

# 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.**

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



### Saturday, March 18 St Cyril of Jerusalem

**5:00** Paul Le Xu & Anthony Hung Nguyen *req. by the Family*  
James Ogilvie & dec'd Ogilvie Fam *req. by the St Angelo & Ogilvie Fam*

### Sunday, March 19 Third Sunday of Lent

**8:00** Giuseppe De Mizio *req. by Pasqualina De Mizio & Family*  
Robert Lelievre *req. by Aileen Lelievre- Adams*  
**9:30** Rosaleen O'Brien *req. by the Family*  
William (Bill) Woods *req. by Frank & Antoinette Veschio & Family*  
**11:30** Jean Lundy *req. by the St. Patrick's Church Choir*  
Boris Dimitroff *req. by Rita Downes & Family*  
**7:00** People of the Parish

### Monday, March 20 St Joseph

**8:00** Scott Balfour *req. by Mom & Dad*  
Linda Cardinal *req. by the Family*

### Tuesday, March 21

**8:00** Bernard Kennedy *req. by the Kennedy Family*  
Antonella Lumia *req. by Ody & Diana Argenta*

**9:15** St. Patrick School Mass

### Wednesday, March 22

**8:00** Gianni 'Johnny' Bonaldo *req. by the Bortolin Family*  
**7:00** Ida Di Cosimo *req. by John & Marney Broderick*

### Thursday, March 23 St Turibius of Mogrovejo

**8:00** Iole Scremin *req. by the Mario Pozzebon Family*  
Ida Di Cosimo *req. by Anna Bortolin*

### Friday, March 24 Bl Oscar Romero

**8:00** Michael Iammarino *req. by Assunta Iammarino & Family*  
Carmela Petrella *req. by the Petrella Family*

### Saturday, March 25 The Annunciation of the Lord

**5:00** Aline Cormier *req. by her Dtr: Linda Cormier*  
Antonio (Tony) Muraca *req. by Sandy & Matteo Muraca*

### Sunday, March 26 Fourth Sunday of Lent

**8:00** Agostino Compare *req. by the Family*  
Giulio Canali *req. by John & Anna Condotta*  
**9:30** People of the Parish  
**11:30** Lucia Rossi *req. by the Family*  
Peter Viet *req. by the Family*  
**7:00** Giovanni Simonetti *req. by Amina Simonetti & Family*  
Peter & Ana Forlin *req. by Lidia Bonaldo*

### Children's Sacramental Dates 2017

**First Communion:** Sunday, May 7, 2017 @ 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM

### 2017 Church Envelopes & 2016 Tax Receipts

Please make sure you pick up your Offertory Envelopes & Tax Receipts as soon as possible. They are at the main doors of the Church today. Many thanks.

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

This Lent we will have a special container at the front and back of the church. All donations will assist a food program in which some of our parishioners helped initiate in Eastern Uganda. Each day **Ryan's Bowl** feeds over 1000 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?"

Amount Collected this Lent to date: \$3,545.15

**Annual Diocesan RESPECT FOR LIFE MASS...** March 25, 2017 10am  
at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria, reception to follow



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

*Please pray for those who are hospitalized:*

John MacDonnell

*Please pray for those who are ill*

Mary Power, John Nicks, Melissa Brideau, Loreto Rey, Mary Lawrence, Camelia Pellegrino, Leon Dopke, Bernard Martin, William JA De Foe, Emily Hanover, Leo Martin, Gerarda Hurley, Drago Bicanic, Baby Victoria, Michael Brazeau, Nancy Weiss, Shanda Gale, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffrady, Wendy & John Calder, Pauline Miner, Edna McDonnell, Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, Sharon Regular, Fr Tony McNamara, O.Carm., Bette Anne Chevalier, Maria Melchiorre, Conner Hawkswell, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Jeannette Fabian, Donna Cormier, Maria Rosiana, Danielle Barranca, Lucy Rizzo, Barbara Phillips (Murray), Audrey Vendramin, Jeanne Lea, Stan Manning, Iole Mancini, Alice Dalton, Baby Maximus, David & Patrick Kealey, Joanna Daniels, Ray Sexton, Francesco Albanese, Mary Ann O'Shea, Rosalyn Dagleish, Kitty Decicco, Evelyn Rose Baker, Jozefa Bilski, Charlene Shannon, Mary O'Shea, Dr. Andy Fisher, Dorothy Simon, Rebecca Evans, Marie Massolin, Maria Guerin, Anna Vergalito, John Jefferson, Jill Leronowich, Vince (Jim) Baldassarro, Nancy Jean Rose, Guiseppina Paonessa, Phyllis Higgins, Patrick McCarthy, Norman Horth, Todd Reid, Muriel Pivarnyk, Helen Lelievre, Tom Hilton, Walter Wallace, Stefanie Borin, John Cox, Joyce Weaver, Kerrie Szuch, Faith Amadio, Margaret Smith, Carmella Modenti, Margaret Waghorn, Theresa Poirier, Carlo Trasmundi, Vito Fuccillo, Baby Hope, Cheryl D'Amizio, Kelly Laslo, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Alessia Comisso, Vicki Dubeau, Donna Bradley, Mary Jo O'Kell, Baby Sebastian, Lorraine Murray, Patricia O'Reilly, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pepper Martin Jr., Vital & Emmanuel Chayer, Trina Washington, Shirley Machulla, Lorraine Spence, Baby Gabriel Paraskevopoulos, Patricia Desrosiers, Helen Rotella, Brian Smith, Maria Benevento, Jeanne S, Michelle Price, Kelly Detlor

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

### Collections

March 11 & 12: \$5,005.90

Ryan's Bowl: \$3,545.15

Many thanks for your generosity!

### Baptism Schedule for 2017

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday, May 28, June 25, July 23 & Aug 27, NO Baptisms in March or April**  
A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on **Tuesday, May 16, June 13, July 11 & Aug 15 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 all the necessary information. We encourage parents and Godparents to make an effort to attend liturgies in the parish community. We also have a special evening of preparation for parents and Godparents! Many blessings!*

### St. Patrick's Day Dance, Saturday March 18, 2017

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**  
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**St Patrick School's Third Annual Trivia Night...** Friday, March 31, in  
the Parish Hall Doors open at 6pm, Game play starts at 7pm  
Tickets \$20 each Call to Reserve a table 905-354-6631

Sacred Heart Church, Chippawa, The Divine Mercy Devotees of Niagara  
is hosting: **2000 Hail Mary's** on Saturday March 25 starting at 8am in  
Sacred Heart hall, come & leave anytime you please

### Upcoming Weddings at St. Patrick's in April

*Kathleen Turner & Jacob Rattie*  
*Dana Skowronek & Ben Hopkins*





Dear Friends:



**HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!!!!** May you live as long as you want, and never want as long as you live! **HAPPY ST. JOSEPH'S DAY!!!!** St. Joseph is the Patron of the Universal Church! His feast is celebrated this year on Monday, March 20!

Good News: The spring equinox arrives in Niagara at 12:57 p.m. on Monday, March 20, marking an official end to winter in the Northern Hemisphere! Mother Nature decided to give us a good blast of winter this past week! It was actually **Sheilagh's Brush!!!** (In weather legend, NL recognizes a winter storm that falls near St. Patrick's Day as Sheilagh's Brush!) We handled it though! Before we know it, plants will be in full bloom and the trees will be waving their new leaves in the air!!!



This is the 3rd Sunday in Lent! Today's Gospel scene is powerful, yet shocking for its day! Jesus is nearing Sychar, a Samaritan City. He stops to rest at Jacob's Well. And a **Samaritan Woman** comes to draw water at noon! Well, this says much! Women drew water in the morning. She was avoiding others! After all, she has been through five husbands and the one she was living with now, was not her husband. Most likely, she was the topic for gossip at the Tim Horton's in Sychar! She avoids being seen! When she reaches the Well, there's a man there. Not just a man, it was a Jewish man! Men and women were not seen in public together. Samaritans and Jews were known enemies! The woman is not only startled to see him, but more startled that he spoke to her! Ah, but it's Jesus! Everyone matters to God!

The woman's life was out of kilter. Unhappy. Jesus knew every detail about her! Wow! Then he used the symbol of **water** to explain the spiritual refreshment that he is bringing to the world. He said, *The water that I will give will become... a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.* She knew she was sinful, and that her problems were her own fault. She felt guilt and shame. She knew she needed a Saviour. She longed to be close to God. Jesus offered her a **new lease on life...fresh living water!** Something new, something real, welled up inside of her. A new spirit! She left her jar behind... representing her sinful past! And she spread the good news about Jesus to her town! If you get a chance this week, read John 4: 5-42.

Our challenge is to recapture the Samaritan Woman's sense of awe and wonder. We need to remember that God is still present, **here and now**. Waiting to respond. Offering us a wellspring of **living water** which leads to eternal life. If we feel we have dried up, *then come deeper into the well of faith!* Maybe we are thirsting for **forgiveness** in the parched land of our sins, or thirsting for **hope** in the dry despair of our frustrations. May we allow Christ to **pour life-giving water** into the drought of our lives. Allow him to pour his love and grace into every crevice of our dried and broken spirits. He can do marvelous things if we only **come to the well** with him! May this be a rejuvenating week for all of us.

Fr. Gerard



May the road rise to meet you, May the wind be always at your back,  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
The rains fall soft upon your fields and,  
Until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

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

### Weekday Mass Schedule for Lent

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



### Stations of the Cross

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

### THEOLOGY ON TAP

**Theology on Tap** (sponsored by Our Lady of the Scapular Parish) invites young adults to join us for evenings of thought-provoking theological discussions and presentations in a comfortable and relaxed setting. Come join us at **Doc Magilligans** (Private Room) on Lundy's Lane this Monday, March 20th at 7:00 PM as Fr. Gerard Power, O.Carm. leads our theological discussion. Feel free to come early for dinner!!!

Lent is to adjust life, to fix life, to change life, to draw closer to the Lord. The sign that we are far from the Lord is hypocrisy. The hypocrite does not need the Lord, he is saved by himself — so he thinks — and he disguises himself as a saint. The sign that we are drawing closer to the Lord with repentance, asking for forgiveness, is that we care for the needy. May the Lord give us all light and courage: light to know what's happening within us, and courage to convert, to draw closer to the Lord. It is beautiful to be close to the Lord." *Pope Francis*

### St. Joseph's Day ...

... will be celebrated this year on Monday, March 20th! We will have a Blessing of Breads at Mass. Please place your breads in the basket near the altar before Mass.

### Litany to St. Joseph

Saint Joseph, Light of Patriarchs, Spouse of the Mother of God,  
Chaste guardian of the Virgin, Foster-father of the Son of God,  
Watchful defender of Christ, Head of the Holy Family,  
Joseph most just, Joseph most chaste, Joseph most prudent,  
Joseph most valiant, Joseph most obedient, Joseph most faithful, Mirror of  
patience,  
Lover of poverty, Model of workmen, Glory of home life,  
Guardian of virgins, Pillar of families,  
Solace of the afflicted, Hope of the sick,  
Patron of the dying, Terror of demons,  
Protector of Holy Church, **pray for us.**



SAINT  
JOSEPH  
PRAY  
FOR US

### Annunciation of the Lord

Saturday, March 25 is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. We celebrate Angel Gabriel's appearance to the Virgin Mary ([Luke 1:26-38](#)), his announcement that the Blessed Virgin has been chosen to be the Mother of Our Lord, and Mary's *fiat*—her willing acceptance of God's holy plan.

**Let us pray, that we may become more like Christ,  
who chose to become one of us...**

+Almighty Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, You have revealed the beauty of your power by exalting the lowly virgin of Nazareth and making her the mother of our Saviour. May the prayers of this woman bring Jesus to the waiting world and fill the void of incompleteness with the presence of her child, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen

### 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!

"Helping Hands" Bereavement Support Group...8 week series starting on Wednesday March 29 at 7pm at Our Lady of the Scapular Church Hall Please call facilitators Mike & Rose Brown 905-354-6690 to register, limited seating available.

**Sacrament of Penance Saturday April 1, 2017 from 10am - 2pm**  
All parishes of the St. Catharines Diocese



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