Saint Patrick's Church

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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 Sunda 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) 354-6631St. 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.



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Mass Intentions 🛞

Saturday, April 2 5:00 Felicitas & Hugh Hockton Sr. reg. by the Hockton Family Giovanni Simonetti rea. by the Family Sunday, April 3 Divine Mercy Sunday 8:00 Frances Campaner req. by Ray & Brenda Hicks & Family George Cole reg. by Marie & Susin Cadman 9:30 Leo Ruberto reg. by Caterina Ruberto Dec'd mem of the Cavallin Family req. by Theresa Marcon 11:30 Chuck Williams req. by the Williams Family Mark Patterson reg. by Paul & Angie DiMarco 7:00 People of the Parish Monday, April 4 The Annunciation of the Lord 8:00 Philippine Buteau req. by the Family Pat Lelievre req. by the Catholic Womens League Tuesday, April 5 St Vincent Ferrer 8:00 Patricia & Veciate Navarro reg. by the Navarro Family Peter Viet & Peter Mong Nguyen reg. by the Family Wednesday, April 6 8:00 Frances Campaner req. by Vincent & Carol Campaner & Family Thursday, April 7 St John Baptist de la Salle 8:00 Deacon Pat O'Brien reg. by John MacDonnell & Family Friday, April 8 8:00 Msgr. Vincent Ferrando reg. by his Friends Anna Concetta Pietrangelo reg. by Maria Guerin Saturday, April 9 5:00 Peter Creamer reg. by Mary & Family Margie Nicholson req. by Tom Burke & Family Sunday, April 10 8:00 Iolanda DeProphetis req. by Giulio & Family Sam Fisher req. by the Family 9:30 Angelo Radice req. by the Family M/M Lazzarin req. by Louise Marcon 11:30 Pasquale Macri req. by Augusta Macri & Family Maria Fabiano Nicoletta reg. by her Dtr: Tina 7:00 People of the Parish

Sacramental Dates for 2016 <u>First Communion</u> St. Patrick and St. Mary Schools Sunday, April 24, 2016 at 1:30 PM Other Grade 2 Parishioners Sunday, April 24, 2016 at 9:30 AM Mandatory meeting Tuesday April 5 @ 7:00pm

> <u>Confirmation</u> Saturday, April 30, 2016 at 5:00 PM

Church Envelopes and 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.

Pilgrimage to St Anne De Beaupre July 24 to July 27th 2016 For Information please call Maria Chiovitti 905 356 9794

Annual Diocesan Respect for Life Mass...Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord Monday April 4, 2016 7:00pm Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria Presider: Most Reverend Gerard Bergie CWL, K of C, & other groups are invited to send representatives & carry banners Reception to follow

Help Wanted at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre...Casual Part-time Server all interested parties please contact Christina @ 905-356-4113 ext 4205 **Rest in Peace...** We pray for the souls of Cleo Gagno, Peter Viet Nguyen, Baby Marco and Sonny Kulka. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized: Val Johnstone

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Tony Laslo, Fran Smelko, Sharon Regular, Fr Tony McNamara, O.Carm., Alfred Rampado, Bette Anne Chevalier, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Maria Melchiorre, Jeannette Fabian, Donna Cormier, Maria Rosiana, Danielle Barranca, Carmela Fruci, Lucy Rizzo, Barbara Phillips (Murray), Audrey Vendramin, Jeanne Lea, Gionni Bonaldo, Stan Manning, Iole Mancini, Alice Dalton, Baby Maximus, David Kealey, Joanna Daniels, Ray Sexton, Francesco Albanese, Mary Ann O'Shea, Doreen Fletcher, Rosalyn Dagleish, Susan & Rick Rogers, Kitty Decicco, Patricia Desrosiers, Evelyn Rose Baker, Jozefa Bilski, Charlene Shannon, Mary O'Shea, Dr. Andy Fisher, Dorothy Simon, 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 Pivarnyik, Helen Lelievre, Tom Hilton, Maria Colalillo, Walter Wallace, Stefanie Borin, John Cox, Joyce Weaver, Marie Cleary, Rita Bruneau, Orlando Garofalo, Kerrie Szuch, Faith Amadio, Margaret Smith, Carmella Modenti, Margaret Waghorn, Theresa Poirier, Bruno Maiolo, Carlo Trasmundi, Vito Fuccillo, BabyHope, Cheryl D'Ammizio, Kelly Laslo, Rose Vukmanich, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Alessia Commisso, Vicki Dubeau, Donna Bradley, Annette Brideau, George O'Kell, Mary Jo O'Kell, Baby Sebastian, Mae MacLean, Dorothy Doyle, Lorraine Murray, Patricia O'Reilly, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pepper Martin Jr., Vital & Emmanuel Chayer, Trina Washington, Chester Mottola, Shirley Machulla, Gerry Laffradi, Lorraine Spence, Baby Gabriel Paraskevopoulos

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

Collections

Easter & Easter Flowers : \$15,796.27 Holy Thursday: \$1,155.00 Good Friday: \$1,461.00 Ryan's Bowl: \$4,886.05 Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2016

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: Sunday, April 17, May 22, June 26, July 24, no Aug Bapt, Sept 25, Oct 16 A mandatory meeting for <u>Parents and Godparents</u> will be held in the Church on Tuesday, <u>Mon</u> Apr 4, May 10, June 14, July 12, Sept 13, Oct 4 at 7:00 pm.

CWL General meeting Wednesday, April 6 @ 7:00pm in the Lower Hall

St. Patrick's CWL Spring Fling Buffet Dinner Saturday April 9 6pm in St. Pat's Hall Roasted Pork, Chicken, Stuffing, Potatoes, Vegetables, Salad, Dessert, Coffee & Tea Adults \$18, Children \$9 (6 -10yrs) Under 6 Free Tickets can be purchased in the Church Office Catering by Sina & Walter Sacco (No tickets sold at the doors)



PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND

Fr. Gerard is leading a **10-Day Pilgrimage** to Ireland from September 14-24, 2016: *Churches and Shrines of Ireland*! There are brochures in the parish office and also at the back of the church. We will fly direct from Toronto to Dublin, 9 nights in 4-star hotels in Newry,

Donegal, Galway, Cork, Kilkenny, and Dublin, experiencing many great sights and sounds, prayers and Masses! Daily Irish Breakfast, eight 3-Course Dinners, Irish Party Show, ferry ride, Luxury Coach, Guide etc!!! This pilgrimage is limited to 40 people!!! Cost is \$3495 per person (including taxes and fuel surcharges), based on double occupancy. Don't miss out!!! Selling out fast! *For those who have reserved places, please sign up immediately with Brinkman Travel.*



Pastor's Pen

He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!!! Today we celebrate the Second Sunday of Easter! [It is also Divine Mercy Sunday!] Last weekend we had wonderful Easter celebrations! At the Easter Vigil we celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation for ten people! A joyous and generous spirit filled our church. In two weeks we will have several more Baptisms, and then on April 24th we will celebrate our First Communions! On April 30th, Bishop Bergie will be here to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation! The Easter Season always has lots of celebrations!



In today's Gospel the disciples are gathered in the Upper Room, scared and confused! Processing the stories Mary of Magdala told them. And then about the empty tomb that Peter and John had seen? In the same Upper Room, where elebrated *The Last Sunner* lesus appeared and His first

they had celebrated *The Last Supper*, Jesus appeared and His first words were, "Peace be with you." He certainly could have said to his disciples: "Where were you? Why did you run away?" But no, he said, *Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.* He forgave their infidelity, dispelled their fears, healed their broken hearts, and shared his own joy.

In this Year of Mercy, we must never forget, that Jesus is the source of our peace. He is mercy and love. Our God can take care of everything we need! And God knows we all need, **Divine Mercy and Peace**. Jesus suffered, died, rose again, and appeared many times to his disciples. He also gave them the fullness of Mercy and Peace to enjoy and to share with others. We have been given those gifts also! And of course, gifts are given to be used. It's unfortunate if we don't use them in our own lives, and in our own families! St. Francis of Assisi wrote the most beautiful prayer on mercy, forgiveness, love and peace... in his famous prayer: Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy.

Imagine, if we apply this in our lives, in our families, in our communities and in our world, what a difference we can make! Have a blessed week!

Fr. Gerard



"He's not in there! Oh, wait - he's changed his status to 'risen' "

Thought for the Week

To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover the prisoner was YOU.

A Real Doubter's Prayer O God, if there is a God, save my soul, if I have a soul, so I can go to heaven, if there is a heaven.

Congratulations

Congratulations and Best Wishes to our ten Candidates who celebrated Sacraments of Initiation at our Easter Vigil! Olivia Aiello, Maykala Hammel, Portia Salire, Nicolette Salire, Melissa Stevens, Tyson Stevens, Kylie Stevens, Sophia Van Dyke, Violet Van Dyke, Danika Van Dyke.



Sincere thanks to all 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. Thanks to our Children's Choir for your great energy and enthusiasm! To John Arnold for sharing your gifts with us! To our faithful parishioners who came out to decorate the church on Good Friday night! You did a fantastic job! To all who donated the Easter Flowers. 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. To our CWL for the Easter Vigil reception. To Maureen Young for your guidance and leadership with our RCIA candidates. To Fr. Marc for your wonderful ministry. And finally thanks to you, our faithful parishioners for your ongoing support and dedication to St. Pat's! Fr. Gerard

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 honour 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. Faustian 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 <u>vigil</u> of the Divine Mercy Sunday 2005.

By doubting we are led to question, by questioning we arrive at the truth.

Hospital Visits... If you have a family member in hospital, and would like a visit from one of our priests, or wish to celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please let the parish office know, 905-354-7451. St. Patrick Parish covers the on-call pager for GNGH from Tuesday 8 AM until Wed 8 AM. The hospital staff can put you in touch with the on-call chaplain at any time.

Is God calling You? If you feel called to serve as Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Altar Server, or Funeral Server, please call the parish office.

Catholic Marriage Tribunal...If you are considering remarriage in the Catholic Church or hoping to enter a marriage with someone previously married, please speak to a priest, or contact the St. Catharines Catholic Marriage Tribunal at 905-687-8817 or tribunal@saintcd.com

The CWL of Our Lady of the Scapular Church are holding a Spring Rummage Sale on Friday April 15 from 6-8pm and Saturday 8:30 - 11am



