

# Saint Patrick's Church

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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.

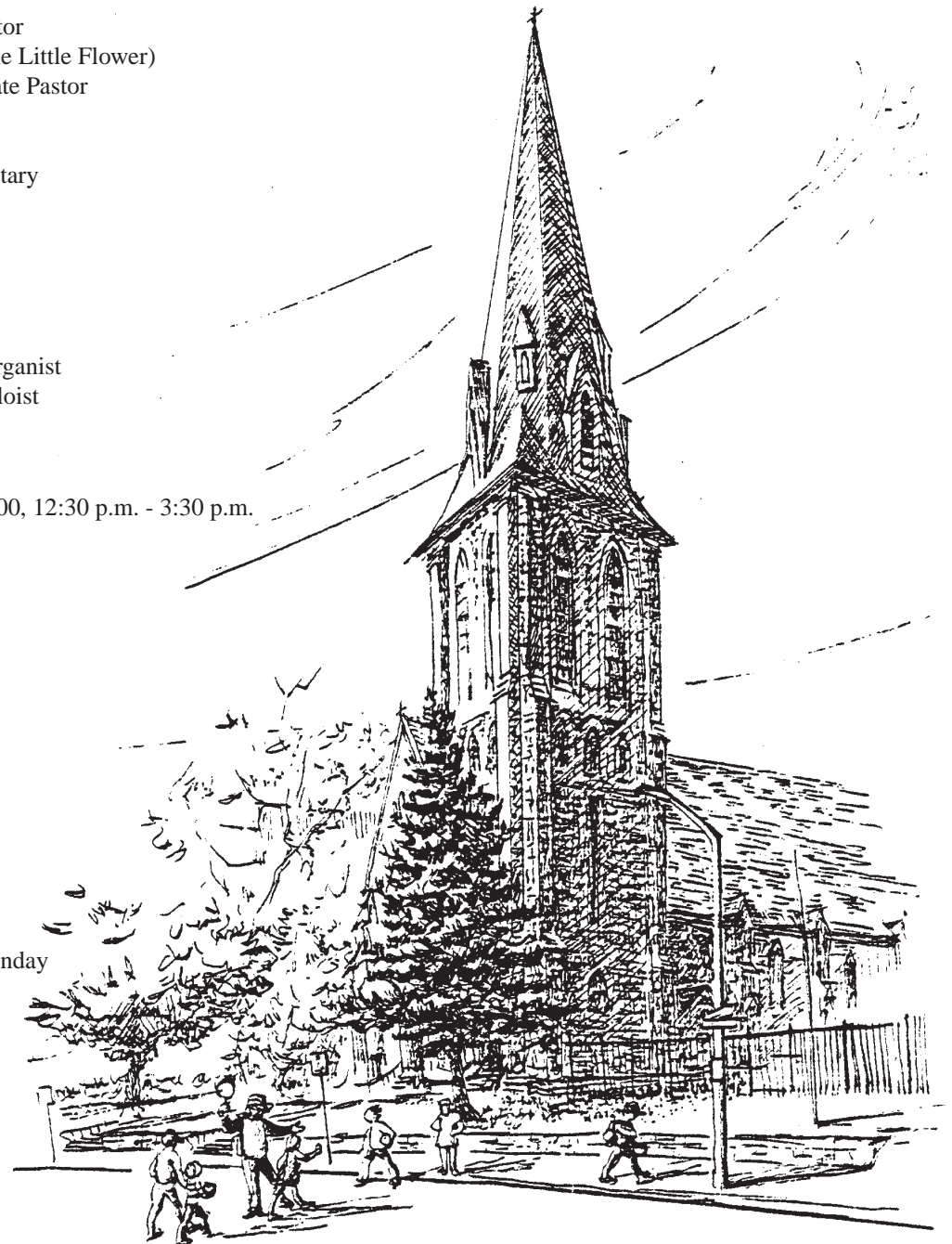
## Schools

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.**



## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



### Saturday, September 30 St Jerome

**5:00** Mark McAvoy req. by the Family  
Louis Campaner req. by the Campaner Family

### Sunday, October 1

**8:00** People of the Parish  
**9:30** John Rondinelli req. by Alba & Ann Marie  
Anna Giang req. by the Nguyen Family  
**11:30** Angelo Paonessa req. by Tony & Rosa DeAngelis  
Dianne Goegan req. by Louise Goegan

### Monday, October 2 The Holy Guardian Angels

**8:00** Pietro Guerin req. by Maria & Family  
Gaetan Buteau req. by the Family

### Tuesday, October 3

**8:00** Sarah McGhee req. by Stu & Mary Lou Gallardi  
James Ogilvie req. by Chris & Sam St Angelo & Ogilvie Families

### Wednesday, October 4 St Francis of Assisi

**8:00** Rose & Peter Putz req. by Joseph & Nancy Solomon  
Pietro Guerin req. by Maria & Family

### Thursday, October 5 St Faustina Kowalska

**8:00** Francisco & Maria Jesus Plasencia req. by the Family  
Mary Anello req. by Domenic, Christina, Kaitlyn, Peter & Mother: Incoronata Radice

### Friday, October 6 BI Marie-Rose Durocher & St Bruno

**8:00** Pamela Jones req. by Charlene Shannon  
Monika Bauer req. by Teresa Calzonetti Spiller

### Saturday, October 7 Our Lady of the Rosary

**5:00** Vincent & Ruby Crowley req. by the Family  
Carlo Pizzolato req. by Angela & David Dumele

### Sunday, October 8

**8:00** Nicola Rinaldi req. by the Family  
Joe Monteleone req. by Rachel Marcon  
**9:30** Frank Provenzano req. by Josephine Provenzano  
Umberto Nobile req. by his Dtr: Antonietta  
**11:30** People of the Parish

CWL News... **TRIVIA NIGHT**, October 20<sup>th</sup> in the Lower Hall, doors Open at 6:30, Trivia starts at 7pm \$20 each/ Tables of 8, please call the Office to purchase your Table 905-354-7451 or Maggie 905-246-6212  
- Thank you to everyone who came out and joined us for our September CWL meeting ...our next meeting will be **October 4<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm**  
-SOctober is back again...please donate new socks of all sizes and leave them in the Bins at the Entrances of the Church

### Baptism Schedule for 2023

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday Oct 22 & Nov 26**. A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, **Oct 10 & Nov 14** 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!

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

*Julia Pasco & Jake Maiuri*

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

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

### Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Michelle Camillo, Karyn McEvoy, Tony Laslo, Carole Finella, Toni Brideau, Sherry Wales, Maureen Young, Maureen Tustin, Maureen Watson, Michael DelGrande, Helen Korce, Mary F Hanlon, Leila Khan, David Gallina, Andrew Zacharuk, Patrick Macri, Alba Rondinelli, Nancy Waters, Natalie Speth, Cecilia Shugg, Victor Pizzolato, Jeanne S, John & Laura Giampa, Ron O'Neill, Christine Pritty, Missy Bilotta, Antoinette Vescio, Charlene Shannon, Sandra DeFoe, Robert Morningstar, Mary Lou Gallardi, Flori Heimbigner, Rita Ross, Isabell Frost, Anna Hunt, Leroy Collee, Leon French, Elaine Pampena, Teresa Calzonetti Spiller, Tony Cuvieello, Jim & Betty Calzonetti, Eric Van Noort, Marcellina Mativo, Sr. Carol Forhan CPPS, D.D., William JA DeFoe, Judy, Estelle Critelli, Betty Crete, Joe Young, Bernadette Moore, Andrea Fisher, Sister Prem, Jeannette Fabian, Kelsey Liles, Julian Cassidy, Kelly Laslo, Mahmat, Teresa Hebb, Tom Hilton, Rose MacDonald, Edward Brzozowski, Lori Ann Pizzolato, Pat DiLorenzo Jr., Samantha Jayne, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Laurie Crites-Warner, Karen Bradley, Betty & Mary Ann Quigley, Corinne Journeau, Carmine Astorino, Bob Marshall, Arlene Collee, Brian Smith, Todd Reid, Danielle Barranca, Nancy Weiss, Gregory Roulston, Cameron Boyes, Samuel Potapczyk, Kerrie Szuch, Norma Zanus, John Nicks, Pasquale Abrunzo, John Calder, Anna Chayer, Patricia Williams, Nancy Praakel, Jeanne Lea, Rebecca Evans, Nancy Huber, Denise Colalillo, John Cox, Francesco Albanese, Mary Jo O'Kell, 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, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Evelyn Rose Baker, Lorraine Spence, Patricia O'Reilly, Gloria Smelko, Maria Guerin, Conner Hawkswell, Jackie, Fran Smelko, Jozefa Bilski, Robert & Maria Melchiorre, Mary Brennan, Faith Amadio, Cheryl Granton, Alessia Commisso, Trina Washington, Jadwiga Wozniak, Francois Chayer, John O'Leary, Walter Wallace, 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

September 24: \$5,939.00  
Needs of the Canadian Church: \$512.00  
Many thanks for your generosity!

### Blessing of Animals



This year the **Blessing of Animals** will be held on the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, Patron of Animals.

**Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM**

This will be celebrated on the school playground.

All creatures great and small are welcome!

Please keep your pets on a leash.

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

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

The BLD Open in Spirit to God St. Catharines Community will sponsor a **Marriage Encounter Weekend** on November 11-12, 2023 at St. Ann's Church. A weekend of growing and learning together with your spouse. You can check out their website [www.bldstcatharines.org](http://www.bldstcatharines.org) for more info.

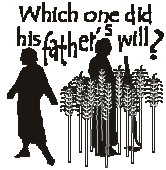
### Please Exercise Caution: Crosswalk Removed

Last week the City of Niagara Falls removed (painted over) the crosswalk in front of St. Patrick Church. When asked for the reason, we were told that it is no longer being used as a **school crossing**. The crossing guard was removed last year. Because of the location (not a stop sign or red light), it does not meet the requirements to be designated as a crosswalk. The city will do some monitoring to see if it should be reinstated. Please exercise caution when crossing Victoria Avenue for Mass. We have lots of parking behind the hall, at the playground, and also by the school. We will update you if we hear anything further.



Dear Friends:

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable to some political and religious leaders of his day. It's about two sons. The father asks both to go and work in the vineyard. The first says **NO**, but changes his mind and goes. The second says **YES**, but does not go! Both changed their minds! The **first son** represents the tax collectors, prostitutes, and other sinners. The **second son** represents the Jewish authorities. The first son was blatantly rude: "I will not go," but he had a change of heart. He came out



all right. The second son knew what to say to his father. "I will certainly go, sir," but he blew it in the end. Jesus was poking fun at the scribes and Pharisees for their pride in having all the externals perfectly in order, while being blind to God's call in their lives. They did not heed John the Baptist! They

had a chance to hear what John had to say about justice and righteousness, but they chose to remain fixated on external laws. Jesus clearly divides people into those **who act** and those **who don't**.

Having knowledge of Jesus' words and sayings, or knowing the Bible inside out, is one thing, but we have to build our lives on **'actions'** and on **'love-put-into-practice'**. Good intentions do not suffice. Promises are useless if they're not kept. Jesus uses the faith of the tax collectors and prostitutes who heard John's message and then changed their ways, as a model for his followers. Where am I in all this? Am I part of the **YES** crowd or the **NO** crowd? Do my actions match my words? Do I walk the Christian talk? That's the challenge for us, to have our deeds match our words. Being Christian needs to be evident in the way we live. There must be no chasm between our words, actions, and faith. I know we can all try harder. If we do **mess up**, or stray off the path, our God of second chances invites us back, loves us and forgives us. Have a faith-into-action week!

Fr. Gerard

To my vegan friends! ☺



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**Quotes from St. Therese**

"A word or a smile is often enough to put fresh life in a despondent soul."

"If I did not simply live from one moment to another, it would be impossible for me to be patient, but I only look at the present, I forget the past, and I take good care not to forestall the future."

"And it is the Lord, it is Jesus, Who is my judge. Therefore I will try always to think leniently of others, that He may judge me leniently, or rather not at all, since He says: "Judge not, and ye shall not be judged."

**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!**

**October, Month of the Holy Rosary**



The month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. The liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on October 7th. It was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful. The feast was introduced by Pope St. Pius V (1504-1572) in the year 1571 to commemorate the miraculous victory of the Christian forces in the Battle of Lepanto on October 7, 1571. The pope attributed more to the "arms" of the Rosary than the power of cannons and the valor of the soldiers who fought there. Legend tells us that the Rosary as a form of prayer, was given to St. Dominic (1170- 1221) by Mary, the Mother of Our Lord, who entrusted it to him as an aid in the conflicts with the Albigensians (.13th Cent. heretics). The Dominican pope, St. Pius V, did much to further the spread of the Rosary and it thereafter became one of the most popular devotions in the Church.

**Feast of St. Therese, The Little Flower**

October 1st is the Feast of our great Carmelite Saint, *St. Therese of Lisieux*, Patroness of the Missions! She lived a short 24 years from 1873-1897, in Alencon and Lisieux, France.



She has become the most popular saint of all times. Her autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*, has been translated into over 50 languages! St. Therese taught us the "Little Way!" And that is, finding God in the ordinary everyday activities of life! When Pope John Paul II declared her Doctor of the Church in 1997, he called her "a young Carmelite who was filled with the love of God, who offered herself completely to his love, and who knew how to practice love of neighbour in the ordinary things of daily life." That is certainly a call to all of us! Therese wrote, *"Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love!"* She also said, "You know well enough that Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, nor even at their difficulty, but at the love at which we do them." Unfortunately this feast falls on Sunday this year, so we cannot celebrate a votive Mass.

**Children's Liturgy**

As we begin Children's Liturgy again at the 9:30 AM Sunday Mass, we are 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

**Children's Choir**

Calling all parents and children!!! We have started our Children's Choir again. We need children to sing!!! If you wish your child to join, please see Carol Martin after Mass or give your child's name to the parish office. Let's get back into *the swing of things!* Look for more details in future bulletins. 905-354-7451

Did you hear about the church that serves noodles at communion?  
**They are Ramen Catholic.**  
What do priests say to get rid of insects in the church? **"Let us spray."**

**Little Flower Society Cards**



St. Patrick Parish Office has Mass Cards in stock from the Carmelite's Little Flower Society? We have Healing Mass Cards, Living Intentions, Five-Year Memorial Cards, and also Perpetual Memorial Cards. By using those cards, you not only comfort a family member or friend, but you also support the mission of the Carmelites, our Carmelite Vocation Efforts, and our Carmelite Formation Programs in several countries.



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