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## Parish Staff

Rev. Gerard Power, O.Carm., Pastor  
(Dean of Niagara Falls)  
Rev. Marc Bell, O.Carm., Associate Pastor  
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  
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.**

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



## 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

## Monday, March 28

8:00 Mark McAvoy req. by the Family  
For the Healing of Gaetan Buteau req. by his Family

## Tuesday, March 29

8:00 Fred Girardo Sr. req. by the Girardo Family  
Dariusz Rebisz req. by his Mother & Family

## Wednesday, March 30

8:00 Scott Balfour req. by his Mom & Dad  
Domenic Lucio Senese req. by Cousin Cecelia & Family

## Thursday, March 31

8:00 Charles & Nora Daley req. by the Family  
Fr. Tony McNamara req. by the Carmelites

## Friday, April 1

8:00 Addison Kneller req. by her Mom & Dad  
Alice Masur req. by the Family

## Saturday, April 2 St Francis Paola

5:00 Frank Provenzano req. by Josephine Provenzano  
Hugh, Felicitas & William Hockton req. by the Family

## Sunday, April 3 Fifth Sunday of Lent Development & Peace

8:00 People of the Parish  
9:30 Dec'd mem. Faiella Family & Friends req. by James Faiella  
Elmira, James & Danny Dick req. by Colette & Yvette  
11:30 Maria Della Marca req. by Michael & Regina DeMizio  
Immacolata Luciano req. by Alessandro Lucia & Family

### 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.

### Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated in every church in our diocese on Saturday, April 2, 2022 from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

Our parish will celebrate a **Service of Reconciliation** on **Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 PM.

Several priests will be available for individual confession.

There's an insert in today's bulletin for Examination of Conscience

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on, Tuesday, April 12 at 7:30pm in the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria, St. Catharines. All are welcome

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Dariusz Rebisz, Bruno Ceschin & Frank Buck, Karen Alberton Bailey. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

### Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Tony Gallo

### Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Tony Laslo, Patrick Macri, Nancy Waters, Christine Priddy, Jerry Slak, Charlene Shannon, Sandra DeFoe, Natalie Speth, Missy Bilotta, Mary Lou Gallardi, Flori Heimbigner, 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, 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 Evans, 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 Comisso, 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 20: \$4,505.00

The Giving Bowl: \$4,523.75 (to date)

Ukraine Relief: \$3,410.00 (to date)

Many thanks for your generosity!

### Baptism Schedule for 2022

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday, May 29, June 26, July 24 & August 21**. A mandatory meeting for **Parents and Godparents** will be held in the Church on Tuesday, May 17, June 14, July 12 & Aug 9 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!

### 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](http://www.wpcprolife.com) For further information, please contact Annette: loeffenlife@gmail.com, 905-325-1251.

### 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 continue to be very painful and disturbing. 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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Today is the 4th Sunday of Lent, *Laetare* Sunday. This is a Sunday of joy. We are halfway through Lent, and the mood is one of hope and rejoicing because Easter is coming near. The reading from Joshua recounts the celebration of the Passover in the Promised Land by Joshua and those who had been in the desert for 40 years. In the second reading from Corinthians, Paul reminds us what God has brought about by Jesus' death on the cross: RECONCILIATION!!!!... an atoning sacrifice for the sins of the world.

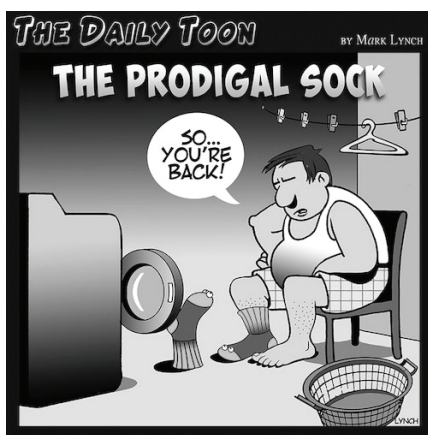


In Luke's Gospel, we have *The Prodigal Son!* A powerful parable. It shows us that God is like that kind and understanding Father, always with open arms welcoming us back when we stray. The son who asked for his inheritance, certainly represents

all of us, when we cut ourselves off from God, through sin. The good news is God's love and mercy is able to reach every prodigal son and daughter! All of us. God can restore us again! We can become a **NEW CREATION!** We can become the **RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD** (St. Paul)! God has joy in every sinner who repents!

May we use the second half of Lent to turn back to our merciful God. Allow God to restore our dignity and value, and give us the JOY in being a child of God! My prayer is that we will forgive those who have hurt us. And also recognize the need for forgiveness in our own lives. We know very well that sin separates us from God. Lent gives us an occasion to use God's grace and mercy to wash ourselves clean... turn back home... and say I'm sorry. May we have a repent-full week!!!

Fr. Gerard



**Wearing of Masks**

As of March 21, 2022, masks are no longer mandated in most indoor settings, including places of worship. We ask that in the best interest, and safety of our parish community, that we consider wearing face masks in the church after March 21st.

**!!!!!! Development and Peace: Share Lent !!!!!**

Next weekend, a special collection will be taken in all Catholic churches in Canada for Development and Peace.

Envelopes are in your boxes and at the doors of the Church.

Check out our website: <http://www.stpatricknf.ca> and watch Mass on our Facebook page

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](mailto: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.

Prayer for Peace

God of peace and justice,  
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.  
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.  
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,  
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.  
We pray for those with power over war or peace,  
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.  
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at-risk and in fear,  
that you would hold and protect them.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Visit to Rome

Catholics across the country are invited to join in prayer as a delegation of Indigenous survivors, Elders, knowledge keepers and young people travel to Rome to meet with Pope Francis from March 28 — April 1, 2022. The journey, organized by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, represents an important moment in the ongoing journey of healing and reconciliation. As announced in October of 2021, the delegation will also help inform the planned pilgrimage of the Holy Father to Canada at a future date. For more information, please visit [www.cccb.ca](http://www.cccb.ca)

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.

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.

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!*

Little Flower Society Cards

Did you know that 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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