

# 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  
Debbie Herman, Secretary  
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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.**



## ASCENSION OF THE LORD



### 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

### Monday, May 9

8:00 Deacon Pat O'Brien req. by Peter & Carla Feltrin  
Henry Lelievre req. by Stu & Mary Lou Gallardi  
Dennis O'Neill req. by the O'Neill Family

### Tuesday, May 10

8:00 Joseph Gargano req. by the Gargano & Molnar Families  
Herb Ogilvie req. by Gerard Cormier

### Wednesday, May 11

8:00 Ovidio & Madeline Rosati req. by the Family  
Alfred Rampado req. by Gianni & Lidia Bonaldo & Family

### Thursday, May 12 Sts Nereus & Achilleus & St Pancras

8:00 Giovanni Rizzo req. by Lucrezia Rizzo  
Peter Mong & Peter Viet Nguyen req. by the Family

### Friday, May 13 Our Lady of Fatima

8:00 Mae MacLean req. by Cathy Olsiak Litschko  
Norma Jane Alongi req. by Loretta, Susan & Henrietta

### Saturday, May 14 St Matthias

5:00 Irene Smatana req. by the Family  
Vincent Audibert req. by the Family  
Dec'd mem Carney Scully Families & Friends req. by the Family

### Sunday, May 15 Pentecost Sunday

8:00 Philippine Buteau req. by the Family  
Sam Fisher req. by the Family  
9:30 Sandra Bideau req. by her Daughters  
Maria & Antonio Mete req. by Teresa Ruberto  
Georgette & Stephen Lafferty req. by Mom & Danielle & Vic  
11:30 Benito Giustini req. by the Family  
Filomena Capacchione req. by Anthony & Paula Capacchione  
7:00 People of the Parish

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

Vanessa Johnstone & Antonio Rizzi  
Samantha DeProphetis & Dale Littlewood

### 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.



### 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.

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

### 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, Gionni 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'Amizio, Kelly Laslo, Rose Vukmanich, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Alessia Commisso, Vicki Dubeau, Donna Bradley, Annette Brideau, George O'Kelly, Mary Jo O'Kelly, 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 Laffrati, 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 30 & May 1: \$6,278.00  
Ryan's Bowl: \$ 6,208.05  
Pope's Pastoral Works: \$979.25  
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!*

### CHANGE FOR LIFE Baby Bottles for Hannah House

This 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)

**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 NGH from Tuesday 8 AM until Wed 8 AM. The hospital staff can put you in touch with the on-call chaplain at any time.



## Dear Friends:

This Sunday is the ***Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord***. As the old hymn sings: Alleluia! Not as orphans, are we left in sorrow now; Alleluia! He is near us, faith believes, nor questions how. Though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er, shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you ever more." We are told in Luke's Gospel that ***Jesus lifted up his hands, and he blessed them. While he was blessing them he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.*** In Acts, Jesus told the Apostles that they will ***receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth!*** Then he was lifted up and a cloud took him out of their sight.

The mission of the Apostles and our mission and ministry is the same: **Be my witnesses to the ends of the earth!** We are also commissioned to go out and tell the world about Jesus, and preach through our lives, all the while, storing up treasures in heaven! St. Augustine said, *"Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him. Listen to the words of the Apostle: If you have risen with Christ, set your hearts on the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God; seek the things that are above, not the things that are on earth. For just as he remained with us even after his ascension, so we too are already in heaven with him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies."* Ascension also gives us insight into the deeper reality of Pentecost which we will celebrate next Sunday. The breath of God, His Spirit, has been breathed into each of us, to enable us to live differently... beginning right now. We are to participate in the ongoing redemptive mission of Jesus Christ, with our hearts and minds fixed firmly on our heavenly goal.

We can be so busy doing things, accumulating, achieving, that we easily forget what life is all about, preparing to meet God in heaven. This feast reminds us that we are only **passing through** this earth! We are pilgrims on a journey. Just as Jesus' earthly life was temporary, our lives are also temporary. It will come to an end, and our hope is that we will meet God face to face in the next life. And our mission is the same as the Apostles, **Be my witnesses to the ends of the earth!** Maybe this week, we can give witness to God, by doing one concrete act of charity, as our way of preaching the Good News! If we each do 'one' thing, we can certainly transform our families and towns, and before long, our world! Happy Ascension... and never forget, "what goes up, must come down!" Stay tuned.

Fr. Gerard

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Thanks to Benoit Paquette  
HE'S BACK UP IN HEAVEN WITH HIS FATHER NOW, BUT YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY ... "WHAT GOES UP, MUST COME DOWN!"

Christ is already in that place of peace, which is all in all. That is our home; here we are on a pilgrimage, and Christ calls us to His many mansions which He has prepared. *Newman*

**CONFIRMATION THANK YOU**

Many thanks to all who made our Confirmation such a beautiful celebration. Special thanks to Bishop Bergie, Debbie Herman (our chief organizer); to Carol Martin, Sandra DiCienzo, John Arnold, Glenn Blanchard, our Adult Choir, parents, sponsors, teachers, and principals! And thanks to our CWL for hosting the reception which followed in the parish hall! God bless you all.

**Did You Know?**... an old British custom claimed that any rain on Ascension Day was regarded as falling *"straight from Heaven opened for Christ's entry"* and was believed to have curative powers. Rain collected on Ascension Day was said to be good for inflamed or diseased eyes.

**Did You Know?**... in some parts of Italy there's an interesting custom of catching crickets on Ascension Day. Families will have a picnic while the children look for crickets, which are said to bring blessings, especially if they still sing when taken home in little cricket cages. Back in the day, a man would adorn his beloved's doors with flowers on this Feast, and give her a cricket cage, too. This Feast is also known in parts of Italy as "La Festa del Grillo" (the Feast of the Cricket). And we thought we knew it all!

**Pray the Rosary in May**

May is the Month of Our Lady! St. Patrick Parish prays the Rosary every morning at 7:30.

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

**Student Summer Employment**

St. Patrick Parish is hiring a high school grad/college student for **May 24 to Labour Day** 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** immediately for an interview, **905-354-7451**, or email (**stpatrick1895@hotmail.com**). If you have a resume, drop it off at the parish office asap!

**Smile a while...**

**How to stop people bugging you about getting married!** Old aunts used to come up to me at weddings, poke me in the ribs, and say, "You're next." They stopped after I started doing the same thing to them at funerals.

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

Are you tired of living alone? Consider Mount Carmel Home in St. Catharines. A retirement home operated by the Carmelite Sisters, offering assisted living in an affordable and caring family tradition. Care services include meals, housekeeping and medication management. If interested please call 905-685-9155 for a tour.

**The Diocesan Separated & Divorced Healing Ministry Support Group**  
Monday May 9 & Tuesday May 24 from 7 - 9pm, at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, [separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com](mailto:separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com) 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154

**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!



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