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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.

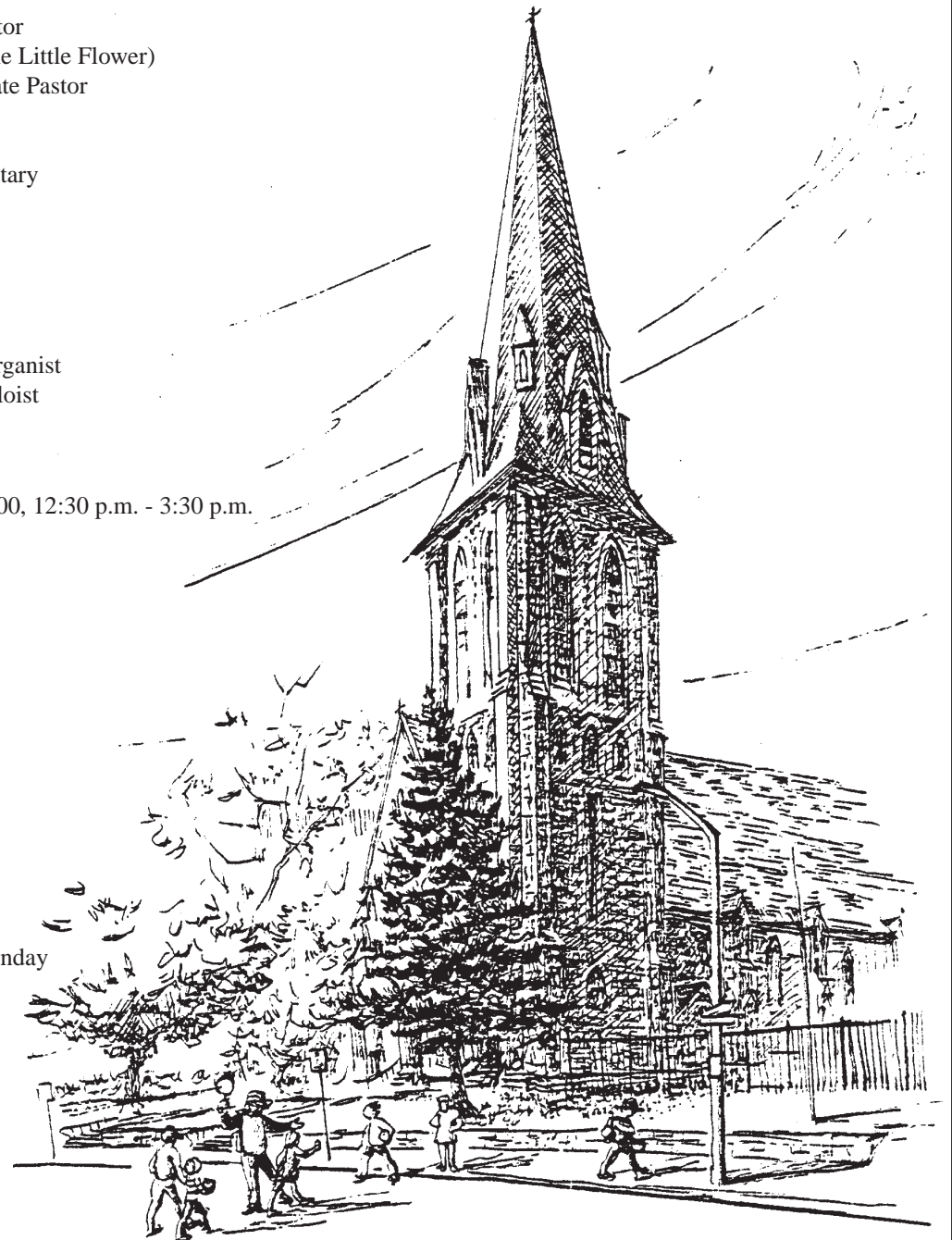
Schools

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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.



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Saturday, February 25

5:00 Tony Panetta *req. by the Panetta Families*
Leo Martin *req. by Eda Martin & Family*

Sunday, February 26 First Sunday of Lent

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Pacifico Sacco *req. by the Family*
Rene Plouffe *req. by the Herman Family*
11:30 Dennis Bowers *req. by Frances Stewart*
Erminia Di Giorno *req. by Rachel Marcon*

Monday, February 27

8:00 Gaetan Buteau *req. by Stu & Mary Lou Gallardi*
Fr. Bruce Taggart, O.Carm. *req. by the Carmelites*

Tuesday, February 28

8:00 Mildred Sachin *req. by Ethel O'Brien*
Fr. Tony McNamara, O.Carm. *req. by the Carmelites*

Wednesday, March 1

8:00 Johnny MacLean Jr. *req. by Dad, Mom & Jacob*
Vincenzina Catone *req. by Vince Catone*

Thursday, March 2

8:00 Marguerite Seeley *req. by Stu & Mary Lou Gallardi*
Ernesto Bagnulo *req. by Suzy Rampersad*

Friday, March 3 World Day of Prayer

8:00 Maureen Kealey *req. by Belle Liberty*
Fr. Bart Larkin, O.Carm. *req. by the Carmelites*

Saturday, March 4 St Casimir

5:00 Unborn Children *req. by Stefanie & Peter Maiuri*
Clementina Yolanda Manchego *req. by the Family*

Sunday, March 5 Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 Fr. Brian McCulloch *req. by Cliff & Teresa*
Giulia Canali *req. by John & Ann Condotta*
9:30 Francis Patterson *req. by Joe & Loreta Antonio*
Rene Plouffe *req. by Stu & Mary Lou Gallardi*
11:30 People of the Parish

CWL News... Please note that your *CWL dues of \$40* are now past due for the 2023 calendar year ... as soon as possible please place your money / cheque in an envelope and label it with your name and *CWL dues for 2023* and place it in the collection ... or drop it off at the office or contact Maggie Scott at mccott@bhncdsb.ca or 905-246-6212.
The next meeting will be held, Wednesday, March 8 at 6:30pm in the Hall.

2023 Church Envelopes & 2022 Tax Receipts

Please make sure you pick up your Offertory Envelopes & Tax Receipts as soon as possible. They are in the sacristy, to the left of the altar, if you are here at Mass on the weekends. Call the Office (905-354-7451) to arrange for pick up during the week. Many thanks.

Plastic Milk Bags

St. Pat's will be collecting plastic milk bags. These will be used to make 3' X 6' sleeping mats for the homeless. A church group in NOTL has many volunteers and several looms to do this project. A basket will be placed at the main entrance of the church for drop off. A sample of the mat is also on display.

Special Collections

Development and Peace	March 26
Holy Land/Refugee Ministry (Good Friday)	April 7



Project Share sends a big thank you for the weekly donations of food. If you are out and about shopping, and you see a sale, pick up canned meats, canned sauces, pasta, tuna, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese etc. Please continue to bring food items to Mass for Project Share! It is very much appreciated and needed. Every item helps!

"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"

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 Maureen Kealey. 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, Karyn McEvoy, Mary F Hanlon, Cole Farnham, Robert Power, Tony Laslo, Andrew Zacharuk, Patrick Macri, Alba Rondinelli, John Pritty, David Gallina, Nancy Waters, Leila Khan, Natalie Speth, Cecilia Shugg, Mary Hanlon, Jeanne S, John & Laura Giampa, Christine Pritty, Antoinette Vescio, Charlene Shannon, Sandra DeFoe, Missy Bilotta, Mary Lou Gallardi, Flori Heimbigner, Toni Brideau, Robert Morningstar, Leon French, Elaine Pampena, Tony Cuvillo, Rita Ross, Karen Watt, Ron O'Neill, Teresa Calzonetti Spiller, Justin Vaillancourt, Jim & Betty Calzonetti, Eric Van Noort, Marcellina Mativo, William JA DeFoe, Sr. Carol Forhan CPPS, Judy, D.D., Estelle Critelli, Bernadette Moore, Andrea Fisher, Sister Prem, Leroy Collee, Kelsey Liles, Julian Cassidy, Kelly Laslo, Mahmat, Joe Young, Angelina Greco, Maureen Tustin, Betty Crete, Jeannette Fabian, Teresa Hebb, Rose MacDonald, Edward Brzozowski, Lori Ann Pizzolato, Andy Scotnicki, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pat DiLorenzo Jr., Joe Power, Karen Bradley, Corinne Journeau, Tom Hilton, Carmine Astorino, Arlene Collee, Betty & Mary Ann Quigley, Nancy Weiss, Mark Pepple, Anna Hunt, Bob Marshall, Brian Smith, Gregory Roulston, Cameron Boyes, Danielle Barranca, Kerrie Szuch, John Nicks, Pasquale Abrunzo, Samuel Potapczyk, John Calder, Todd Reid, Anna Chayer, Patricia Williams, Victor Sincich, Nancy Praakel, Jeanne Lea, Norma Zanus, Nancy Huber, John Cox, Nikki Mansfield, Nicolina Compare, Denise Colalillo, Carmella Modenti, Donna Bradley, Elizabeth Stachura, Margaret Smith, Rebecca Evans, Michelle Price, Vito Fuccillo, Bernard Martin, Joyce Weaver, Drago Bicanic, Emmanuel & Aline Chayer, Margaret Waghorn, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Lorraine Spence, Patricia O'Reilly, Evelyn Rose Baker, Francesco Albanese, Gloria Smelko, Conner Hawkswell, Jackie, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Jozefa Bilski, Mary Jo O'Kell, Robert & Maria Melchiorre, Mary Brennan, Faith Amadio, Cheryl Granton, Alessia Comisso, Maria Guerin, Trina Washington, Isabell Frost, Jadwiga Wozniak, John O'Leary, Baby Victoria, Patrick Kealey, Walter Wallace, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Patrick McCarthy, Stefanie Borin, Pepper Martin Jr., Cheryl D'Amazio
Please help us update our list of those who are homebound, infirm, or hospitalized by calling the parish office.

Collections

February 19: \$5,457.89
Giving Bowl: \$3,464.40 (to date)
Many thanks for your generosity!

Children Sacramental Dates 2023

First Reconciliation: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 @ 7:00 PM
First Communion: Sunday, May 7, 2023 @ 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 2023

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on:
Sunday March 26 Infants Only, April 23, May 21 & June 25
A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on **Tuesday, March 14, April 11, May 9 & June 13 at 7:00 pm.**

Lenten Humour

A Catholic priest spied a parishioner enjoying some tasty smoked sausage on Friday during Lent ... a strict no-no in the church. The priest, being a pragmatic soul, told the man for his penance he was to bring a load of lumber to the church to help repair the roof. The man grumbled, but went off to do his penance. He arrived at the church on the next Friday and proceeded to dump a huge load of sawdust into the parking lot.
"What's this?" the priest asked. "I told you your penance was a load of lumber, not sawdust." The man replied coolly, "Well, if that sausage I ate was meat, then this sawdust is lumber." ☺

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Dear Friends,

We have embarked upon the 40-Day Season of Lent, a special season to clean our spiritual houses... to prepare for Easter, and ultimately to prepare to meet our Lord in our final Easter. Lent is sometimes called the 'springtime of the soul.' A time to be made new and fresh again.



In today's Gospel, Jesus is tempted by Satan in the wilderness. He fasted for 40 days. We can only imagine his human hunger for food. Satan knew he was vulnerable, and tempted him **three times!** In the first reading, we see how **Adam and Eve** gave in to temptation, but now we have Jesus, *the New Adam*, representing all humanity! He faced the same temptation as Adam and Eve: **to seek one's own glory, to have power, and not be subject to another authority.** All these temptations are rejected by Jesus, as he hurled scriptural grenades at Satan!

As we begin Lent, it doesn't hurt to ask, What are the temptations in my life? Where do I look for that quick fix? The three temptations by Satan, offered Jesus a **quick fix**, an easy way out, but Jesus resisted each one. A great week, and a great liturgical season to look seriously at our response to temptations. We all have them! Do I give in easily to the wrong foods, the wrong activities, alcohol, drugs, peer-pressure, greed, desires of the flesh? To whom or to what do I give control over my life... over my decisions? Maybe we can all learn from the Master... and ward off all the little and **BIG satans** out there that keep popping up! Lent is a time to face our temptations and deface them gracefully. May we have the courage, through Christ, to "keep the devil away from our door!" Have a blessed week and a grace-filled Lent!

Fr. Gerard



Weekday Mass Schedule for Lent

Monday- 8:00 AM
 Tuesday- 8:00 AM
 Wednesday- 8:00 AM
 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.*



The Catechism of the Catholic Church on Lent

"By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert." (CCC 540)

That is the purpose: To unite ourselves to Jesus as he goes into the desert. If we want to join him in the Resurrection, then we have to be willing to journey with him through Lent. All of it. And if we do it right, then it shouldn't end there. If our desire is to draw closer to the suffering heart of Christ, then that isn't something that ends on Easter Sunday. Living out our Lent with purpose means being formed in a way that will carry on long after these 40 days are over.

Quotes from the Saints on Lent

"Have patience with all things, but first of all with yourself."

St. Francis de Sales

"The Lord measures out perfection neither by the multitude nor the magnitude of our deeds, but by the manner in which we perform them."

St. John of the Cross

"God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy." *Pope Francis*

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.



The Giving Bowl

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

Once again this Lenten Season, 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 *The Giving Bowl* feeds some 1000 children at local Schools. This is the only hot meal these children get each day! There are other elements to the program, including medical help, clothing, etc. **Ms. Isabel Bujor**, the director, who recently returned from visiting Eastern Uganda, will be speaking to our parish community at some point during Lent. Please place your donations into these containers during Lent! If you wish to donate by cheque, please make cheque payable to **St. Patrick Parish** and write "*The Giving Bowl*" on the memo line. *Lord, when did we see you hungry or naked or ill?*

Turkey/Syria Donations

If you would like to make a donation to the Turkey and Syria relief, you can make a cheque payable to **St. Patrick Church**, indicating *Turkey/Syria* on the "memo line" of your cheque. Funds received will be used now and in the coming months for food, medical supplies, shelter, and other essentials to meet basic human needs. These funds will also serve to meet long term needs to help families go back to a more stable life.

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.. They are also in need of children's clothing of all ages and sizes.

With the influx of refugees, the demand is great. You can drop the clothing off at the store **Tuesday to Saturday** or at the side door of the rectory at any time.

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