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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.

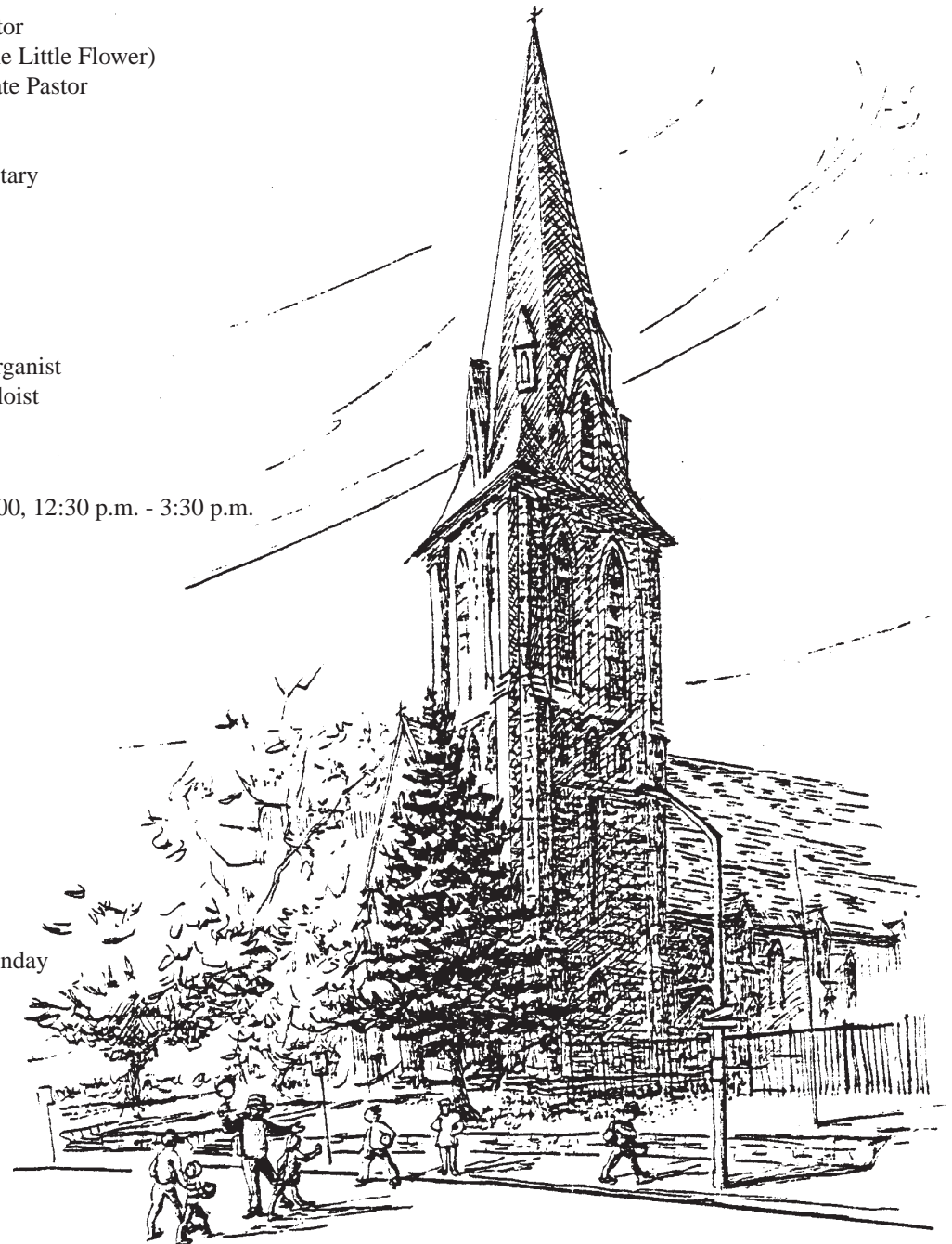
Schools

St. Patrick School 905-354-6631
St. Mary School 905-354-7744

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.



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Saturday, May 20 St Bernardine of Siena

5:00 Irene Smatana req. by the Family
Richard Campaner req. by the Campaner Family

Sunday, May 21 The Ascension of the Lord

8:00 Domenico Marcon req. by T & G Milani & Family
Fr. Tony req. by Howard & Sherry Wales

9:30 Mary McGhee req. by Stu & Mary Lou Gallardi
Luigi Marcon req. by David & Dina Argenta

11:30 People of the Parish

Monday, May 22 St Rita of Cascia Victoria Day

8:00 Anna Maria Muc & Maria Nhan req. by Duy Nguyen & Family
Peter Zuj req. by the Family

Tuesday, May 23

8:00 Bernard Gozansky req. by the Family
Adelaida Loib req. by Minerva Inocencio

Wednesday, May 24 Bl Louis-Zéphirin Moreau

8:00 Marie & Jack Cadman req. by the Family

Thursday, May 25 St Bede the Venerable, St Gregory VII & St Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi

8:00 Erika Bell req. by Anna Bortolin
Marco Bortolin req. by Anna Bortolin

Friday, May 26 St Philip Neri

8:00 Fr. Bruce Taggart req. by the Carmelites

Saturday, May 27 St Augustine of Canterbury

5:00 Paul Hlady req. by John & Helen Olsiak
Erika Bell req. by John & Helen Olsiak

Sunday, May 28 Pentecost Sunday

8:00 Peter Quy req. by the Nguyen Family
Irma Amadio & Angela Martin req. by the Family

9:30 People of the Parish

11:30 Marney Broderick req. by John Broderick & Family
Ben, Lidia & Philomena Capacchione req. by Anthony & Paula Capacchione

CWL News... Every Wednesday in May the Rosary will be Prayed in the Hall at 6pm...all are welcome to attend!

Hey everyone we would like to host a table sale...

When...Saturday, May 27th, 7am - 2pm

Where... in St. Patrick's Parish Hall

What...you purchase a round table from us (\$20) and you fill it with whatever you have to sell...the profits are yours!!!

Why...bring the community together and raise a little for our local CWL

We will also be hosting a BBQ that day...so if you don't want to buy a table come out and support us for lunch!!! You can set up your Table Friday, May 26th from 6 - 8pm or Saturday at 7am...any questions don't hesitate to contact Maggie @ 905-246-6212

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.

Vincent's Store

St. Vincent de Paul Store (Vincent's) on Lundy's Lane is in need of kitchenware, small appliances, cutlery and utensils. You can drop them off at the store Tuesday-Saturday, or at St. Pat's Rectory any time day or night (white porch off driveway). A good time to rid ourselves of the things we know we're not going to use. Someone can!

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, Sherry Wales, Karyn McEvoy, Maureen Tustin, Maureen Watson, Tony Laslo, Mary F Hanlon, Drago Bicanic, Leila Khan, David Gallina, Ray Buckborough, Andrew Zacharuk, Patrick Macri, Alba Rondinelli, John Pritty, Nancy Waters, Natalie Speth, Cecilia Shugg, Jeanne S, John & Laura Giampa, Christine Pritty, Antoinette Vescio, Charlene Shannon, Sandra DeFoe, Ron O'Neill, Missy Bilotta, Mary Lou Gallardi, Flori Heimbigner, Toni Brideau, Anna Hunt, Robert Morningstar, Leon French, Isabell Frost, Leroy Collee, Elaine Pampena, Rita Ross, Teresa Calzonetti Spiller, Tony Cuvillo, Karen Watt, Jim & Betty Calzonetti, Eric Van Noort, Marcellina Mativo, William JA DeFoe, Sr. Carol Forhan CPPS, Judy, D.D., Estelle Critelli, Betty Crete, Bernadette Moore, Andrea Fisher, Sister Prem, Joe Young, Kelsey Liles, Julian Cassidy, Kelly Laslo, Mahmat, Jeannette Fabian, Teresa Hebb, Rose MacDonald, Edward Brzozowski, Lori Ann Pizzolato, Pat DiLorenzo Jr., JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Karen Bradley, Corinne Journeau, Tom Hilton, Carmine Astorino, Bob Marshall, Arlene Collee, Betty & Mary Ann Quigley, Danielle Barranca, Nancy Weiss, Brian Smith, Gregory Roulston, Cameron Boyes, Samuel Potapczyk, Kerrie Szuch, Norma Zanus, John Nicks, Pasquale Abrunzo, John Calder, Todd Reid, Anna Chayer, Patricia Williams, Nancy Praakel, Jeanne Lea, Rebecca Evans, Nancy Huber, Denise Colalillo, John Cox, Francesco Albanese, Margaret Smith, Nikki Mansfield, Baby Victoria, Carmella Modenti, Donna Bradley, Elizabeth Stachura, Michelle Price, Vito Fuccillo, Bernard Martin, Joyce Weaver, Emmanuel & Aline Chayer, Margaret Waghorn, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Evelyn Rose Baker, Lorraine Spence, Patricia O'Reilly, 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 Comisso, Trina Washington, Maria Guerin, Jadwiga Wozniak, John O'Leary, Walter Wallace, D.H., Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Patrick McCarthy, Stefanie Borin, Pepper Martin Jr, Cheryl D'Ammizio
Please help us update our list of those who are homebound, infirm, or hospitalized by calling the parish office.

Collections

May 14: \$8,797.14

Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2023

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday June 25, July 23, Aug 20, Sept 17, Oct 22 & Nov 26.** A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on **Tuesday, Jun 13, Jul 11, Aug 8, Sept 5, Oct 10 & Nov 14 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!

Upcoming Weddings at St. Patrick's in June

*Jessica Bianchi & Kyle Black
Aynsley Gouck & Gregory Ogilvie
Alyssa Sabelli & Kyle Adam*

Catholic Marriage Tribunal... If you are considering remarriage in the Catholic Church or hoping to enter a marriage with someone previously married, please speak to a priest, or contact the St. Catharines Catholic Marriage Tribunal at 905-687-8817 or tribunal@saintcd.com.

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Please continue to bring food items to Mass for Project Share! Every item helps!
"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"





Dear Friends,

Today is the *Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord*. (Although Thursday was the 40th Day of Easter, Ascension is celebrated in Canada on the 7th Sunday of Easter). Next Sunday is Pentecost.



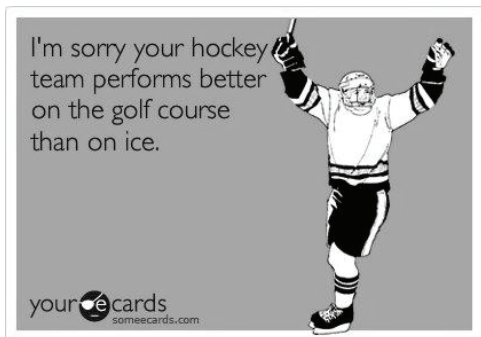
In today's Gospel, the eleven disciples were directed to a mountain in Galilee to meet Jesus (now the Risen Christ). They must have known there would be a great experience awaiting them. All throughout Scripture, wonderful things happened on mountains! Sure enough, they met the Risen Christ on this Galilean Mountain, and they worshiped him.

Yet, some doubted!

Before he disappeared from their sight, and ascended to the Father, Jesus told them, *"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember I am with you always to the end of the age."* These first disciples were sent out to transform the world through the power they received from Jesus, who assured them they would never be left on their own.

We received the same call, commission, at our Baptism. Jesus wants us to finish what he began. He came among us in the flesh, chose disciples, taught them, and worked with them. Died on the cross and rose from the dead. But, before he ascended into heaven, he gave them, and us, the commission to convert the world. He never asked us to do the impossible. To honour Christ, by obeying His call to make disciples of all nations, is something we can do. We simply do it where we are, with those we meet, with those whom we work, with those whom we go to school. Be a witness for Jesus every day in our lives and when necessary, talk about Jesus! Preach to others through our actions! St. Francis said, *"Preach the Gospel always. Sometimes you may have to use words!"* Maybe this week, we can each do one concrete thing, to preach the Good News! If we each do 'one' thing, we can certainly transform our families and neighbourhoods and city! Have a blessed week.

Fr. Gerard



The Ascension doesn't indicate Jesus' absence, but rather it tells us that He is living among us in a new way. He is no longer in a particular place in the world as He was before the Ascension. Now He is in the Lordship of God, present in every space and time, close to each of us. In our lives we are never alone: we have this Advocate who awaits us and defends us. We are never alone. The crucified and risen Lord guides us.

Pope Francis

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Pray the Rosary in May

May is the Month of Our Lady!

The Rosary is prayed in our Church every morning at 7:30!
Keep Mary in mind and Jesus will grow in your heart!

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you do I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

Little Flower Society Cards



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.

Church Smile

After the baptism of his baby brother in church, little Johnny sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, he replied, "That priest said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, but I want to stay with you guys!"

Gardening Quotes

-Behold, my friends, the spring is come; the earth has gladly received the embraces of the sun, and we shall soon see the results of their love!
Sitting Bull

-In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt. *Margaret Atwood*

-A weed is a plant that has mastered every survival skill except for learning how to grow in rows. *Doug Larson*

!!!! 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!

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.

**A Collection will be taken up this weekend,
May 20-21 for the Pope's Pastoral Works.
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