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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.

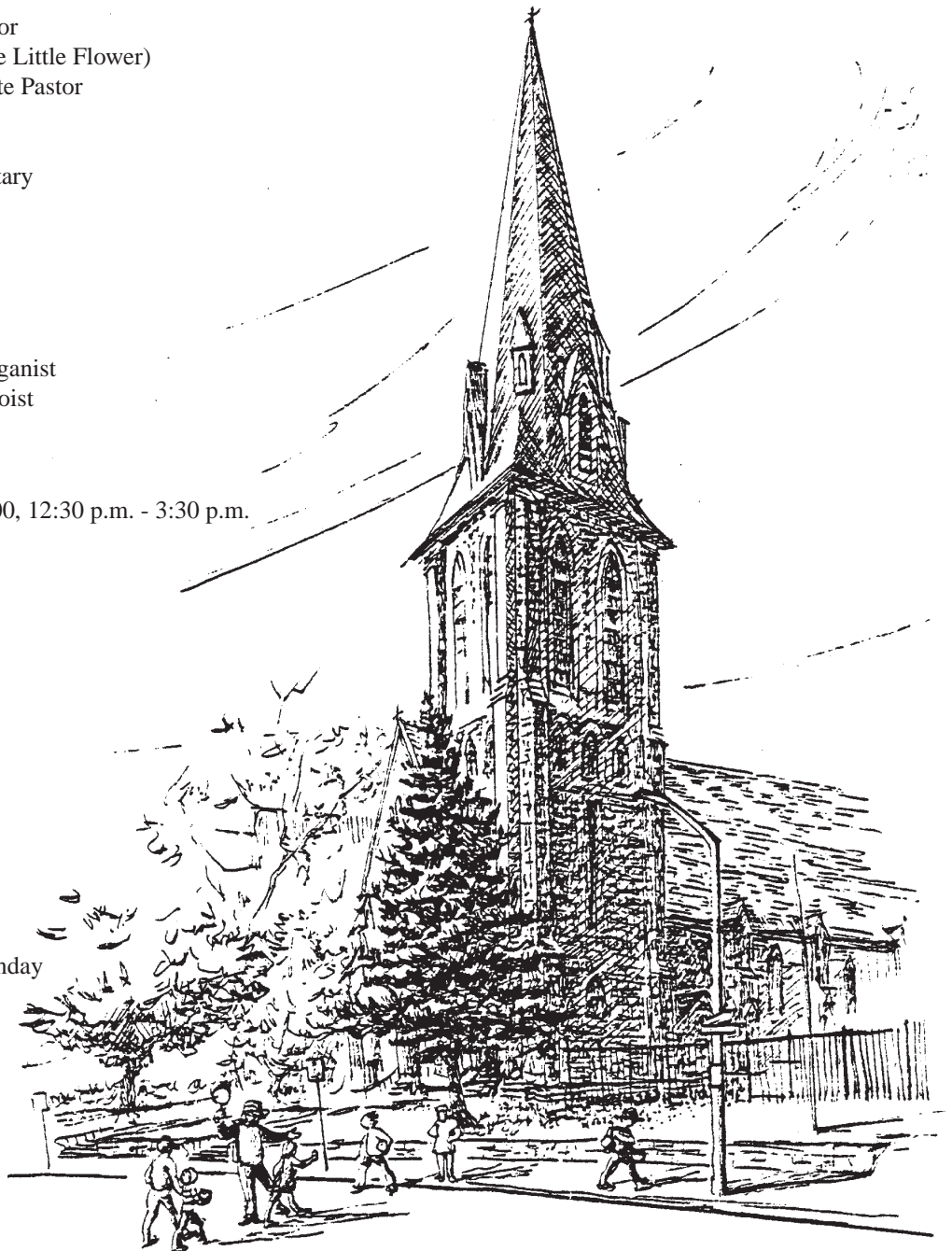
Schools

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.



THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, November 4 St Charles Borromeo

5:00 All Souls Novena

Sunday, November 5

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 Leo Ruberto req by Teresa Ruberto

Francesco D'Angelo req by Lucia D'Angelo

11:30 All Souls Novena

Monday, November 6

8:00 All Souls Novena

Tuesday, November 7

8:00 All Souls Novena

Wednesday, November 8

8:00 All Souls Novena

Thursday, November 9 The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:00 All Souls Novena

Friday, November 10 St Leo the Great

8:00 All Souls Novena

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

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!!

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.



All Souls Novena of Masses

Envelopes are available at the doors of the church for our **Nine Day All Souls Novena of Masses**. This Novena began on All Souls Day. Please submit your envelopes as soon as possible. May our loved ones rest in the peace of the Risen Christ.

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

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

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

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

Collections

October 29: \$6,336.00

World Missions: \$1,502.00

Many thanks for your generosity!

2023 Special Wedding Anniversaries... Bishop Bergie will send a congratulatory certificate to married couples who have celebrated or will celebrate a 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th Anniversary in the year 2023.

To receive a certificate, please complete a registration form available at the parish Office by November 8th.

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 date for the opening of the Mass Book will be **Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 9:00 am** 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.**

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!



Dear Friends:

The month of November is here and so is the chill of Fall upon us. November is designated as a special month to pray for our beloved dead. Thursday was **All Soul's Day!** A special Memorial Mass was celebrated on Friday night where we remembered all those who have died in our parish since last November. It was a very moving liturgy. A candle was lit and bells were chimed, as the names of some 70 faithful departed were proclaimed from the Altar of God.



On Thursday we began a **Nine-Day Novena of Masses** for All Souls. The names of our loved ones enrolled in this Novena, are placed on the altar and remembered during these Nine Holy Masses. A **Book of Life** is also placed in front of the Altar, and we ask you to write the names of your loved ones in this book. They will be remembered at all Masses, prayers and Rosaries during the entire month. May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace!

Every evening when we prayed the Family Rosary during my childhood, my father would always remember the dead, especially *those who have no one left to pray for them!* And he would always pray for the **Souls in Purgatory**. I've never forgot that intention. Praying for our faithful departed is such an essential and important part of our faith. Every time I pass a cemetery I pray the "Eternal Rest" prayer.

And while we are praying for all who have died.... we also need to remember those who are grieving, all those whose grief is still so fresh. We have experienced many deaths in our parish this past year. We entrust all our grieving families to God's tender care and love, and to Mary's gentle embrace. May they find the strength to face each day without the physical presence of their loved ones. Have a blessed week, and a prayerful month.

Fr. Gerard



Saturday, November 11th is **Remembrance Day- Armistice Day**. May we take the sacred time to remember all those who served our country in the World Wars, those who paid the ultimate sacrifice with their lives, and those who were injured physically and emotionally... all for our freedom. We pray for those who currently serve our country in peace-keeping missions around the world. **Lest we Forget!**

Bloopers by students on Religion Exams

- The epistles were the wives of the apostles.
- Christians have only one spouse. This is called monotony.
- When Mary heard that she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta.
- The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still, and he obeyed him.

So Why Do We Pray For the Dead?

Our Church has taught for centuries that our prayers assist those who have died. We commend their souls to God's mercy and we pray for them. Masses, prayers for the dead, Rosaries, Stations of the Cross, and other devotions, are for the most part, petitions to God. They ask that the departed believer may be united in an eternal embrace with the Triune God, **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit** in heaven. For that goal was each of us created, for that purpose did Christ die and rise again, and for that end do we pray when we commend the souls of "the faithful departed" to God.

All our beloved dead **still need** our prayers. I am sure that very few, if any, human beings go directly into heaven at the time of death. There still has to be a purging (**purification-Purgatory**) before we will experience the beatific vision of God, meeting God face to face! That's why our Church teaches in her Catechism, "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven." And so we pray:

Into your hands, O Lord,
we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters.
In this life you embraced them with your tender love;
deliver them now from every evil
and bid them enter eternal rest.

The old order has passed away;
welcome them into Paradise,
where there will be no sorrow, no weeping nor pain,
but fullness of peace and joy
with your Son and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

IN FLANDERS FIELDS

Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae
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!

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

*Composed at the battlefield on May 3, 1915
during the second battle of Ypres, Belgium*

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.

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

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