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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-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.

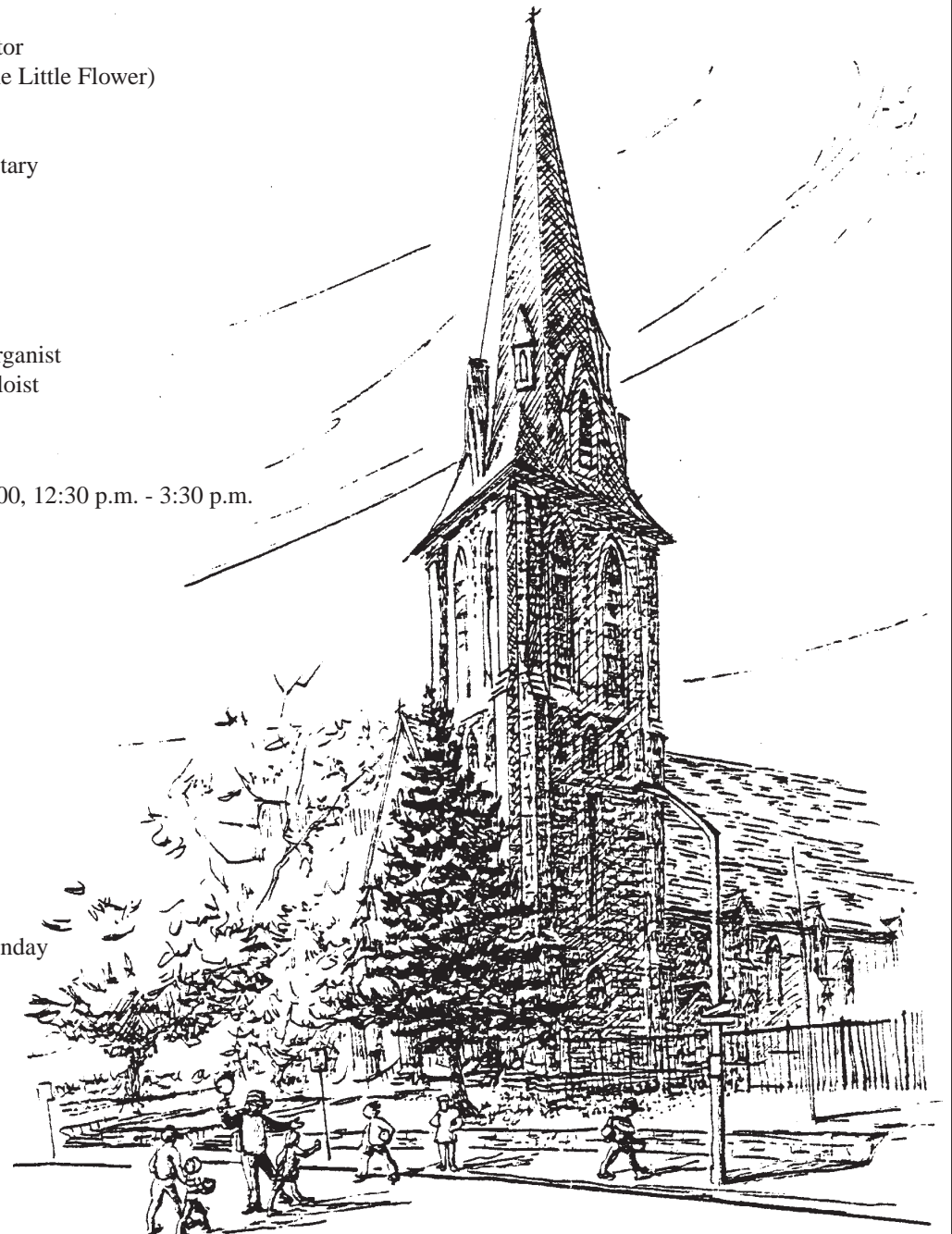
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St. Patrick School 905-354-6631
St. Mary School 905-354-7744

Diocese of St. Catharines (est. 1958)
Most Rev. Gerard Bergie, D.D., Bishop

Parish Established 1858
Church Dedicated 1895

New Parishioners are asked to complete a parish registration form.



PALM SUNDAY



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

Monday, March 25
8:00 Intentions of the Little Flower Society
 World Peace

Tuesday, March 26
8:00 Marco Bortolin req by his Wife: Anna
 Tracy Bungay req by the Family

Wednesday, March 27
8:00 Intentions of the Little Flower Society
 World Peace

Thursday, March 28 Holy Thursday
No 8:00am Morning Mass
7:00 Sophie & Toni Mayer & Andi Kelderer & Family
pm req by the Family
 Wilf, Olga & Gary Manuel req by Friends

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Eda Martin and Lucie Carey . 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, 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.

Schedule for Holy Week and Easter Triduum	
Monday	8:00 AM
Tuesday	8:00 AM
Wednesday	8:00 AM
*** Thursday (NO 8:00 AM Mass) ***	
Holy Thursday	Mass of the Lord's Supper- 7:00 PM
Good Friday	Celebration of the Passion of the Lord- 3:00 PM Stations of the Cross- 7:00 PM
Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil - 7:30 PM
Easter Sunday	8:00; 9:30; and 11:30 AM

Tuesday, March 26th at 7:30 PM Mass of Chrism
 Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria. All are invited.

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.

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

Collections
 March 17: \$6,078.97
 Giving Bowl (to date) \$6,451.20
 Development & Peace: \$1,180.00
 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!

Congratulations and Best Wishes to
Stu & Mary Lou Gallardi
on their 60th Wedding Anniversary

Project SHARE
 Our Community At Work
 Project Share is looking for **Volunteers** in their Food Room and Warehouse. If you can commit to 3.5hrs a week for at least 6 months, please consider helping them out.
 The Hours of Operation are Monday – Friday, 8:30 – 3:30pm. Contact Karen Misek at 365-880-4726 or email volunteer@projectshare.ca
 For more details, please read the Posters on the Church Bulletin Boards at either the Back or Side entrances of the Church.

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

The Pastor's Pen

Dear Friends in Christ:

This past Sunday night I was in a video conference with the Carmelite Provincial in Chicago and the Philippines, and with Fr. Joi. Things are finally moving along. We should be expecting Fr. Joi shortly after Easter. He will be our new Associate Pastor. We will update you when we have a final date. We will welcome Fr. **Joi** with great joy! His official name is Fr. **Joiezl Fern S. Piñon, O.Carm.** He has been ordained for three years, and is quite excited about coming to minister in Canada.

Today is **Passion-Palm Sunday! The Gate-Way into Holy Week.** We enter the most sacred days of our Church year, in which we pray and meditate intensely on Christ's passion and death. We must never forget that He did this for you and me.

In this Sunday's liturgy, we celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. He was greeted by a very excited crowd, quite a joyous welcome. This is the Gospel proclaimed at the entrance of the church! **There were shouts of Hosannas!** Shortly after, we will hear the Passion Gospel. Jesus carried a heavy cross up Calvary, with jeers and shouts of **"Crucify Him!"**

Today's liturgy **begins Holy Week!** I encourage everyone to **take the precious time** to come out this week and celebrate the **High Holy Days of our Church.** Come out **Holy Thursday at 7:00** and experience what Jesus did for us, and gave us, on the night before he died... and what he asks us to do for him today! Come out **Good Friday at 3:00** and feel the intensity of his love for us! If you've never been to an Easter Vigil, come out on **Easter Saturday Night at 7:30** and experience the powerful symbols of our faith! We will celebrate Confirmation and First Eucharist for several adults. There will be no baptisms at the Vigil this year. The ones who signed up, couldn't continue with the process.

As we enter into Holy Week, may we be the **Hosanna** crowd, following Jesus with a sincere heart... **walking faithfully in his footsteps.** Jesus died for you and me. May we truly live for him. Many blessings for these sacred days!
Fr. Gerard



Easter Flowers

If you would like to donate toward the Easter Flowers in memory of your loved ones, envelopes are available at the doors of the church!



Project Share for our ongoing continue to bring 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?"



sends a big thank-you generosity! Please food items to the

Holy Week and Easter Schedule 2024

25th Monday- 8:00 AM

26th Tuesday- 8:00 AM

27th Wednesday- 8:00 AM

28th Thursday (no morning Mass)

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper

Thursday, March 28th - 7:00 pm
(Church will remain open until 11:00 PM)

Good Friday

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Friday, March 29th - 3:00 pm
Stations of the Cross - 7:00 pm
Decorating of Church- 7:30 pm

Easter Vigil

Saturday, March 30th - 7:30 pm

Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31st
8:00 am, 9:30 am, and 11:30 am

Thought for Holy Week

Will you be his disciple, or his executioner? Betrayer or follower? There is no middle ground here. Will you abandon the world to follow Him? Or will you deny Him in order to maintain your comfort and security?

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.

Damage to Property

During the past few months we have had some damage done to our church property. We've had parts of our sprinkler system torn from the ground, signs stolen and destroyed, electrical boxes and wires torn off the lamp posts and wall in front of the church. Thankfully, our video cameras captured the incidents. Last week an arrest was made. The perpetrator is not permitted to enter our property again. If you're driving by the church at night or during the day and see anything unusual, please do not hesitate to call us or call the police. Extra lighting has been installed around the church, so hopefully this will be a further deterrent.

Little Flower Society Cards

St. Patrick Parish Office has Mass Cards in stock from the Carmelite's Little Flower Society? We have Healing Mass Cards, Living Intentions, Five-Year Memorial Cards, and also Perpetual Memorial Cards. By using those cards, you not only comfort a family member or friend, but you also support the mission of the Carmelites, our Carmelite Vocation Efforts, and our Carmelite Formation Programs in several countries.

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