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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.

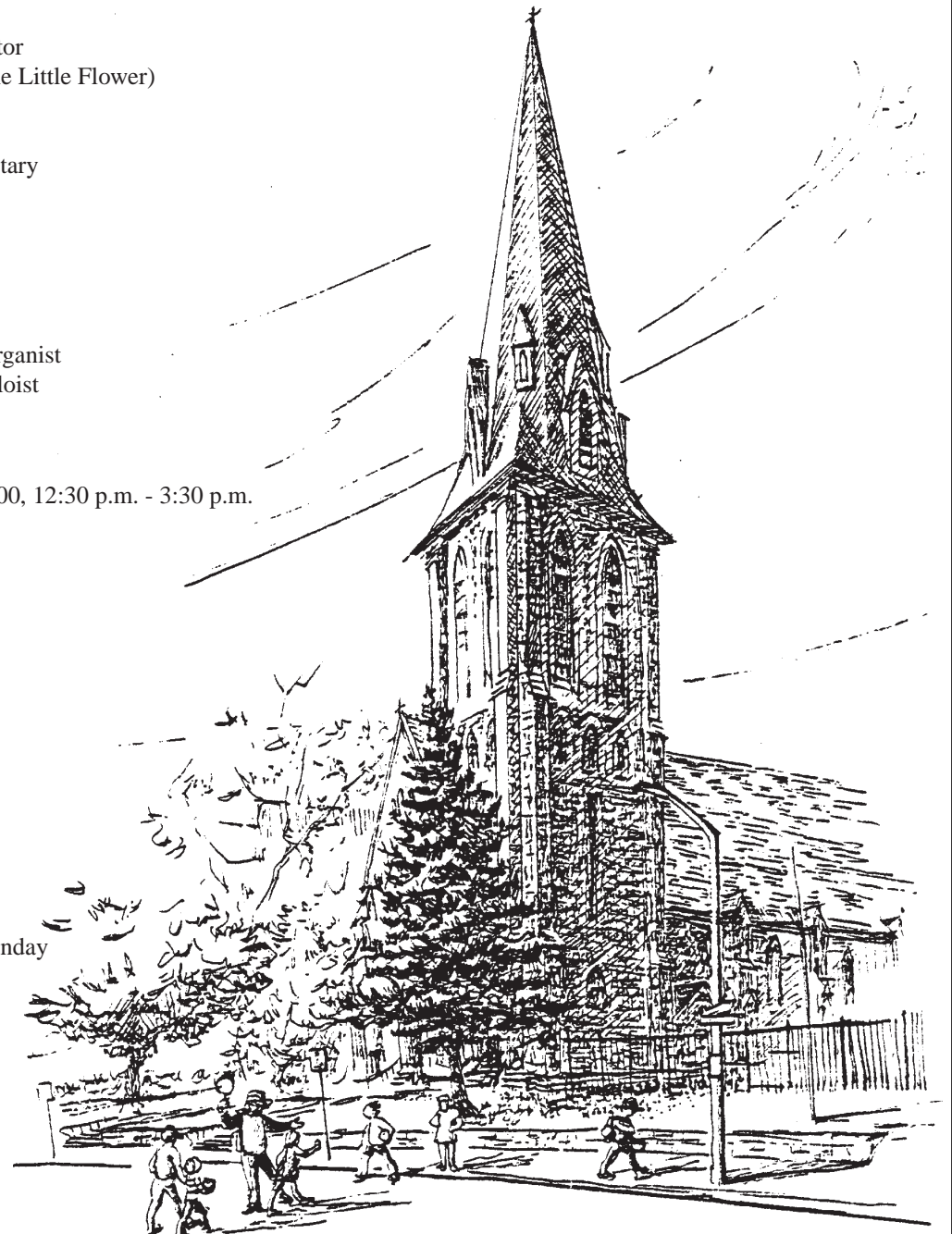
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St. Patrick School 905-354-6631
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Diocese of St. Catharines (est. 1958)
Most Rev. Gerard Bergie, D.D., Bishop

Parish Established 1858
Church Dedicated 1895

New Parishioners are asked to complete a parish registration form.



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, February 3 St Blaise & St Ansgar

5:00 Nina Audibert *req by Fred & Betty*
Jack & Mary Dunphy *req by Family*

Sunday, February 4

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Carole Finella *req by her Hsb: Joe Finella*
Marilyn & Leo Quinn *req by the Family*
11:30 Mark Stewart *req by Mom & Dad*
Fermina Lot *req by the Pozzebon Family*

Monday, February 5 St Agatha

8:00 Ruth McQuade *req by the Family*
Edith Vigh *req by the Family*

Tuesday, February 6 St Paul Miki & Companions

8:00 Deacon Pat O'Brien *req by the Family*
Fr. Tony McNamara *req by the Carmelites*

Wednesday, February 7

8:00 Joseph Soriano *req by his Friends*
Gus Bagarozza *req by his Family*

Thursday, February 8 St Jerome Emiliani & St Josephine Bakhita

8:00 Francesco D'Angelo *req by Lucia D'Angelo & Family*
Mercedes Bonaguro *req by the Family*

Friday, February 9

8:00 Nancy DiPaolo *req by Rosemary Panetta*
Ronald Cormier *req by Leonard Horth*

Saturday, February 10 St Scholastica

5:00 Anne & Mark Thomas *req by John & Helen Olsiak*
Gus & Zorka Wach *req by Friends*

Sunday, February 11 World Day of the Sick

8:00 Mary & William Fassett *req by Aileen & Bryce*
Concetta Canal *req by Angelo & Annina Pizzi*
9:30 Ovidio & Madeline Rosati *req by the Grandchildren*
Fred Girardo Jr. *req by the Girardo Family*
11:30 People of the Parish

CWL News... *The next CWL meeting will be held on, Wednesday, February 7th at 6:30pm in the Hall.*

TRIVIA NIGHT...Saturday, April 20th, 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

Health Alert

Please remember, we are in Flu Season, and there's also an increase in upper respiratory illnesses. If you are feeling ill, it is best to stay home. It is always safest to sneeze or cough into your arm (not your hand), or use a tissue. We ask that you use the hand sanitizer at the doors of the church. Let's do our part to keep everyone safe and healthy.

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.



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!

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Cecilia Shugg, Alice Jones, Marley Bauer, Joe Soriano, Haley Keating and Fr. Gerald Cormier. 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 Cuvieello, 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 Barrauca, 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

January 28: \$5,985.57
Many thanks for your generosity!

Children Sacramental Dates 2024

Confirmation: Saturday, February 10, 2024 @ 5:00 PM
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!*



Congratulations and best wishes to
Eleanor Furlong, Shayden Groulx & Gia Reid
who were recently baptized

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.

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



Dear Friends:

February is here! The word, *February* comes from the Latin, *februum-februa*, which means *to purify, to cleanse, to atone*. So I guess we all have our work cut out for us this month! [Remember, Ash Wednesday is on February 14th this year, the day we embark upon the Season of Lent!]

Next Saturday, February 10th, at the 5:00 PM Mass, we will welcome Bishop Bergie to our parish for the celebration of the *Sacrament of Confirmation* for 28 young adults. This is a joyful time for our parish and for the Church. We keep our candidates in prayer. God be with our young adults.

For several Sundays, we have Gospels from Mark about Jesus' healings. Last Sunday, we heard about Jesus driving an evil spirit from a man in the synagogue at Capernaum. One place we always visit on our pilgrimages to the Holy Land is *Capernaum*. It's an amazing city. And more amazing to stand among the remnants of the synagogue. This Sunday we hear, that after Jesus left the synagogue, he went to Peter's mother in law's house. [The remnants of this house are still there. It has been unearthed by archeologists.] She is in bed with a fever. Jesus **takes her hand** and heals her. Next Sunday, Jesus will heal a man with leprosy.

We all love miracles and healings. One of the most sacred things we do as Christians is **pray for those who are sick**. We bring individual intentions before God every day at St. Patrick's. It is such an important part of our faith. What struck me most about today's Gospel is that Jesus broke all first century Jewish taboos by taking this woman **by the hand**. Men did not touch women in those days! But Jesus would go on to touch many people. That's our God of love. And also quite striking, is that when she was healed, she **immediately got up**, and as a way of thanking Jesus, she **began to serve**. Could she not have rested after her illness? She may have been embarrassed and ashamed by not being able to greet her guests and take care of them. Jesus not only restored her health but he also restored her dignity. I have this picture in my mind of a little old lady, being made well, and then happily traipsing around in her housecoat, with rollers in her hair, making coffee and sandwiches for Jesus and the guests!

This Gospel tells me that one of the expectations for those who have been saved, (**baptized into Christ**) is **service to others!** A great week to reflect on how we serve others, especially the sick. We can never underestimate what prayer and presence can do for someone who is ill! Or for someone who is in need. Have a selfless-serving week. Blessings, Fr. Gerard



Confirmation Reception- Help Needed

Following our Confirmation celebration next Saturday, members of our CWL will be helping us organize a small reception in the parish hall. We are asking for some donations of home baked goods (cookies, cakes, brownies, squares, muffins, etc). If you can help us with some goodies, please let the parish office know by Thursday at the latest. We will give you instructions as to when and where to drop off! Thanking you in advance!

Prayer for Confirmation Candidates

Loving God,
 You send out your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people. Look kindly on our candidates for Confirmation as they seek to hear your voice.
 Send your Spirit to enlighten, guide, strengthen, console, and open their hearts as they continue to seek a closer relationship with you. Help them to know the deep and abiding love you have for each of them and fill them with the joy of your presence.
 Make all of us an instrument of your love, Teach us to reverence what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand. Deepen our faith and help us to pass it on by our example. We pray that you continue to guide and sustain us, and teach us the Way of Love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

World Day of the Sick and Our Lady of Lourdes

Sunday, February 11th is World Day of the Sick. Pope St. John Paul II initiated this day in 1992 to encourage people to pray for those who suffer from illness and for their caregivers. The Holy Father himself had been diagnosed with Parkinson's a year before, and it is considered that his own illness was impetus for his designation of the day. *World Day of the Sick* was first observed on February 11, 1993. This is also the *Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes*, which is another title given to the Blessed Virgin Mary in honour of the apparitions that took place in and around Lourdes, France, by a young girl named Bernadette Soubirous in 1858. This feast honours the mystery and beauty of the Immaculate Conception.

Student Employment

St. Patrick Parish is looking to hire a student to work on Saturdays from 10 AM to 4 PM. Duties will include clearing snow from sidewalks, and also sweeping and mopping in hall, gym and church. If interested, please call the parish office. This could lead into a summer job!

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.]

What did God do to cure Moses' headache?

Answer: He gave him two tablets.

What is a dentist's favorite hymn?

Answer: Crown him with many crowns.

Winter Quotes

... What's the point of complaining? We live in the north. Winter exists.
 ... Summer is for surrendering; winter is for wondering.
 ... One kind word can warm three winter months.

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!

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