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Carol Martin - Director of Music
Sandra DiCienzo - Organist
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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.

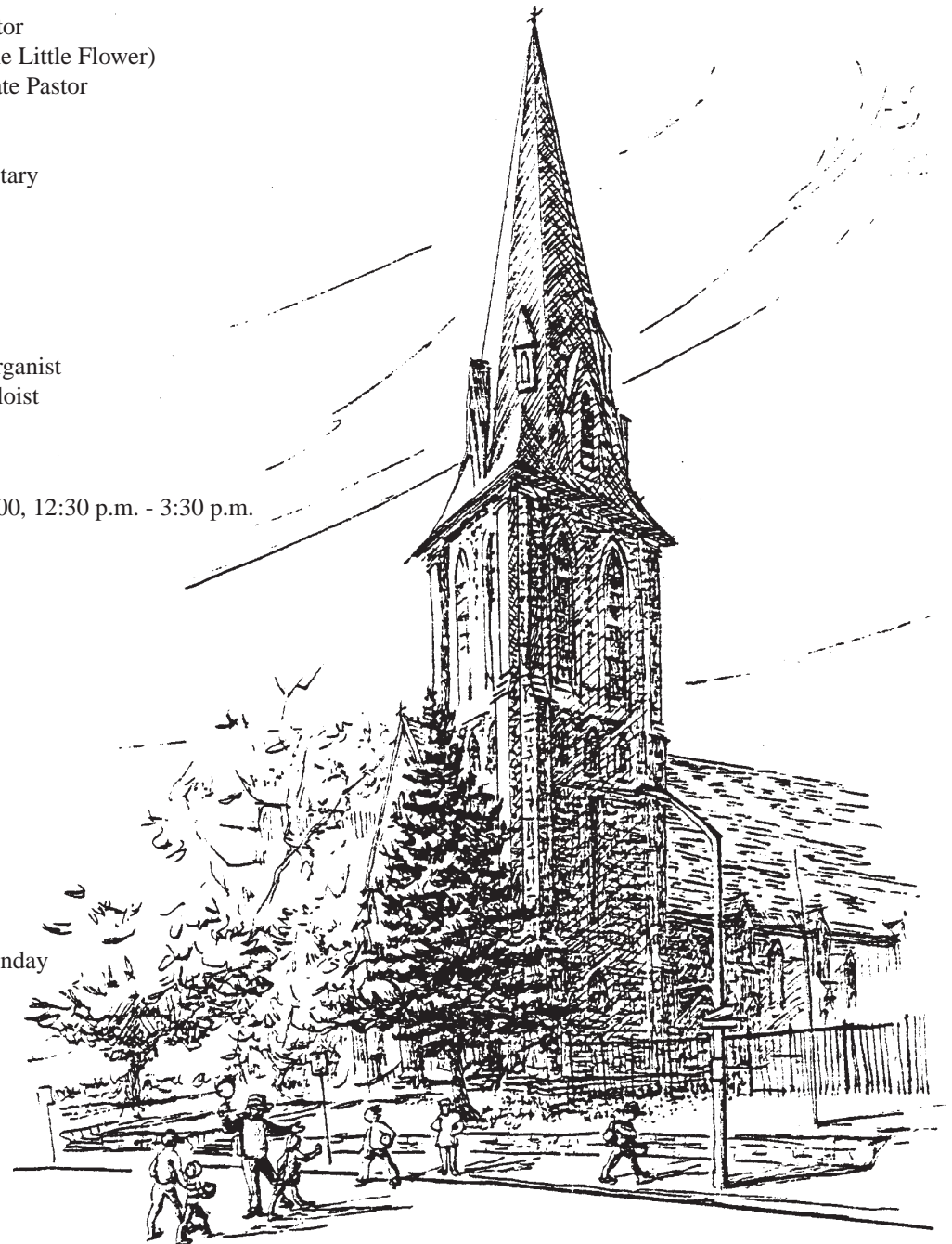
Schools

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.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Saturday, May 6 St François de Laval

5:00 Arduino & Assunta Maiuri req. by Stefanie & Peter Maiuri
Madeline Rosati req. by the Grandchildren

Sunday, May 7

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 Beverly & Butch Brown req. by the Family
Louise Leyland req. by the Gowans Family

11:30 Jackie Cavasin req. by Norm & Family
Barbara Rondinelli & Carmela De Nisi req. by Jim & Dora & Fam.

Monday, May 8 Bl Catherine of St Augustine

8:00 Eduardo & Domenica Masci req. by Lucia D'Angelo
Carol Oglivie req. by Ashley & Rico Menechella & Oglivie Families

Tuesday, May 9

8:00 Jill Leronowich req. by Friends

Wednesday, May 10 St John of Avila & St Damien de Veuster

8:00 In Honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary req. Alba & Ann Marie Rondinelli

Thursday, May 11

8:00 Ria Van Noort req. by Friends
Cyndi Carroll req. by Friends

Friday, May 12 Sts Nereus, Achilleus & Pancras & Canada Health Day

8:00 Giovanni Rizzo req. by Mary, Patti, John, Steve & Families

Saturday, May 13 Our Lady of Fatima

5:00 Erika Bell req. by Jeanne Lea & Family
Ded'd mem of the Olsiak & Kulesh Fam req. by John & Helen Olsiak

Sunday, May 14 Mother's Day

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Nancy DiPaolo req. by Rosemary Panetta
Elmira, James & Danny Dick req. by Colette & Yvette
11:30 Immacolata Luciano req. by her Children
Anna Goegan req. by Louise Goegan

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

Hennepin Council 1652 Knights of Columbus...Spaghetti Dinner
Wednesday, May 10th 4:00 – 7:00pm @ Columbus Club Hall,
6990 Stanley Ave, NFO (Our Lady of Peace Hall)
Menu: Salad, Spaghetti & Meatballs, Dessert, Coffee & Tea
\$12 per Adult, \$6 under 12

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.



Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Margherita Colangelo, James Collins, Marie Celine Forgione and Maily Medina-Garcia. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Sherry Wales, Karyn McEvoy, Maureen Tustin, Maureen Watson, Mary F Hanlon, Tony Laslo, 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 Cuvieello, 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, Drago Bicanic, 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

April 30: \$6,125.50
Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2023

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday May 21 & June 25**. A **mandatory** meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on **Tuesday, 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!

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.

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



Check out our website: <http://www.stpatricknf.ca>
and watch Mass on our Facebook page



Dear Friends,

Today's Gospel is powerful, and very familiar to us. Filled with so much divine food and comfort. Three lines in this Gospel jump out at me.

How often I have proclaimed the first part of this Gospel at funerals. "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself." These words of Jesus give comfort and hope to families at the time of a death. It leaves mourners with the assurance that there is a place prepared for us, when we die. Jesus speaks these words to his disciples shortly before his own death. It was to prepare them for what was about to happen. It gave them hope because he promised he would come back again and take them to himself. That same promise is made to me and you. All the more reason to be faithful to him. Keep the faith alive and active! Keep the message of Christ alive!!! I can't imagine facing death without faith.

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Jesus also says, "I am the way, the truth and the life." Maybe we can reflect on how we are following the "way, the truth and the life." If we are faithful to him in life, he promises to be faithful to us in death! God has plenty of time for me and you... but what sort of time do we leave for God? For personal prayer? Community worship? Acts of charity like in our 1st Reading today? Good deeds? When I run into families whom I haven't seen at Church in a while, I always ask how they're doing, or I let them know that I have missed seeing them. I often get the all too familiar responses, "I've been so busy!"; "My Sundays are filled with so many activities!"; "It's the only day I have to sleep in!"; "My kids have hockey, soccer, baseball, ... and many other activities!" Lame excuses to say the least! Granted, there are many who have no choice but to work on Sundays. Maybe we can encourage others, especially our younger family members to give God 45-50 minutes a week for community worship, for our Catholic Sunday Obligation.

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Today's Gospel begins with Jesus' words, "Do not let your hearts be troubled." A great week to bring our troubled hearts, our grieving hearts, our restless hearts, our lackadaisical hearts to God for comfort, healing and encouragement. May we feel His Divine Presence this week!
Blessings!
Fr. Gerard



This Sunday at 1:30 PM we have the joy of celebrating **First Holy Communion** with our Grade Two children from St. Patrick and St. Mary Schools, and with students from other schools at the 9:30 Mass. We keep all our little children in prayer. And we hope and pray that their parents and guardians will bring them regularly to Sunday Mass to be fed and nourished by the Body of Christ.



Pray the Rosary in May

May is the Month of Our Lady! The Rosary is prayed in our Church every weekday morning at 7:30!
Keep Mary in mind and Jesus will grow in your heart!

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

The 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 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.

Prayers for Deacon David

We keep Deacon David in prayer as he recovers from his knee surgery. May God restore him to the fullness of strength!

Parish Gardens

If you feel moved to lend a helping hand around the parish gardens... weeding, trimming, pruning, planting, transplanting... come on in!!!

Sunday Chuckle

Adam and Eve: The first people to not read the Apple terms and conditions.
The fact that there's a Highway to Hell and only a Stairway to Heaven says a lot about anticipated traffic numbers!

!!!! 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!

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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Contact Mount Carmel at 905-685-9155 today for more information and to book your tour!

DID YOU KNOW? For those of you who have Celiac Disease or are allergic to wheat products, our parish has special approved **Gluten-Free hosts** available. The onus is on you to let the presiding priest know before each Mass. He will ensure that he has it in his ciborium for you.



We have a few parishioners who struggle with perfume allergies! Please keep this in mind as you prepare yourself for Sunday Mass.
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