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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
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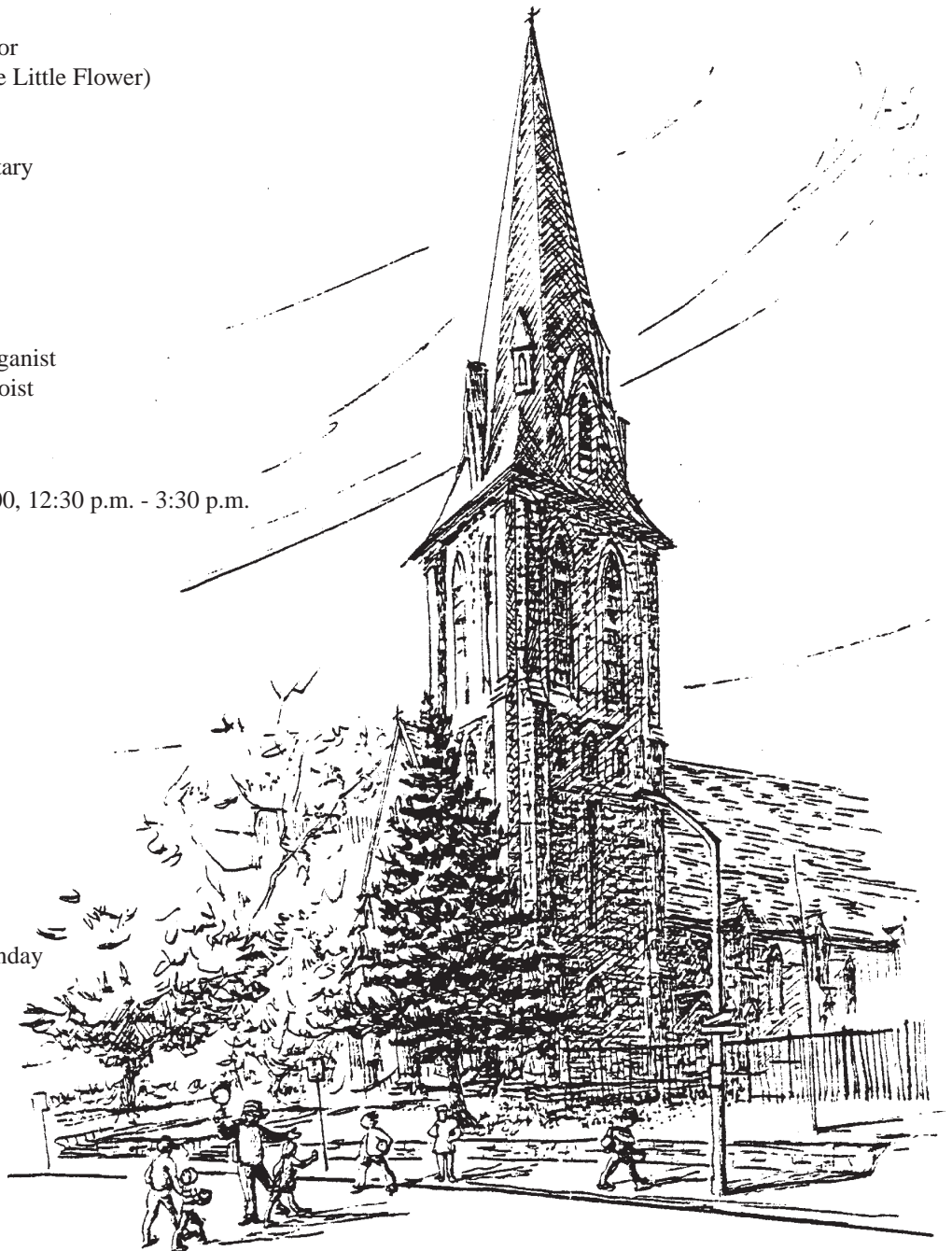
Diocese of St. Catharines (est. 1958)

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 OF LENT



Saturday, March 9 St Francis of Rome

5:00 Unborn Children req by Stefanie & Peter Maiuri
World Peace

Sunday, March 10 Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Carole Finella req by her Hsb: Joe Finella
James, Elmira & Danny Dick req by Yvette & Colette
11:30 Pasquale & Concetta Maulucci req by John DiPaul
Luigi & Concetta Canal & Addolatta Crisci req by the Family

Monday, March 11

8:00 Charlie Ogilvie req by Debbie Ogilvie & Family
Hugh, Felicitas & William Hockton req by the Family

Tuesday, March 12

8:00 Eloise & Marigwen Schumacher req by Aileen Adams
Stella Casucci req by Charlene Shannon

Wednesday, March 13

8:00 For Prayers Answered req by Mary Lou Gallardi
John Tamaro req by the Power Family

Thursday, March 14

8:00 Dariusz Rebisz req by the Family
Donata Maria Lovito req by the Family

Friday, March 15

8:00 Peter Meisenburg Sr. req by Peter Jr.
Nicasio Rey req by the Rey Navarro Family

Saturday, March 16

5:00 James Moody req by the Family
Dec'd mem of the Shannon, Guitar & Legace Families
req by Charlene Shannon

Sunday, March 17 Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 Robert Lelievre req by Aileen & Children
Giulio Canali req by Anna & John Condotta
9:30 Pat O'Brien req by the Family
Concetta Canal req by Maria & Albert DeMizio
11:30 People of the Parish

2024 Church Envelopes & 2023 Tax Receipts

Please make sure you pick up your Offertory Envelopes & Tax Receipts as soon as possible. Call the Office (905-354-7451) to arrange for pick up during the week. If you are here at Mass on the weekends, they are on the Radiators at the back of the Church. Many thanks.

TRIVIA NIGHT... Saturday, April 20th, in the Hall. Doors open at 6pm, Trivia starts at 6:30pm. \$20 a person, includes Pizza. Maximum 8 people per table. To purchase tickets and/or table, please call the Church Office at 905-354-7451 or text /call Maggie at 905-246-6212. 50/50 draw, beer, wine, pop & water for sale. Deadline for tickets is April 14, 2024

Prom Donations..... We are looking for donations of gently used prom dresses (formal dresses), men's shirts, pants/suits and accessories to help out students at our local high schools. Anything is greatly appreciated. Donations are being collected until May 1st. For any questions call Mary at 905-359-2975 mcsimplegirl@gmail.com
Donations can be dropped off at Vincent's Store at 5970 Lundy's Lane (Tuesday-Saturday), or at St. Patrick Church any time.

Holy Land Olive Wood Religious Art Sale

This weekend, we will be having some of their beautiful art available for sale in an effort to strengthen the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

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

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Helen Buckley, Eleanor Adams and John Tamaro. 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, Peter Meisenburg Jr., 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 Cuviglio, 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
Please help us update our list of those who are homebound, infirm, or hospitalized by calling the parish office.

Collections

March 3: \$7,640.03
Giving Bowl (to date) \$4,673.00
Many thanks for your generosity!

Children Sacramental Date 2024

First Communion: Sunday, April 28, 2024@ 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM

Baptism Schedule for 2024

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday April 21, May 26, June 23, July 21, Aug 18, Sept 22, Oct 20 & Nov 24.** A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on **Tuesday, April 16, May 14, June 11, July 9, Aug 13, Sept 10, Oct 8 & Nov 12 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!

!!!! Development and Peace: Share Lent !!!!

Next weekend, a second collection will be taken in all Catholic churches in Canada for Development and Peace, envelopes are available at the doors of the Church, and also in your Offering boxes.

!!!Attention Attention!!!

Diocesan Day of Penance

On **Saturday, March 16, 2024**, in every parish church across the diocese, a priest will be available from 10:00am – 2:00pm to hear individual confessions. No matter how long it has been, you are welcome to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, which assists us in spiritual discipline as we turn away from sin and open our hearts to reconciliation and healing. You can also simply come to pray before the Lord.

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



Dear Friends:

Today is the 4th Sunday of Lent, the halfway point! We know it best as *Laetare* Sunday. This Sunday has a joyful tone, a day of hope! Easter is within sight. The Church expresses hope and joy in the midst of our Lenten fasts and penances! Rejoice! Easter will soon be here!

How are we doing with our Lent? For the past few weeks we've had the opportunity to look deeper at our lives. Maybe our patience is not up to par, so we take steps to improve it; maybe our prayer life is out of kilter, so we try harder to deepen it; maybe we've been turning a blind eye to the needs of the poor, so we take steps to alleviate other's poverty and suffering; maybe there's things in our lives or behaviours that are contrary to the Gospel, so we take steps to weed them out; maybe our conscience is laden with guilt, so we take the sacred time to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation! This is what Lent is about! It's like an annual check-up!



Where do we get our hope and joy? Well, this Sunday we hear one of the most popular verses in the entire Bible, words that have been hung on banners and placards in recent years at stadiums and sporting events- **John 3:16. "For God so loved**

the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish, but may have eternal life." Those words are addressed to us! You and I are part of that "loved world." And may we never forget it. Look what he did for you and me? And what is my response to him?

My prayer is that first, we will allow God to restore his created beauty in us. We can best do that through the grace of the Sacraments, especially Eucharist and Reconciliation. Then we should call upon God to restore beauty to his world. It's so sad when we see the headlines on the News. It's unfathomable what humans are doing to each other, especially in Israel, Gaza, Russia, Ukraine, and Sudan. God showed us what true love is when His only Son stretched out his arms on the Cross, and gave **His All** for us. We must continue Christ's work, by putting love where there's no love, bringing peace where there is chaos, bringing light where there is darkness, doing good in the face of evil! That's our role as Christians. May we each do some good deed this week! Blessings!

Fr. Gerard

Happy Laetare Sunday!



"Though we are incomplete, God loves us completely. Though we are imperfect, He loves us perfectly. Though we may feel lost and without compass, God's love encompasses us completely. ... He loves every one of us, even those who are flawed, rejected, awkward, sorrowful, or broken."

Weekday Mass Schedule for Lent

Monday- Friday: 8:00 AM

Stations of the Cross

Friday 7:00 PM followed by *Benediction* and *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*

!!!!!! Parish Reconciliation Service !!!!!

Wednesday, March 20th at 7:00 PM



Irish Blessing
May God give you...
For every storm,
a rainbow,
For every tear,
a smile,
For every care,
a promise,
And a blessing in
each trial.
For every problem
life sends,
A faithful friend
to share,
For every sigh,
a sweet song,
And an answer
for each prayer.

The Giving Bowl

"A Lenten Sacrifice" for St. Pat's!

We have special boxes at the front and back of the church. All donations will assist *The Giving Bowl*, which feeds up to 1100 children at local Catholic Schools in Eastern Uganda. This is the only hot meal these children get each day. They also assist with medical issues, uniforms and tuition. Please place your donations into these containers during Lent! This is a Registered Charity under the CRA, and they issue their own receipts for Income Tax Purposes. Approximately 80% of their funds go directly to the Food Program. The other 20% is used for school fees for the most desperate, a school uniform to replace the most tattered, also notebooks and pencils, medical supplies, and in dire cases, to purchase a goat for very needy families. **If you use the parish offertory envelopes, you must make the cheque payable to *St. Patrick Parish*.** We issue a cheque to *The Giving Bowl* at the end of each month.

It has often been cold hungry month *Share* sends a big



referred to as "the of March!" *Project* thank-you for our

ongoing generosity! Please continue to bring food items to the church, especially soups, canned vegetables, ketchup, pasta sauce, peanut butter, lunch snacks (cheese and crackers, nutri-grain bars, tuna, etc. Many people in Niagara depend on our generosity! "Lord, when did we see you hungry?"

I'm giving up negativity for lent.

We'll see how long that lasts.

I gave up procrastination for lent this year.

Well.. I'm working on it.

Moderation is a very good thing!

It's so good, in fact, that I've given it up for Lent.

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