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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
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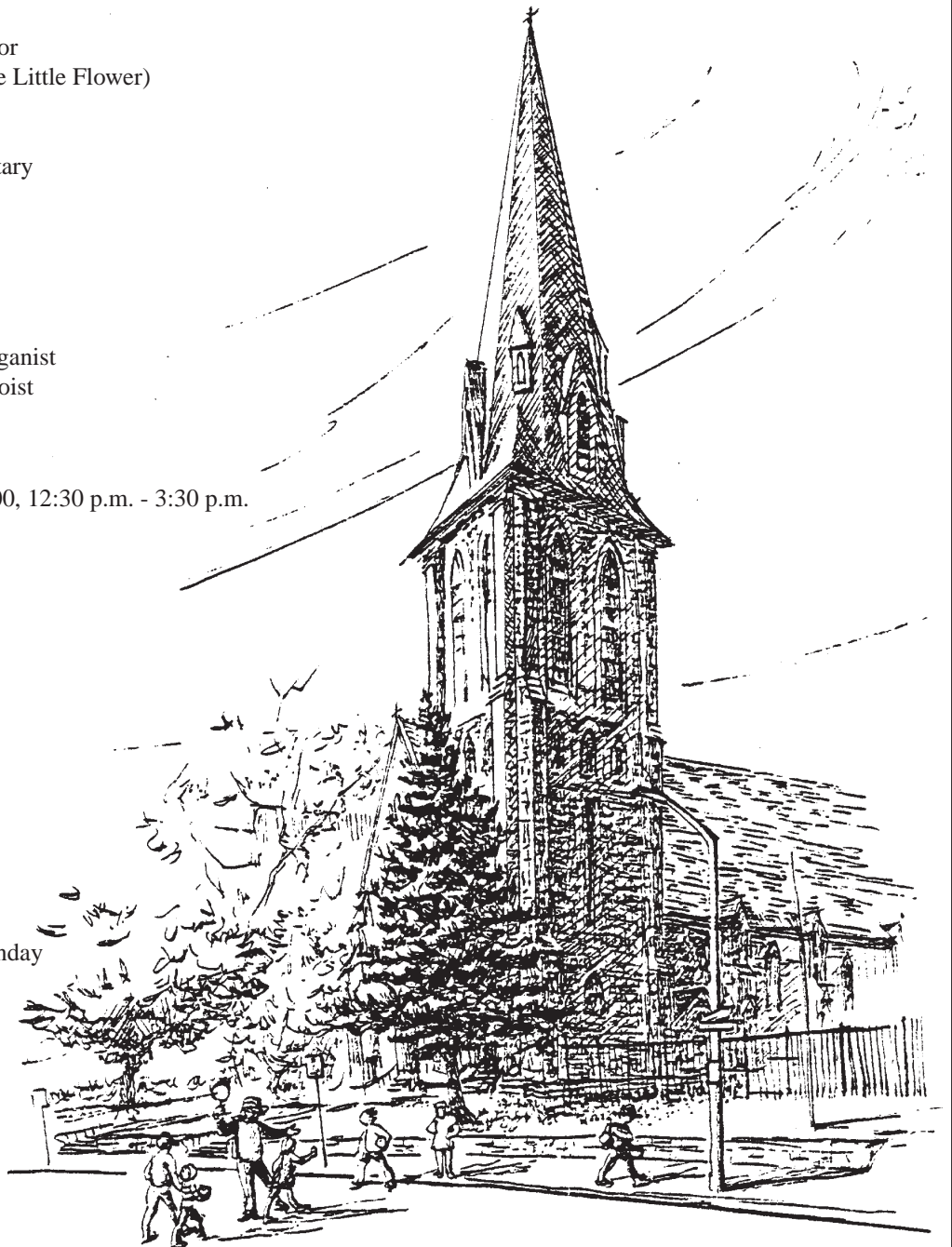
Diocese of St. Catharines (est. 1958)

Most Rev. Gerard Bergie, D.D., Bishop

Parish Established 1858

Church Dedicated 1895

New Parishioners are asked to complete a parish registration form.



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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 req by Carm & Family
Louie Marcon & Elijah Seebach req by Dina & David Argenta & Girls
11:30 Benito Giustini req by the Giustini Family
Angelo Radice & Margherita Setteducati req by Wife & Sister:
Antonietta & Family

Monday, January 29

8:00 Fr. Malachi Smith req by the Carmelites
Br. Gabe Murray req by the Carmelites

Tuesday, January 30

8:00 Francesco Bongiovanni req by Dee & Donna Mannella
Frances & Bob Comeau req by Friends

Wednesday, January 31 St John Bosco

8:00 Carole Finella req by Jacinta Palud
Jerry & Cecilia Shugg req by Friends

Thursday, February 1

8:00 Concetta Canal req by Mary Lou & Stu Gallardi
Elizabeth & Vincent Dalton req by the Family

Friday, February 2 The Presentation of the Lord

8:00 Edith Vigh req by the Family
John F. & Glenn Power req by the Family

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

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 souls of Cecilia Shugg, Alice Jones, Marley Bauer and Joe Soriano. 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 21: \$4,708.00
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 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!

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



Dear Friends:

February will be here on Thursday. And our sanctuary is still filled with pink and red poinsettias! Spring will be here before we know it! Stay positive! Remember that the little bulbs are coming to life under the snow! Before we know it, all will be in full bloom again.

In Mark's Gospel this Sunday, Jesus amazed the people with his teachings in the synagogue at Capernaum. He even drove out an unclean spirit. With such a public act of healing, it didn't take long before Jesus' fame spread throughout Galilee and into the Gentile world!

Two thousand years later, Jesus' teachings are still fresh, never outdated! He still has the power to heal and restore! But we need to trust him, turn to him with faith and belief! In light of today's Gospel, we ask ourselves, What part of me is still unclean, or un-Christlike, or un-Christian? What needs to be driven out of my life, to put me more in tune with God's way? Every day is a good day to change! Every day is a good day for healing! May we allow Christ to work in our lives to help cleanse us, and change us to be more like him! Have a blessed week!

Fr. Gerard



Thought for the Week

Don't tell God how Big your storm is,
tell the Storm how Big your God is.



The Presentation of the Lord
Friday, February 2nd is the Feast of **The Presentation of the Lord**. This comes forty days after Christmas. We also know it as the **Purification of the Blessed Virgin**, and **Candlemas Day!** Joseph and Mary did what was required of them. They presented their first-born male child to God.

Simeon took Jesus in his arms and was moved to say, *my eyes have seen your salvation!* Now we know what salvation looks like. It takes on the face and body of a human being, Jesus. God has come among us in human form to live as we live, experience life with us in all its wonder and sorrow, and lead us to a new appreciation of what it means to be truly human.

Imagine ourselves being in the Temple that day, with Mary, and Joseph and Jesus and Anna... and hearing the words of Simeon, *Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace according to your word: for my eyes have seen your salvation.* Imagine those words being said about us, that we are part of God's plan for salvation. The power of the Gospel is that it infects each of us with its message about who we are. Everyone who reads it or hears it proclaimed can be part of its redemptive message. Each of us is a **big part** of God's plan of salvation. Each of us is gifted for it, and called to live it.

St. Blaise - Blessing of Throats

Saturday, February 3rd is the memorial of St. Blaise. Because we have no Mass on Saturday morning, we will have a **Blessing of Throats at the end of the 5:00 PM Mass**. St. Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the fourth century. Very little is known about his life. According to various accounts he was a physician before becoming a bishop. His story spread throughout the entire Church in the Middle Ages because he was reputed to have miraculously cured a little boy who nearly died because of a fishbone in his throat. Since the eighth century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat.

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.]

Winter Quotes

... If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant: if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome.
... Winter blues are cured every time with a potato gratin paired with a roast chicken.
... How many lessons of faith and beauty we should lose, if there were no winter in our year!

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!

Parish Registration
Please help keep our records up to date! You may bring this form to the parish office or place it in the collection.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **PostalCode:** _____

Telephone: _____

I am new in the parish and wish to register _____

I wish to use contribution envelopes _____

I have recently moved _____

I have changed my phone number _____

We have married & wish to update our information _____

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