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## **Parish Staff**

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## **Music Ministry**

Carol Martin - Director of Music  
Sandra DiCienzo - Organist  
Tim Marrie - Pianist and Soloist  
Anthony Scaringi - Pianist and Organist  
Ashley Gallardi - 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, 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.

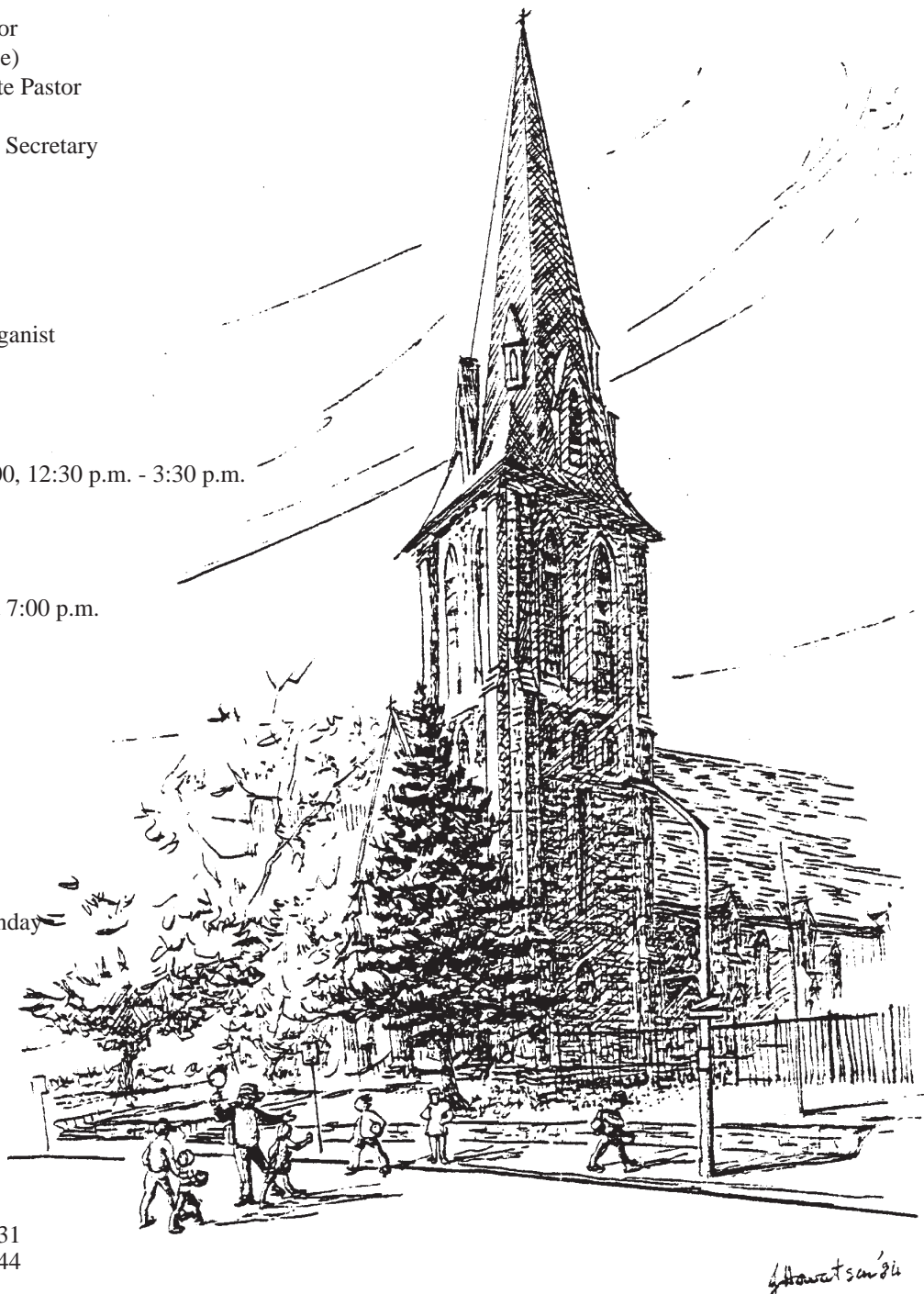
## **Schools**

St. Patrick School 905-354-6631  
St. Mary School 905-354-7744

## **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.**

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



### Saturday, February 22 Chair of St Peter

5:00 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

### Monday, February 24

8:00 Theo Lagace req. by the Catholic Womens League  
Josephine Catanese req. by the Catholic Womens League

### Tuesday, February 25

8:00 Pacifico Sacco req. by the Family  
Kirwan & Stubbs Families req. by Jean Yazaroglu

### Wednesday, February 26 Ash Wednesday

8:00 Maria Lam req. by the Nguyen Family  
12:00 Judy MacKenzie req. by Rose MacDonald & Family  
7:00 Antonia Morabito req. by the Family

### Thursday, February 27

8:00 Josephine & Gerard Power req. by Father Gerard

### Friday, February 28

8:00 Fr. Tony & Fr. Jordan req. by the Carmelites

### Saturday, February 29

5:00 Anita Archambault req. by Belle Liberty  
Theo Lagace req. by Marie Massolin

### Sunday, March 1 First Sunday of Lent

8:00 Vincezina Catone req. by Vince Catone  
Johnny MacLean req. by his Mom, Dad & Bro  
9:30 Leahey Family req. by Muriel Lafford  
Elisabetta & Vito Anello req. by the Family  
11:30 Carol Dugas req. by Peter & Starr Daly  
Lucy Jenssen, Mike DeGuida & Lucy DeMizio req. by A. Luciano & Family  
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 & July 26. A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, Mar 17, Apr 14, May 12, June 16 & July 14 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

### Attention: Help Needed

Our custodian, Adrian, will be off for a week or more beginning February 27th. In the event of snow, if anyone would like to help clear snow and spread salt on the weekday mornings before Mass, that would be much appreciated. Please let the office know 905-354-7451

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

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Rest in Peace... We pray for the soul of Peter Ross. May he rest in peace. Please remember his 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, Bashar Shaheen, Teresa Hebb, 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 Barranca, 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 Laffrati, 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 Comisso, Donna Bradley, Helen Rotella, Trina Washington, Mary Jo O'Kell, Cheryl D'Amizio, 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 16: \$5,287.00  
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,

This is the last Sunday before the Season of Lent begins! It is hard to believe that Ash Wednesday will be here this week. Time flies. This past week I hosted our first Deanery Meeting at St. Patrick Parish, as Dean. It went very well. Many thanks to Fr. Marc for leading the Prayer Service, and to the dedicated ladies for preparing the luncheon!

Today's Gospel is a continuation of Jesus' *Sermon on the Mount*! And his teachings get more challenging! Jesus tells the crowds.... You have heard that it was said... but I say... *Do not resist an evildoer; turn the other cheek; give your cloak as well; go a second mile; give to all who beg from you; do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you! Love your enemies, and pray for your persecutors!*

These are tough teachings. And sadly, many ignore them, and deem them unrealistic! Why? Because they go against the grain! These are Jesus' commands of love. His **New Law of LOVE**! These **LAWs** are to be part of our lives. Living these can separate us from the way of the world! It's called being counter-cultural, going against the grain, a radical love. God does not give us commands that are impossible to obey. He certainly gives us ones that are difficult, and challenging... but never ones that are impossible. They take work. And we must try our best every day, always remembering that life is lived, **one day at a time**.

G.K. Chesterton, once wrote: *Christianity has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and not tried*. A great week to re-read the Sermon on the Mount... and ask ourselves, **where am I falling short? Where am I excelling? Where can I improve?** We must continually scrutinize our actions to see if we are living up to the standards set by Jesus. He never said that following him would be easy. He did promise that he would be with us through it all! As we begin Lent, let's give God glory and praise by trying our best to live his radical ways! Many blessings!

Fr. Gerard



www.catholiccartoonblog.blogspot.com

"Do not waste time bothering whether you "love" your neighbour; act as if you did. As soon as we do this we find one of the great secrets. When you are behaving as if you loved someone you will presently come to love them." *C.S. Lewis*



Ash Wednesday- February 26th

Mass Schedule

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

**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!

### Weekday Mass Schedule for Lent

Monday-	8:00 AM
Tuesday-	8:00 AM
Wednesday-	8:00 AM & 7:00PM except March 25
Thursday-	8:00 AM
Friday-	8:00 AM

### Stations of the Cross

Friday 7:00 PM followed by *Benediction* and *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*



### Three Traditional Lenten Practices

*Prayer, fasting and almsgiving* are three traditional spiritual exercises to consider during Lent. Properly approached and utilized, they will indeed facilitate a change of heart and conversion in our lives. As one writer says, **"prayer, fasting and almsgiving are not the point of Lent, they are the tools of Lent."** They are like three legs of a tripod. *Prayer* nourishes our spirits; *Fasting* disciplines our bodies and puts us in solidarity with those who suffer from hunger; and *almsgiving* enlarges our hearts as we commit ourselves to the good of others.



### **Ryan's Bowl Food Program - The Giving Bowl** **"A Lenten Sacrifice" for St. Pat's!**

This Lent we will have a special container at the front and back of the church. All donations will assist a food program which the late Mr. Ken Walsh helped initiate in Eastern Uganda in 2007. Each day **Ryan's Bowl** feeds some 1100 children at local Schools. This is the only hot meal these children get each day! There are new elements to the Program beginning this year, medical help, clothing, etc. **Ms Isabel Bujor**, the new director, who is currently visiting Eastern Uganda, will be speaking to our parish community on the weekend of March 15th! Please place your donations into these containers during Lent! If you wish to donate by cheque, please make payable to **Ryan's Bowl Food Program**. The name of this Program is officially changing to **"The Giving Bowl"**. So either title on the cheque is fine for this year. Thanks to the children of St. Patrick School for coming up with the new name. *Lord, when did we see you hungry or naked or ill?*

### 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.

### **Friends of Carmel 2020 Fundraiser... Trivia Day...**

**Sunday, March 22, 2020**

Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, Doors open @ 12pm, Food buffet @12:30, Trivia starts @ 1:30pm \$20 each, includes Food, Tickets available at Mt Carmel Monastery Store or by calling Anna @ 905-358-3412 or rracine37@cogeco.ca

**St. Catharines Right to Life Dinner:** Saturday, February 29, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m. at Holiday Inn Parkway Conference Centre, 327 Ontario St., St. Catharines. Guest Speaker: Amy Ford of *Embrace Grace*. Join us for dinner, fellowship and an excellent speaker who will inform, inspire and encourage us. To reserve tickets (\$50, \$25 for students), call 684-7505 or email: [info@chooselife.ca](mailto:info@chooselife.ca)

*You Can Help your Marriage...Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on March 13, 2020 at Mt Carmel, please call 905-664-5212 or visit [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org)*



Please continue to bring food items to Mass for Project Share! Every item helps! **"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"**

**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!**

*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*



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