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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 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
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.

EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, February 26

5:00 Laprise Family req. by the Family
Pat Fortier req. by Mirella & John Provenzano

Sunday, February 27

8:00 Peter Dinh req. by the Nguyen Family
Fred Girardo req. by Aileen & Bryce Adams

9:30 Pacifico Sacco req. by the Sacco Family
Maria Della Marca req. by Dora Giancola

11:30 People of the Parish

Monday, February 28

8:00 Fred Girardo req. by Richard & Judy Schrader
For the Healing of Gaetan Buteau req. by his Family

Tuesday, March 1

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

Wednesday, March 2 Ash Wednesday

8:00 Marguerite Seeley req. by Stu & Mary Lou Gallardi
Robert Bell req. by the Family

12:00 John Joseph Petko, Edith Mitchell & Thelma Tabora
req. by Rosie Dayrit-Mitchell

7:00pm Ricardo & Tonis Hernandez req. by the Family
Pacifico & Jenny Sacco req. by Friends

Thursday, March 3

8:00 Frank Bombicino req. by his Niece: Clara
Tracy Bungay req. by Family

Friday, March 4 St Casimir World Day of Prayer

8:00 Ronald & Edna Dobbin req. by Mary Power
Donald Sweeney req. by Fr. Gerard

Saturday, March 5

5:00 Fr. Brian McCulloch req. by Cliff & Teresa Sexton
For unborn Children req. by Stefanie & Peter Maiuri

Sunday, March 6 First Sunday of Lent

8:00 Giuseppina Cavaliere req. by Rocco Cavaliere
Tomas Le An req. by the Nguyen Family

9:30 People of the Parish

11:30 Virginia Ricci req. by Roseanne & Anthony & Family
Maria Della Marca req. by Michael & Regina De Mizio

2022 Church Envelopes & 2021 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. They are in the sacristy, to the left of the altar, if you are here at Mass on the weekends. Many thanks.

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 a program in which one of our parishioners, the late Mr. Ken Walsh, helped initiate in Eastern Uganda. Each day *The Giving Bowl* feeds upwards to 1200 children at local Catholic Schools. 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! If you wish to donate by cheque, please use a separate envelope and make cheque payable to *The Giving Bowl*.

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 write the cheque to *St. Patrick Parish*. Then we issue a cheque to *The Giving Bowl* at the end of each month.

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

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Mary Power, Charlene Shannon, Tony Gallo, Flori Heimbigner

Please pray for those who are ill

Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Tony Laslo, Patrick Macri, Sandra DeFoe, Nancy Waters, Christine Pritty, Natalie Speth, Missy Bilotta, Mary Lou Gallardi, Justin Vaillancourt, Betty Calzonetti, Marcellina Mativo, Rita Ross, Francis Patterson, Fern Albert, Estelle Critelli, Leon French, Joan Foell, Teresa Calzonetti Spiller, Dr. Andy Fisher, Ron O'Neill, Andrea Fisher, Kelsey Liles, Angelina Greco, Betty Crete, Leroy Collee, Eric Van Noort, Joe Young, Judy, Gaetan Buteau, Ralph Davey, Rose MacDonald, Kathryn Kneller, Maureen Tustin, Mahmat, Maureen Kealey, Lori Ann Pizzolato, Andy Scotnicki, Pat DiLorenzo Jr., Dennis Bowers, Bianca MacDonnell, Karen Bradley, Ron Winslow, Corinne Journeau, Carmine Astorino, Arlene Collee, Betty & Joe Power, Mary Ann Quigley, Teresa Hebb, Carole Ann Ogilvie, Mary Frances Pye, Nancy Weiss, Julian Cassidy, Marney Broderick, Sister Prem, Kerrie Szuch, John Nicks, Gregory Roulston, Cameron Boyes, Pasquale Abrunzo, John Calder, Victor Sincich, Nancy Praakel, Bernadette Moore, Norma Zanus, Patricia Williams, Mark Pepple, Nancy Huber, Danielle Barranca, Kelly Laslo, Toni Brideau, Jeanne Lea, John Cox, Nikki Mansfield, Edward Brzozowski Jr., Nicolina Compare, Nancy Jean Rose, Anna Vergalito, Charlene Shannon, Carmella Modenti, Anna Hunt, Elizabeth Stachura, Denise Colalillo, Brian Smith, Donna Bradley, Margaret Smith, Rebecca Evans, Samuel Potapczyk, Michelle Price, Mary Lawrence, William JA De Foe, Bernard Martin, Joyce Weaver, Margaret Waghorn, Drago Bicanic, Jeanne S, Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Evelyn Rose Baker, Lorraine Spence, Vito Fuccillo, Tom Hilton, Robert & JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Jeannette Fabian, Francesco Albanese, Maria Melchiorre, Jozefa Bilski, Todd Reid, Mary Brennan, Conner Hawkswell, Faith Amadio, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Maria Guerin, Patricia O'Reilly, Audrey Vendramin, Patrick Kealey, Cheryl Granton, Walter Wallace, Francois Chayer, Baby Victoria, Vital & Anna Chayer, Emmanuel & Aline Chayer, Jadwiga Wozniak, Julie Nicholson, Stefanie Borin, Patrick McCarthy, D.D., Alessia Commisso, Mary Jo O'Kell, Pepper Martin Jr., Trina Washington, Jackie, Cheryl D'Amazio, Bob Marshall

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

Collections

February 20: \$4,134.00

Many thanks for your generosity!

Children Sacramental Dates 2022

Confirmation: Saturday, April 30, 2022 @ 7:00pm

First Communion:

First Communion for this year's Grade 2's will be celebrated on

Sunday, May 15, 2022 at 1:30pm.

(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.)



Congratulations and best wishes to

Lilly Linda Ann Marie Cushman
who was recently baptized

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

If you feel called to serve as an **Altar Server, Funeral Server or Lector**, please call the parish office, 905-354-7451.



Dear Friends,

As I write this Bulletin letter on February 21st, it is a joy to realize that we will be slowly easing into some sense of normalcy. It has been a rough two years. As far as I know at this point, we will be back to full capacity in our churches beginning on March 1st. That means that as we begin the Holy Season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, we can have 100% capacity again. The ribbons can be removed from the pews. However, we will still have to wear masks until further notice. We have had sanitizer at our church entrances since 2003, and we will continue to do so. It is always wise, that if you are not feeling well, you should remain at home.

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, our choir will resume for those who feel comfortable. Hymn books and worship aids will be placed in the pews for use on March 6th. Also our ushers will be taking up the Sunday Collection at the regular time. We will be able to enter and exit at which ever door we wish. We still have to decide about the safety of bringing the gifts to the altar. And we will update you on when we can safely begin Children's Liturgy at the 9:30 AM Sunday Mass. Depending on church attendance, we will make a decision whether or not we need to continue with the 7:00 PM Sunday Mass.

We want to ease into things using caution, and we will continue to update you in our parish bulletin and also on our parish website. God bless,
Fr. Gerard

8th Sunday- February 27, 2022

Today's Gospel continues Jesus' "Sermon on the Plain". We have a series of three unrelated sayings of Jesus harvested into one place. The three sayings are: *the blind leading the blind*, *the speck/log in a neighbour's eye*, and a *good tree and its fruits*. Let's focus on the speck/log!!!! Imagine focusing on a speck in a neighbour's eye, while we have a log in our own! Jesus used the word "hypocrite" for these people. They are so unaware of their own shortcomings, yet so quick to decry others. These people are negative and hostile, always looking to criticize and find fault. The appealing thing about doing this is that **it takes the focus from our own deficiencies**, making ourselves feel self-righteous. What's the alternative? Instead of criticizing others, why not care for them? Listen to them. Look at our own faults instead of others. When we are aware of our own weaknesses and strive to overcome them, then we are slow to judge and swift to give the benefit of the doubt. So if we cannot say something good about another person, then it is better to remain silent. As the Season of Lent approaches, this is certainly a great area for all of us to work on!



"He's a bit of a perfectionist..."

First Communion This Sunday
Congratulations and best wishes to our Grade 3 students who will finally be celebrating their First Communion this Sunday. May God bless them on their journey.



Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule
8:00 AM
12:00 Noon
7:00 PM (Adult Choir)

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*



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.



Food Month

Let's make February **FOOD MONTH!** We are all invited to bring Macaroni and Cheese; canned pasta, canned soups, canned meats or tomato sauce to Mass on the weekends. Let's make a difference in the lives of the hungry!

Parish Office

Our Parish Office will be open to visitors starting on March 1st. For the time being, phones will be answered and all business will be conducted at the door. If you require a Mass Card, Little Flower Card, or Baptism Certificate, please call ahead and we will gladly have it ready for you. Sadly, due to recent thefts from our mailboxes, please do not leave anything in any of our parish mail boxes after hours. At the front door of the house, if you open the screen door, there is a drop box there. We are trying to find a suitable one to have installed at the parish office.

**SYNOD 2021-2023, Journeying Together
Prayer for the Synod**

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

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