

# Saint Patrick's Church

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## Parish Staff

Rev. Gerard Power, O.Carm., Pastor  
(Director in Canada, Society of the Little Flower)  
Rev. Mr. David Scott, Deacon  
Debbie Herman, Secretary  
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Brian Kneller, Caretaker

## 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.

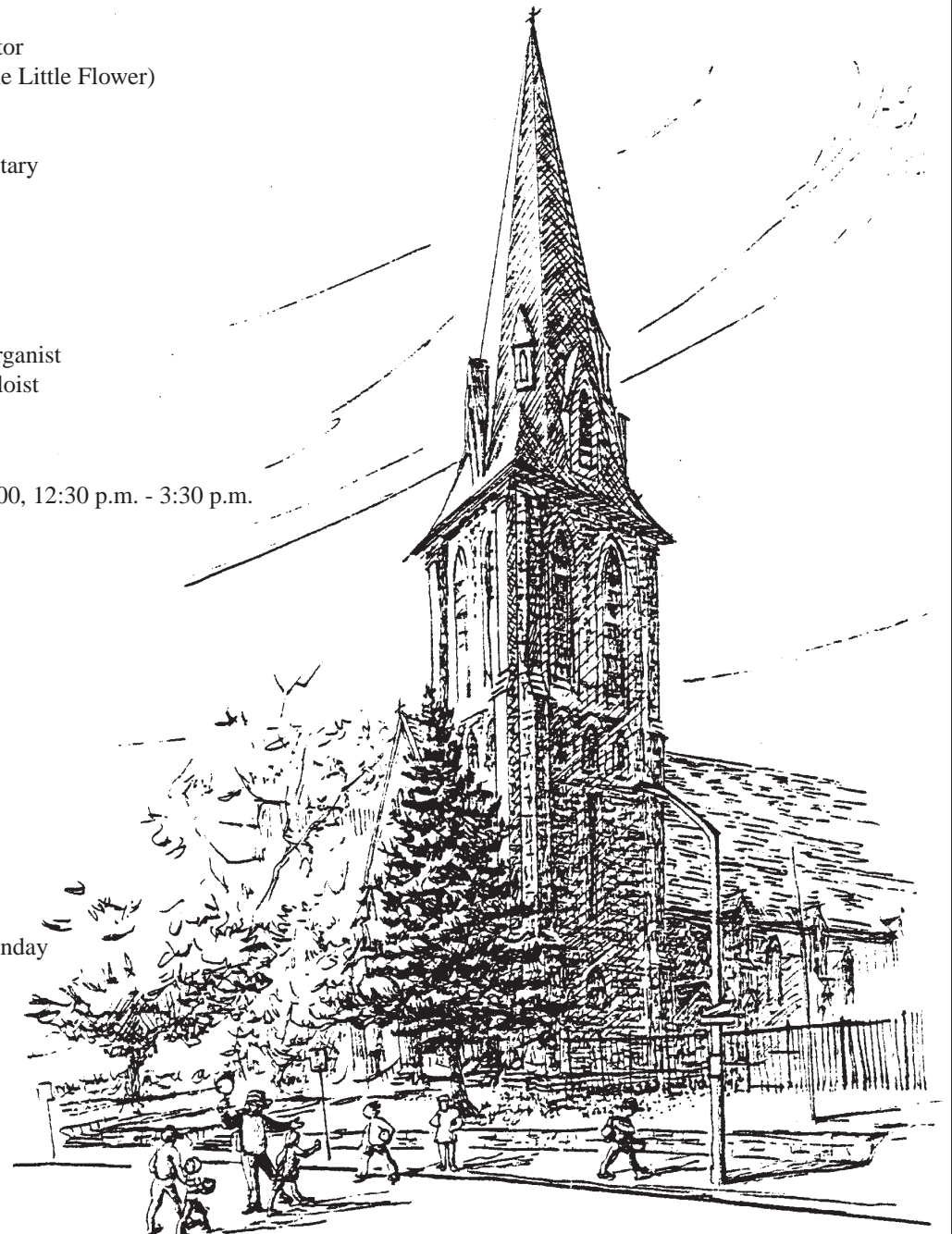
## Schools

St. Patrick School 905-354-6631  
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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.**



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



### 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

### Monday, March 18 St Cyril of Jerusalem

**8:00** James Ogilvie *req by Chris & Sam St. Angelo & Family*  
Betty Joe Power *req by Mary Power*

### Tuesday, March 19 St Joseph

**8:00** Giuseppe De Mizio *req by Pasqualina De Mizio & Family*  
Rosaleen O'Brien *req by the Family*

### Wednesday, March 20

**8:00** Sister Delores Demulling *req by the Gallardi Family*  
Edith Vigh, Bettianne & Frank Buck *req by the Family*

### Thursday, March 21

**8:00** Carole Finella *req by Jacinta Palud*  
Bernard Kennedy *req by the Kennedy Family*

### Friday, March 22

**8:00** Intentions of the Little Flower Society  
World Peace

### Saturday, March 23 St Turibius of Mogrovejo

**5:00** Cecilia & Gerald Shugg *req by Al & Judy Learn*  
Gus & Zorka Wach *req by Friends*

### Sunday, March 24 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

**8:00** Bruno Pietrobon *req by the Family*  
Peter Viet *req by the Nguyen Family*

**9:30** Sam DiCarlo *req by Mary DiCarlo & Family*  
Jozef & Feliska Brzozowski *req by their Dtr: Jean*

**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 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup>. For any questions call Mary at 905-359-2975 [mcsimplegirl@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**Knights of Columbus Hennepin Council 1652 Spaghetti Dinner...**  
on Friday, April 12, 2024 4:00 – 7:00pm  
at the Columbus Club Hall, 6990 Stanley Ave.

**Menu:** Spaghetti & Meatballs, Dessert, Coffee & Tea  
\$12 per Adult / \$6 12 yrs & under

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

**Rest in Peace...** We pray for the soul of John Tammaro. May he rest in peace. Please remember his 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, Norm Scott, Gerry Cormier, Helen Korce, Barbara Conidi, Lindsey Luby, Charlene Shannon, Jim Crowley, Toni Brideau, Sherry Wales, Peter Meisenburg Jr., Maureen Young, Maureen Tustin, Maureen Watson, Michael DelGrande, Leila Khan, David Gallina, Andrew Zacharuk, Patrick Macri, Alba Rondinelli, Antoinette Vescio, Nancy Waters, Victor Pizzolato, Jeanne S, Christine Pritty, John & Laura Giampa, Jim & Betty Calzonetti, Eric Van Noort, Isabell Frost, Missy Bilotta, Flori Heimbigner, Rita Ross, Anna Hunt, Leroy Collee, Jeannette Fabian, Leon French, Tony Cuvliello, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Judy, Sr. Carol Forhan CPPS, D.D., William JA DeFoe, Estelle Critelli, Betty Crete, Sister Prem, Kelsey Liles, Julian Cassidy, Kelly Laslo, Mahmat, Teresa Hebb, Rose MacDonald, Lori Ann Pizzolato, Karen Bradley, Norma Zanus, Jadwiga Wozniak, Betty & Mary Ann Quigley, Bob Marshall, Arlene Collee, Danielle Barranca, John Calder, Gregory Roulston, Cameron Boyes, Kerrie Szuch, Pasquale Abrunzo, Anna Chayer, Denise Colalillo, Francesco Albanese, Mary Jo O'Kell, Maria Guerin, 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, Jackie, Fran Smelko, Jozefa Bilski, Walter Wallace, Vanessa Athoe, Faith Amadio, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Patrick McCarthy, Pepper Martin Jr, Marie Brooker, 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 10: \$5,612.00  
Giving Bowl (to date) \$5,700.00  
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!*

### 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 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**



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?"*

Dear Friends,

*The Pastor's Pen*



Today is the Feast Day of our Patron, **St. Patrick!** I wish you all a very **Happy St. Patrick's Day.** Born **Maewyn Succat**, he took the name **Patrick** when he became a priest! Patrick is known as a wonderful model of God's forgiveness and healing! He is the Patron of Ireland, and of Irish people everywhere.

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We now begin the 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent. I was walking around the gardens on Monday, and saw the first daffodils in bloom! This has certainly been an odd winter. Already, I've seen robins on the lawn, lady bugs on the exterior door, and even flies outside. We thank God we are not in Newfoundland these days with snow up to their ears.

Our readings this Sunday call us to a change of heart, a change of life. In Jeremiah, the Lord says, ***I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.*** The Psalmist in Psalm 51 cries out, ***Create in me a***



***clean heart, O God!... cleanse me from my sin.*** Hebrews tells how Jesus is the ***source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.*** And John's Gospel has Jesus speaking before his death, and he tells Philip and Andrew and others that ***when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw people to myself.***

This is a good week to intensify our preparations for Easter. Jesus died that we may have eternal life. He died for **our sins.** We all have sins, shortcomings, failings, even sins of omission. Lent is about focusing on ourselves and doing our own personal homework ... personal soul-work. If we can use the rest of Lent to make things right with ourselves, with others and with our God, then we can approach Easter with joyful and free hearts!

This coming **Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** we have an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a community. Let's take advantage of God's healing love and grace offered in this powerful and cleansing sacrament! Have a blessed week.

Fr. Gerard



***Confession is an act of honesty and courage - an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God.***  
Pope St. John Paul II

**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!

**Development and Peace- Share Lent**

The Share Lent collection for ***Development and Peace*** is held on the Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 17, 2024 (Solidarity Sunday). Established by the Catholic bishops of Canada in 1967, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada addresses the root causes of poverty, oppression, and inequality by working with partners in the Global South and by mobilizing Canadians in the common struggle for justice and dignity. The theme of this year's campaign is "Reaping Our Rights". "Everywhere on Earth, and especially in the Global South, impoverished populations are facing growing challenges due to climate change, land grabbing, resource theft, soil contamination and armed conflict. Rural populations are particularly affected by these upheavals, and Development and Peace supports them in defending their rights to life, land, water, biodiversity, justice, health, participation, decent livelihoods, a healthy environment & more."

**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.

**Irish Blessings**

May your mornings bring joy  
And your evenings bring peace.  
May your troubles grow less  
As your blessings increase.

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May your troubles be less,  
And your blessings be more,  
And nothing but happiness  
Come through your door.

**A Wee Irish Humour**

- If it ain't brogue, don't fix it.
- Why should you never iron a four-leaf clover?  
You don't want to press your luck.
- May the Good Lord take a liking to you — but not too soon.
- May your troubles be as few and as far apart as granny's teeth.

**Happy St. Joseph's Day**

St. Joseph's Day will be celebrated this year on Tuesday, March 19! St. Joseph is the Principal Patron of Canada and Patron of the Universal Church. We will have a Blessing of Breads at the 8:00 AM Mass. Please place your breads in the basket near the altar before Mass.

*Thank you to John & Dina Iacobaccio for their donation of our Paschal Candle*

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