

# Saint Patrick's Church

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## Parish Staff

Rev. Gerard Power, O.Carm., Pastor  
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Rev. Marc Bell, O.Carm., Associate Pastor  
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Peter Feltrin, Property Manager & Custodian

## 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.

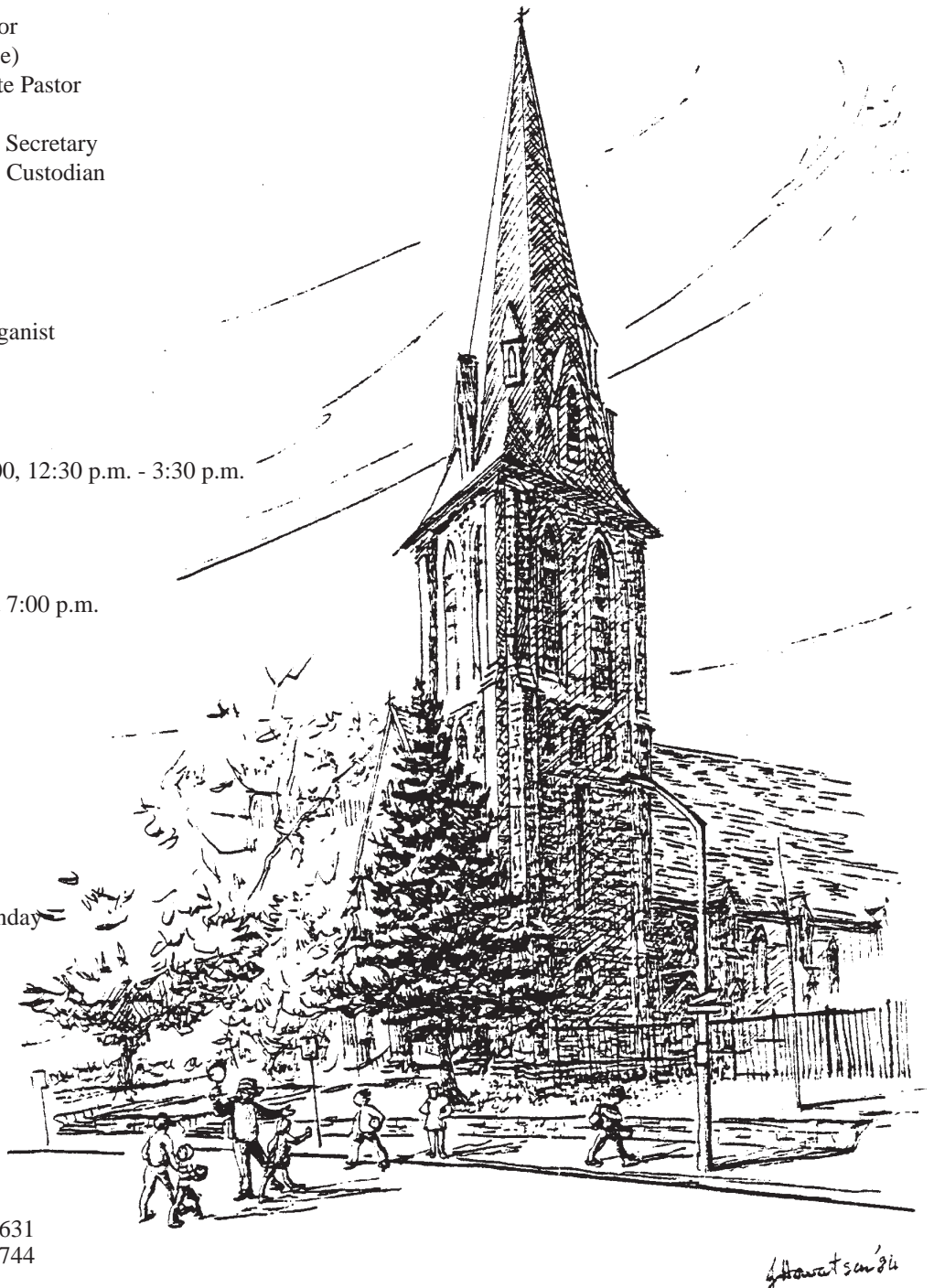
## Schools

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.**

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



## Saturday, March 10

5:00 Charles Ogilvie req. by Deb Ogilvie & Family  
Salvatore Sam Cundari req. by his Wife: Teresa & Family

## Sunday, March 11 Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 Hugh Hockton Sr. req. by the Family  
Maria & Paul Di Paul req. by Paul Di Paul  
9:30 Monica O'Leary req. by the Family  
Elmira, James & Danny Dick req. by Yvette Dick & Colette Empey  
11:30 Giuseppina Toffi req. by Maria Rossi & Family  
Raffaele Fabiano req. by Lula & Children  
7:00 People of the Parish

## Monday, March 12

8:00 Irene Paone req. by Richard & Judy Schrader  
Aline Cormier req. by Gerard

## Tuesday, March 13

8:00 Frances & Bob Comeau req. by Parish Staff  
John Buckner req. by Friends

## Wednesday, March 14

8:00 Mary Ann O'Shea req. by her Family  
7:00 Antonio Tony Muraca req. by Stella Muraca

## Thursday, March 15

8:00 Nicasio Y. & Loreto N. Rey req. by the Rey-Navarro Family

## Friday, March 16

8:00 Deacon Pat O'Brien req. by the O'Brien Family  
Wendy Calder req. by Stu & Mary Lou Gallardi

## Saturday, March 17 St. Patrick

5:00 Felicitas Hockton req. by a Friend  
Janice Grant req. by Jackie & Dave  
Patricia Patterson req. by her Family

## Sunday, March 18 Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 James Ogilvie req. by the Ogilvie & St. Angelo  
Anthony (Tunney) Lococo req. by the De Mizio & Lococo Families  
9:30 Leo Ruberto req. by Teresa Ruberto  
Giulio & Giuseppina & Albert Canali req. by John & Anne Condotta  
11:30 Pellegrino Giuliano req. by Mike & Regina De Mizio  
Peter Viêt req. by the Nguyen Family  
7:00 People of the Parish

### 2018 Church Envelopes & 2017 Tax Receipts

Offertory Envelopes & 2017 Tax Receipts are at the main doors of the Church. Please pick yours up today. Thank you!

### St. Patrick's Day Dance, Saturday March 17, 2018

St. Patrick Parish Hall From 8 p.m.-1 a.m.

**\$10.00 per person includes:**

• Beef on a Bun • Prizes • Cash Bar

• DJ • Irish Dancers (2 performances)

& The Good Thymes Irish Band

for tickets contact Colleen @ 905-374-4025 /

colleenm@vaxxine.com or the Church Office 905-354-7451

**Volunteers needed for set-up & clean-up**



### Perpetual Adoration...Our Lady of the Scapular Church

Here at Our Lady of the Scapular Church we are starting perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. In order to make this work (24 hours a day, 7 days a week), we need lots of volunteer adorers (168 to be exact). Our Lady of the Scapular parishioners have many of the hourly spots covered, but we need more help. If you are interested in helping out, please let us know by contacting Our Lady of the Scapular parish office at 905-358-7611. Or, you can email us at [secretary@ourladyofthescapular.net](mailto:secretary@ourladyofthescapular.net). Volunteers who commit to one hour per week allow us to keep our chapel open for anyone to "drop in" for a few prayers in front of the blessed sacrament.

!!!! 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.

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 Mary Ann O'Shea, Mary Lou Methner, Theresa Poirier, Norman Horth and Mafalda Mallone. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

### Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Jack Horth, Marie Cadman, Sherry Wales, Adele Morabito, Ron St. Onge

### Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, Courtney Doody, Ron & Elke St. Onge, James Moody Sr., John Calder, Melissa Brideau, Toni Brideau, Sam Scordino, John Nicks, Leon Dopke, Anna Hunt, John Kealey, Brenda Hyde, Helen Lelievre, Samuel Potapczyk, Baby Julian, Baby Noah, Mary Lawrence, Bernard Martin, William JA De Foe, Emily Hanover, Leo Martin, Drago Bicanic, Baby Victoria, Nancy Weiss, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffray, Pauline Miner, Edna McDonnell, Fr Tony McNamara, O.Carm., Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Trudy Smelko, Maria Melchiorre, Conner Hawkswell, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Danielle Barranca, Iole Mancini, Jeannette Fabian, Donna Cormier, Maria Rosiana, Lucy Rizzo, Barbara Phillips (Murray), Alice Dalton, Audrey Vendramin, Jeanne Lea, Baby Maximus, David & Patrick Kealey, Francesco Albanese, Rosalyn Dagleish, Kelly Detlor, Florrie Heimburger, Kitty Decicco, Evelyn Rose Baker, Jozefa Bilski, Charlene Shannon, Rebecca Evans, Marie Massolin, Maria Guerin, Anna Vergalito, John Jefferson, Todd Reid, Jill Leronowich, Nancy Jean Rose, Vince(Jim) Baldassarro, Patrick McCarthy, Muriel Pivarnyik, Tom Hilton, Walter Wallace, Stefanie Borin, John Cox, Joyce Weaver, Kerrie Szuch, Faith Amadio, Margaret Smith, Carmella Modenti, Margaret Waghorn, Vito Fuccillo, Baby Hope, Donna Bradley, Cheryl D'Armiizio, Kelly Laslo, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Mary Jo O'Kell, Alessia Commisso, Vicki Dubeau, Patrick McCarthy, Patricia O'Reilly, Mary Brennan, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pepper Martin Jr., Vital & Emmanuel Chayer, Michelle Price, Brian Smith, Baby Gabriel Paraskevopoulos, Trina Washington, Shirley Machulla, Lorraine Spence, Helen Rotella, Jeanne S, Dr. Andy Fisher, Carlo Trasmundi, Frank Sica

**Please help us update our list of those who are homebound, infirm, or hospitalized by calling the parish office.**

### Collections

March 4: \$6,420.04

Ryan's Bowl: \$3,599.00 (to date)

Many thanks for your generosity!

### Baptism Schedule for 2018

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday, April 15, May 13, June 17, July 15 & August 19**

A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, April 3, May 1, June 5, July 3 & August 7 at 7:00 pm.

### Important Dates for 2018

March 17th - St. Patrick's Dance

March 26th - 7:00pm- Parish Reconciliation

April 1st - Easter Sunday

April 14th - 5:00 pm- Confirmation

May 6th - First Communion-St.Patrick/St.Mary

School 1:30 pm (9:30 am- Children in other schools)

(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.)



### C.W.L. News ...

-Annual Diocesan C.W.L. Retreat, Gethsemane Ministries ...Sat. March 17th or Wed. Mar. 21 ...see flyer on the bulletin board at the back of the Church

-**Sunday, March 25th, Palm Sunday**...we are hosting a **Children's Lenten/Holy Week prayer service**, similar to the Advent Service from **1 - 3pm**. Please register by calling the Office 905-354-7451 or Maggie 905-246-6212. Come out & learn more with your family about the most important season in our Faith. There will be crafts, face painting, fellowship & prayer.

-Immediately following the Easter Vigil Mass on March 31, we invite you to the Parish Hall for an **Easter Vigil Reception**, hosted by the CWL. Easter Breads will be Blessed at this time. Donations of baked goods will gladly be accepted. Thank you!  
-60th Anniversary C.W.L dinner / dance ... April 21st ... see flyer on the bulletin board  
-Friday, May 4, Prayer Time for Palliative Care from 9am -9pm in the Church.

-The CWL is hosting their first ever **Trivia Night** on Saturday, May 5th, doors open @6pm for a 6:30 game start, tickets are \$20 a person or \$135 for a table of 8.

-We are also planning a bus trip to Midland Shrine on Saturday May 26th, \$35 each.

### SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY...Meetings are

7 to 9 pm at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Ave. Pre-registration is not required. For information call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email [separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com](mailto:separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com)

*The Pastor's Pen*

Dear Friends:

Today is the 4th Sunday of Lent, marking 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 this year? 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 all about! It's like an annual check-up!

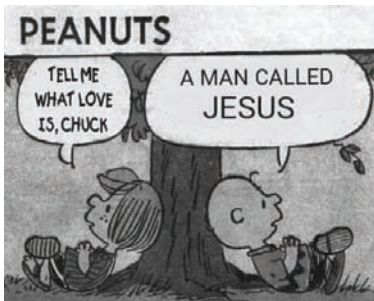


Where do we get our hope and joy? Well, this Sunday we hear one of the most popular verses in the entire Bible, words that have been hung on banners and placards in recent years at stadiums and sporting events- **John 3:16. "For God so loved**

**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 each of us. We can best do that through the grace of the Sacraments, especially Eucharist and Reconciliation. Then we should all 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. Pathetic. God showed us what true love is when His only Son stretched out his arms on the Cross, and gave up **His All** for us. We must be resolved to 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



"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."



### 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.*

### Marriage Preparation



Many thanks to Cliff and Teresa Sexton, Laura and Paul Danku, Pam and Paul Bongers, Kyra and Peter Nicholson and Justin and Tina Vaillancourt, for making our Marriage Preparation Program such a great success. Stu and Mary

Lou Gallardi for donating and preparing the lunch for our 25 couples, and to Lillian Winslow and Billy Kimonos for their help. God bless our young couples as they prepare for their sacred day!

### !!!Attention Attention!!!

Our Diocese has declared Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> as a **Day of Reconciliation!** No matter where you are in the Diocese from **10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**, priests will be available in every church to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance. Brochures are at the doors of the church, containing an 'Examination of Conscience! Let's ready ourselves in a sacred way for the Great Feast of Easter! Let Go and Let God!!!

### The Late John Roy Buckner

On the day of John Buckner's interment, it touched my heart to learn that there is no family headstone with their names. We are looking into getting a marker (at cost) for the family, with all three names and dates on it. As soon as I can get a final price, I will let you know. My heart says we need to do this. We have already received \$1090 toward this sacred project. Thanks so much! I will keep you informed. Donations are still being accepted. John touched many lives, was a faithful parishioner, and was so well known in our town. May he rest in peace!



It has often been referred to as **"the cold hungry month of March!"** *Project Share* sends a big 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?"

### Weekday Mass Schedule for Lent

Monday- 8:00 AM  
Tuesday- 8:00 AM  
Wednesday- 8:00 AM & 7:00 PM  
Thursday- 8:00 AM  
Friday- 8:00 AM

### Stations of the Cross

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



### Ryan's Bowl Food Program "A Lenten Sacrifice" for St. Pat's!

Once again this Lent, we will have a special container at the front and back of the church. All donations will assist a food program which one of our parishioners, Ken Walsh, has helped initiate in Eastern Uganda. Each day *Ryan's Bowl* feeds upwards to 1200 children at local Catholic Schools. This is the only hot meal these children get each day! Please place your donations into these containers during Lent! If you wish to donate by cheque, please make payable to *Ryan's Bowl Food Program*. "Lord, when did we see you hungry?"

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

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