

Saint Patrick's Church

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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 - 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, 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.



Dear Friends,

Eastern Newfoundland made it through that monumental storm, with the help of the Armed Forces. It's not that we don't have big storms out there, but this one was accompanied with 150+ km/h winds and over 90 cms of snow. What we didn't hear too much on the media, was that there was already 160+ cms of snow on the ground in St. John's and surrounding towns before this storm even hit! There is still one young man missing in the woods since last Friday, so we keep the family of Joshua Wall in prayer.



Today's Gospel is a wonderful "call" story! After Jesus was baptized, he began his public ministry. He chose ordinary people to accompany him, four humble fishermen from the Sea of Galilee. **"Come follow me... Peter, Andrew, James and John, and I will make you fishers of people!"** This

called for a **dramatic response**, a leaving behind and putting their hands to the plow! These four fishermen took up the challenge, immediately! We know their story... one denied him, others fled when the going got tough, others even demanded seats of honour in the Kingdom. They weren't perfect, yet the Church grew from these first followers. I get much hope and comfort from that fact alone! Jesus calls us also, out of our comfort zones, to be active with his mission and ministry. No matter who we are or who we think we are, we are called to minister. We are baptized into the **Priestly, Prophetic and Kingly** ministry of Jesus Christ. So, we have our work to do!!!

A wonderful week to reflect on, **how can I minister to others**. It doesn't have to be extraordinary, like leaving our family, home and jobs to follow Jesus. When Jesus says, **"Come follow me,"** we are commanded to be Gospel people... and to spread the Good News **at home, at school, at work, in our social life**. 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 follow Jesus more closely... and to keep his mission and ministry alive? Have a blessed week!

Fr. Gerard

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"Yes, the disciples followed Jesus...
but not on Twitter."

Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ.
Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Every Christian is called to be a missionary, sharing the good news of salvation in Christ and making disciples for him, not for oneself or one's clique of like-minded believers. *Pope Francis*

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!

St. Patrick's Bingo

Many thanks to our St. Patrick Bingo Volunteers. During 2019, they were able to donate \$18,000 to the Parish. We have bingos at Delta Bingo scheduled until the end of March 2020. At that time, Ms. Patricia Hudson will no longer be able to oversee the program. We thank Pat for her many years of service. If we have any parishioner, or current Bingo Volunteer who would be interested in helping out, please let the Parish Office know. You would have to organize the schedule for the volunteers, complete the paper work, and be a liaison with the OLG and the City. Please pray about it!



Please continue to bring food items to Mass for Project Share! Every item helps!
"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"



THANK YOU FROM THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The members of the SSVP gratefully thank all who contributed so generously to our Christmas needs...which were greater than ever this year. We were able to help out 400 needy individuals and families in Niagara Falls. May God bless you one hundred fold!



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.

A ST. PATRICK'S TRADITION

The Annual St. Patrick's Day Dance
on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 8:00pm
If you are interested in helping
please call the Office at 905-354-7451



The Soup Kitchen, Niagara Falls Community Outreach...

Here's how you can help: These items are needed on an ongoing basis: coffee, napkins, cranberry juice, iced tea, flour, pudding & sugar
We are looking for volunteers for setup and serving of meals, especially Saturday lunchtime. Cash donations are appreciated as we receive no government funding. nrcommunityoutreach.org 905-354-1640
All donations can be dropped off at 4865 St. Lawrence Avenue

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

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY... Meetings are the Second and Fourth Mondays of the month, 7 to 9 pm at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Ave. Pre-registration is not required. For more info please call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com

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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