night!! There will be food, snacks & cash bar. You can purchase your tickets through the office 905-354-7451 or by calling Maggie 905-246-6212



Congratulations and best wishes to those who were baptized in December & January
Isla Scudamore, Harrison Syzek, Dallas Carroll, Paxton Moore, Marko Antonio, Maverick Newport & Kennedy Orr

The Parish Office will be closed for Family Day on Monday, February 17, 2020

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



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

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Francis Patterson, Andy Scotnicki, John Corfield, Corinne Journeau, Arlene Collee, Betty & Joe Power, Jarod Hickey, Julian Cassidy, Carole Ann Ogilvie, Mary Frances Pye, Gus Bagarozza, Carol DeVilliers, Joe Young, Kelly Power, Marney Broderick, Sister Prem, Kerrie Szuch, Gregory Roulston, Cameron Boyes, Pasquale Abrunzo, Alice Dalton, John Nicks, John Calder, Wilf Manuel, Victor Sincich, Nancy Praakel, Bernadette Moore, Norma Zanus, Patricia Williams, Mark Pepple, Nancy Huber, Danielle Barrauca, Fern Albert, Kelly Laslo, Toni Brideau, Edward Brzozowski Jr., Nikki Mansfield, Lester Snow, Nicolina Compare, Dr. Andy Fisher, Alvin Learn, James Moody Sr., Carmella Modenti, Rose MacDonald, Anna Hunt, Nancy Jean Rose, Elizabeth Stachura, Charlene Shannon, John Kealey, Margaret Smith, Leo Martin, Anna Vergalito, Helen Lelievre, Nancy Weiss, Denise Colalillo, 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 Laffradi, Rebecca Evans, Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Evelyn Rose Baker, Lorraine Spence, Robert & JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Maria Melchiorre, Jeannette Fabian, Conner Hawkswell, George Teibert, Tom Hilton, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Vito Fuccillo, Donna Cormier, Jeanne Lea, Maria Rosiana, Frank Sica, Jill Leronowich, Patricia O'Reilly, Audrey Vendramin, Patrick Kealey, Cheryl Granton, Francesco Albanese, Walter Wallace, Florrie Heimbigner, Jozefa Bilski, Todd Reid, Mary Brennan, Marie Massolin, Jadwiga Wozniak, Faith Amadio, Julie Nicholson, Stefanie Borin, Maria Guerin, Patrick McCarthy, Francois Chayer, Alessia Commisso, Donna Bradley, Helen Rotella, Trina Washington, Mary Jo O'Kell, Cheryl D'Amnizio, Shirley Machulla, Baby George, Baby Nicholas, Baby Victoria, Eric Corcoran, Pepper Martin Jr.

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

Collections

February 9: \$5,233.50

Cathedral Appeal (to date): \$16,885.00

Many thanks for your generosity!

Children Sacramental Dates 2020

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

First Reconciliation: Wednesday, March 25, 2020@7:00PM new date

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.)

CWL News... The next meeting for the St. Patrick Church CWL will be held on Wednesday, March 4 at 6:30pm in the lower Hall. There will not be a meeting in February.

-CWL Annual Retreat: Held at Mt Carmel Spiritual Centre on March 4, 8:30 - 2:30pm or March 5, 5 - 8pm Cost \$40, includes lunch or dinner.

If you are interested in going please contact Maggie at 905-246-6212 before February 12th.

-Reminder: CWL Annual Membership dues are overdue, please submit to the Office or drop an envelope in the Offertory as soon as possible. Thank you to all who have already paid.

- Friday, March 27th, 7:00pm, our third annual Trivia Night, \$20 each -July 24 -26, 2020 Defending the Faith Conference, Steubenville, OH

Check out the Church bulletin boards for further information

Special Collections

Some have asked about dates for Special Collections in 2020.

Here they are:

Development and Peace	March 29
Holy Land/Refugee Ministry (Good Friday)	April 10
Pope's Pastoral Works	May 17
Education of Seminarians and Clergy	June 7
Canadian Missions Shared Collection	August 9
Needs of the Canadian Church	September 27
World Mission Day	October 18
Deo Gratias (Retired Priests)	November 15

*During Lent we will continue our much needed support for Ryan's Bowl.

*Our Carmelite Missions Appeal will be on the 2nd Sunday of Advent.



Dear Friends,



Happy Valentine's Day to all! Love should be at the heart of our everyday life, whether with our spouse, partner, children, parents, friends, and the stranger! This is also **Family Day** weekend! You will find some suggestions in the bulletin for how to celebrate Family Day!

Our Gospel for this Sunday continues Jesus' *Sermon on the Mount*. Matthew's Gospel was written primarily for Christians who had converted from Judaism. So they were well grounded in the scripture and traditions of the ancient Hebrews. There are five main talks by Jesus, modeled on the five books of the Torah. The first, being the *Sermon on the Mount*. Just as Moses went up Mount Sinai to bring the Ten Commandments, [God's Law] to the people, Jesus climbs the Mount of the Beatitudes to present the New Law to the people. He opens with, **"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill."**

He insists that the holiness of the people must surpass that of the scribes and the Pharisees. We know what the Pharisees were all about! Very external, holier than thou! Jesus says that our **external actions** must be a reflection of what we really are like. It is not enough for others to see us performing the actions of Christians; our whole attitude in life must be Christian, must be love.

Jesus looks at each Commandment... You heard that it was said... and he takes each one a step further! For example, murder. Jesus says it is wrong **even to have anger and hatred** in your heart. For murder comes from these internal motivations. Seek reconciliation and peace. These are Christ-like qualities. We must look at each Law and find meaning, look at the internal causes of our external actions. If we keep Christ in our hearts and souls, then we need never fear breaking his commandments of love. His Law is supposed be life-giving and freeing! May we find the strength and grace to follow his Law of Love, and rid ourselves of any interior motivations to sin! Have a blessed week.

Fr. Gerard

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



"How do you divide your love among four children?"
"I don't divide it. I multiply it."

This Monday, February 17th is **Family Day** in Ontario! It's named **Islander Day** in Prince Edward Island, **Louis Riel Day** in Manitoba, **Heritage Day** in Yukon, and **Family Day** in B.C., Ontario, Alberta and Saskatchewan. Maybe this Monday, we can take the sacred time to do some special activities with our families and our children. In fact, insist on it! Maybe a hike, a skating session, a walk in a park, tobogganing... make Hot Chocolate! Turn off our computers and TV's for a day and enjoy each other's company! Bring out the Board Games, rent a movie, clean your room, pray at the family table! Let's strengthen our bonds!!! May God bless our families and keep us close to his heart!

Happy Family Day!

PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY
(Pope Francis)

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love, to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division:
may all who have been hurt, find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer.

Quotes on Family from the Sacred and Secular

As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live. *Blessed John Paul II*

Let us make one point, that we meet each other with a smile, when it is difficult to smile. Smile at each other, make time for each other in your family.

St. Teresa of Calcutta

If you cannot get rid of the family skeleton, you may as well make it dance.
George Bernard Shaw

Show me a family of readers, and I will show you the people who move the world. *Napoleon Bonaparte*



Ash Wednesday- February 26th

Mass Schedule

8:00 AM; 12:00 Noon; 7:00 PM

Blessed Palms

If anyone has any Blessed Palms around the house, please place them into the basket at the main entrance of the church. We will be burning old Palms next week to prepare for Ash Wednesday!

Church Roof- Office Steps

After two wind storms, we had some emergency work done on the church roof in November and January. Provincial Roofing, provided by Catholic Mutual Canada [our Insurance Company], did an inspection two weeks ago, when the roof was clear from snow. The slates are in good shape, praise God. There's a few areas where the copper flashing has lifted, and the industrial caulking compromised. This will need to be addressed in the immediate future. There's also a little water damage above Station XI. We'll keep you posted.

Each winter the office steps take a beating. The limestone slabs rise and fall and become loose. Much like the steps at the side entrance of the church, which we replaced last year. We have been in touch with the same company (V & L Medici Concrete) and they will pour a solid step this spring, and tie it into the foundation! Again, we'll keep you posted.

Vincent's Store

If you're cleaning out your closets, Vincent's Store on Ferry Street is in need of men's clothing... pants, jeans, shirts, coats, etc.. You can drop them off there any day!



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

"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"

2020 Church Envelopes & 2019 Tax Receipts

Please make sure you pick up your Offertory Envelopes and Tax Receipts as soon as possible. They are at the main doors of the Church. Many thanks.

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