

# Saint Patrick's Church

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## Parish Staff

Rev. Gerard Power, O.Carm., Pastor  
(Director in Canada, Society of the Little Flower)  
Rev. Mr. David Scott, Deacon  
Debbie Herman, Secretary  
Alice Corfield, Bookkeeper Secretary  
Brian Kneller, Caretaker

## Music Ministry

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

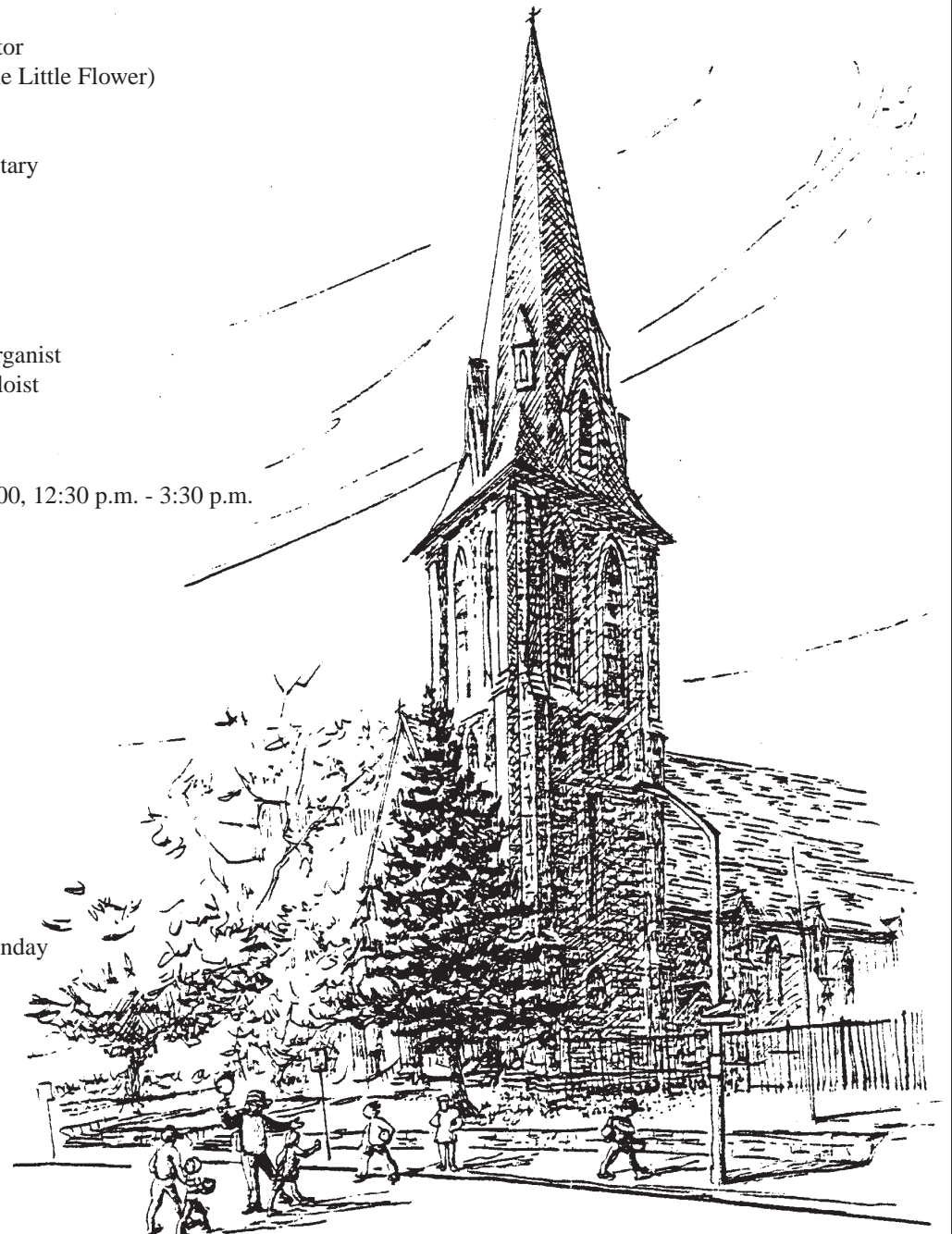
## Schools

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.**



## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



### Saturday, February 24

5:00 Thresiamma Joseph req by Son: Soji Joseph  
Valentina Merigliano req by James Faiella

### Sunday, February 25 Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 People of the Parish  
9:30 Pacifico Sacco req by the Family  
Marian & Janina Brzozowski & Family req by Nancy Brzozowski  
11:30 Domenic Rondinelli req by Jim & Dora  
Dec'd of the Family Lot req by the Pozzebon Family

### Monday, February 26

8:00 Winifred Layman Garibay req by Vincent's Store  
Deceased Carmelites

### Tuesday, February 27 St Gregory of Narek

8:00 Intentions of the Little Flower Society  
World Peace

### Wednesday, February 28

8:00 Mildred Sachin req by Ethel O'Brien  
Marie & Jack Cadman req by the Family

### Thursday, February 29

8:00 Margarite Seeley req by the Gallardi Family  
Intentions of the Little Flower Society

### Friday, March 1 World Day of Prayer

8:00 Johnny MacLean req by Dad, Mom & Jacob  
Alex and Mae MacLean req by the Family

### Saturday, March 2

5:00 Alice Jones req by Pat Morrissey  
Fr. Bruce & Fr. Tony req by Fr. Gerard

### Sunday, March 3 Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 People of the Parish  
9:30 Frank Bomicino req by his Niece: Clara Fisher  
Dec'd mem. of the O'Leary & Besaw Families req by the Families  
11:30 Michael & Corinne Scollard req by Mike & Family  
Dec'd mem. of the Family Pozzebon req by the Pozzebon Family

### 2024 Church Envelopes & 2023 Tax Receipts

Please make sure you pick up your Offertory Envelopes & Tax Receipts as soon as possible. Call the Office (905-354-7451) to arrange for pick up during the week. If you are here at Mass on the weekends, they are on the Radiators at the back of the Church. Many thanks.

**TRIVIA NIGHT...** Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, in the Hall. Doors open at 6pm, Trivia starts at 6:30pm. \$20 a person, includes Pizza. Maximum 8 people per table. To purchase tickets and/or table, please call the Church Office at 905-354-7451 or text /call Maggie at 905-246-6212. 50/50 draw, beer, wine, pop & water for sale. Deadline for tickets is April 14, 2024

**Housekeeper...** St. Patrick Parish is looking to hire a housekeeper for 6-8 hours a week. Duties include laundry and cleaning. If interested, please call the parish office or drop off a resume. [If and when the new assistant priest arrives, we will be looking for a cook for 4 evenings a week.]

**DID YOU KNOW?** For those of you who have Celiac Disease or are allergic to wheat products, our parish has special approved **Gluten-Free hosts** available. The onus is on you to let the presiding priest know before each Mass. He will ensure that he has it in his ciborium for you.



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We have a few parishioners who struggle with perfume allergies! Please keep this in mind as you prepare yourself for Sunday Mass. Just a little dab'll do!

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

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of George Hofmann and Carmela Marrara. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families 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, Charlene Shannon, Jim Crowley, Toni Brideau, Lindsey Luby, 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, Flori Heimbigner, Rita Ross, Isabell Frost, Anna Hunt, Leroy Collee, Leon French, Tony Cuvillo, 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, 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,  
*Please help us update our list of those who are homebound, infirm, or hospitalized by calling the parish office.*

### Collections

February 18: \$5,864.00  
Giving Bowl (to date) \$2,160.00  
Many thanks for your generosity!

### Children Sacramental Dates 2024

**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.)

### Baptism Schedule for 2024

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on:  
**Sunday February 25 (Infants ONLY), April 21.**  
A **mandatory** meeting for **Parents and Godparents** will be held in the Church on **Tuesday, February 20 & April 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!*



Please take time to look at the back of our Parish Bulletin! These local advertisers pay for the printing/publishing of our bulletin. Let's do everything we can to **patronize them**, and let them know that you saw their AD here! If there's other family businesses within the parish that would like to advertise, call the company listed on the back of the Bulletin!

### Weekday Mass Schedule for Lent

Monday- Friday: 8:00 AM

### Stations of the Cross

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





Dear Friends:

On this 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent our Gospel takes us to the *Mount of Transfiguration*. This is a very high mountain, with a long winding road. Only small vehicles can drive up there. The view is spectacular, although the drive up and down is certainly not for the faint of heart! After five trips up and down that mountain, it never got any easier. I actually closed my eyes a few times. On the top is a spectacular view and beautiful church, with two side chapels, called *Moses Chapel* and *Elijah Chapel*.



Jesus takes Peter, James and John up that mountain. A **WOW** experience. I think Jesus wanted these three Apostles to have a foretaste of Easter. He wanted to give them hope for the coming weeks. Moses and Elijah appear... and Jesus is **Transfigured**, changed before them! Became dazzling white! Then we hear a voice from the cloud, "This is my Son, the Beloved, listen to him!" Pope Francis said, "Listen to Jesus and

follow him. That's the message of the Transfiguration!"

How are we doing with our Lenten observances so far? Our promises to ourselves, our promises to God? Is our fasting, abstaining, increase in prayer or almsgiving, going as planned? If not, maybe today, with an Easter experience like this, we can get ourselves back on track. Our Risen Christ is there with us, urging us on, giving us the power and courage to change.

This Gospel can also serve as a call for us to find our own private mountain-top, an *out of the way* place to spend quiet time with Jesus. We can do that by setting aside a few minutes each day to go to our own transfiguration places... to read and meditate on the scriptures. Maybe come to the **Stations of the Cross** and **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** on Friday nights. Maybe increase our frequency in celebrating the transfiguration of the Eucharist at Holy Mass. Wherever we choose to find silence... and alone-time with God, may we be open to a "Wow" experience! And always remain open to conversion and change! Good things happen when we least expect it. Have a blessed week!

Fr. Gerard



**Diocesan Day of Penance**

On Saturday, March 16, 2024, in every parish church across the diocese, a priest will be available from 10:00am – 2:00pm to hear individual confessions. No matter how long it has been, you are welcome to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, which assists us in spiritual discipline as we turn away from sin and open our hearts to reconciliation and healing; or you can also simply come to pray before the Lord.

**Thoughts for Lent**

...No act of virtue can be great if it is not followed by advantage for others. So, no matter how much time you spend fasting, no matter how much you sleep on a hard floor and eat ashes and sigh continually, if you do no good to others, you do nothing great." – *St. John Chrysostom*

...Lent comes providentially to awaken us, to shake us from our lethargy." - *Pope Francis*

... O Lord, make this Lenten season different from the other ones. Let me find you again. Amen. - *Henri Nouwen*

**The Giving Bowl**

**"A Lenten Sacrifice" for St. Pat's!**

Once again this Lent, we will have a special container at the front and back of the church. All donations will assist *The Giving Bowl*, which feeds up to 1100 children at local Catholic Schools in Eastern Uganda. This is the only hot meal these children get each day. They also assist with medical issues, uniforms and tuition. Please place your donations into these containers during Lent! This is a Registered Charity under the CRA, and they issue their own receipts for Income Tax Purposes. Approximately 80% of their funds go directly to the Food Program. The other 20% is used for school fees for the most desperate, a school uniform to replace the most tattered, also notebooks and pencils, medical supplies, and in dire cases, to purchase a goat for very needy families. **If you use the parish offertory envelopes**, you must make the cheque payable to *St. Patrick Parish*. We issue a cheque to *The Giving Bowl* at the end of each month.

**CHURCH ENVELOPES- From our Accountant**

Once again we wish to remind our Envelope users, that if you use the *St. Vincent de Paul* or *The Giving Bowl* Church envelopes, found in your boxes, **please make cheques payable to St. Patrick Parish**. The parish issues a cheque to each organization at the end of every month, and also issues a parish tax receipt. If you wish to make a donation directly to the organization, **then please use an envelope other than the Official Church Envelopes**. The parish cannot issue a receipt for a cheque made payable to another entity or organization! Thanks for your cooperation!

**Lent Humour**

- ... What does the Pope eat during Lent? Holy mackerel!
- ... What do you call a group of Lent observers who are always hungry? The fasting and the furious.
- ... What do you call a Lenten pizza? No-meat-za.

**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](mailto:tribunal@saintcd.com)

**Little Flower Society Cards**

St. Patrick Parish Office has Mass Cards in stock 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 those 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 in several countries.



Project Share sends a HUGE thank you for our food donations! 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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