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Carol Martin - Director of Music
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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
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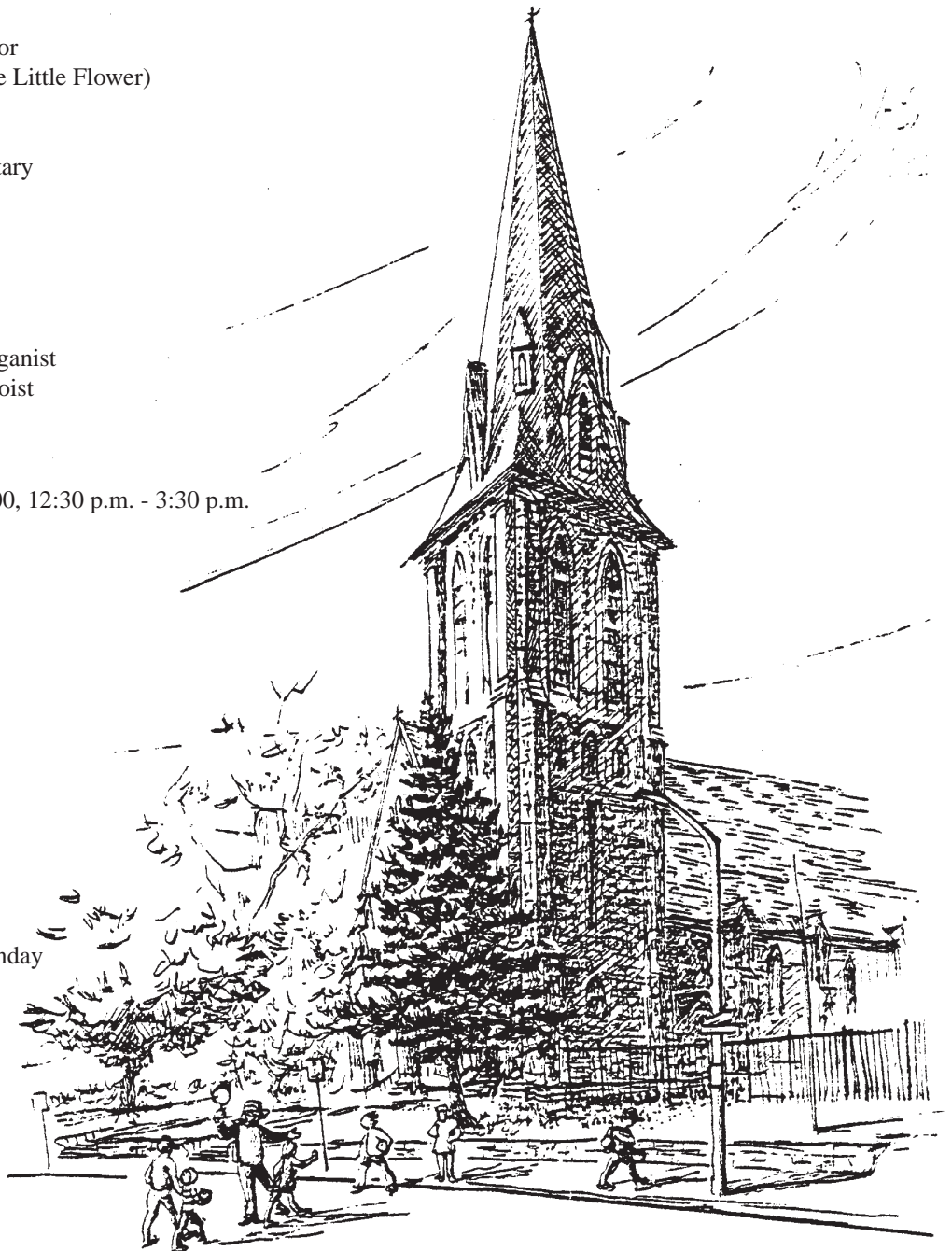
Diocese of St. Catharines (est. 1958)

Most Rev. Gerard Bergie, D.D., Bishop

Parish Established 1858

Church Dedicated 1895

New Parishioners are asked to complete a parish registration form.



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



Saturday, March 2

5:00 Alice Jones req by Pat Morrissey
Fr. Bruce & Fr. Tony req by Fr. Gerard

Sunday, March 3 Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Frank Bombicino req by his Niece: Clara Fisher
Dec'd mem. of the O'Leary & Besaw Families req by the Families
11:30 Michael & Corinne Scollard req by Mike & Family
Dec'd mem. of the Family Pozzebon req by the Pozzebon Family

Monday, March 4 St Casimir

8:00 Joseph Maddalena req by Flori Heimbigner
Intentions of the Little Flower Society

Tuesday, March 5

8:00 Fr. Brian McCulloch req by Teresa & Cliff
Mary Beth Corfield req by Friends

Wednesday, March 6

8:00 Ronald Cormier req by Leonard Horth
Intentions of the Little Flower Society

Thursday, March 7 St Perpetua & St Felicity

8:00 Donato Di Giovanni req by her Sister: Carm Pietrangelo
Mary Lawrence req by Friends

Friday, March 8 St John of God

8:00 Dennis Bowers req by the Parish Council
Bill Amadio req by the Parish Council

Saturday, March 9 St Francis of Rome

5:00 Unborn Children req by Stefanie & Peter Maiuri
World Peace

Sunday, March 10 Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Carole Finella req by her Hsb: Joe Finella
James, Elmira & Danny Dick req by Yvette & Colette
11:30 Pasquale & Concetta Maulucci req by John DiPaul
Luigi & Concetta Canal & Addolatta Crisci req by the Family

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

DID YOU KNOW?



For those of you who have Celiac Disease or are allergic to wheat products, our parish has special approved **Gluten-Free hosts** available. The onus is on you to let the presiding priest know before each Mass. He will ensure that he has it in his ciborium for you.

We have a few parishioners who struggle with perfume allergies! Please keep this in mind as you prepare yourself for Sunday Mass. Just a little dab'll do!

Holy Land Olive Wood Religious Art Sale

On March 9 & 10th, we will be having some of their beautiful art available for sale in an effort to strengthen the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Jacqueline Lococo and Gary Manuel. 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, Barbara Conidi, Charlene Shannon, Jim Crowley, Toni Brideau, Lindsey Luby, Sherry Wales, Maureen Young, Maureen Tustin, Maureen Watson, Michael DelGrande, Helen Korce, Leila Khan, David Gallina, Andrew Zacharuk, Patrick Macri, Alba Rondinelli, Nancy Waters, Victor Pizzolato, Jeanne S, Christine Pritty, John & Laura Giampa, Missy Bilotta, Antoinette Vescio, Flori Heimbigner, Rita Ross, Isabell Frost, Anna Hunt, Leroy Collee, Leon French, Tony Cuiello, Jim & Betty Calzonetti, Eric Van Noort, Judy, Sr. Carol Forhan CPPS, D.D., William JA DeFoe, Estelle Critelli, Betty Crete, Sister Prem, Jeannette Fabian, Kelsey Liles, Julian Cassidy, Kelly Laslo, Mahmat, Teresa Hebb, Rose MacDonald, Lori Ann Pizzolato, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Karen Bradley, Betty & Mary Ann Quigley, Bob Marshall, Arlene Collee, Danielle Barraanca, John Calder, Gregory Roulston, Cameron Boyes, Kerrie Szuch, Norma Zanus, Pasquale Abrunzo, Anna Chayer, Denise Colalillo, Francesco Albanese, Mary Jo O'Kell, 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, Maria Guerin, Jackie, Fran Smelko, Jozefa Bilski, Faith Amadio, Jadwiga Wozniak, Francois Chayer, Walter Wallace, Julie Nicholson, Patrick McCarthy, Pepper Martin Jr, Marie Brooker, Vanessa Athoe, Brian Boudreau, Samuel Potapczyk,

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

Collections

February 25: \$7,787.25
Giving Bowl (to date) \$2,854.00
Many thanks for your generosity!

Children Sacramental Dates 2024

First Reconciliation: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 @ 7:00 PM
First Communion: Sunday, April 28, 2024 @ 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM
(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.)

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!



Please take time to look at the back of our Parish Bulletin! These local advertisers pay for the printing/publishing of our bulletin. Let's do everything we can to **patronize them**, and let them know that you saw their AD here! If there's other family businesses within the parish that would like to advertise, call the company listed on the back of the Bulletin!

Please refer to the Bulletin Boards at the back and side entrances of the Church for many important notices and events.

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



Dear Friends:

On the 1st Sunday of Lent, we went with Jesus into the desert. Last Sunday we went upon a high mountain for the Transfiguration. This Sunday we are with Jesus at the entrance of the Temple. These are places where special encounters with God happen. Sacred places.

Here at the Temple, we see Jesus in an outburst of anger. He turns tables over and drives the people and animals out. God was being dishonoured. The Temple had become a den of thieves. What provoked Jesus? Was it because of the selling in the Temple? No. It was because of the exploitation that was involved. Exploitation is stealing, and it is condemned in our first reading today (Ten Commandments).



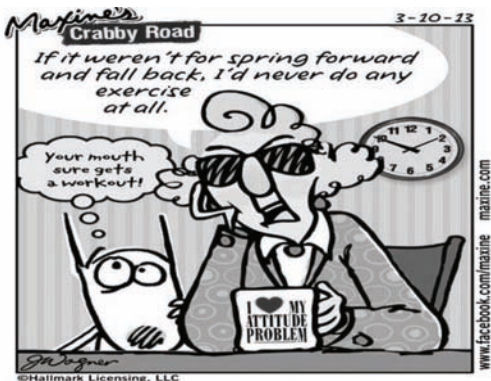
Remember, this is the Passover, a great Jewish feast. People came from everywhere. They came with different currencies. To pay the compulsory Temple Tax, the people needed to change their money into shekel. That explains the money changers. Jesus did not get angry because of their presence, but because they were **cheating the pilgrims**. They changed their money at a much higher rate, thereby cheating and stealing. The same thing goes for the sheep, cattle and pigeons. These were required for Temple sacrifice. But they were sold to the pilgrims at very high prices. This was stealing in Jesus' eyes.

His house that was supposed to be a house of prayer, had been turned into a den of robbers. People were cheated and misled, especially the poor. Jesus had every right to be angry. **Prayer was the purpose of the Temple, not profit.** Jesus was angry because instead of being a place of connection with God, this area had become a place of corruption. You may have heard the term *righteous indignation*. It is an anger that is displayed against sin. It is not a sinful anger, but a holy and righteous hatred of sin. That is what Jesus displayed in the Temple.

A great Lenten question for all of us: Would there be anything in my life that would cause Jesus to have a "righteous indignation"? What needs to be driven from my life, so I can connect fully with God? Have a self-reflecting, and contemplating 3rd week of Lent!

Fr. Gerard

Remember to Spring Forward Next Sunday!



Diocesan Day of Penance

On Saturday, March 16, 2024, in every parish church across the diocese, a priest will be available from 10:00am – 2:00pm to hear individual confessions. No matter how long it has been, you are welcome to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, which assists us in spiritual discipline as we turn away from sin and open our hearts to reconciliation and healing. You can also simply come to pray before the Lord.

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*

!!!!!! Evening of Reconciliation !!!!!!!

Wednesday, March 20th at 7:00 PM



Saints on Anger

... **St. Jerome** was known to carry a stone around with him and hit himself when he lost his temper. A bishop was known to remark, "*You do well to carry that stone, for without it the Church would never have canonized you.*"

... To avoid the sin of anger, you must quickly ask God to give peace to your heart when you're angered and, then turn your thoughts to something else. Don't discuss the matter at hand, or make decisions, or correct another person while you're angry. [*St. Francis de Sales*]

... **St. Ambrose of Milan** tells us that to avoid dissensions we should always be on guard, especially with those who drive us to argue with them, with those who vex and irritate us, and who say things likely to excite us to anger. When we find ourselves in company with such quarrelsome people, we should take refuge in silence, and the wisest plan is not to reply to people whose behavior is so preposterous.

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.

Prayer for Peace

Prince of Peace,
we lift our hearts in a universal plea for world peace.
We ask you to intervene in the war
between Israel and Hamas, and Russia and Ukraine.
May your divine presence guide world leaders,
inspiring cooperation and understanding among all nations.
May our prayers create ripples of love and tranquility,
reaching the farthest corners of the earth.
May the echoes of our prayers
bring calm and peace to a world in dire need. Amen.

Lent Humour

... Why did the baker give up bread for Lent?
He kneaded a break.
... Why did the athlete give up running for Lent?
He wanted to walk with Jesus.
... What's a penguin's favorite Lenten pastime?
Waddling towards self-discovery.
... How did the sun observe Lent?
By shining its light on its inner purpose

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