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Rev. Gerard Power, O.Carm., Pastor
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Rev. Joiezl Fern Piñon, O.Carm., Associate Pastor
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Brian Kneller, Caretaker

Music Ministry

Carol Martin - Director of Music
Sandra DiCienzo - Organist
Tim Marrie - Pianist and Soloist
Anthony Scaringi - Pianist and Organist
Ashley Gallardi-Pietrangelo - 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 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.

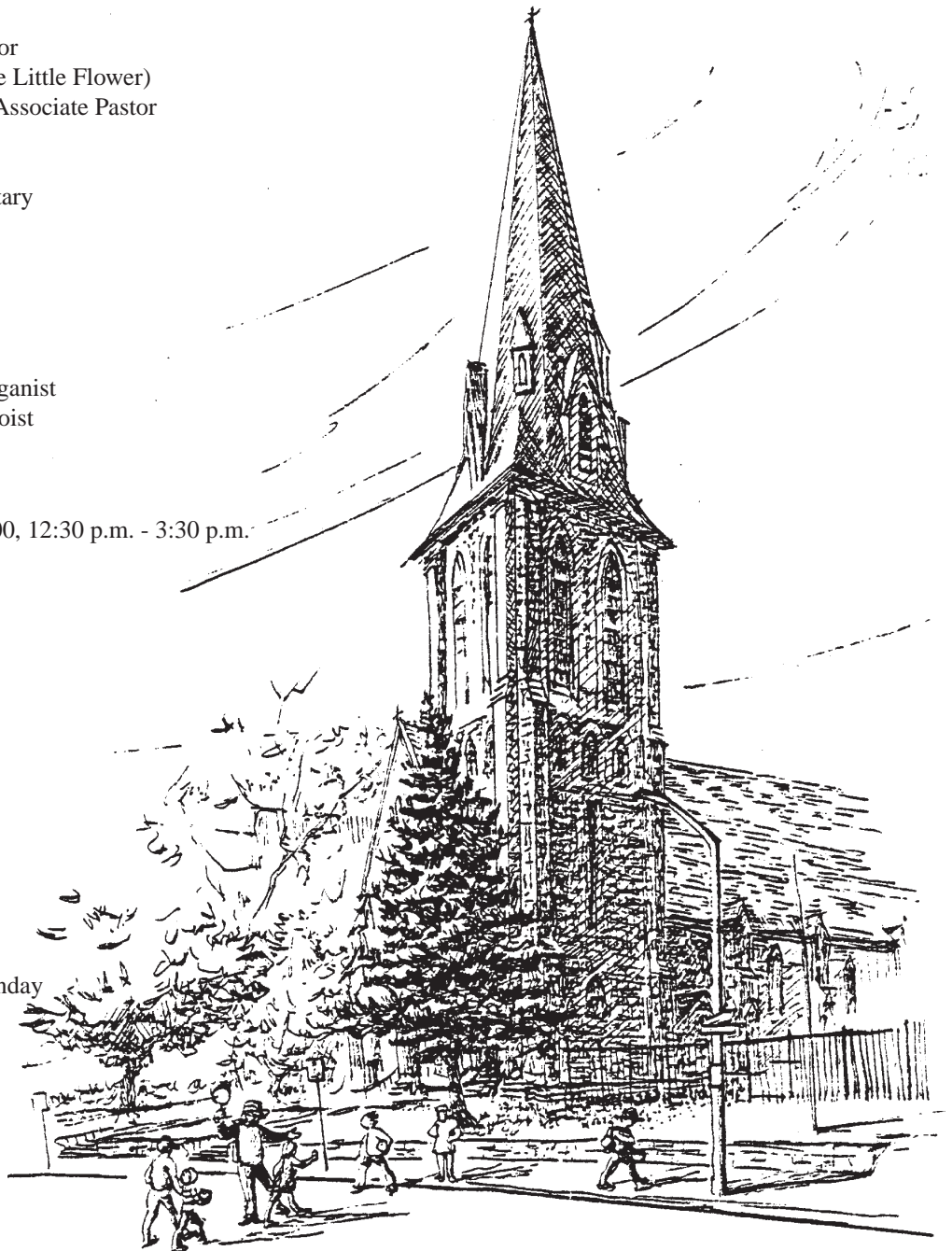
Schools

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.



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Saturday, May 4 BI Marie-Léonie Paradis

5:00 Cecil Shannon req by Charlene Shannon
Dec'd mem of the Gozansky Family req by Dave & Maggie Scott
Sunday, May 5

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Pat Hudson req by Shirley & Ross Wallace
Cecilia Shugg req by St. Patrick St. Vincent de Paul Society
11:30 Jackie Cavasin req by Norm & Family
Barbara Rondinelli & Carmella DeNisi req by Jim & Dora

Monday, May 6 St François de Laval

8:00 Madeline Rosati req by her Grandchildren
Gerry Cormier req by Joe & Loreta Antonio

Tuesday, May 7

8:00 Michelle Healey req by the Family
Tracy Bungay req by the Family

10am St. Patrick & St. Mary Schools' Mass

Wednesday, May 8 BI Catherine of St Augustine

8:00 Carole Ogilvie req by Ashley & Rico Menechella
Eduardo & Domenica Masci req by Lucia D'Angelo

Thursday, May 9

8:00 Dec'd mem of the Cometto Family req by Anna Bortolin & Family
Deceased Carmelites req by the Parish

Friday, May 10 Saint John of Avila

8:00 Intentions of the Little Flower Society
World Peace

Saturday, May 11

5:00 Vince Audibert req by Fred & Betty
Arduino & Assunta Maiuri req by Stefanie & Peter Maiuri

Sunday, May 12 Ascension of the Lord Mother's Day

Canada Health Day World Communications Day
8:00 Laura Lee Carroll req by John & Helen Olsiak
Giovanni Rizzo req by Mary, Patti, John, Steve & Families
9:30 People of the Parish
11:30 Immacolata Luciano req by her Children & Grandchildren
Nancy DiPaolo req by Paul DiPaol

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 Radiator at the back of the Church. Many thanks.

Upcoming Wedding at St. Patrick's in May

Stephanie Audibert & Ryan Molloy

May is Mary's Month



May is the month that we as Catholics pay special tribute to Mary, the Mother of God. The Rosary is prayed daily at St. Patrick Church at 7:30 AM, Mon-Fri as a way of honouring Mary. You will also hear some familiar Marian Hymns throughout the month, as a way of praising Mary in song. This is a good month for all of us to renew our devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

A Collection will be taken up this weekend, May 4-5 for the Pope's Pastoral Works. Envelopes are at the doors of the Church today, please be generous.

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

Rest in Peace... We pray for the soul of Francis P. Murray. May he rest in peace. Please remember his family 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, Norm Scott, Helen Korce, Ted Greschuk, Barbara Conidi, Lindsey Luby, Charlene Shannon, Jim Crowley, Toni Brideau, Sherry Wales, Peter Meisenburg Jr., Maureen Young, Maureen Tustin, Maureen Watson, Michael DelGrande, Leila Khan, John F. John Arnold, David Gallina, Andrew Zacharuk, Patrick Macri, Alba Rondinelli, Antoinette Vescio, Nancy Waters, Victor Pizzolato, Jeanne S, Christine Pritty, John & Laura Giampa, Jim & Betty Calzonetti, Eric Van Noort, Isabell Frost, D.D., Jeannette Fabian, Missy Bilotta, Flori Heimbigner, Rita Ross, Anna Hunt, Leroy Collee, Leon French, Tony Cuvieello, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Judy, Sr. Carol Forhan CPPS, William JA DeFoe, Estelle Critelli, Betty Crete, Sister Prem, Kelsey Liles, Julian Cassidy, Kelly Laslo, Mahmat, Teresa Hebb, Rose MacDonald, Lori Ann Pizzolato, Karen Bradley, Norma Zanus, Jadwiga Wozniak, Betty & Mary Ann Quigley, Bob Marshall, Arlene Collee, Danielle Barranca, John Calder, Gregory Roulston, Cameron Boyes, Kerrie Szuch, Pasquale Abrunzo, Anna Chayer, Denise Colalillo, Patrick McCarthy, Michelle Price, Francesco Albanese, Mary Jo O'Kell, Maria Guerin, Emmanuel & Aline Chayer, Carmella Modenti, Bernard Martin, Joyce Weaver, Margaret Waghorn, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Evelyn Rose Baker, Lorraine Spence, Patricia O'Reilly, Gloria Smelko, Jackie, Fran Smelko, Jozefa Bilski, Walter Wallace, Vanessa Athoe, Faith Amadio, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Pepper Martin Jr, Marie Brooker, Brian Boudreau, Samuel Potapczyk

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

Collections

April 28: \$6,864.00
Giving Bowl (to date) \$11,371.00
Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2024

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: Sunday 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, 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!

Parish Registration

Please help keep our records up to date! You may bring this form to the parish office or place it in the collection.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____

I am new in the parish and wish to register _____

I wish to use contribution envelopes _____

I have recently moved _____

I have changed my phone number _____

We have married & wish to update our information _____

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



Dear Friends,

This Sunday following the 11:30 AM Mass, we will welcome Fr. Joi, with a dessert reception in the parish hall. Please come over and show him a good 'ol St. Patrick welcome. It is truly a blessing to have a young Carmelite here to minister with us.

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 The month of May is here. May is a month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. I encourage all of us to do something special to honour Mary each day during May. Perhaps we can pray the **Rosary** more frequently, pray the **Hail Mary** before each meal as a family. One saint said, "Keep Mary in mind, and Jesus will grow in your heart!"



Today's 2nd reading from 1 *John*, and the Gospel from *John 15* speak about the command to Love. John reminds us that God first loved us. He has showered His Mercy on us, and has chosen us to be the recipients of his love. In the Gospel we are commanded to **love one another** as Jesus loves us!

And look what he did out of love for me and you! He laid down his life! We are called to that same sacrificial love. The Grace and Mercy of God is always available to us. God never gives up on us, even if we fail.

We come before God's mercy today and ask him to forgive us for our past selfishness and help us to start anew. Then we can respond to Jesus' command to love others as He has loved us. If we love others, in the sacrificial love of Christ, everything else will fall into place.

St. Augustine said it best when he wrote: *"Once and for all, a short rule is laid down for you: Love and do what you will. If you keep silence, do it out of love. If you cry out, do it out of love. If you refrain from punishing, do it out of love. Let the root of love be within you. From such a root, nothing but good can come."* Have a loving week. Many blessings!

Fr. Gerard



From the Cross, Christ teaches us to love even those who do not love us. *Pope Francis*

People who love each other fully and truly are the happiest people in the world. They may have little, they may have nothing, but they are happy people. Everything depends on how we love one another. *Mother Teresa*

Weekday Rosary

Every morning at 7:30, the Holy Rosary is prayed in St. Patrick Church.

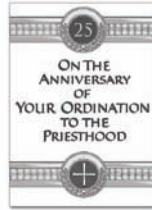
Keep Mary in mind, and Jesus will grow in your heart!

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

Catholic Education Week

This is Catholic Education Week, a week set aside to celebrate our Catholic schools and to highlight the importance of the triple connection between **home, school and parish**. This triad emphasizes the reality of our wider Catholic community that collaborates on children's faith formation and education. This year's theme is, **We are called to love**. The Catholic Education Week biblical quote from 1 John is, **If we love one another, God lives in us**.

Our Catholic schools are, by definition, faith-based schools, firmly birthed in the gospel values of Jesus Christ. It was this conviction that the Catholic population, church leadership, and some very dedicated trustees, fought for the right of Catholics to their own publicly funded Catholic schools. Let's do everything in our power to support and protect our Catholic Education.



Fr. Gerard's 25th Anniversary of Ordination

On May 15th Fr. Gerard will celebrate his 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. He was ordained at Mount Carmel Chapel by Bishop John O'Mara in 1999.

To honour this milestone, and in thanksgiving for these 25 years, Fr. Gerard will preside at the 5:00 PM Mass on **Saturday, May 18th**. There will be a reception in the parish hall immediately following Mass. Everyone is invited to attend. Please drop by the Hall between 6:00 and 8:00 PM.

In lieu of gifts, a donation toward purchasing two defibrillators (AED's) for our church and gymnasium would be gratefully appreciated. Make cheques payable to St. Patrick Parish! Or you can e-transfer stpatrick1895@hotmail.com. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

St Vincent De Paul Summer Camp

SVDP sincerely thanks you for your continuous support and generosity. Food insecurity has risen to a level where we have to dedicate more financial resources to alleviate hunger. As a result, we are requesting your assistance. SVDP Conferences across the Region, pool their resources to send 80 children, ages 9-12, to a one week summer camp in Beamsville. The children from our area schools truly benefit from this experience. They would otherwise not have an opportunity to attend this Camp. Today, **Sunday, May 5th** we will dedicate all proceeds from the poor boxes to this initiative. The SVDP donation boxes are available at the doors of the church. If anyone wishes to sponsor one or more campers at a cost of \$275 per child, you may drop off your donation at the parish office or in the collection by May 20th. "Let the little children come to me." Thank you.

Smile-a-While

- Don't wait for 6 strong men to take you to church.
- There are three kinds of people: those who can count & those who can't.
- Shin: A device for finding furniture in the dark.
- Diplomacy - the art of letting someone have your way.

What to do with your Used Eclipse Glasses

There are two organizations in the US who are collecting Eclipse Glasses. If you want to drop yours off at the church or parish office, we will send them for you. Latin America will be experiencing an eclipse this October. The two organizations accepting eclipse glasses are: [Astronomers Without Borders](#) and [Eclipse Glasses USA](#). If you Google either organization, you can learn about their special programs.

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