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## Parish Staff

Rev. Gerard Power, O.Carm., Pastor  
(Director in Canada, Society of the Little Flower)  
Rev. Marc Bell, O.Carm., Associate Pastor  
Rev. Mr. David Scott, Deacon  
Debbie Herman, Secretary  
Alice Corfield, Bookkeeper Secretary  
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.

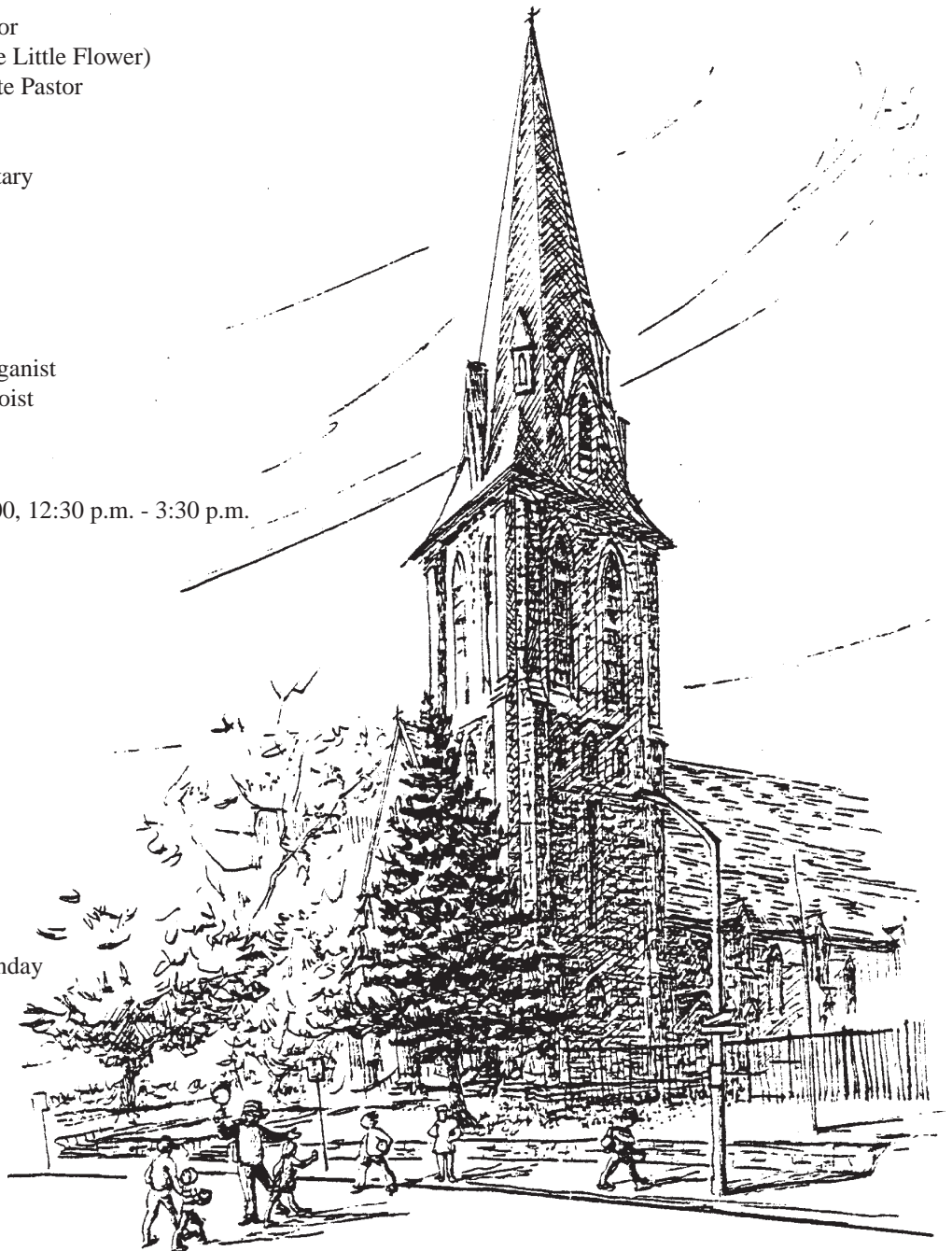
## Schools

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.**



# THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Saturday, November 11 Remembrance Day & St Martin of Tours

5:00 Gary Kneller *req by the Family*  
Oscar Bonaguro *req by the Family*

## Sunday, November 12

8:00 People of the Parish  
9:30 Gino Pullano *req by the Family*  
Sam DiCarlo *req by Mary DiCarlo & Family*  
11:30 Benito Giustini *req by the Giustini Family*  
Catone Maria Caterina *req by Maria & Family*

## Monday, November 13

8:00 Frank Provenzano *req by Josephine Provenzano*  
Gaetan Buteau *req by the Family*

## Tuesday, November 14

8:00 Maria DeAngelis *req by Tony & Rosa DeAngelis*  
Salvatore 'Sam' Sacco *req by the Family*

## Wednesday, November 15 St Albert the Great

8:00 Vito Picca *req by Lucy, John & Family*  
Dec'd of the Guerin & Turra Families *req by Maria & Family*

## Thursday, November 16 St Margaret of Scotland & St Gertrude

8:00 Maria Jesus Arrayga *req by the Family*  
Giustina & Joe Bombicino *req by their Dtr: Clara*

## 10am St. Mary & St Patrick School Mass

## Friday, November 17 St Elizabeth of Hungary

8:00 Tony Laslo *req by Carol Martin*  
Zita & Giorgio Marcon *req by T & G Milani & Family*

## Saturday, Nov 18 The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter & Paul

5:00 Francesco Mastopierro *req by the Family*  
Julia & Irma Pizzolato *req by Angela & David Dumele*

## Sunday, November 19 World Day of the Poor

8:00 People of the Parish  
9:30 Caterina Ruberto *req by Teresa Ruberto*  
Ria Van Noort *req by Carol & Bill Bruyere (Port Colborne)*  
11:30 Ody Argenta *req by Diana Argenta*  
Natale & Anna Giampa *req by the Conidi Family*

CWL News...Hello Ladies, your **CWL dues of \$40** are due by the end of November for the 2024 calendar year ... you may place your cash / cheque in an envelope and label it with your name and **CWL dues for 2024** and place it in the collection ... or drop it off at the office .... or call or text Maggie Scott at 905-246-6212 if you need to deliver it in a different way!!

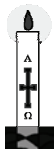
**Craft & Treasure Sale...Saturday & Sunday, November 18 & 19, in the Church Hall, 8:30am - 1:30pm**

### Baptism Schedule for 2023

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday Nov 26.** A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, Nov 14 at 7:00 pm.

### Upcoming Wedding at St. Patrick's in November

*Brittany Nyenhuis & Daniel Heuser*



### BOOK OF LIFE

Our **Book of Life** is placed near the sanctuary. Please write the names of your deceased loved ones in this book. They will be remembered at all Masses, Prayers and Rosaries during the month of November.

### Hennepin Council 1652 Knights of Columbus...Spaghetti Dinner

Monday, November 27, 2023 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 12yrs & under

Rest in Peace... We pray for the soul of Tim Foster. 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, Michelle Camillo, Barbara Conidi, William (Bill) Amadio, Cecilia Shugg, Toni Brideau, Sherry Wales, Maureen Young, Maureen Tustin, Maureen Watson, Michael DelGrande, Helen Korce, Leila Khan, David Gallina, Andrew Zacharuk, Patrick Macri, Alba Rondinelli, Nancy Waters, Victor Pizzolato, Jeanne S, Christine Pritty, John & Laura Giampa, Missy Bilotta, Antoinette Vescio, Charlene Shannon, Flori Heimbigner, Rita Ross, Isabell Frost, Anna Hunt, Leroy Collee, Leon French, Teresa Calzonetti Spiller, Tony Cuvliello, Jim & Betty Calzonetti, Eric Van Noort, Judy, Sr. Carol Forhan CPPS, D.D., William JA DeFoe, Estelle Critelli, Betty Crete, Sister Prem, Jeannette Fabian, Kelsey Liles, Julian Cassidy, Kelly Laslo, Mahmat, Teresa Hebb, Rose MacDonald, Lori Ann Pizzolato, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Karen Bradley, Betty & Mary Ann Quigley, Bob Marshall, John O'Leary, Arlene Collee, Danielle Barranca, Nancy Weiss, John Calder, Gregory Roulston, Cameron Boyes, Kerrie Szuch, Norma Zanus, Pasquale Abrunzo, Anna Chayer, Denise Colalillo, Francesco Albanese, Mary Jo O'Kell, Carmella Modenti, Michelle Price, Bernard Martin, Joyce Weaver, Emmanuel & Aline Chayer, Margaret Waghorn, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Evelyn Rose Baker, Lorraine Spence, Patricia O'Reilly, Gloria Smelko, Maria Guerin, Jackie, Fran Smelko, Jozefa Bilski, Mary Brennan, Faith Amadio, Jadwiga Wozniak, Francois Chayer, Walter Wallace, Julie Nicholson, Patrick McCarthy, Pepper Martin Jr, Marie Brooker, Vanessa Athoe, Brian Boudreau  
*Please help us update our list of those who are homebound, infirm, or hospitalized by calling the parish office.*

### Collections

November 5: \$7,050.98  
Many thanks for your generosity!

### Children Sacramental Dates 2024

**Confirmation:** Saturday, February 10, 2024 @ 5:00 PM  
**Confirmation Commitment Ceremony:** Sunday, December 10, 2023 @ 11:30 AM Mass (all Candidates MUST attend)  
**First Reconciliation:** Tuesday, March 5, 2024 @ 7:00 PM  
**First Communion:** Sunday, April 28, 2024 @ 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM  
(If you are a parishioner at St. Patrick Church, and have a child who does not attend St. Patrick or St. Mary Schools, and would like to celebrate their sacraments here, please contact the parish office for the registration forms.)

### Children's Liturgy

Our Children's Liturgy at the 9:30 AM Sunday Mass, is still in need of a few more volunteers. If you would like to be part of this wonderful ministry, please give your name to the parish office as soon as possible. Our children need you!!! 905-354-7451

### 2024 Mass Intentions

The Mass Book is now opened for the **members of our parish.** Because of the limited number of announced Masses available, we ask that you limit your intentions to **4 per family.** You might consider having a general intention for the deceased members of your family. We also ask that you be flexible with your dates. We will be recording the Mass intentions in the **Office,** or you may place them in the Sunday collection. **We will not be taking intentions over the telephone.**

Hennepin Council 1652 Knights of Columbus will be selling Religious Christmas Cards at all Mass this weekend and next, November 11 & 12, and 18 & 19.

### Special Collection: Deo Gratias, November 11-12, 2023

Please support the **Deo Gratias Collection** this weekend, to aid retired clergy. Please be generous.



Dear Friends:

Our Second Reading and Gospel this Sunday address the end times, grief, and death. This is an appropriate theme for the month of November, a special month for remembering those who have died.

Last Friday night we gathered in our Church with hundreds of family members who came out to remember their loved ones at the **All Souls Memorial Mass**. It is always a very stirring liturgy. As I looked around the church during Mass, I could see the loneliness and pain on people's faces, and many teary eyes.



And that is a normal response as we try to come to terms with a family death... as we try to work through our grief. It is never easy. We Christians grieve in a different way! We grieve with the hope that one day we shall see our loved ones again.

The message that St. Paul gives us today is that we should **"not grieve as others do who have no hope."** He highlights the death and resurrection of Jesus as our source of hope. I always feel sorry for those who have no faith, or who do not believe in life after death or eternal life. To face a death with that stark finality has got to be so empty and painful. Praise God for our faith, even if it gets shaken at times.

In the Gospel lies a challenge for all of us. It's the **Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids**, five foolish and five wise. The foolish were caught with no oil in their lamps at the bridegroom's return, hence, they were shut out of the banquet. Jesus tells this parable to remind the people to be prepared at all times. **"Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour!"** We all need to live our lives in such a way that we are always prepared to meet God when he calls. If we live with a weighed-down conscience, resentments, anger or disunity in our families, then we will be ill-prepared if God should call us home. No one likes to be caught off guard. God gives us many chances to get it right! It's up to us to take advantage of his generosity, and abundant graces.

As we journey through November, let us take time to pray for those who have died, especially those who have no one left to pray for them. Let us take the precious time to remember those who are grieving. And also use this month to examine our own lives. If God were to call me home today, would I be ready? Have a blessed week.

Fr. Gerard



*"You realize if you go to Heaven, my relatives will all be there."*

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**All Soul's Memorial Mass Thank You**

Many thanks to all of you who came out to celebrate our **All Soul's Memorial Mass**. It was truly an uplifting liturgy.

Special thanks to Deacon David, Aileen, Carol, Sandra, John Arnold, our Adult Choir and gift bearers for their wonderful ministry. May our loved ones sleep in heavenly peace.

**Santa Claus Parade and Parking**

Next Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 PM, we have our Annual Santa Claus Parade. We also have a wedding at 3:00 PM. As with last year's parade, there will be an issue maneuvering around the downtown area. There will also be an issue with church parking, unless we can get some volunteers. We are asking for a couple of volunteers to stand at our parking lot entrances on Huron and Maple. This will ensure that wedding attendees can park freely, and that parishioners will have a place to park when they arrive for Mass. Please call the parish office if you can help.

**In Flanders Fields**

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky

The larks, still bravely singing, fly

Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago

We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,

Loved, and were loved, and now we lie

In Flanders fields.



**Lest We Forget.**

Take up our quarrel with the foe:

To you from failing hands we throw

The torch; be yours to hold it high.

If ye break faith with us who die

We shall not sleep, though poppies grow

In Flanders fields.

*Lt.-Col. John McCrae*

*McCrae's "In Flanders Fields" remains to this day one of the most memorable war poems ever written. On this November 11<sup>th</sup>, may we take the time to remember those who gave their lives for our freedom. And we also remember and pray for all who are currently serving our country.*

**Construction Updates**

Last week, **Simple Gooder Roofing Inc.**, completed the flashing above the dome on our church roof. This cost \$16,000. All sections that have had wind damage are now completed. The company recommended that two small sections be replaced. One is the small flat roof above the Baptismal Font, and the other is the roof above the rectory-side entrance of the church. It is not an emergency, and it is quite costly. We are waiting for a price from **Noble Roofing** to replace the flat roof above the elevator entrance of the parish hall. This time it will be sloped properly. All this is being paid for from our **St. Patrick Building Fund**. Please help your parish keep this fund as healthy as possible. One way is to ask for **Memorial Donations** when a loved one dies. Our next project will be replacing the metal door frame at the side entrance of the parish hall. In time, we will need to look at the front steps and hand railings of the church entrance. One project at a time. Thank you for your generosity in keeping our buildings updated!

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**

If you or a family member/friend is interested in becoming a Roman Catholic through a **Profession of Faith**, or desiring Baptism, or other Sacraments of Initiation (Eucharist or Confirmation), please give your name to our Parish Office as soon as possible. Our first RCIA meeting will be held during the Advent Season. The sessions will resume after Christmas. During Lent we will meet once a week. This is also a wonderful opportunity for anyone who wants to "refresh or renew" their faith and theology! More information will be forthcoming.

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