

# Saint Patrick's Church

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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 - 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, 11:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.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.

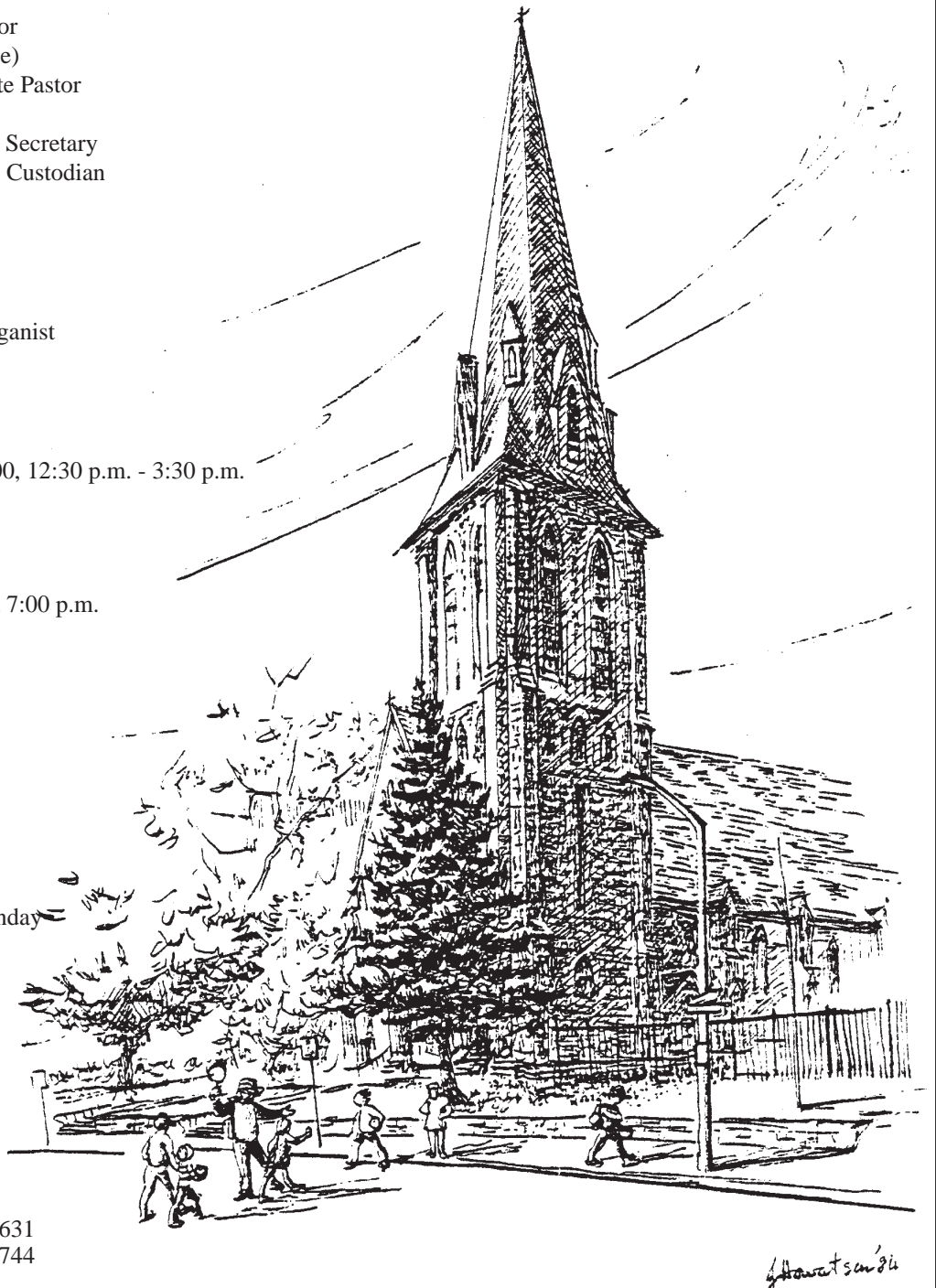
## Schools

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 3

**5:00** Ray Sexton *req. by the Family*  
John Buckner *req. by Friends*

### Sunday, March 4 Third Sunday of Lent

**8:00** Giulio Cavaliere *req. by Rocco & Giuseppina Cavaliere*  
Gianni 'Johnny' Bonaldo *req. by Lidia & Family*

**9:30** Alice Flynn *req. by Leila & Jim*  
Luigi Canal *req. by the Family*

**11:30** M/M D Puinno *req. by the Family*  
Walter Dopke *req. by his Brother: Leon*

**7:00** People of the Parish

### Monday, March 5

**8:00** Anselmo & Giuditta Pozzebon *req. by the Family*

### Tuesday, March 6

**8:00** Giovanni Lot *req. by the Family*

### Wednesday, March 7 St Perpetua & St Felicity

**8:00** Gole Seremin *req. by Friends*

**7:00** Jean Dopke *req. by the Family*

Flaviano & Gabrielle Gentile *req. by the Spacone Family*

### Thursday, March 8 St John of God

**8:00** William Hockton *req. by his Friends*

### Friday, March 9 St Frances of Rome

**8:00** For all Souls *req. by the Pozzebon Family*

### Saturday, March 10

**5:00** Charles Ogilvie *req. by Deb Ogilvie & Family*

Salvatore Sam Cundari *req. by his Wife: Teresa & Family*

### Sunday, March 11 Fourth Sunday of Lent

**8:00** Hugh Hockton Sr. *req. by the Family*  
Maria & Paul Di Paul *req. by Paul Di Paul*

**9:30** Monica O'Leary *req. by the Family*  
Elmira, James & Danny Dick *req. by Yvette Dick & Colette Empey*

**11:30** Giuseppina Toffi *req. by Maria Rossi & Family*  
Raffaele Fabiano *req. by Lula & Children*

**7:00** People of the Parish

### 2018 Church Envelopes & 2017 Tax Receipts

Offertory Envelopes & 2017 Tax Receipts are at the main doors of the Church. Please pick yours up today. Thank you!

### St. Patrick's Day Dance, Saturday March 17, 2018

St. Patrick Parish Hall From 8 p.m.-1 a.m.

#### \$10.00 per person includes:

Beef on a Bun • Prizes • Cash Bar

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for tickets contact Colleen @ 905-374-4025 /

colleenm@vaxxine.com or the Church Office 905-354-7451

#### Volunteers needed for set-up & clean-up



### Perpetual Adoration...Our Lady of the Scapular Church

Here at Our Lady of the Scapular Church we are starting perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. In order to make this work (24 hours a day, 7 days a week), we need lots of volunteer adorers (168 to be exact). Our Lady of the Scapular parishioners have many of the hourly spots covered, but we need more help. If you are interested in helping out, please let us know by contacting Our Lady of the Scapular parish office at 905-358-7611. Or, you can email us at [secretary@ourladyofthescapular.net](mailto:secretary@ourladyofthescapular.net). Volunteers who commit to one hour per week allow us to keep our chapel open for anyone to "drop in" for a few prayers in front of the blessed sacrament.

**Warehouse of Hope:** -Accepting used electronics, small appliances, TVs, etc. working or not. Bring items Monday to Friday 9 - 5pm and place them in the drop-off house at the back of the building, 46 Broadway Ave., St. Cath.

Pilgrimage to St Anne De Beaupre Quebec  
July 24 to July 27 for information please call Maria Chiovitti @ 905-356-9794

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



Rest in Peace... We pray for the soul of Lorraine Murray May she rest in peace. Please remember her family in your prayers.

#### Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Jack Horth, Marie Cadman, Sherry Wales, Adele Morabito, Ron St. Onge

#### Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, Courtney Doody, Ron & Elke St. Onge, James Moody Sr., John Calder, Melissa Brideau, Toni Brideau, John Nicks, Leon Dopke, Anna Hunt, John Kealey, Brenda Hyde, Helen Lelievre, Samuel Potapczyk, Baby Julian, Baby Noah, Mary Lawrence, Bernard Martin, William JA De Foe, Emily Hanover, Leo Martin, Drago Bicanic, Baby Victoria, Nancy Weiss, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffradi, Pauline Miner, Edna McDonell, Fr Tony McNamara, O.Carm., Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Trudy Smelko, Maria Melchiorre, Conner Hawkswell, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Danielle Barranca, Iole Mancini, Jeannette Fabian, Donna Cormier, Maria Rosiana, Lucy Rizzo, Barbara Phillips (Murray), Alice Dalton, Audrey Vendramin, Jeanne Lea, Baby Maximus, David & Patrick Kealey, Francesco Albanese, Mary Ann O'Shea, Rosalyn Dagleish, Kelly Detlor, Florrie Heimbigner, Kitty Decicco, Evelyn Rose Baker, Jozefa Bilski, Charlene Shannon, Rebecca Evans, Marie Massolin, Maria Guerin, Anna Vergalito, John Jefferson, Todd Reid, Jill Leronowich, Nancy Jean Rose, Vince(Jim) Baldassarro, Patrick McCarthy, Norman Horth, Muriel Pivarnyk, Tom Hilton, Walter Wallace, Stefanie Borin, John Cox, Joyce Weaver, Kerrie Szuch, Faith Amadio, Margaret Smith, Carmella Modenti, Margaret Waghorn, Theresa Poirier, Vito Fuccillo, Baby Hope, Donna Bradley, Cheryl D'Amizio, Kelly Laslo, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Mary Jo O'Kell, Alessia Comisso, Vicki Dubeau, Baby Sebastian, Patricia O'Reilly, Mary Brennan, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pepper Martin Jr., Vital & Emmanuel Chayer, Michelle Price, Brian Smith, Baby Gabriel Paraskevopoulos, Trina Washington, Shirley Machulla, Lorraine Spence, Helen Rotella, Jeanne S., Dr. Andy Fisher, Carlo Trasmundi, Frank Sica

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

### Collections

February 25: \$6,657.25

Heat & Light: \$2,187.00

Ryan's Bowl: \$3,024.00 (to date)

Many thanks for your generosity!

### Baptism Schedule for 2018

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: Sunday, April 15, May 13, June 17, July 15 & August 19

A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, April 3, May 1, June 5, July 3 & August 7 at 7:00 pm.

### Important Dates for 2018

March 3rd - Marriage Preparation

March 17th - St. Patrick's Dance

April 1st - Easter Sunday

April 14th - 5:00 PM- Confirmation

May 6th - First Communion-

St.Patrick/St.Mary School 1:30 PM

(9:30 AM- 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.)



### C.W.L. News ...

-CWL General Meeting, this Wednesday, March 7 at 6:30pm in the lower hall  
-Annual Diocesan C.W.L. Retreat, Gethsemane Ministries ...Sat. March 17th or Wed. Mar. 21 ...see flyer on the bulletin board at the back of the Church

-**Sunday, March 25th, Palm Sunday**...we are hosting a Children's Lenten/Holy Week prayer service, similar to the Advent Service from 1 - 3pm. Please register by calling the Office 905-354-7451 or Maggie 905-246-6212. Come out & learn more with your family about the most important season in our Faith. There will be crafts, face painting, fellowship & prayer.

-Immediately following the Easter Vigil Mass on March 31, we invite you to the Parish Hall for an **Easter Vigil Reception**, hosted by the CWL. Easter Breads will be Blessed at this time. Donations of baked goods will gladly be accepted. Thank you!

-60th Anniversary C.W.L dinner / dance ... April 21st ... see flyer on the bulletin board -Friday, May 4, Prayer Time for Palliative Care from 9am -9pm in the Church.

-The CWL is hosting their first ever **Trivia Night** on Saturday, May 5th, doors open @6pm for a 6:30 game start, tickets are \$20 a person or \$135 for a table of 8.

-We are also planning a bus trip to Midland Shrine on Saturday May 26th, \$35 each.

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



Dear Friends:

We have begun the Third Week in the Season of Lent! In today's Gospel, Jesus came into the Temple area and overturned the tables of the buyers and sellers. Why was he so upset? I'm sure all of us have owned something we consider very sacred, something we would not wish to be defiled by misuse. Whatever this precious object may be, it could not be as precious to us as the "Temple" was to Jesus! The merchants and money changers were in the Temple area to perform a legitimate service at Passover time. People were coming to celebrate the historic revelation that God brought them out of Egypt. Pilgrims traveled great distances for the feast. Instead of bringing an animal with them, they could purchase one at the Temple. Money changers were needed because pilgrims had to exchange their foreign coins, [they had images on them, thus forbidden in the Temple.] So, what was the issue?



In earlier times, this buying and selling took place further away, near the Mount of Olives. Jesus clearly encounters *creeping commercialism*. *Animal sacrifices* were a part of the feast but the secular was edging its way into the sacred. God's mercy was being **merchandised!** Jesus' anger suggests that **the merchants were cheating their customers, the devout who came to worship, and also the poor.** Jesus revealed the righteous anger that God feels when what is good, gets infiltrated by human greed. While mercy is always available to those who seek it, we cannot forget Jesus' indignation when he encounters injustice and any restrictions on those seeking God. Jesus also wanted to show the people that **HE** is the **New Temple!** "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up!" He refers to the temple of his body, and his Resurrection.

What about us? Jesus cleansed the Temple because sinful activities interfered with worship. Do I need to cleanse my heart of attitudes or actions that are coming between me and God? What area of my life would Jesus have to use a "whip of cords?" What is "un-sacred" in my life? What am I doing that is offensive to God? Or what am I **not** doing, any sins of omission? If we reflect deeply, we can see that Jesus' cleansing of the temple is also a prophetic sign of what he wants to do with each of us. He seeks to cleanse us and make us **living temples** of his Holy Spirit. If we still have work to do, which I'm sure all of us do, then Lent is a great time for that spiritual house cleaning! Have a cleansing week!

Fr. Gerard



*God is still cleansing the temple, but not the one in Jerusalem. That one's totally destroyed. The temple I speak of (little "t") is our own body in whom the Spirit of God dwells. (Wellman)*

**!!!Attention Attention!!!**

Our Diocese has declared Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> as a **Day of Reconciliation!** No matter where you are in the Diocese from **10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**, priests will be available in every church to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance. Brochures are at the doors of the church, containing an 'Examination of Conscience! Let's ready ourselves in a sacred way for the Great Feast of Easter! Let Go and Let God!!!

**Welcome to our Engaged Couples!**

This Saturday we welcome 25 couples who are participating in the Marriage Preparation Program. May God fill their hearts with his peace and love as they continue the preparation for their marriage! Please keep them in prayer!



**The Late John Roy Buckner**

On the day of John Buckner's interment, it touched my heart to learn that there is no family headstone with their names. All three of the family, **Jack, Bernice,** and now, **John,** are in unmarked graves, not far from the main entrance of Fairview Cemetery. We are looking into getting a marker (at cost) for the family, with all three names and dates on it. As soon as I can get a final price, I will let you know. My heart says we need to do this. We have already received \$1090 toward this sacred project. Thanks so much! I will keep you informed. Donations are still being accepted. John touched many lives, and was so well known in our town. May he rest in peace!

"Hot heads and cold hearts never solved anything." Billy Graham



It has often been referred to as "**the cold hungry month of March!**" **Project Share** sends a big thank-you for our ongoing generosity! Please continue to bring food items to the 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?"

**Weekday Mass Schedule for Lent**

- Monday- 8:00 AM
- Tuesday- 8:00 AM
- Wednesday- 8:00 AM & 7:00 PM
- Thursday- 8:00 AM
- Friday- 8:00 AM



**Stations of the Cross**

Friday 7:00 PM followed by *Benediction* and *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*

**Ryan's Bowl Food Program "A Lenten Sacrifice" for St. Pat's!**

Once again this Lent, we will have a special container at the front and back of the church. All donations will assist a food program which one of our parishioners, Ken Walsh, has helped initiate in Eastern Uganda. Each day **Ryan's Bowl** feeds upwards to 1200 children at local Catholic Schools. This is the only hot meal these children get each day! Please place your donations into these containers during Lent! If you wish to donate by cheque, please make payable to **Ryan's Bowl Food Program.** "Lord, when did we see you hungry?"

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