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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.

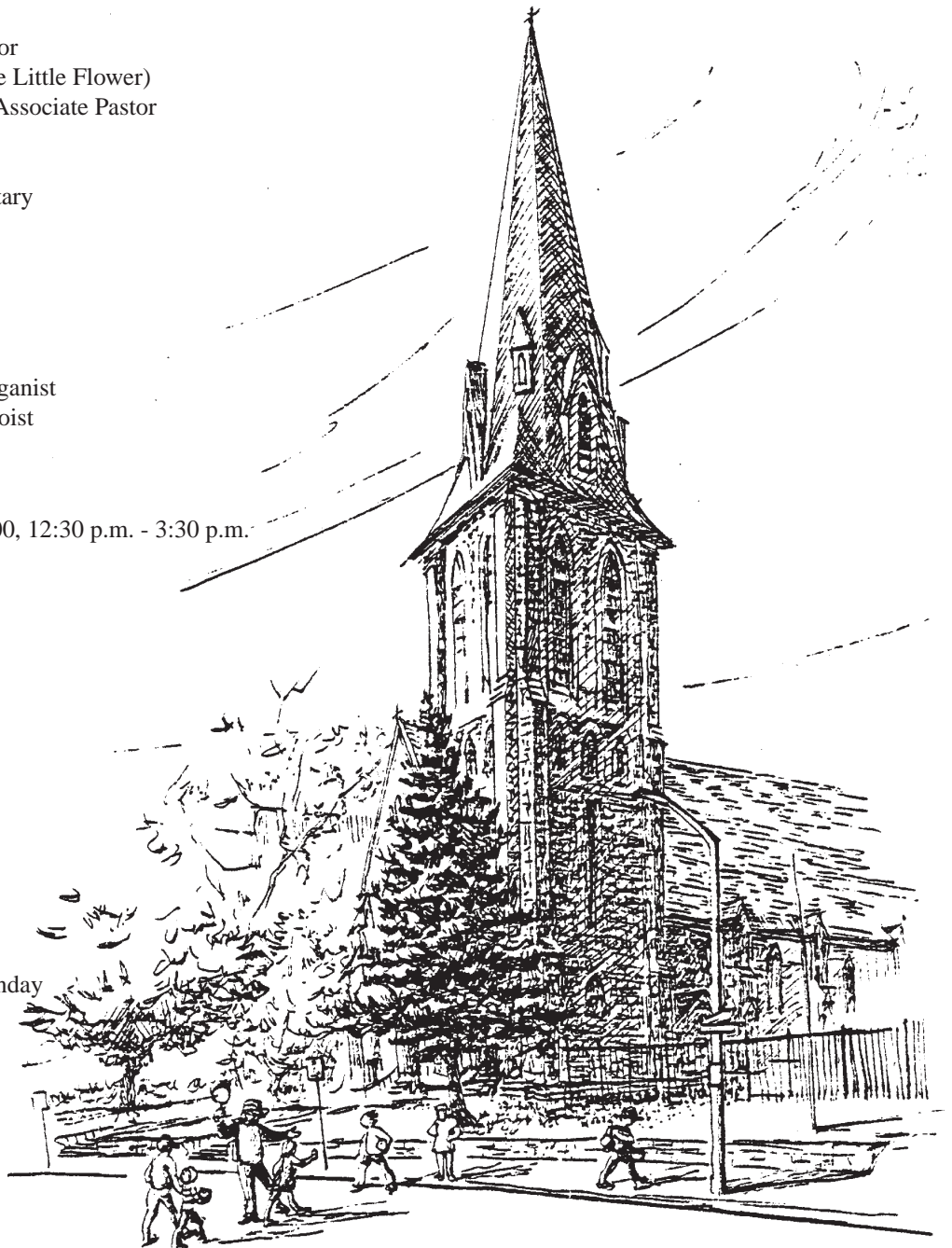
Schools

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.



PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION



Saturday, April 12

5:00 Giovanna Maulucci *req by Paul DiPaul*

Dec'd members of the Besaw Family req by the Besaw Family

Sunday, April 13 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 Giuseppe & Antonia Lazzarin *req by Theresa Marcon*

Palmero & Anna Goegan *req by their Dtr: Louise*

11:30 John & Elizabeth Rondinelli *req by Ann Marie, John & Fam*

Jozef & Feliksa Brzozowski *req by their Dtr: Jean*

Monday, April 14

8:00 Wanda & Mark Solomon *req by Joe & Nancy Solomon*

John & Helen MacDonnell *req by Friends*

Tuesday, April 15

8:00 Herb Ogilvie *req by Molly Ogilvie & Family*

Richard Glowacki *req by Nicki Glowacki*

Wednesday, April 16

8:00 Intentions of the Little Flower Society

World Peace

Thursday, April 17 Holy Thursday

7:00pm John Corfield *req by Wife: Alice*

Dariusz Rebisz *req by the Rebisz Family*

Ed Nieuwesteeg *req by Fr. Gerard*

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Monday, April 14 8:00 AM

Tuesday, April 15 8:00 AM

Wednesday, April 16 8:00 AM

*** Thursday (NO 8:00 AM Mass) ***

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper ... 7:00 PM

Good Friday Celebration of the Passion of the Lord... 3:00 PM

Stations of the Cross... 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil ... 8:00 PM (Sunset)

Easter Sunday 8:00; 9:30; and 11:30 AM

Chrism Mass: Tuesday, April 15th at 7:30pm in the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria, 3 Lyman St., St. Catharines



2025 is a Special Year

This is a Jubilee Year in the Church. It is centered on the theme "Pilgrims of Hope." As His Holiness Pope Francis so beautifully expressed it: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help

everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision."

Church Envelopes and Income Tax Receipts

Please make sure you pick up your Income Tax Receipts from the back of the Church. Offertory Envelopes are in the sacristy, to the left of the altar. Many thanks.

Ministry Sign Up for Holy Week and Easter

This weekend there are sign-up sheets in the Ushers Room for all ministries for Holy Week and Easter.

Please sign up and make sure every Mass is covered!
(Sorry for not having the sheets out last weekend)

Easter Flowers

If you would like to donate toward the Easter Flowers in memory of your loved ones, envelopes are available at the doors of the church!

[We will be decorating the church on Good Friday evening at 7:30]



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, Kenneth Power, Jacquie Power, Carl Lundrigan, Connie Power, Emma Corfield, Norah Marrie, Jeanne Lea, Joe Antonio, Theresa Prentice, Anna Tartaglia, Leonardo Gualtieri, Muriel Lafford, Isabell Frost, Robert Orsini, Rick Woram, Enzo Bellon, Kurt Stevens, Barbara Conidi, Lindsey Luby, Norm Scott, Toni Brideau, Charlene Shannon, Scott MacLaren, Jim Crowley, Sherry Wales, Peter Meisenburg Jr., Leila Khan, Maureen Young, Maureen Tustin, Maureen Watson, Anna Hunt, Mary Jo O'Kell, Nancy Waters, David Gallina, John F, John Arnold, Leroy Collee, Andrew Zacharuk, Patrick Macri, Victor Pizzolato, Jeanne S, Christine Pritty, John & Laura Giampa, Jim & Betty Calzonetti, Eric Van Noort, Julian Cassidy, Lorraine Spence, Estelle Critelli, D.D., Missy Bilotta, Rita Ross, Leon French, Tony Cuvieello, Kelsey Liles, Sr. Carol Forhan CPPS, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Samantha Jayne, Laurie Crites-Warner, Norma Zanus, Judy, Jadwiga Wozniak, Kerrie Szuch, William JA DeFoe, Betty Crete, Sister Prem, Bob Marshall, Cameron Boyes, Danielle Barranca, Kelly Laslo, Mahmat, Lori Ann Pizzolato, Teresa Hebb, Rose MacDonald, Karen Bradley, Betty & Mary Ann Quigley, Arlene Collee, John Calder, Maria Guerin, Gregory Roulston, Anna Chayer, Denise Colalillo, Patrick McCarthy, Michelle Price, S.H., Francesco Albanese, Julie Nicholson, Emmanuel & Aline Chayer, Carmella Modenti, Bernard Martin, Joyce Weaver, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Margaret Waghorn, Evelyn Rose Baker, Patricia O'Reilly, Fran Smelko, Gloria Smelko, Jackie, Faith Amadio, Vanessa Athoe, Walter Wallace, Marie Brooker, Francois Chayer, Samuel Potapczyk, Jozefa Bilski, Elda Schneider, Susana Flego, Patricia Flego, Cynthia Alegre

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

Collections

April 6th : \$7,274.36

Giving Bowl: \$9,478.70 (to date)

Development & Peace: \$1,808.00

Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2025

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on:

Sunday April 27, May 18 & June 22.

A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, April 22, May 6 & June 10 at 7:00 pm.

Sacramental Dates for 2025

First Communion: Sunday, May 25, 2025 @ 9:30am & 1:30pm

Mandatory Preparation Meeting: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 @ 7:00pm

(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.)

A Good Friday Prayer

Christ Jesus you hung upon a cross and died for us

So that we might live for you

Your body was broken and your blood shed

So that we might be healed and made whole

You were faithful unto death

So that we might be faithful unto life

Your last command was that we might love one another

One family together from every tribe and nation

A new creation united through your sacrifice

Redeemed by your blood

Healed by your love

United by your covenant of peace

In your death may we find life

Is God calling You?...If you feel called to serve as an **Altar Server, Funeral Server, Eucharistic Minister, Lector** or with the **Children's Liturgy** please call the parish office, 905-354-7451.



Dear Friends!

Today is *Passion-Palm Sunday, the Gate-Way to Holy Week*. We enter the most sacred days of our Church year, in which we pray and meditate intensely on Christ's passion and death. We must never forget what He did, and what he sacrificed for you and me.

In today's Mass, we celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. He was greeted by a very excited crowd, quite a joyous welcome. This is the Gospel proclaimed at the entrance of the church! **There were shouts of Hosannas!** Shortly after, we will hear the Passion Gospel. Jesus carried a heavy cross up Calvary, with jeers and shouts of "**Crucify Him!**"

Today's liturgy **begins** Holy Week! I encourage everyone to **take the precious time** to come out this week and celebrate the *High Holy Days of our Church*. Come out **Holy Thursday at 7:00** and experience what Jesus did for us, and gave us, on the night before he died... and what he asks us to do for him today! Come out **Good Friday at 3:00** and feel the intensity of his love for us! If you've never been to an Easter Vigil, come out on **Easter Saturday Night at 8:00** and experience the powerful symbols of our faith! We will celebrate seven baptisms of adults and children.

As we enter into Holy Week, may we be the **Hosanna** crowd, following Jesus with a sincere heart... *walking faithfully in his footsteps*. And proclaiming the Good News of Salvation. Jesus died for you and me. May we truly live for him. Many blessings for these sacred days!

Fr. Gerard



The Easter Triduum

The Easter Triduum, marking the days of Jesus' passion and resurrection, is the most important time of the church year. It begins with the evening Mass of Holy Thursday, reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil, and closes on Easter Sunday evening. Prepared by the days of Lent, Christians celebrate on these holiest of days the saving work God has accomplished in Christ. From the events remembered these days, so sorrowful and so the deepest lessons. In rites and words the final hours are with us his cruel suffering, his joyful, the church learns mysteries of Jesus' again, his passion, rising from the dead. And we discover the answer to age old questions: **Does God love us? Is God merciful? Does God care for us?** We have only to look and learn from Jesus Christ. These are days for fixing our eyes on the holy mystery of his cross and filling our ears with the words of his gospel. Nowhere else does God's love appear so vividly. In the love Christ showed for a sinful world we find the beginning of our Church, the source of our sacraments, the key to understanding the human story, and our hope for eternal life.



Welcome !!!

This Easter Vigil we will celebrate Baptism for:
Gustaf Lagerquist; Bimbo Olukoya Solanke; Angel Rylie Toulabian Cayetano; Charlee Baglieri; Iris He; Lithie He; and Keenan Kates. May God bless them on their faith journey!

Carmelites in Niagara Falls- 150 Years

This year the Carmelites are celebrating 150 years in Niagara Falls. There are three events planned to celebrate this milestone: **St. Pat's** (May 3rd); **Our Lady of Peace** (June 18th); and **Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre** (October).



On **Saturday, May 3rd at 5:00 PM** we will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Patrick's in honour of our Carmelite presence in Niagara Falls, particularly here at **St. Patrick Parish (1875-2025)**. A wine and cheese reception will follow in the parish hall. We are asking for some volunteers to make desserts/cookies, and some volunteers to help set up and clean up. If you can assist, please let the parish office know at your earliest convenience. If you have any photos of Carmelites over the years, please pass them on to us. We will scan them and return them immediately.

The Giving Bowl

"A Lenten Sacrifice" for St. Pat's!

Once again this Lent, we have a special container at the front and back of the church to support *The Giving Bowl*. This program feeds upwards to 1100 children at local Catholic Schools in Eastern Uganda. This is the only hot meal these children get each day! This program also assists with medical supplies, uniforms and tuition. Please place your donations into these containers during Lent! If you wish to donate by cheque, please make cheque payable to **St. Patrick Parish**, indicating **Giving Bowl** on the memo line. We issue a cheque to *The Giving Bowl* at the end of each month. Thanks for your commitment! **St. Patrick School**

St. Patrick School Passion Play

Please come out during Holy Week and see the Grade 8 students from St. Patrick School perform the Passion Play. It will be held in the Gym at the following times:

Monday, April 14th at 12 Noon

Tuesday, April 15th at 1:00 PM

Wednesday, April 16th at 1:00 PM

Thursday, April 17th at 1:00 PM

There is no cover charge but donations to *The Giving Bowl* will be gratefully appreciated!

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.

Holy Land Olive Wood Religious Art Sale

This weekend, **April 12 & 13**, we have some of the beautiful Religious art available for sale in an effort to strengthen the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

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