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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.

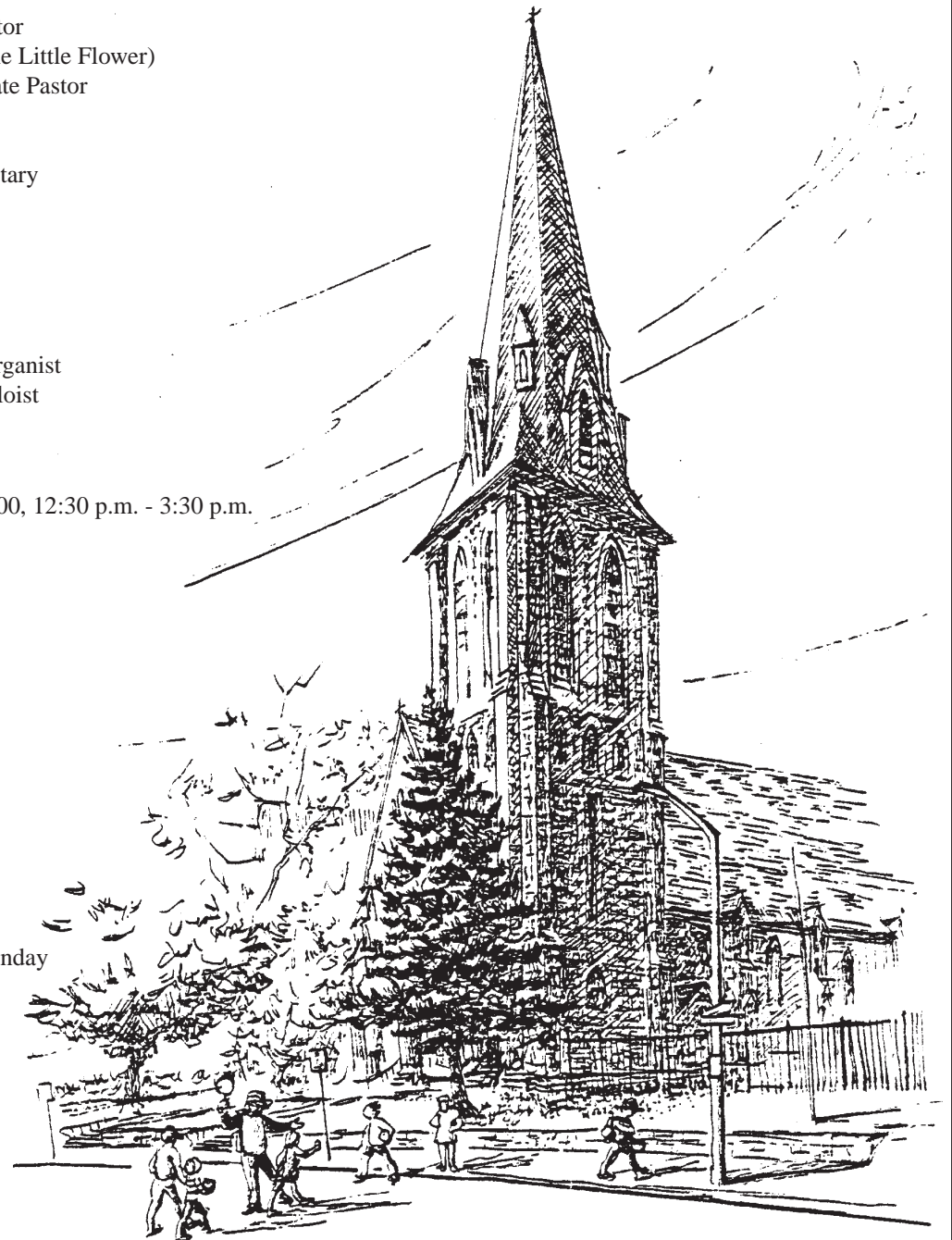
Schools

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.



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Saturday, March 4 St Casimir

5:00 Unborn Children *req. by Stefanie & Peter Maiuri*
Clementina Yolanda Manchego *req. by the Family*

Sunday, March 5 Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 Fr. Brian McCulloch *req. by Cliff & Teresa*
Giulia Canali *req. by John & Ann Condotta*

9:30 Francis Patterson *req. by Joe & Loreta Antonio*
Rene Plouffe *req. by Stu & Mary Lou Gallardi*

11:30 People of the Parish

Monday, March 6

8:00 Dr. Andy Fisher *req. by Stu & Mary Lou Gallardi*
Maria Di Giovanni *req. by Lucia D'Angelo & Family*

Tuesday, March 7 St Perpetua & St Felicity

8:00 Gaetan Buteau *req. by the Family*
Maureen Kealey *req. by St. Patrick CWL*

Wednesday, March 8 St John of God

8:00 Irma & Cecil Amadio *req. by Parish Council*
John & Helen MacDonnell *req. by Friends*

Thursday, March 9 St Frances of Rome

8:00 Maria & Paul DiPaul *req. by Paul DiPaul*
Dennis Bowers *req. by Parish Council*

Friday, March 10

8:00 Felicitas, Hugh & William Hockton *req. by Fr. Gerard*
Marie & Jack Cadman *req. by Friends*

Saturday, March 11

5:00 Charlie Ogilvie *req. by Deb Ogilvie & Family*
Hugh, Felicitas & William Hockton *req. by the Family*

Sunday, March 12 Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 Antonia & Giuseppe Lazzarin *req. by Louise Marcon*
Elmira, James & Danny Dick *req. by Colette & Yvette*

11:30 Ody Argenta *req. by Diana Argenta*
Mary Ann Forte *req. by Paul & Joan DiPaul*

CWL News... Please note that your *CWL dues of \$40* are now past due for the 2023 calendar year ... as soon as possible please place your money / cheque in an envelope and label it with your name and *CWL dues for 2023* and place it in the collection ... or drop it off at the office or contact Maggie Scott at msscott@bhncdsb.ca or 905-246-6212.

The next meeting will be held, Wed, March 8 at 6:30pm in the Hall.

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.

Special Collections

Development and Peace	March 26
Holy Land/Refugee Ministry (Good Friday)	April 7



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?"

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

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Karyn McEvoy, Mary F Hanlon, Cole Farnham, Robert Power, Tony Laslo, Andrew Zacharuk, Patrick Macri, Alba Rondinelli, John Pritty, David Gallina, Nancy Waters, Leila Khan, Natalie Speth, Cecilia Shugg, Mary Hanlon, 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, Elaine Pampena, Tony Cuvillo, Rita Ross, Karen Watt, Ron O'Neill, Teresa Calzonetti Spiller, Justin Vaillancourt, Jim & Betty Calzonetti, Eric Van Noort, Marcellina Mativo, William JA DeFoe, Sr. Carol Forhan CPPS, Judy, D.D., Estelle Critelli, Bernadette Moore, Andrea Fisher, Sister Prem, Leroy Collee, Kelsey Liles, Julian Cassidy, Kelly Laslo, Mahmat, Joe Young, Angelina Greco, Maureen Tustin, Betty Crete, Jeannette Fabian, Teresa Hebb, Rose MacDonald, Edward Brzozowski, Lori Ann Pizzolato, Andy Scotnicki, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pat DiLorenzo Jr., Joe Power, Karen Bradley, Corinne Journeau, Tom Hilton, Carmine Astorino, Arlene Collee, Betty & Mary Ann Quigley, Nancy Weiss, Mark Pepple, Anna Hunt, Bob Marshall, Brian Smith, Gregory Roulston, Cameron Boyes, Danielle Barranca, Kerrie Szuch, John Nicks, Pasquale Abrunzo, Samuel Potapczyk, John Calder, Todd Reid, Anna Chayer, Patricia Williams, Victor Sincich, Nancy Praakel, Jeanne Lea, Norma Zanus, Nancy Huber, John Cox, Nikki Mansfield, Nicolina Compare, Denise Colalillo, Carmella Modenti, Donna Bradley, Elizabeth Stachura, Margaret Smith, Rebecca Evans, Michelle Price, Vito Fuccillo, Bernard Martin, Joyce Weaver, Drago Bicanic, Emmanuel & Aline Chayer, Margaret Waghorn, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Lorraine Spence, Patricia O'Reilly, Evelyn Rose Baker, Francesco Albanese, 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, Maria Guerin, Trina Washington, Isabell Frost, Jadwiga Wozniak, John O'Leary, Baby Victoria, Patrick Kealey, Walter Wallace, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Patrick McCarthy, Stefanie Borin, Pepper Martin Jr., Cheryl D'Amazio

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

Collections

February 26: \$5,011.60
Giving Bowl: \$4,307.80 (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 March 26 Infants Only, April 23, May 21 & June 25
A **mandatory** meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on **Tuesday, March 14, 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!

Vincent's Store

If you're cleaning out your closets, Vincent's Store on Ferry Street is in need of men's clothing... pants, jeans, shirts, coats, etc.. They are also in need of children's clothing of all ages and sizes. 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.

How can you make God laugh? ... Tell him your plans.
How does Moses make tea? ... He brews.

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!*



Dear Friends,

The Gospel for this Sunday is *The Transfiguration of Jesus!* Just prior to this miraculous event, Jesus told his disciples about his coming passion and death. So he takes Peter, James and John up Mount Tabor to pray. Going up a mountain was and still is, a way to be nearer to God. Like a point of contact between the heavens and the earth.



Great things happen on mountains, as we see from Moses and Elijah in the Old Testament. I'm sure the disciples were expecting something significant. And sure enough!

Jesus' appearance changed. He became dazzling white. His face shone like the sun. Moses and Elijah appear, and we hear God's voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" His disciples witnessed the divine nature shine through the human nature of Jesus. Peter, John and James witness Christ in his glory. They got a glimpse of the Resurrection. I'm sure this gave them the strength they needed for the coming scandal of the cross. They needed the glory of Tabor before enduring the horror of Golgotha.

We all need good news and hope and glimpses of the Divine, especially when we are going through tough times. If we are facing a crisis or find ourselves in a dry place, or in a 'dark night of the soul', bring it to God this week, and let God turn it into glory... from darkness to light, from pain to glory! God can do anything, if we trust Him and turn to Him! Let's go up the mountain this week for some quiet time with God... and come down a better person! Let's make an effort to create some quiet sacred space, where we can talk to God... and hear God's calming voice! Have a transfiguring week!

Fr. Gerard



Weekday Mass Schedule for Lent

Monday-	8:00 AM
Tuesday-	8:00 AM
Wednesday-	8:00 AM
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.*



Listen to Jesus and follow him. That's the message of the Transfiguration. *Pope Francis*

In the Transfiguration, Jesus shows us the glory of the Resurrection: a glimpse of heaven on earth. *Pope Francis*

Glimpses of God

Like Peter, James and John, we too get glimpses of the presence of God in our lives. We get glimpses of God in the love we receive from other people, our spouse, our children, our parents, a sibling. We get glimpses of God when badly needed help suddenly comes to us from out of nowhere. We get glimpses of God when we look back over our lives and what we couldn't understand in the past, makes sense now. We get glimpses of God when we see someone making a sacrifice to help somebody else. We see glimpses of God in the beauty of a fine day, a nice beach, a beautiful sunrise or sunset. We see glimpses of God when a passage from the Bible or words in a homily strike a chord in our hearts. We get a glimpse of God when we spend time in prayer and experience his loving presence in our lives. We get more than just a glimpse of God when we receive the Body of Christ in Holy Communion. The Transfiguration Gospel coming early in Lent encourages us to continue our Lenten practices and sacrifices, because it reminds us of the glory of the Risen Christ.

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 go back to a more stable life.

Retrouvaille – MARCH 10-12 /23 Retrouvaille is a marriage program that helps couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. Retrouvaille helps to improve communication, build stronger marriages and helps couples to reconnect. For more info visit www.retrouvaille.org or email teamrecine@gmail.com or call 905-664-5212.

!!!! Student Weekend Employment !!!!

St. Patrick Church is looking to hire a student (**Grade X and up**) to work on Saturdays (10:00 AM - 4:00 PM). Duties may include cleaning floors, leaf raking, doing garbage sweeps, clearing snow, opening and closing gates and doors for functions. If interested, please call the parish office or drop off a resume as soon as possible. This could also lead to summer employment with flexible hours!

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