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. Marc Bell, O.Carm., Associate Pastor Rev. Mr. David Scott, Deacon Debbie Herman, Secretary Alice Corfield, Bookkeeper Secretary 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 School905-354-6631St. Mary School905-354-7744

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.

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Mass Intentions

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	Saturday, March 25 The Annunciation of the Lord				
	5:00	Fr. Bruce Taggart req. by the Parish			
		Fr. Tony McNamara req. by the Parish			
		ay, March 26 Fifth Sunday of Lent Development & Peace			
		People of the Parish			
	9:30	Gary & Anne Herman req. by the Family Ermina DiGiorgio req. by Joe & Loreta Antonio			
	11.30	Dec'd mem of the Besaw & O'Leary Families req. by the Family			
Immacolata Luciano req. by her Children					
Monday, March 27 8:00 Erika Bell <i>req. by Parish Staff</i>					
	0.00	John F Power reg. by Fr. Gerard			
Tuesday, March 28					
		Fred Girardo Jr. req. by Friends			
		Izkender Tokuc req. by Friends			
		nesday, March 29			
	8:00				
		Muriel Pivarnyik req. by Friends			
		sday, March 30			
	8:00	Fr. Ben, Fr. Tony & Fr. Bruce req. by the Parish			
	Deceased Carmelites req. by the Parish Friday, March 31				
		End to the Ukraine War			
		Healing for Turkey & Syria			
Saturday, April 1					
		Addison Kneller reg. by Mom & Dad			
		Scott Balfour req. by Mom & Dad			
Sunday, April 2 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord					
	8:00	Bruno Pietrobon req. by the Family			
		Hugh, Felicitas & William Hockton req. by the Family			
	9:30	Leo Ruberto req. by Teresa Ruberto			
	44.20	Rene Plouffe req. by Rosemary Girardo			
11:30 People of the Parish					
	Memorial Mass for Fr. Marc's Mother				
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Our deepest condolences to Fr. Marc and his sister Karen, on the passing of their mother, Mrs. Erika Bell. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on **Thursday**, **March 30th at 7:00 PM** in St. Patrick Church. Please come out and support Fr. Marc and his sister Karen. May Erika rest in peace.

2023 Church Envelopes & 2022 Tax Receipts

Please make sure you pick up your Offertory Envelopes & Tax Receipts as soon as possible. They are in the sacristy, to the left of the altar, if you are here at Mass on the weekends. Call the Office (905-354-7451) to arrange for pick up during the week. Many thanks.

Plastic Milk Bags

St. Pat's will be collecting plastic milk bags. These will be used to make 3' X 6' sleeping mats for the homeless. A church group in NOTL has many volunteers and several looms to do this project. A basket will be placed at the main entrance of the church for drop off. A sample of the mat is also on display.

Holy Land Olive Wood Religious Art Sale On April 1st & 2nd, we will be having some of their beautiful art available for sale in an effort to strengthen the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

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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!



Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Erika Bell and Bob Vaillancourt. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Sherry Wales, Karyn McEvoy, Mary F Hanlon, Tony Laslo, Leila Khan David Gallina, Andrew Zacharuk, Patrick Macri, Alba Rondinelli, John Pritty, Nancy Waters, , Natalie Speth, Cecilia Shugg, Jeanne S, John & Laura Giampa, Christine Pritty, Antoinette Vescio, Charlene Shannon, Sandra DeFoe, Missy Bilotta, Mary Lou Gallardi, Flori Heimbigner, Toni Brideau, Robert Morningstar, Leon French, Isabell Frost, Leroy Collee, Ron O'Neill, Elaine Pampena, Tony Cuviello, Rita Ross, Karen Watt, Teresa Calzonetti Spiller, Jim & Betty Calzonetti, Eric Van Noort, Marcellina Mativo, William JA DeFoe, Sr. Carol Forhan CPPS, Judy, D.D., Estelle Critelli, Betty Crete, Bernadette Moore, Andrea Fisher, Sister Prem, Kelsey Liles, Julian Cassidy, Kelly Laslo, Mahmat, Joe Young, Maureen Tustin, Jeannette Fabian, Teresa Hebb, Rose MacDonald, Edward Brzozowski, Lori Ann Pizzolato, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pat DiLorenzo Jr., Karen Bradley, Corinne Journeau, Tom Hilton, Carmine Astorino, Bob Marshall, Arlene Collee, Betty & Mary Ann Quigley, Nancy Weiss, Anna Hunt, Brian Smith, Gregory Roulston, Cameron Boyes, Danielle Barranca, Kerrie Szuch, Norma Zanus, John Nicks, Pasquale Abrunzo, Samuel Potapczyk, John Calder, Todd Reid, Anna Chayer, Patricia Williams, Nancy Praakel, Jeanne Lea, Nancy Huber, Rebecca Evans, Denise Colalillo, John Cox, Nikki Mansfield, Nicolina Compare, Baby Victoria, Margaret Smith, Carmella Modenti, Donna Bradley, Elizabeth Stachura, Francesco Albanese, Michelle Price, Vito Fuccillo, Bernard Martin, Joyce Weaver, Emmanuel & Aline Chayer, Margaret Waghorn, Drago Bicanic, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Evelyn Rose Baker, Lorraine Spence, Patricia O'Reilly, Gloria Smelko, Conner Hawkswell, Jackie, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Jozefa Bilski, Mary Jo O'Kell, Robert & Maria Melchiorre, Mary Brennan, Faith Amadio, Cheryl Granton, Alessia Commisso, Trina Washington, Maria Guerin, Jadwiga Wozniak, John O'Leary, Walter Wallace, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Patrick McCarthy, Stefanie Borin, Pepper Martin Jr, Cheryl D'Ammizio

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

Collections

March 19: \$6,158.19 Giving Bowl: \$8,775.80 (to date) Turkey/Syria: \$1,670.00 (to date) Many thanks for your generosity!

Children Sacramental Date 2023

First Communion: Sunday, May 7, 2023 @ 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM

Baptism Schedule for 2023

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: Sunday April 23, May 21 & June 25 A mandatory meeting for <u>Parents and Godparents</u> will be held in the

Church on Tuesday, April 11, May 9 & June 13 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!

Development and Peace- Share Lent 2023...This weekend we have special envelopes available at the doors of the church for Development and Peace- Share Lent. Envelopes are also in your offertory boxes. Please be generous in supporting this Catholic Organization that are doing so much throughout the world in relieving the burdens of the poor, the hungry, the homeless, the victims of natural disasters, and the victims of war. There will be a huge focus this year on helping the victims of Turkey and Syria. God bless you for your generosity!

> St. Patrick Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service Tuesday, March 28th at 7:00 PM

CWL News... The next meeting will be held, Wednesday, April 12th at 6:30pm in the Hall.

Dear Friends,

FROM THE PASTOR

Sadly, we had to announce last Sunday, that Fr. Marc's mother, Erika Bell, passed away at the Meadows of Dorchester on March 15th. May she rest in peace. Our deepest prayers for Fr. Marc and his sister Karen. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick Church on Thursday, March 30th at 7:00 PM.

This is the 5th Sunday in Lent! Time is moving by... and more signs of Spring are evident! Spring began this past Monday. Before long, everything will be in full bloom. Nature has to go through the death of Winter, in order to be reborn in the Spring! So too with our human lives.



We all love miracles! Today's Gospel has a powerful miracle, *The Raising of Lazarus from the Dead*! How often, as a child, and even as an adult, I have asked myself, "How come Jesus could raise his friend Lazarus from the dead, and he won't raise my friend,

or my brother, or my brother in law, or that young mom, that young dad, or that little child. Why? Shouldn't these miracles still be happening?"

That's a tough faith question. We all struggle with death. And we have many *WHY* questions. That's normal and natural. We all have to die at some point. What this Gospel does is prepare us for what has to happen to every human being, **death**. Even Lazarus, although raised, **will have to die again**. This miracle points us toward the Eternal Life offered to all who have faith. It points us toward Resurrection... Easter! Death is not the end.

We believe there's more to life than the here and now! How often I've told people who were dying, to go to the Light! I'll never forget my grandfather's passing. I was 21. In a darkened hospital room in June 1986, he kept shouting, "Turn off the light! The light is bright.!" He died within minutes... and I walked away from his deathbed, feeling so much hope that this is not the end!

My prayer is that any of us who feel entombed by grief, will allow the Risen Christ to touch our heart and soul. Hear Him say, "You'll see them again! I promise you! Do not be afraid!" And if there's a tomb in our lives, preventing us from living life to the full, may Christ release us from those dark, binding places, as we prepare for Easter 2023... and ultimately, for the Final Easter! ! Have a blessed week! **Fr. Gerard**



Weekday Mass Schedule for Lent

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM

<u>Stations of the Cross</u> Friday 7:00 PM followed by *Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.*

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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 - 8:00 PM			
Easter Sunday	8:00; 9:30; and 11:30 AM			

Don't put a question mark where God put a period. God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.

The Giving Bowl "A Lenten Sacrifice" for St. Pat's!

Once again this Lenten Season, we will have a special container at the front and back of the church. All donations will assist a food program which the late Mr. Ken Walsh helped initiate in Eastern Uganda in 2007. Each day *The Giving Bowl* feeds some 1000 children at local Schools. This is the only hot meal these children get each day! There are other elements to the program, including medical help, clothing, etc. Ms. Isabel Bujor, the director, who recently returned from visiting Eastern Uganda, will be speaking to our parish community at some point during Lent. Please place your donations into these containers during Lent! If you wish to donate by cheque, please make cheque payable to *St. Patrick Parish* and write *"The Giving Bowl"* on the memo line. *Lord, when did we see you hungry or naked or ill*?

Turkey/Syria Donations

If you would like to make a donation to the Turkey-Syria relief, you can make a cheque payable to **St. Patrick Church**, indicating *Turkey/Syria* on the "memo line" of your cheque. Funds received will be used now and in the coming months for food, medical supplies, shelter, and other essentials to meet basic human needs. These funds will also serve to meet long term needs to help families get back to a more stable life.



Project Share sends a big thank you for the weekly donations of food. If you are out and about shopping, and you see a sale, pick up canned meats, canned sauces, pasta, tuna, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese etc. Please continue to bring food items to Mass for Project Share! It is very much appreciated and needed. Every item helps! *"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"*

Special Collections Holy Land/Refugee Ministry (Good Friday) April 7

Vincent's Store...If you're cleaning out your closets, Vincent's Store on Lundy's Lane is in need of men's clothing... pants, jeans, shirts, coats, etc.. They are also in need of children's clothing (age 6-12). With the influx of refugees, the demand is great. You can drop the clothing off at the store **Tuesday to Saturday** or at the side door of the rectory at any time.

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on, Tuesday, April 4th at 7:30pm in the *Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria,* St. Catharines. All are welcome

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!



