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Music Ministry

Carol Martin - Director of Music
Sandra DiCienzo - Organist
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Anthony Scaringi - Pianist and Organist
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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
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 19 St Joseph

5:00 Rosaleen O'Brien req. by Ethel & Family
Pat O'Brien req. by Ethel & Family

Sunday, March 20 Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 Philomena Shepherd req. by Debbie Jane Shepherd
Giuseppe De Mizio req. by Pasqualina De Mizio & Family
9:30 Sam DiCarlo req. by Mary Di Carlo
Lawrence & Eleanor Murray & Michael Sinodinos req. by
Fred & Judy Murray
11:30 People of the Parish

Monday, March 21

8:00 Bernard Kennedy req. by the Kennedy Family
For the Healing of Gaetan Buteau req. by his Family

Tuesday, March 22

8:00 Anna The & Joseph Tham req. by Duy's Family
Angelina DiLella req. by Anne & Giancarlo Condotta

Wednesday, March 23 St Turibius of Mogrovejo

8:00 Vito Ferri req. by Pat & Hans Herrmann
Jeanne Marie Dowell req. by Jim Collins

Thursday, March 24

8:00 Francesco Mastropiero req. by the Family
Joan Foell req. by the Family

Friday, March 25 The Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 Lucia Rossi req. by the Family
Fr. David Blanchard, O.Carm. req. by Carmelites

Saturday, March 26

5:00 Adam Joon req. by Clara & John Fisher
Alessandro Carriero req. by Eda Martin

Sunday, March 27 Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 Larry & Lucy Kitney req. by Evelyn Kemp
Viet Nguyen req. by the Family
9:30 Gary & Anne Herman & Family req. by the Herman Family
Leo Ruberto req. by Teresa
Cyndi Carroll req. by Aunts Mary, Bernadette & Neen
11:30 People of the Parish

2022 Church Envelopes & 2021 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. They are in the sacristy, to the left of the altar, if you are here at Mass on the weekends. Many thanks.

The Giving Bowl

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

Once again this Lent, we have a special container at the front and back of the church. All donations will assist *The Giving Bowl*, which feeds up to 1200 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! If you use the parish offertory envelopes, you must write the cheque to *St. Patrick Parish*. Then we issue a cheque to *The Giving Bowl* at the end of each month.

Synod on Synodality

Our parish will be having some input sessions for the Synod on Synodality later in the Spring. The dates will be published in the parish bulletin.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Tony Gallo, Flori Heimbigner, Bruno Ceschin

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Tony Laslo, Patrick Macri, Nancy Waters, Christine Pritty, Jerry Slak, Charlene Shannon, Sandra DeFoe, Natalie Speth, Missy Bilotta, Mary Lou Gallardi, Justin Vaillancourt, Betty Calzonetti, Marcellina Mativo, Sr. Carol Forhan CPPS, Rita Ross, Ron O'Neill, Francis Patterson, Fern Albert, Estelle Critelli, Leon French, Teresa Calzonetti Spiller, Dr. Andy Fisher, Andrea Fisher, Kelsey Liles, Angelina Greco, Maureen Tustin, Betty Crete, Leroy Collee, Eric Van Noort, Joe Young, Judy, Gaetan Buteau, Ralph Davey, Rose MacDonald, Kathryn Kneller, Mahmat, Maureen Kealey, Lori Ann Pizzolato, Andy Scotnicki, Pat DiLorenzo Jr., Dennis Bowers, Karen Bradley, Ron Winslow, Corinne Journeau, Carmine Astorino, Carole Ann Ogilvie, Arlene Collee, Betty & Joe Power, Mary Ann Quigley, Teresa Hebb, Mary Frances Pye, Nancy Weiss, Julian Cassidy, Marney Broderick, Gregory Roulston, Sister Prem, Kerrie Szuch, John Nicks, Cameron Boyes, Pasquale Abrunzo, John Calder, Victor Sincich, Nancy Praakel, Bernadette Moore, Norma Zanus, Patricia Williams, Mark Pepple, Nancy Huber, Danielle Barranca, Kelly Laslo, Toni Brideau, Jeanne Lea, John Cox, Nikki Mansfield, Edward Brzozowski Jr., Nicolina Compare, Nancy Jean Rose, Anna Vergalito, Carmella Modenti, Anna Hunt, Elizabeth Stachura, Denise Colalillo, Brian Smith, Donna Bradley, Margaret Smith, Rebecca Echens, Samuel Potapczyk, Michelle Price, Mary Lawrence, William JA De Foe, Bernard Martin, Joyce Weaver, Drago Bicanic, Margaret Waghorn, Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Evelyn Rose Baker, Lorraine Spence, Vito Fuccillo, Tom Hilton, Jeanne S, Francesco Albanese, Robert & JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Jeannette Fabian, Maria Melchiorre, Jozefa Bilski, Todd Reid, Mary Brennan, Conner Hawkswell, Faith Amadio, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Maria Guerin, Patricia O'Reilly, Audrey Vendramin, Patrick Kealey, Cheryl Granton, Walter Wallace, Francois Chayer, Baby Victoria, Vital & Anna Chayer, Emmanuel & Aline Chayer, Jadwiga Wozniak, Julie Nicholson, Stefanie Borin, Patrick McCarthy, D.D., Alessia Commisso, Mary Jo O'Kell, Pepper Martin Jr., Trina Washington, Jackie, Cheryl D'Amizio, Bob Marshall

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

Collections

March 13: \$4,709.19

The Giving Bowl: \$4,199.75 (to date)

Ukraine Relief: \$2,270.00 (to date)

Heating: \$2,299.00 (to date)

Many thanks for your generosity!

Children Sacramental Dates 2022

Confirmation: Saturday, April 30, 2022 @ 7:00pm

First Communion: Sunday, May 15, 2022 at 1:30pm for St. Mary & St. Patrick Schools (9:30am-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.)

40 DAYS FOR LIFE runs from Ash Wednesday, March 2 – April 10, 2022 on the sidewalk outside GNGH on Portage Road. You may sign up at www.wpcprolife.com For further information, please contact Annette: loeffenlife@gmail.com, 905-325-1251.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated in all parishes in the Diocese of St. Catharines on Saturday, April 2, 2022 10am-2pm.

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*





Dear Friends!

We continue to keep the people of Ukraine in prayer. The images and stories across the media are heartbreaking. We pray for this war to end, and that peace will prevail. [Please see the requests for help in this bulletin]

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Spring officially springs this Sunday! Praise God! Spring equinox happens on Sunday, March 20, at 11:33 A.M. EDT. Before we know it, everything will be in full bloom again!



We are entering the 3rd Week of Lent! If we ever wonder what God is like, our readings this Sunday tell us so much! We have a God of **second chances**. In Exodus, the Israelites wandered far from home... to Egypt. They strayed from God, evil befell them, but did God abandon them? Absolutely not. God's nurturing hands were held out to them. From the burning bush, Moses was called to lead his people from slavery to freedom! In the Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about a 3-year old fig-tree that bore no fruit. The owner wants to cut it down, but the gardener makes a plea to save it! It is given a second chance, one more year! This speaks not only of God's patience, but also of the urgency of the call to conversion. We are the fig tree. We have been planted in the Kingdom of God to bear fruit. We must make the best use of the life that God gave us, and produce results.

We all stray from God. At times we are burdened by sin. We do things that are contrary to the Gospel, or fail to do the things that God asks. The Good News is, **God's nurturing hand is held out to all of us**. Hear God saying to us, "*Come back to me, I will give you a second chance.*" A great week to examine our lives and consider the consequences of our sin. Sin certainly has consequences, not only in this life, but also in the next. On Saturday, April 2nd, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered in every Parish in our diocese from **10:00 AM until 2:00 PM** with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. A wonderful opportunity to repent and turn to the Gospel, to get ourselves back on track! Today's Gospel is about grace and mercy! As Pope Francis said, "God's name is MERCY." We are cultivated by a loving gardener who will help us bear the fruits of conversion and discipleship. The time for change is now, **today**, not tomorrow. Life is precious. Life is also short. We have to make the best use of every day that we are gifted. Have a blessed week.

Fr. Gerard

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Many thanks to our children for the beautiful display of peace doves in the church, as their way of sending prayers for the people of Ukraine.

Wearing of Masks

As of March 21, 2022, mask requirements will be removed in most indoor settings, including places of worship. Our diocese suggests that in the best interest, and for the safety of our parish community, that we consider wearing face masks while in the church after March 21st.

Monetary Help for Ukraine

Our Diocese has asked that we consider making a sacrifice for the people of Ukraine. Monetary donations can be made through our parish office or online by March 30, 2022. You can e-transfer to stpatrick1895@hotmail.com. Please specify "Aid for Ukraine" in your online donation, or on your cheque or envelope. We have special envelopes at the church doors.

SUPPLIES FOR UKRAINE

St. John The Theologian Ukrainian Catholic Church in St. Catharines, is collecting essential supplies to send to Ukraine. If you wish to drop items off at St. Patrick Church, we will deliver them for you. Currently they are asking for: Medical supplies (scissors, tape, gauze etc.), First aid kits, Polysporin with antibiotic; Acetaminophen/Tylenol; Aspirin; Children's medicines; new Thermal underwear, new warm socks (men's & women's); Hygiene products; Baby formula; Sleeping bags; Batteries (non lithium); Flashlights; Fishing line; Safety glasses; Latex or rubber gloves; Safety pins; Packing boxes. [They are not collecting food, or used clothing at this time, and they have a super abundance of diapers].



Congratulations and best wishes to Harlow Marie Olsen who was recently baptized

**Lenten Evening Of Reconciliation
Monday, April 11th at 7:00 PM**

Food Month

Let's make March **FOOD MONTH!** We are all invited to bring Macaroni and Cheese; canned pasta, canned soups, canned meats or tomato sauce to Mass on the weekends. Let's make a difference in the lives of the hungry!

Parish Office

Our Parish Office is open to visitors again. If you require a Mass Card, Little Flower Card, or Baptism Certificate, please call ahead and we will gladly have it ready for you.

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: _____ **Postal Code:** _____

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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