

# 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. Joiezl Fern Piñon, 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.

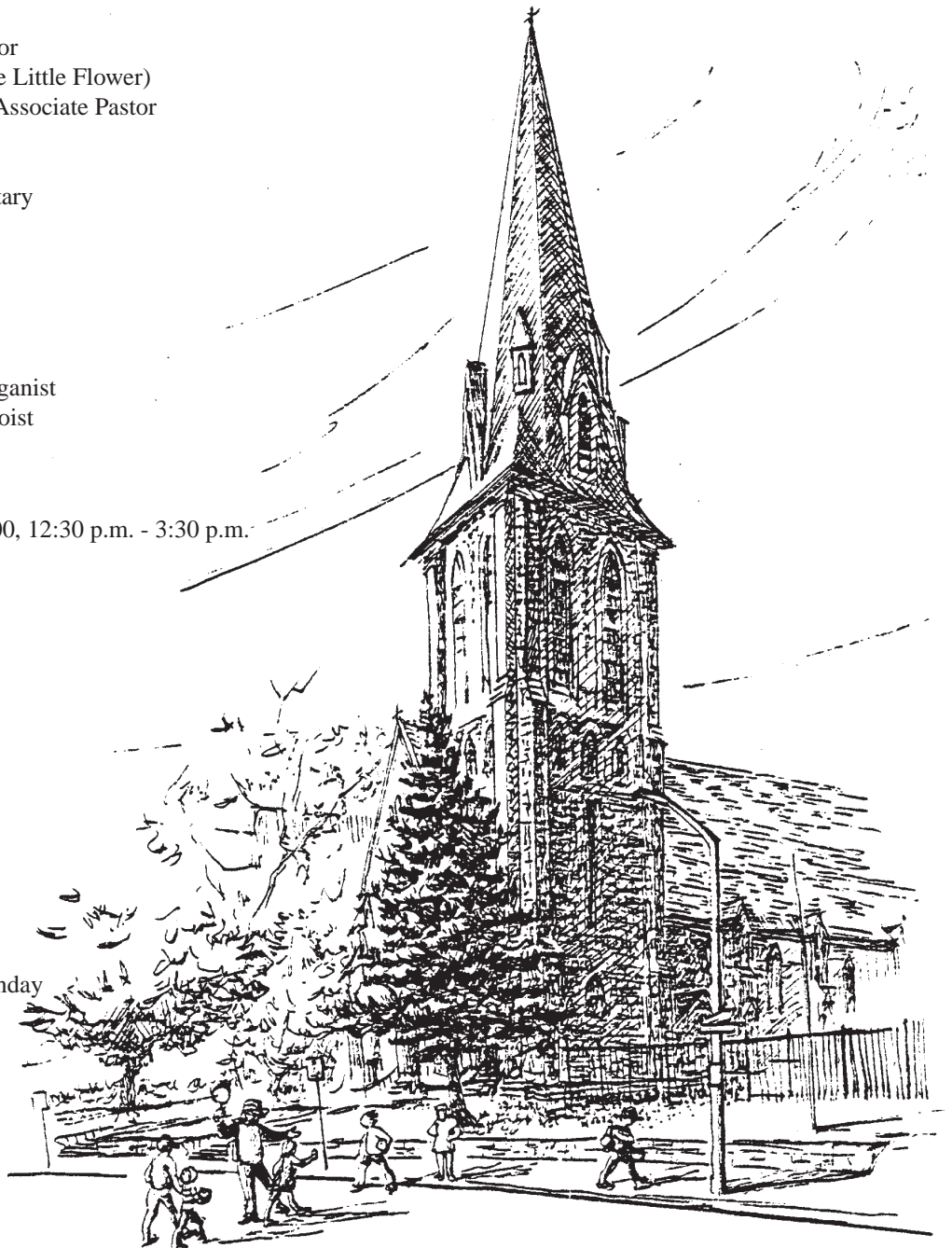
## Schools

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.**



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



### Saturday, April 5 St Vincent Ferrer

5:00 James Shanahan *req by his Wife: Mary-Anne*  
Gus & Zorka Wach *req by Friends*

### Sunday, April 6 Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 Cyndi & Laura Lee Carroll *req by Mary, Bernadette & Eileen*  
Frances Campaner *req by the Campaner Family*

11:30 Angus Lafford *req by Muriel Lafford*

Immacolata & Alessandro Luciano *req by Children & Grandchildren*

### Monday, April 7 St John Baptist de la Salle

8:00 Intentions of the Little Flower Society

### Tuesday, April 8

8:00 Intentions of the Little Flower Society

### Wednesday, April 9

8:00 Intentions of the Little Flower Society

### Thursday, April 10

8:00 John Doherty *req by Teena Albanese*

Bettieanne & Frank Buck & Edith Vigh *req by Kenny & Barbara*

### Friday, April 11 St Stanislaus

8:00 Intentions of the Little Flower Society

### 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

8:00 People of the Parish

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



### 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.

### !!!! Development and Peace: Share Lent !!!!

This weekend, a second collection will be taken in all Catholic churches in Canada for Development and Peace, envelopes are available at the doors of the Church, and also in your Offering boxes.

### St. Patrick Lenten Evening of Reconciliation

Tuesday, April 8th at 7:00 PM

### Ministry Sign Up for Holy Week and Easter

This weekend there are sign-up sheets at the back of the church for all ministries for Holy Week and Easter.

Please sign up and make sure every Mass is covered!

Thank you to Mary Lou and Stu Gallardi for donating the Sanctuary Candles to be used at the Tabernacle this year.



Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Virginia Sidorchuk and Paula Fairway. 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, 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, 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

March 30<sup>th</sup> : \$6,749.63

Giving Bowl: \$9,036.70 (to date)

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.)*

### Weekday Mass Schedule for Lent

Monday- Friday: 8:00 AM

### Stations of the Cross

Friday 7:00 PM followed by *Benediction*

and *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*



St. Ambrose says of the two conversions that, in the Church, "there are water and tears; the water of Baptism and the tears of repentance."

Confession is an act of honesty and courage - an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God. *Pope St. John Paul II*

### Holy Land Olive Wood Religious Art Sale

Next weekend, April 12 & 13, we will be having some of the beautiful Religious art available for sale in an effort to strengthen the Christian presence in the Holy Land.



## Dear Friends!

Today is the 5th Sunday of Lent! Next Sunday will be Palm and Passion Sunday, the Gateway to Holy Week. And before long, Easter will be here!

Today's Gospel is a wonderful scene showing God's mercy and forgiveness: ***The Woman Caught in Adultery***! This woman was dragged before Jesus by the self-righteous scribes and Pharisees. How embarrassing! Jesus was teaching a crowd. Where was the man?



Imagine this woman's humiliation! Then we see the compassion of Jesus! He wrote on the dusty ground, and said, ***Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.*** And the crowd went away one by one, even the scribes and

Pharisees! Jesus was left alone with the woman. There was no interrogation, no putting her down, no stare of disgust. Only gentle words: ***"Go your way, and from now on do not sin again."*** The relief she must have felt! No doubt, her life was changed forever. She was given a chance to start over again!

The good news is, no matter what we have done, there's someone to whom we can go, who knows everything about us and who loves us! **That one is Jesus!** He knows what we have done and what we have failed to do. He doesn't say it's OK, because it's not. But he understands us... our condition, our circumstances; he understands that all have sinned and fallen short of God's way! And he is the only one who can give us back our self-respect, our dignity, our soul!!! That is the sacrament of Reconciliation. This is what Jesus celebrated with this woman!

As we near Easter, may we take the sacred time to free ourselves at the feet of Jesus, free ourselves from our sin, our dirt, our shortcomings! Take advantage of God's healing love and grace! [We will have a parish celebration of Reconciliation on Tuesday, April 8th at 7:00 PM.] Then we can approach Easter with the same joy as the sinful woman! Have a blessed week!

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



## 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 will be 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.



## 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!

!!!! Development and Peace: Share Lent !!!!!

**This Sunday, a special collection will be taken in all Catholic churches in Canada for Development and Peace.** Dev. and Peace seeks ways to help people of all faiths in the Developing World to break the cycle of poverty through community-based, sustainable development initiatives. It supports partners working in order to improve living conditions in 70 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. The programs involve issues relating to people's right to better education, women's equality, agrarian reform, housing and cooperative movements. Envelopes are available at the doors of the church and also in your envelope boxes. Please give generously! Posters and brochures can be found around the church.

## 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!

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

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