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Music Ministry

Carol Martin - Director of Music Sandra DiCienzo - Organist Tim Marrie - Pianist and Soloist Anthony Scaringi - Pianist and Organist Ashley Gallardi-Pietrangelo - Soloist

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.





Saturday, January 20 St Fabian & St Sebastian

5:00 Victor Smatana *req by the Family* Chiara Marcon *req by the Milani Family*

Sunday, January 21 Sunday of the Word of God

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 Joe Bombicino req by his Dtr: Clara

Maria & Clemente Della Marca reg by Joanne S & Enzo D

11:30 Vilma Gallina req by St. Patrick's Choir Monika Bauer req by St. Patrick's Choir

Monday, January 22 St Vincent

8:00 Concetta Canal req by Norma Gagliardi & Family John Sloan req by the Family

Tuesday, January 23

8:00 Vincenza Augello-Todino *req by the De Mizio Family* Susan & James Brushett *req by the Family*

Wednesday, January 24 St Francis de Sales

8:00 Dorothy Kennedy *req by the Kennedy Family* Jean Meagher & Rita Downes *req by Staff*

Thursday, January 25 The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle

8:00 Fr. Bart Larkin req by Teresa & Cliff

Fr. Tony McNamara & Fr. Bruce Taggart req by Fr. Gerard

Friday, January 26 St Timothy and St Titus

8:00 Salvatore Augello-Todino *req by the De Mizio Family* Vince & Elizabeth Dalton *req by the Family*

Saturday, January 27 St Angela Merici

5:00 Assunta Maiuri req by Stefanie & Peter Maiuri Anita & Roger Archambault req by Jeanne Lea & Family

Sunday, January 28

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 Benny Pietrangelo reg by Carm & Family

Louie Marcon & Elijah Seeback req by Dina & David Argenta & Girls

11:30 Benito Giustini req by the Giustini Family
Angelo Padice & Margherita Settedurati reg by Wife

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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. Mark the date on your calendar. Get a team of 8 together and sign up early to enjoy the fun. More details to follow.

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

Please make sure you pick up your Offertory Envelopes as soon as possible. They are in the sacristy, to the left of the altar. 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!

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! **Rest in Peace...** We pray for the soul of Nancy Weiss. May she rest in peace. Please remember her family 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, Cecilia Shugg, 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, Charlene Shannon, Flori Heimbigner, Rita Ross, Isabell Frost, Anna Hunt, Leroy Collee, Leon French, Tony Cuviello, 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 Barranca, 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, Alice Jones Please help us update our list of those who are homebound, infirm, or hospitalized by calling the parish office.

Collections

January 14: \$4,502.00 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 January 21, February 25 (Infants ONLY), April 21. A mandatory meeting for <u>Parents and Godparents</u> will be held in the Church on Tuesday, Jan16, Feb 20 & Apr 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!

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.

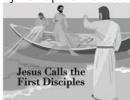
Please do not leave the Church Bulletins in the pews. If you do not wish to take it home, please return it to one of the tables at the doors of the Church. Thanks

The Pastor's Pen

Dear Friends:

We finally got a taste of Old Man Winter! Before we know it, Spring will be here and new life will be bursting forth all around. Hang in there.

After Jesus was baptized, he began his earthly ministry in a very public way. To help with his mission, whom did he call? Four humble fishermen

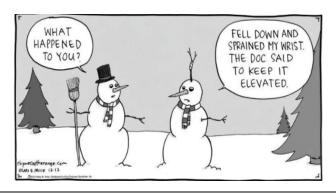


from the seaside of Galilee. 2000 years ago, Jesus said, *Come follow me*Peter, Andrew, James and John...
and I will make you fishers of people!
They took up the challenge. We know their story... how one denied him, some fled when the going got tough, two

demanded seats of honour in the Kingdom. They weren't perfect, but the Church grew from these first followers.

Jesus also calls me and you to continue his mission and ministry. We are baptized into the *Priestly, Prophetic and Kingly* ministry of Jesus Christ. A wonderful week to reflect on how we can minister to others. It doesn't have to be extraordinary like leaving our family and home and jobs to follow Jesus. When Jesus says, "*Come follow me*," we are commanded to be Gospel people... and spread His Good News at home, at school, at work, in our social gatherings. Whenever we are kind to others; or try to make peace; make amends; make others feel welcome... we are ministering. We spread the Gospel when we forgive others, help others, feed the hungry, clothe the naked. And the list goes on and on. What is one thing I can do this week to respond to Jesus' call? Have a wonderful week of 'discipling'!!! Many blessings!

Fr. Gerard



-Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ.
- It is only because he became like us that we can become like him.

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

Our housekeeper, Lillian Winslow, has retired! We thank Lillian for her many years of service. St. Patrick Parish is now 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.]

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

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* is from January 18-25. This is an annual global ecumenical celebration. Christians around the world are invited to pray for the unity of all the baptized; to reflect together on Scripture; and to share in acts of outreach and fellowship. The theme for 2024 is drawn from Luke 10:27: "You shall love the Lord your God...and your neighbour as yourself."



We pray for our local Christian communities, our churches and ecumenical groups: Lord, forgive us when we are indifferent to each other, and bring your healing to the wounds and divisions that keep us apart.

We pray for a deeper appreciation of our common baptism into the one Body of Christ: Lord, sustain each of us and our communities as we continue on the path towards the unity you desire for all your disciples.

We pray for our spiritual leaders and church authorities: Lord, may the Spirit continue to enlighten them and grant them the grace to work in harmony, joy and love.

Winter Quotes

- \dots A lot of people like snow. I find it to be an unnecessary freezing of water.
- ... There's no such thing as bad weather, only inappropriate clothing.
- ... The most delightful advantage of being bald--- one can hear snowflakes.

DID YOU KNOW? For those of you who have Celiac Disease or are allergic to wheat products, our parish has special approved Gluten-Free hosts available. The onus is on you to let the presiding priest know before each Mass. He will ensure that he has it in his ciborium for you.

We have a few parishioners who struggle with perfume allergies! Please keep this in mind as you prepare yourself for Sunday Mass.

Just a little dab'll do!

Vincent's... The Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Thrift Store is looking for dedicated volunteers for 3 hours per week...Call 289-296-3807 or apply in person, 5970 Lundy's Lane. Store hours, Tuesday to Saturday 10am – 4pm. Join our team and share some hope!

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