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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, 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.

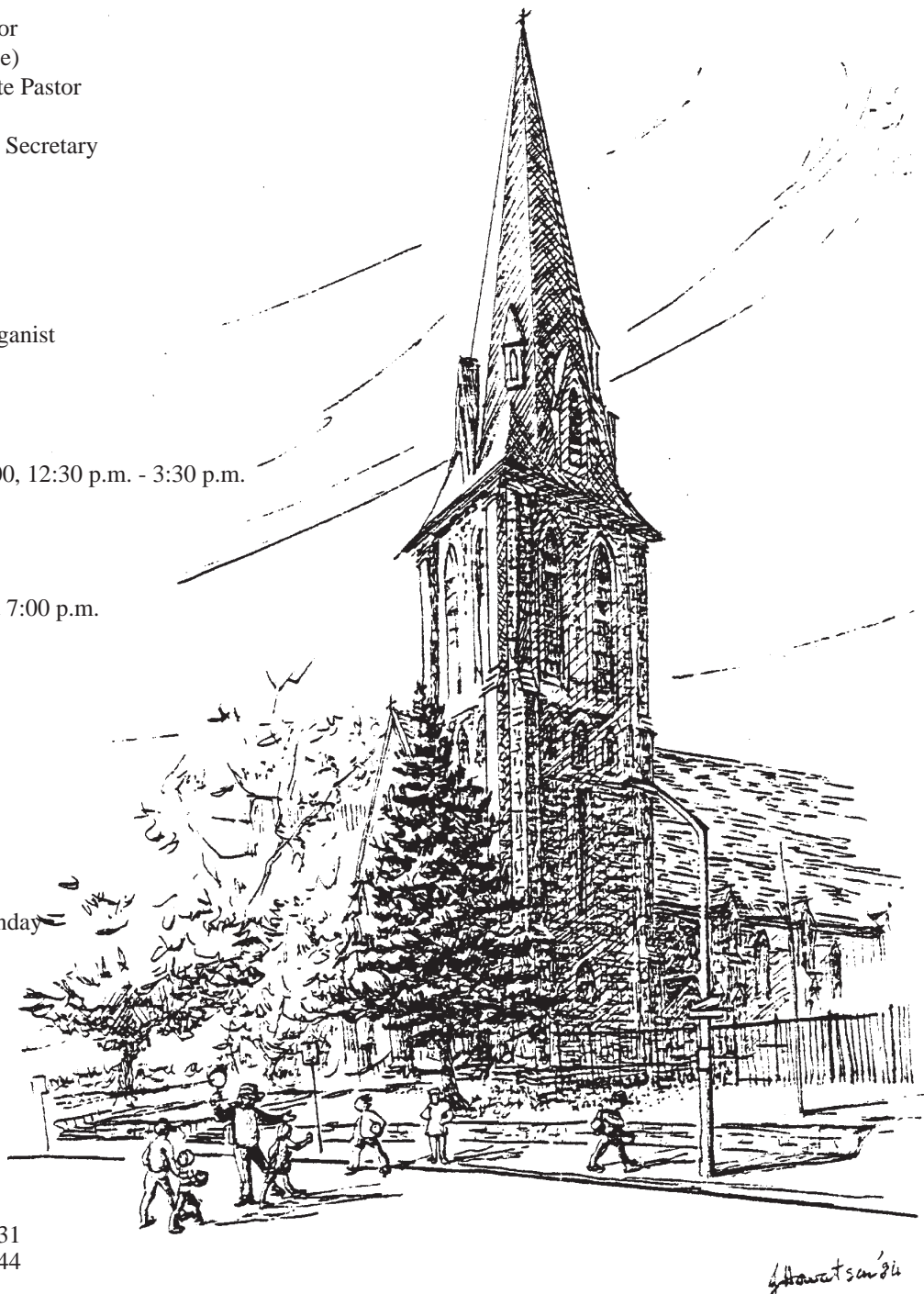
Schools

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, February 8 St Jerome Emiliani & St Josephine Bakhita

5:00 Adele Morabito req. by the Family
Lawrence & Lucy Kitney req. by Evelyn Kemp

Sunday, February 9

8:00 William & Mary Fassett req. by Aileen Lelievre-Adams & Bryce Adams
Nancy Di Paolo req. by John Di Paul

9:30 Francesco D'Angelo req. by Lucia D'Angelo
Dec'd mem of the Ellis Family req. by George Ellis

11:30 Dec'd mem of the Daly Family req. by Peter & Starr Daly
Sebastiano 'Sam' Radice req. by the Family

7:00 People of the Parish

Monday, February 10 St Scholastica

8:00 Theo Legace req. by Belle Liberty
Concetta & Pasquale Maulucci req. by Paul Di Paul

Tuesday, February 11 World Day of the Sick

8:00 The Betts req. by Stan & Penny Connors
Maria Lam req. by the Nguyen Family

9:30 St. Patrick & St. Mary's School Mass

Wednesday, February 12

8:00 Willie Albert req. by his Wife: Fern & Family
Cheryl Lans & David Lans req. by Friends

Thursday, February 13

8:00 Antonio 'Tony' Muraca req. by Sandy & Matteo Muraca
Anita & Roger Archambault req. by Parish Staff

Friday, February 14 St Cyril & St Methodius

8:00 Jason Vincent Bernard req. by Isabelle
Fr. Tony req. by Fr. Gerard & Fr. Marc

Saturday, February 15

5:00 Irene Smatana req. by the Family
Rina Rampado req. by the Rampado Family

Sunday, February 16

8:00 Lucy Janssen & Mike DeGuida req. by William Janssen Jr. & Sr.
For the Healing of John Corfield req. by Dan Moody

9:30 Ovidio & Madeleine Rosati req. by the Grandchildren
Emily & Lindo Marcheson req. by Paul Di Paul

11:30 Andrew & Domenic Rondinelli req. by Dora & Jim Spencer
Peter Mong req. by the Nguyen 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. A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, Mar 17, Apr 14, May 12 & June 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!

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

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

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

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



Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Anita Archambault, Benny Pietrangelo and Cheryl Lans. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families 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, 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 Zanuz, 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'Amazio, Shirley Machulla, Pepper Martin Jr., Baby Nicholas, Baby Victoria, Eric Corcoran

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

Collections

February 2: \$4,757.30

Cathedral Appeal (to date): \$16,835.00

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

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.

CONFIRMATION FORMS

 Our Confirmation Information and Registration Forms have been distributed to the Grade 8's from St. Mary and St. Patrick Schools. They must be returned by Friday, March 6, 2020. If you have a child in another school who wishes to be confirmed here at St. Patrick Parish, please arrange to pick up the Information Forms at the parish office as soon as possible.

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



Dear Friends,

Our first reading this Sunday from the Prophet Isaiah, is so provoking and dynamic! Here we are, reading it and listening to it, 2700 years after it was written! It's still very challenging, so clear-cut! We know what it calls us to do!

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry, and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. (Is.58:6-10)

Wow! And the Gospel today continues Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. He uses the images of **salt and light** to describe how we are to live. As salt purifies, preserves, and penetrates, we must be **salt** in the world! To make God's Kingdom a reality. Jesus also uses the image of light! He tells how our good works are not to be hidden, but are to be revelations of the Light of Christ. He used the image of a lamp to describe how we are to live in the light of his truth. In fact, our mission is to be **light-bearers of Christ** so that others may see the truth of the Gospel.

Imagine, with the power of God, **we can transform the world**. Like salt, our care for others can bring out the best in a world that is painful and puzzling; like the glow of a lamp, we can enlighten a world that is often buried in darkness. If every Christian had his/her light turned on, this would be a very different world! Let's bring Christ's salt and light into our week, and share it with everyone we meet this week. God bless!

Fr. Gerard

Salt and Light by Jonny Hawkins



"You can be into low sodium and energy saving and still be salt and light, Bidwell!"

"Fear not children who are afraid of the dark ... but grown adults who are afraid of the light."

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

Prayer for the Coronavirus

Our Father, we trustingly pray to you, asking that the Wuhan Coronavirus may do no more harm, that the epidemic may be swiftly brought under control, and that you restore the health of those affected and peace to the places where the virus has arrived.

Welcome into your kingdom
the people who have died from this illness,
and comfort their families.

Sustain and protect the healthcare personnel who are fighting it,
and inspire and bless those working to control it.

Lord Jesus, doctor of our bodies and souls,
we feel impotent
in the face of this international health emergency,
but we trust in You.

Give us peace and health.

Mother Mary, protect us and continue to take care of us,
and lead us through your love to your Son, Jesus. Amen.

(Prayer by Catholic Publication, Aleleia)

World Day of the Sick and Our Lady of Lourdes

Tuesday, February 11th is World Day of the Sick. Pope St. John Paul II initiated the 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 called Bernadette Soubirous in 1858. This feast honours the mystery and beauty of the Immaculate Conception

Church Roof- Office Steps

After two wind storms, we had some emergency work done on the church roof in November and January. Provincial Roofing, provided by Catholic Mutual Canada [our Insurance Company], did an inspection last week when the roof was clear from snow. The slates are in good shape, praise God. There's a few areas where the copper flashing has lifted, and the industrial caulking compromised. This will need to be addressed in the immediate future. There's also a little water damage above Station XI. We'll keep you posted.

Each winter the office steps take a beating. The limestone slabs rise and fall and become loose. Much like the steps at the side entrance of the church, which we replaced last year. We have been in touch with the same company (V & L Medici Concrete) and they will pour a solid step this spring, and tie it into the foundation! again, we'll keep you posted.

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!

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



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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