

# Saint Patrick's Church

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## **Parish Staff**

Rev. Gerard Power, O.Carm., Pastor  
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Rev. Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Deacon  
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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.**



## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



### Saturday, April 30

**5:00** Carmela Bologna *req. by the Rampado & Scozzafava Fam.*  
Aline Cormier *req. by Linda Cormier*  
Vincent Audibert *req. by his Wife: Nina*

### Sunday, May 1

**8:00** George Cole *req. by Fred & Judy Murray*  
Dec'd mem Shannon, Guitar & Legace Families *req. by Charlene Shannon*  
**9:30** Michael, Monica & Cyril O'Leary *req. by David & Dorothea Elmira, James & Danny Dick req. by Colette Empey & Yvette Dick*  
**11:30** Felice Renda *req. by the Family*  
Immacolata Luciano *req. by Children: Lucy, Anna, Frank & Angie*  
**7:00** People of the Parish

### Monday, May 2 St Athanasius

**8:00** Bruno Bortolussi *req. by his Wife: Jacqueline*  
Marco Bortolin *req. by his Wife: Anna & Family*

### Tuesday, May 3 St Philip & St James

**8:00** Deacon Pat O'Brien *req. by Rosemary & Fred Girardo*  
Anthony Hung Nguyen & Paul Le Su *req. by the Nguyen Family*

### Wednesday, May 4 Blessed Marie-Leonie Paradis

**8:00** Cecil Shannon *req. by Charlene Shannon*  
Pat Lelievre & Herb Ogilvie *req. by John MacDonnell*

### Thursday, May 5

**8:00** Peter Viet & Peter Mong Nguyen *req. by the Family*  
Alfred Rampado *req. by John Rizzo*

### Friday, May 6 St Francois de Laval

**8:00** Madeline Rosati *req. by her Grandchildren*  
Cecil Shannon *req. by Bill & Theresa Culligan*

### Saturday, May 7

**5:00** Lori Webb *req. by her Mom & Dad*  
Irma Pizzolato & Pierina Baccichetto *req. by Dumele & Pizzolato*

### Sunday, May 8 The Ascension of the Lord Mother's Day

**8:00** Rose Lundy *req. by Jean & Judie Lundy*  
Nancy Di Paolo *req. by John Di Paul*  
**9:30** Feliksa Brzozowski *req. by Komor & Janusz Families*  
Edward & Domenica Masci *req. by the Lucia D'Angelo Family*  
**11:30** Jackie Cavasin *req. by the Cavasin Family*  
Ralph Greco *req. by his Wife: Ida and Family*  
**7:00** People of the Parish

### Upcoming Weddings at St. Patrick's in May

*Vanessa Johnstone & Antonio Rizzi*  
*Samantha DeProphetis & Dale Littlewood*

### Church Envelopes and Tax Receipts

Please make sure you pick up your Offertory Envelopes & Tax Receipts as soon as possible. They are at the main doors of the Church today.



### PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND (just a few seats left)

Fr. Gerard is leading a 10-Day Pilgrimage to Ireland from September 14-24, 2016: **Churches and Shrines of Ireland!** There are brochures in the parish office and also at the back of the church. We will fly direct from Toronto to Dublin, 9 nights in 4-star hotels in Newry,

Donegal, Galway, Cork, Kilkenny, and Dublin, experiencing many great sights and sounds, prayers and Masses! Daily Irish Breakfast, eight 3-Course Dinners, Irish Party Show, ferry ride, Luxury Coach, Guide etc!!! This pilgrimage is limited to 40 people!!! Cost is \$3495 per person (including taxes and fuel surcharges), based on double occupancy. Don't miss out!!! For those who have reserved spaces, please sign up **immediately** with BrinkmanTravel.



**Rest in Peace...** We pray for the souls of Bruno Bernardi and Elisabeth Levi. May they rest in peace. Please remember their family in your prayers.

### Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Emily Hanover, Maria Melchiorre

### Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Val Johnstone, Shanda Gale, Bob Marshall, Tony Laslo, Fran Smelko, Sharon Regular, Fr Tony McNamara, O.Carm., Bette Anne Chevalier, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Jeannette Fabian, Donna Cormier, Maria Rosiana, Danielle Barranca, Carmela Fruci, Lucy Rizzo, Barbara Phillips (Murray), Audrey Vendramin, Jeanne Lea, Gianni Bonaldo, Stan Manning, Iole Mancini, Alice Dalton, Baby Maximus, David & Patrick Kealey, Joanna Daniels, Ray Sexton, Francesco Albanese, Mary Ann O'Shea, Doreen Fletcher, Rosalyn Dagleish, Susan & Rick Rogers, Kitty Decicco, Patricia Desrosiers, Evelyn Rose Baker, Jozefa Bilski, Charlene Shannon, Mary O'Shea, Dr. Andy Fisher, Dorothy Simon, Rebecca Evans, Marie Massolin, Maria Guerin, Anna Vergalito, John Jefferson Jill Leronowich, Vince(Jim) Baldassarro, Nancy Jean Rose, Guiseppina Paonessa, Phyllis Higgins, Patrick McCarthy, Norman Horth, Todd Reid, Muriel Pivarnyk, Helen Lelievre, Tom Hilton, Maria Colalillo, Walter Wallace, Stefanie Borin, John Cox, Joyce Weaver, Marie Cleary, Rita Bruneau, Orlando Garofalo, Kerrie Szuch, Faith Amadio, Margaret Smith, Carmella Modenti, Margaret Waghorn, Theresa Poirier, Bruno Maiolo, Carlo Trasmundi, Vito Fuccillo, BabyHope, Cheryl D'Ammizio, Kelly Laslo, Rose Vukmanich, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Alessia Commisso, Vicki Dubeau, Donna Bradley, Annette Brideau, George O'Kell, Mary Jo O'Kell, Baby Sebastian, Dorothy Doyle, Lorraine Murray, Patricia O'Reilly, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pepper Martin Jr., Vital & Emmanuel Chayer, Trina Washington, Chester Mottola, Shirley Machulla, Gerry Laffradi, Lorraine Spence, Baby Gabriel Paraskevopoulos

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

### Collections

April 23 & 24: \$6,648.99  
Ryan's Bowl: \$ 6,208.05  
Pope's Pastoral Works: \$889.25  
Many thanks for your generosity!

### Baptism Schedule for 2016

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday, May 22, June 26, July 24, no Aug Bapt, Sept 25, Oct 16**  
A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, **May 10, June 14, July 12, Sept 13, Oct 4 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 all the necessary information. We encourage parents and Godparents to make an effort to attend liturgies in the parish community. We also have a special evening of preparation for parents and Godparents! Many blessings!*

**CWL News...**the next meeting will be held on May 4 and will start at 6:30pm in the Church with the Crowning of Mary followed by the Rosary then the meeting in the Hall.

### CHANGE FOR LIFE Baby Bottles for Hannah House

On Mother's Day weekend, we will be handing out Baby Bottles to help support **Hannah House**. Fill the bottle with either coins, bills or a cheque. Bottles will then be returned to St. Pat's Church on June 19, Father's Day.

Hannah House provides women, ages 21 and under, with a safe environment to share the joys of pregnancy and gain effective parenting skills, when it seems there is nowhere left to turn.

**Carmelite Spirituality Group** ...You are invited to Mt Carmel Monastery on the second Sunday of each month to explore Carmelite spirituality. Mt Carmel Spiritual Centre, 2 - 5pm Presenter on May 15, Fr Jay Comerford  
Topic: Carmel's Devotion to Mary [www.carmelniagara.com](http://www.carmelniagara.com)



## Dear Friends:

May will be here this week! Praise God! And let's not forget that May is Mary's Month! Let's do something special each day this month to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary! As the old expression goes, "Keep Mary in mind and Jesus will grow in your heart!"



This weekend we welcome Bishop Bergie to our parish. At our 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, he will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with some 40 of our Grade 8 students. We thank Bishop Bergie for his ministry among us, and we also keep our Confirmandi in prayer. We pray that they will always use the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, especially in their early adulthood.

Last Sunday we celebrated First Holy Communion for over 40 of our Grade Two students! It was a special day in their lives, in the lives of their families and our community. My prayer is that these little children will continue to be brought back to church on Sundays to be fed and nourished by the Eucharist! During the month of April, we also celebrated Baptism for some 20 little children! So the Church has a bright future!



Our Gospel this Sunday continues from last Sunday's Gospel. It's Jesus' *Farewell Address* to his closest followers on the evening before his death. He addresses those who will continue his presence in the world. He tells them, "**Those who love me will keep my word.**"

Jesus knows that his death will be a tough blow for his friends and followers. So he gives them his peace and says, **do not be afraid**, and **do not let your hearts be troubled**. He even promises that he will send them an *Advocate, the Holy Spirit*. And of course, he does! Praise God!

The good news is, our God ensures that no one ever has to walk alone. We have an *Advocate* to help us through life. No matter what we face in our personal lives, our struggles, our battles or storms, through the Holy Spirit, God is right there as **Comforter, Guide and Consoler**. May we do our best to "**keep His word**," and to love like him. May we never forget that He is alive and always at our side. That's joy! That's Easter! Have a great week!

Fr. Gerard

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"Yes, the disciples followed Jesus...  
but not on Twitter."

A clear conscience makes a soft pillow.

Congratulations to those who were baptized at St. Pat's during April! *Samantha Besaw, Michael Antoine, Shane Clifford, Abigail Dunham, Jack Dunham, Jocelyn Eckhardt, Jordan Fraser, Leo Girardo, Noah Wallace & Oliver Walsh.*  
God bless you and your families.



## Pray the Rosary in May

May is the Month of Our Lady! St. Patrick Parish prays the Rosary every morning at 7:45.

**Keep Mary in mind and Jesus will grow in your heart!**

## Quotes on Mary

O sinner, be not discouraged, but have recourse to Mary in all your necessities. Call her to your assistance, for such is the divine Will that she should help in every kind of necessity. -- *Saint Basil the Great*

If you ever feel distressed during your day — call upon our Lady — just say this simple prayer: 'Mary, Mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now.' I must admit — this prayer has never failed me. -- *Bl. Mother Teresa*

In trial or difficulty I have recourse to Mother Mary, whose glance alone is enough to dissipate every fear. -- *Saint Therese of Lisieux*

As mariners are guided into port by the shining of a star, so Christians are guided to heaven by Mary. -- *Saint Thomas Aquinas*

## Student Summer Employment



St. Patrick Parish is hiring a high school grad/college student for **June to September** to assist with maintenance, cleaning, yard work. Preference will be given to active parishioners.

Must be a self-starter. Some heavy lifting, and ladder climbing involved. 40 hours weekly (8 AM-4 PM). If interested, please call **Fr. Gerard** for an interview, **905-354-7451**, or email ([stpatrick1895@hotmail.com](mailto:stpatrick1895@hotmail.com)). If you have a resume, drop it off at the parish office!

God loves everyone, but probably prefers "fruits of the spirit" over "religious nuts!"

**Is God calling You?** If you feel called to serve as **Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Altar Server, or Funeral Server**, please call the parish office.



## DID YOU KNOW?

For those of you who have Celiac Disease or are allergic to wheat products, our parish has special **Gluten-Free hosts** available. If you let us know before each Mass, we will have a special host consecrated for you. Please make yourself known to the presiding priest, and he will ensure he has it in his ciborium for you... or in a separate pyx. The onus is on you to let us know!

**Hospital Visits...** If you have a family member in hospital, and would like a visit from one of our priests, or wish to celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please let the parish office know, 905-354-7451. St. Patrick Parish covers the on-call pager for GNGH from Tuesday 8 AM until Wed 8 AM. The hospital staff can put you in touch with the on-call chaplain at any time.

The Diocesan Separated & Divorced Healing Ministry Support Group meets every second & fourth Monday 7 - 9pm, at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, [separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com](mailto:separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com) 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154

## One Family In Christ: Embracing Catholic Education

**Congress** Keynote speaker: Fr. Tom Rosica, CEO of Salt & Light Television 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 5, 2016 at

Saint Michael Catholic High School RSVP: [bit.ly/congressRSVP](http://bit.ly/congressRSVP)  
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