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## **Parish Staff**

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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.**

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



### Saturday, April 22

**5:00** Vincent & Ruby Crowley *req. by the Family*  
Peter Creamer *req. by Mary & Family*

### Sunday, April 23 Divine Mercy Sunday

**8:00** People of the Parish

**9:30** Angelo Radice *req. by Antonietta Radice & Family*  
Luigi Marcon *req. by Louise Marcon*

**11:30** Walter & Mary Besaw *req. by David & Dorothea Besaw*  
Dec'd mem. of the Shugg & Senese Families *req. by Cecilia*

**7:00** Kevin & Louise Young *req. by the Family*  
Jack Kozinski *req. by Lidia Bonaldo*

### Monday, April 24 St Fidelis of Sigmaringen

**8:00** Delphis Comeau *req. by Charlene Shannon & Family*  
Paul Lemire *req. by Anita Archambault*

### Tuesday, April 25 St Mark

**8:00** Gianni 'Johnny' Bonaldo *req. by Lucy Rizzo & Family*  
Deacon Pat O'Brien *req. by the Frank & Maria Berardi*

### Wednesday, April 26 Our Lady of Good Counsel

**8:00** Mary Degazio *req. by Jerry Stoker*  
Constance Dodge *req. by the Family*

### Thursday, April 27

**8:00** Kevin Butler *req. by Mom & Dad*  
Bruno Bernardi *req. by his Wife: Edith Bernardi*

### Friday, April 28 St Peter Chanel & St Louis Grignon de Montfort

**8:00** Elizabeth Kealey *req. by John & Maureen*  
Pellegrino Camelia *req. by Aileen & Bryce Adams*

### Saturday, April 29 St Catherine of Siena

**5:00** M/M Fred S Cormier *req. by Don & Donna Cormier*  
Aline Cormier *req. by Linda Cormier*

### Sunday, April 30 Third Sunday of Easter

**8:00** People of the Parish

**9:30** Kristen French *req. by Cousins: Jim & Leila Henderson*  
James, Elmira & Danny Dick *req. by Yvette Dick & Colette Empey*

**11:30** Judy Mahony *req. by the O'Callaghan Family*  
Gino 'Darce' Zanini *req. by Margaret & Bob Irwin*

**7:00** Giovinni Simonetti *req. by Amina Simonetti & Family*  
Mario Lucio Tumalak *req. by his Wife & Children*

### Children's Sacramental Dates 2017

First Communion: Sunday, May 7, 2017 @ 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM

### 2017 Church Envelopes & 2016 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. Many thanks.

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

*Dana Skowronek & Ben Hopkins*  
*Amanda Eldridge & Mark Nelson*  
*Kavinee Hui & Jonathan Yat Fang Hung*  
*Michelle Jedrzkiewicz & Ian Fernandes*



Please continue to bring food items to Mass  
for Project Share! Every item helps!  
"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"

### EASTER SACRAMENTS

Congratulations and Best Wishes to our Catechumens who were Initiated into the Church at the Easter Vigil-- Kyra Allan; Katherine Cheverie; Chelsea McCann; Michael Watson; Alec Hernandez; Eric Hernandez; Ariyana-Lyn Cormier; Shailyn Seeley; and Aaron Shevel. May God bless them on their faith journey!



Pilgrimage to St Anne De Beaupre July 24 to July 27, 2017  
for information Please contact Maria Chiovitti @ 905 356-9794

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Pellegrino Camelia and Gerarda Hurley. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

### Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Bette Anne Chevalier, Samuel Potapczyk, Winifred Andrews, Baby Noah, Frances Comeau, Helen Lelievre

### Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, John Nicks, Melissa Brideau, Anna Hunt, John MacDonnell, Lena Grespan, Loreto Rey, Mary Creamer, Mary Lawrence, Leon Dopke, Bernard Martin, William JA De Foe, Emily Hanover, Leo Martin, Drago Bicanic, Baby Victoria, Michael Brazeau, Nancy Weiss, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffrati, Wendy & John Calder, Pauline Miner, Edna McDonell, Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, Sharon Regular, Fr Tony McNamara, O.Carm., Maria Melchiorre, Conner Hawkswell, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Jeannette Fabian, Donna Cormier, Maria Rosiana, Danielle Barranca, Lucy Rizzo, Barbara Phillips (Murray), Audrey Vendramin, Jeanne Lea, Stan Manning, Iole Mancini, Alice Dalton, Baby Maximus, David & Patrick Kealey, Joanna Daniels, Ray Sexton, Francesco Albanese, Mary Ann O'Shea, Rosalyn Dagleish, Kitty Decicco, Evelyn Rose Baker, Jozefa Bilski, Charlene Shannon, Mary O'Shea, Dr. Andy Fisher, 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, Walter Wallace, Stefanie Borin, John Cox, Joyce Weaver, Kerrie Szuch, Faith Amadio, Margaret Smith, Carmella Modenti, Margaret Waghorn, Theresa Poirier, Carlo Trasmundi, Vito Fuccillo, Baby Hope, Cheryl D'Amizio, Kelly Laslo, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Alessia Comisso, Vicki Dubeau, Donna Bradley, Mary Jo O'Kell, Baby Sebastian, Lorraine Murray, Patricia O'Reilly, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pepper Martin Jr., Vital & Emmanuel Chayer, Trina Washington, Shirley Machulla, Baby Gabriel Paraskevopoulos, Brian Smith, Lorraine Spence, Patricia Desrosiers, Helen Rotella, Maria Benevento, Jeanne S, Michelle Price, Kelly Detlor

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

### Collections

Easter & Easter Flowers: \$ 17,184.40  
Holy Thursday: \$1,205.60  
Good Friday: \$1,934.00  
Ryan's Bowl: \$9,802.15 (to date)  
Many thanks for your generosity!

### Baptism Schedule for 2017

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: Sunday, May 28, June 25, July 23 & Aug 27, NO Baptisms in March or April  
A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, May 16, June 13, July 11 & Aug 15 at 7:00 pm.

### Niagara Catholic Elementary Spring Open House

Wednesday, May 3, 2017 9am - 5pm Register at your neighbourhood Catholic Elementary School. Please bring your child's birth certificate, baptism record, health card, immunization record and proof of address.

More registration information is available at  
<http://www.niagaracatholic.ca/join-us/elementary.html>

### St. Patrick's CWL Spring Fling Buffet Dinner

Saturday May 6 @ 6pm in St. Pat's Hall Roasted Pork, Chicken, Stuffing, Potatoes, Vegetables, Salad, Dessert, Coffee & Tea  
Adults \$18, Children \$10 (6 -10yrs) Under 6 Free  
Tickets can be purchased in the Church Office  
Catering by Sina & Walter Sacco (No tickets sold at the doors)

CWL News...the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 3 starting at 6:30pm in the Church with the Crowning of Mary followed by the Rosary then the meeting in the Hall. Every Wednesday following in May, the Rosary will be said in the Church at 7pm, followed by Refreshments in the Hall hosted by the CWL

St. Thomas More Church CWL...Rummage Sale, Saturday April 29, 9am - 1pm. Contact Flo for further information 905-358-3485



Dear Friends:

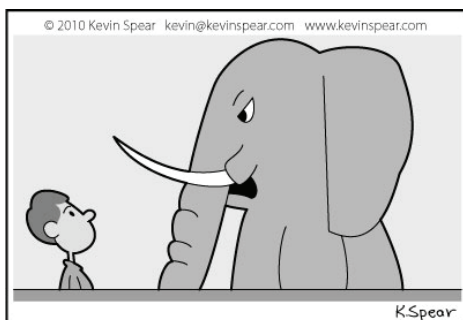


Here we are on the Second Sunday of Easter (**Divine Mercy Sunday**)! The Gospel scene is from the Upper Room on Easter Evening! Jesus' disciples (save Thomas) are hiding behind bolted doors out of fear of the authorities. They knew they could be killed for being associated with Jesus! Alas, the Risen Christ appeared to them through the locked doors! His first words were: **Peace be with you.** This greeting of **PEACE** was just what they needed to hear. Jesus knew that. Then he breathed the Spirit on them and told them to **forgive others.** Imagine the first thing Jesus did after he rose from the dead was **send his disciples out to forgive others!** This Gospel and this commission is just as critical today as it was that first Easter Evening! We too are called to be people of **peace and forgiveness.**

Too often we fail miserably at forgiveness, especially with our family members. Some people hold on to resentments and grudges for life. I've encountered many people who end up feeling deep regret because of things left unsaid and undone! And that's so sad. Life is too short. Family is too important. There's no better time than Easter to put that **GOD-GIVEN FORGIVENESS** into practice. We are reminded each time we pray the **Our Father** prayer, that we are only forgiven to the extent that we forgive others.

Now is the day! Now is the hour... for the **real work** of Easter! Someone once said, **"To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover the prisoner was YOU."** Where in my life do I need to sow the seeds of peace and reconciliation? Is there a family member with whom I'm on the outs? Against whom am I holding a grudge? Who needs to hear me say, "I'm sorry"? or **"Can we talk!"** Who are the people in my life who need a visit or a call... or a kind word? May the peace and reconciliation of the Risen Christ reign in our hearts and in our homes! Many blessings!

Fr. Gerard



"I can forgive, but you can't possibly expect me to forget!"

### Thought for the Week

...The practice of forgiveness is our most important contribution to the healing of the world.

### Ryan's Bowl Food Program

On behalf of Ryan's Bowl, we would like to offer a sincere thanks to our parishioners for the generous donations to this program during the Lenten Season. We were able to raise \$9,802.15, through our St. Pat's Dance, Church Box Donations, and Church Envelope Donations. This will help feed many children in Eastern Uganda during this school year. Again, many thanks for your support!

### Today is Divine Mercy Sunday

In 1905, a young Polish girl (Faustina Kowalska) was born into a poor but devout family. As a teenager, she entered the **Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy** in Warsaw. Because she was uneducated, Faustina was assigned the most menial tasks. Yet while cooking, baking, gardening, and housekeeping, Faustina underwent many mystical experiences during which Our Lord asked her to become both His apostle and His secretary, to announce anew to all people the Gospel of God's mercy. She died in 1938. In one of Christ's messages to her, He said: **Humankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy.**

Faustina was told that the Church should celebrate a feast in honor of the divine mercy on the **Sunday after Easter.** Not by accident does the Church, on that day, read the Gospel text that recounts Christ's institution of the Sacrament of Penance, which is the surest and clearest sign of the divine mercy. Faustina wrote down two prayers dictated to her by the Font of Mercy Himself. The first: **Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for my sins and those of the whole world.** The second: **For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on me and on the whole world.** On April 30, 2000 (Divine Mercy Sunday) [Pope John Paul II canonized](#) St. Faustina and designated the Sunday after Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday (***Dominica II Paschae seu de divina misericordia***). Pope John Paul II died during the [vigil](#) of the Divine Mercy Sunday 2005.

*Thanks*

Sincere thanks to the many parishioners who made our Holy Week and Easter Liturgies such a prayerful and spiritual experience. Thanks to **Carol, Sandra, and our Adult Choir** for their tireless efforts in enhancing our liturgies with beautiful music. Thanks to Nadine, Gemma Sarah, and all our cantors! Thanks to our **Children's Choir** for their great energy and enthusiasm! Thanks to Tim, Anthony and John for their gift of music! Thanks to the **dedicated and fun group** who decorated our church on Good Friday night! You did a fantastic job! Thanks to our **parishioners** who donated toward the Easter Flowers. Your generosity is gratefully appreciated. Thanks to Paul Bongers from Country Basket for the extra flowers! Thanks to our **Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Commentators, Altar Servers and Ushers** for your wonderful ministry during the High Holy Days of our Church. Thanks to our CWL for hosting the reception after the Easter Vigil. Thanks to **Maureen Young** for her guidance and leadership with our RCIA program. Thanks to **Fr. Marc** for his assistance during these High Holy Days! And finally thanks to you, our parishioners, for your ongoing support and dedication to St. Patrick's! God Bless You All!

Fr. Gerard

### 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. The onus is on you to let the presiding priest know before each Mass. He will ensure that he has it in his ciborium for you... or in a separate pyx. If you wish, you can also receive the Precious Blood from the Chalice. Simply, let the presider know before Mass.



### DID YOU ALSO KNOW?

We have a few parishioners who struggle with perfume allergies! Please keep this in mind as you prepare yourself for Sunday Mass. Just a little dab'll do!



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