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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.

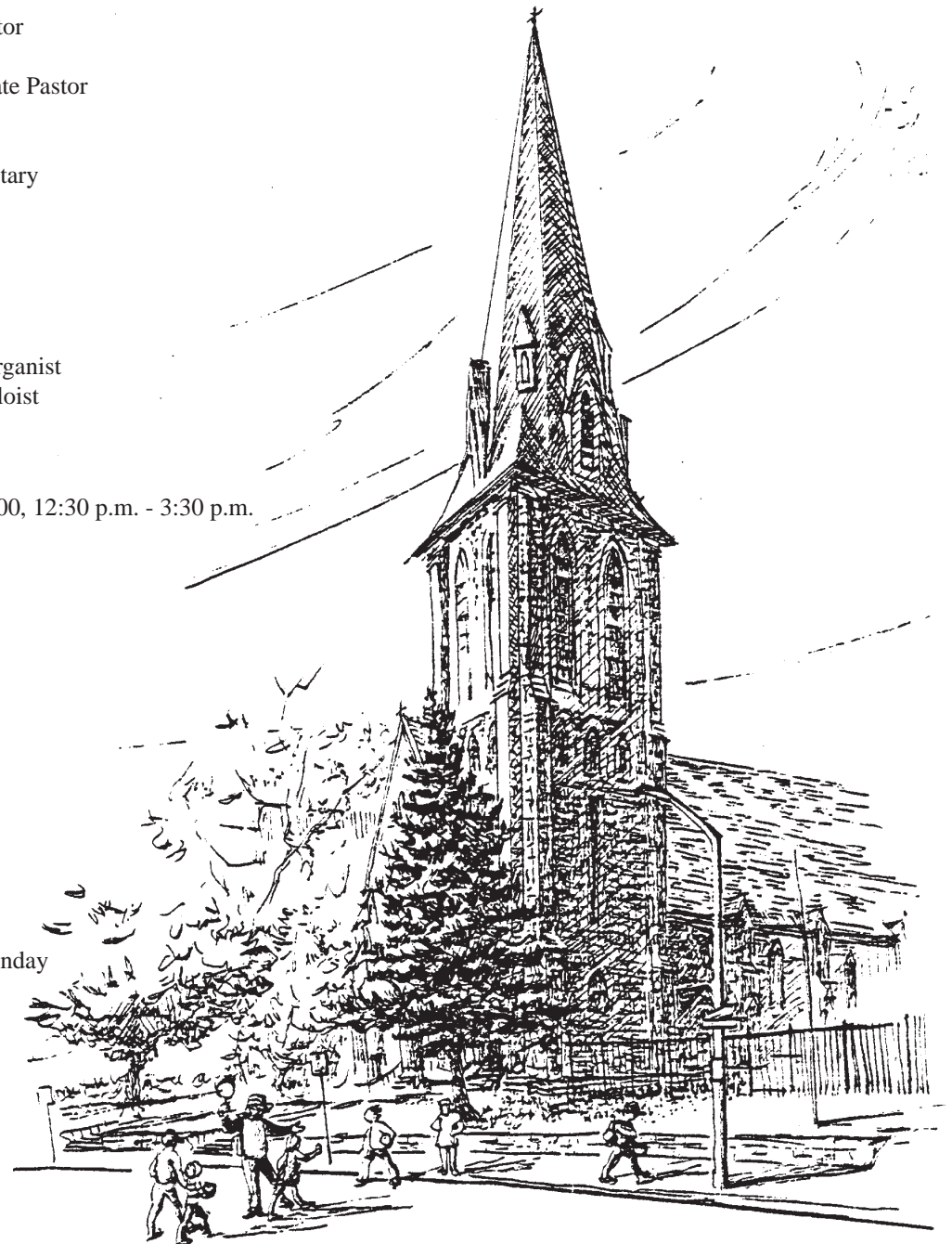
Schools

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

Parish Established 1858
Church Dedicated 1895

New Parishioners are asked to complete a parish registration form.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, January 14

5:00 Arduino Maiuri *req. by Stefanie & Peter Maiuri*
Victor Smatana *req. by the Family*

Sunday, January 15

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 Maria Della Marca *req. by the Family*

Albina Tonet *req. by Alba & Ann Marie Rondinelli*

11:30 William 'Bill' Woods *req. by his Wife: Linda & Family*

Anthony 'Tony' Panetta *req. by Joan & Paul DiPaul*

Monday, January 16

8:00 Maria Pettinato *req. by the Family*

Maria Bay & Anna Kieu *req. by Duy Nguyen Family*

Tuesday, January 17 St Anthony

8:00 Gaetan Buteau *req. by his Family*

Emily Lepine *req. by Alba & Ann Marie Rondinelli*

Wednesday, January 18

8:00 Carmela Cole *req. by the Cadman Family*

Joe Bombicino *req. by his Dtr: Clara*

Thursday, January 19

8:00 John & Mary Ruzyllo *req. by the Family*

Lydia Araneta *req. by the Family*

Friday, January 20 St Fabian & St Sebastian

8:00 Ray Woodhead *req. by Clara Fisher*

Helen Lelievre *req. by Charlene Shannon*

Saturday, January 21 St Agnes

5:00 Anna Vergalito *req. by Salvatore & Maria Cirillo*

Margaret Paterson *req. by her Hsb: Joe*

Sunday, January 22 Sunday of the Word of God

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 Vincenzo & Angelica Lidzi *req. by the Family*

Luigi Marcon & Elijah Seeback *req. by Louise Marcon*

11:30 Angelo Radice *req. by the Family*

Michael Rotundo *req. by Jim & Dora & Family*

2023 Calendars... Many thanks to Ruth Ann and Ed Nieuwesteeg at Patterson Funeral Home for providing our parishioners with their 2023 Religious Calendars. May God bless them for their generosity.

The Sanctuary Candles to be used during 2023 at the Blessed Sacrament Altar have been generously donated by Fred Persia and Family in memory of Leo Persia

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 msscott@bhncds.ca or 905-246-6212 if you need to deliver it in a different way!!

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!*

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.



Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Marney Broderick and Jerry Slak. 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, Cole Farnham, Robert Power, Tony Laslo, Andrew Zacharuk, Patrick Macri, Alba Rondinelli, 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 Cuviglio, Rita Ross, Karen Watt, Ron O'Neill, Maureen Kealey, Teresa Calzonetti Spiller, Francis Patterson, Justin Vaillancourt, Jim & Betty Calzonetti, Eric Van Noort, Marcellina Mativo, William JA De Foe, 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, Gaetan Buteau, 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 Barraanca, 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 Commisso, 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'Ammizio
Please help us update our list of those who are homebound, infirm, or hospitalized by calling the parish office.

Collections

January 8: \$5,438.00

Christmas Day: \$25,605.25

Many thanks for your generosity!

Children Sacramental Dates 2023

Confirmation: Saturday, February 4, 2023 @ 5:00 PM

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 February 19, 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, February 7, March 14, April 11, May 9 & June 13 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!

Church Envelopes 2023

Offertory Envelopes are available in the sacristy, to the left of the altar, please pick yours up today. Many thanks.



Dear Friends,

The Christmas Season may be over, but there's no reason we can't keep the spirit of Christmas alive all year! Together we can spread his light and love wherever we go this year!

Our Gospel today jumps ahead some 30 years from last Sunday. It takes us to the very beginning of Jesus' public ministry. Jesus had been baptized, and now John the Baptist sees Jesus coming toward him and he declares, "*Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!*" John had seen the Spirit descend "like a dove" and remain on Jesus at his Baptism. When that happened, John finally knew the one he had been expecting and preparing the people to receive. This is the one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit.

Next Sunday we will see the call of the first disciples. Our ministry... our vocation, is to point out the *Lamb of God* to the world. That is, **point Christ out to others!** Be Christ for others. See the Christ in others. We may be back in Ordinary Time... but this is an extraordinary call... a sacred vocation for all of us.

As a beautiful poem by Howard Thurman says:

When the song of the angels is silent
 When the star in the sky is gone
 When the wise men are back in their homeland
 When the shepherds are again tending their sheep
 When the manger is darkened and still
 The work of Christmas begins. . .

To find the lost, To heal the broken, To feed the hungry,
 To shelter the homeless, To rebuild the nations,
 To teach God's Children, To bring peace among people,
 To befriend the lonely, To release the prisoner,
 To make music in the heart.

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Gerard



We are called to pray so that all Christians may once again be a single family, according to God's will 'so that they may all be one'. Ecumenism is not something optional. The annual "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity" is a time in which Christians are reminded of Jesus' prayer for His disciples that "they may be one so that the world may believe"

Pope Francis

This week we enter into a **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** (January 18-25). This universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to pray together that all may be one, as Christ desires. A prayer I found in an old Catholic Prayer Book is worthy of sharing:



Lord Jesus Christ, at your Last Supper you prayed to the Father that all should be one. Send your Holy Spirit upon all who bear your name and seek to serve you. Strengthen our faith in you, and lead us to love one another in humility. May we who have been reborn in one baptism be united in one faith under one Shepherd. Amen.

Thank You to the Parish

St. Mary School, St. Patrick School, and several families from the neighbourhood and parish, send a big thank you to St. Patrick parishioners for your generosity to so many needy children and families this Christmas. They were overwhelmed by your kindness. Many, many thanks!

St. Patrick's Bingo

Many thanks to our St. Patrick Bingo Volunteers. During 2022, they were able to raise \$21,000 for the Parish.

Church Roof Update

We received the inspection report of our church roof. The wooden deck is in good shape. The slate is in good condition. The main problem? The slates were installed with 'clips' only. No nails. And the clips are too short for the thickness of the slate. For this climate, they should have been installed with copper nails. The section where we are having the most problems, [behind the church tower], will need to be replaced. This is a section where snow and ice builds up, causing the clips to pop or straighten out. This would be an immediate solution (approx. \$35-\$40,000.00). Long term solution? The roof will need to be replaced. It is cheaper to install new slates, than it is to remove and re-install the old slates. The old slates can be sold. It would be more expensive to put on a commercial metal roof. A representative from the company, Semper Gooder, will be here in the next 2 weeks to get some extensive drone footage, and provide us with the best options. Samples of the wood deck, nails and clips are available in the parish office! We'll keep you posted.

!!!! Student Weekend Employment !!!!

St. Patrick Church is looking to hire a student (**Grade X and up**) to work on Saturdays (10:00 AM - 4:00 PM). Duties may include cleaning floors, leaf raking, doing garbage sweeps, clearing snow, opening and closing gates and doors for functions. If interested, please call the parish office or drop off a resume as soon as possible. This could also lead to summer employment with flexible hours!



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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