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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.

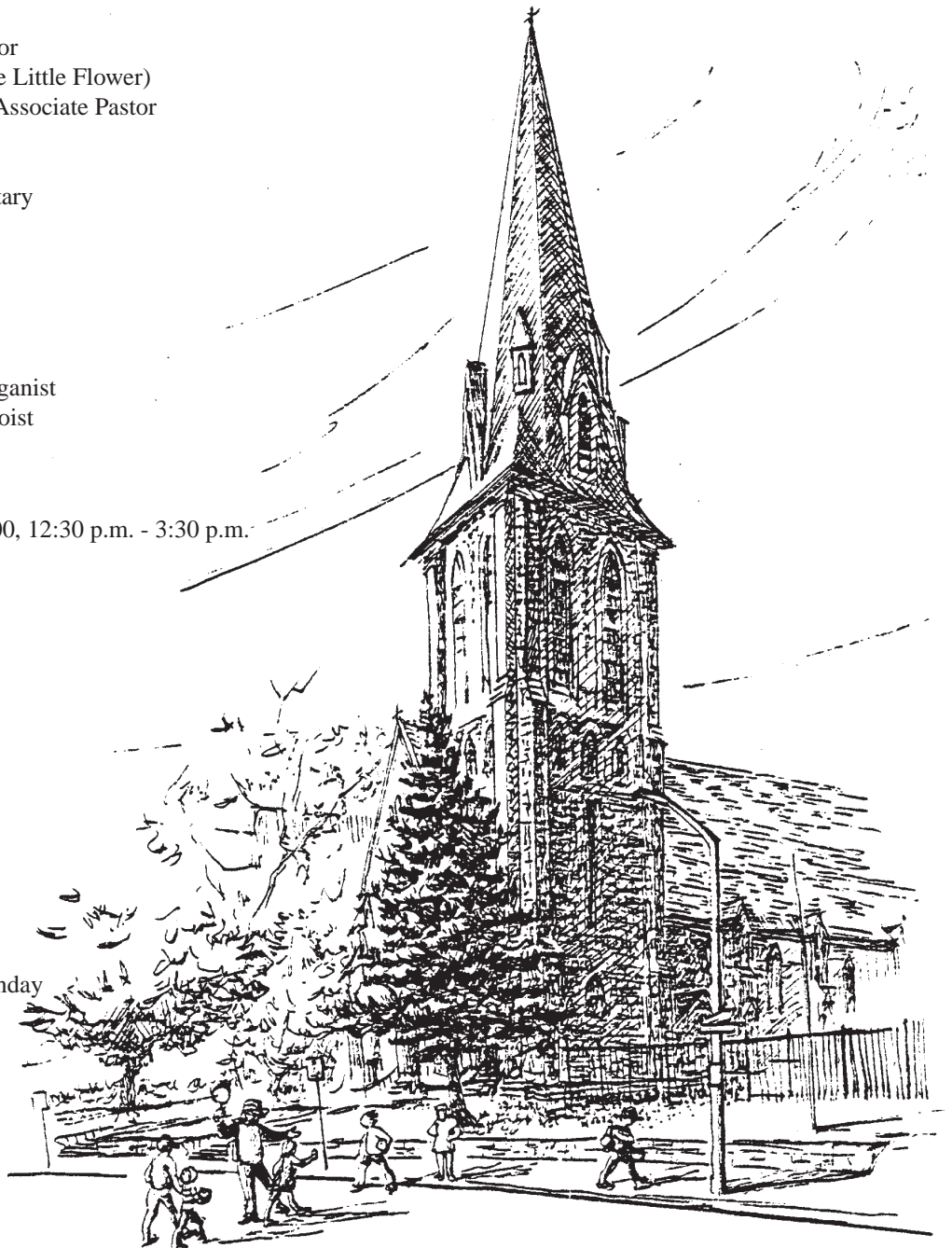
Schools

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.



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)



Saturday, April 26

5:00 Leo & Eda Martin *req by Lenora Paolin*
Leona & Omer Thibodeau *req by the Family*

Sunday, April 27 Sunday of Divine Mercy

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Luigi Marco, Antonia & Giuseppe Lazzarin *req by Louise Marcon*
Maria & Mario D'Amario & Bev & Butch Brown *req by the Family*
11:30 Leo & Eda Martin *req by the Family*
Nick & Nancy DiPaolo *req by John DiPaul*

Monday, April 28 St Peter Chanel & St Louis Grignon de Montfort

8:00 Pope Francis

Tuesday, April 29 St Catherine of Siena

8:00 Pope Francis

Wednesday, April 30 St Marie de l'Incarnation

8:00 Lucrezia Rizzo *req by Mary, Patti, John, Steve & Families*
Intentions of the Little Flower Society

Thursday, May 1 St Joseph the Worker & St Pius V

8:00 Pope Francis

Friday, May 2 St Athanasius

8:00 Pope Francis

Saturday, May 3 St Philip & St James

5:00 Cecil Shannon *req by Charlene Shannon*
Vincent & Ruby Crowley *req by the Family*

Sunday, May 4

8:00 Paul Berrigan *req by Rick & Kathy Woram*
Roger Rosselli *req by Sherry & Howard Wales and Teresa & Cliff Sexton*
9:30 People of the Parish
11:30 Jackie Cavin *req by Norm & Family*
Barbara Rondinelli & Carmella De Nisi *req by Jim & Dora*



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."

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); Mount Carmel/Our Lady of Peace (June 18th); and Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre (October 26th).



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/dessert 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.

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.

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

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Maria Grottola, Antonio Gulla and Roger Rosselli. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families 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, Carl Lundrigan, Emma Corfield, Norah Marrie, Jeanne Lea, Joe Antonio, Theresa Prentice, Anna Tartaglia, Joyce Weaver, 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., Rita Ross, Leon French, Tony Cuvillo, Kelsey Liles, Sr. Carol Forhan CPPS, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Samantha Jayne, Laurie Crites-Warner, Norma Zanuz, 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, 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

Easter : \$15,772.33
Giving Bowl: \$10,730.35 (to date)
Holy Thursday: \$1,775.17
Good Friday: \$2,725.18
Easter Flowers: \$1,715.00
Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2025

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on:
Sunday May 18, June 22, July 20, Aug 24, Sept 21, Oct 19 & Nov 23
A **mandatory** meeting for **Parents and Godparents** will be held in the Church on Tuesday, **May 6, June 10, July 8, Aug 12, Sept 9, Oct 7 & Nov 11 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!

Sacramental Dates for 2025

First Communion: Sunday, May 25, 2025 @ 9:30am & 1:30pm
Mandatory Preparation Meeting: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 @ 7:00pm
Confirmation: Saturday, November 15, 2025 @ 5:00pm Mass
(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.)

Federal Election- April 28, 2025

Monday is Election Day. This could be the most consequential national vote in generations. Let's all exercise our rights. Get out and vote. Be heard. Know the issues. Make a difference.



Dear Friends!

It was deeply sad news to receive on Easter Monday morning that Pope Francis had died. He struggled so much in the past few months, yet he was determined to make an appearance on Easter Sunday to greet the people of God in St. Peter's Square. He came out in a wheelchair and waved from the balcony of St Peter's Basilica to cheering crowds below, saying: "Dear brothers and sisters, Happy Easter." His last words to us. He truly was a great leader for our Church the past 12 years. He ministered and served right to the very end.



This past February, Pope Francis wrote a preamble for a book by Cardinal Angelo Scola, entitled "Awaiting a New Beginning. Reflections on Old Age." Francis wrote, "... this gives us a consoling certainty: **death is not the end of everything**, but the beginning of something. It is a new beginning, ... because eternal life, is beginning something that will never end. And it is precisely for this reason that it is a "new" beginning, because we will live something we have never fully lived before: eternity." May Pope Francis rest in peace and rise in glory! May he have a blessed eternity!

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On this Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday), the disciples are locked in the upper room out of fear of the authorities. They thought the same fate that Jesus met, would be theirs also. The Risen Christ appeared through locked doors, and his first words were: **Peace be with you**. That greeting of **PEACE** was enough for these broken disciples, who were filled with fear! Then the Risen Christ breathed the Spirit on them and told them to **forgive the sins of others**. *Imagine*, the first thing Jesus did after he rose from the dead was **send his disciples out to forgive sins**. In the midst of their fear, anxiety and shame, Jesus restored them with the gift of his *peace* and told them to carry on his ministry of **reconciliation**. Of course Thomas comes to faith a week later when he declares, "My Lord and my God!"

This Gospel message is still pertinent today! We receive the same commission to be about the **ministry of forgiving**, the ministry of unlocking the door to our heart, and the door to other's hearts so they too can experience the freedom and healing of God's love. We are called to set people free by pouring on them **the same forgiveness** we have received from God. There's no better time than Easter, no better time than **Divine Mercy Sunday**, to put that **God-Given Forgiveness** into practice. We are reminded in 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... for the real ministry of forgiveness. May the peace of the Risen Christ reign in our hearts and homes!

Fr. Gerard

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Quotes by Pope Francis

"The Lord entrusts to the Church's motherly love every person forced to leave their homeland in search of a better future ... In this regard, I wish to reaffirm that 'our shared response may be articulated by four verbs: to welcome, to protect, to promote, and to integrate.'"

"We have to realize that a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor."

"Christian hope does not deceive or disappoint because it is grounded in the certainty that nothing and no one may ever separate us from God's love ... The death and resurrection of Jesus is the heart of our faith and the basis of our hope."



Sincere thanks to all of you who made our Holy Week and Easter Liturgies such a joyful experience. Thanks to **Carol, Sandra and our Adult Choir** for your tireless efforts in enhancing our liturgies with beautiful music. To our **Trumpeter, Eduardo Farias and to Rima Mair and Ben Oburota** for cantoring at the Vigil. To our joyful Children's Choir. To our faithful parishioners who came out to **decorate the church** on Good Friday night! You did a fantastic job! To all who **donated toward the Easter Flowers** in memory of your loved one, your generosity is gratefully appreciated. To our **Eucharistic ministers, lectors, commentators, ushers, and servers** for your wonderful ministry during the High Holy Days of our Church. And finally **thanks to you, our faithful parishioners** for your ongoing support and dedication to St. Pat's! God bless you all.

Fr. Gerard and Fr. Joi

Welcome !!!

Congratulations and best wishes to our seven catechumens who were baptized at the Easter Vigil: **Gustaf Lagerquist; Bimbo Olukoya Solanke; Angel Rylie Toulabian Cayetano; Charlee Baglieri; Iris He; Lithie He; and Keenan Kates**. May God bless them abundantly on their faith journey!

Easter Call to Serve

Your community needs you to share your gifts! Please consider being a minister in your community as **Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Altar Server, Funeral Server, or usher**.

Give your name to the parish office and we will train you!



On the Second Sunday of Easter of the Jubilee Year 2000, at the Mass for the Canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska, Pope John Paul II proclaimed to the world that "from now on throughout the Church" this Sunday will be called "Divine Mercy Sunday." During his homily, he made clear that the Image of **The Divine Mercy** that St. Faustina saw, which is to be venerated on Divine Mercy Sunday, represents the Risen Christ bringing mercy to the world. Pope John Paul II said: **"Jesus shows His hands and His side to the Apostles. He points to the wounds of the Passion, especially the wound in His Heart, the source from which flows the great wave of mercy poured out on humanity."** Divine Mercy Sunday is the Octave Day of Easter, a day that celebrates the merciful love of God shining through the whole Easter Triduum and the whole Easter mystery. It is a day of declaration of reparation for all sin, thus the Day of Atonement.

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