

# Saint Patrick's Church

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## **Parish Staff**

Rev. Gerard Power, O.Carm., Pastor  
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Rev. Marc Bell, O.Carm., Associate Pastor  
Debbie Herman, Secretary  
Anne Marie Atkinson, Accountant Secretary  
Peter Feltrin, Property Manager & Custodian

## **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.**

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



### Saturday, April 7

**5:00** Vincent & Ruby Crowley *req. by the Family*  
Frances Campaner *req. by Ray & Brenda Hicks & Family*

### Sunday, April 8 Divine Mercy

**8:00** Bruno Pietrobbon *req. by the Family*  
Iolanda De Prophetis *req. by Giulio De Prophetis & Family*  
**9:30** Jozef & Feliksa Brzozowski *req. by the Janusz & Komor Families*  
Giuseppe & Antonia Lazzarin *req. by Louise Marcon & Family*  
**11:30** Alfred Rampado *req. by his Wife & Family*  
Adina Palumbo *req. by Mary DiCarlo & Family*  
John Buckner *req. by John & Maureen Kealey*  
**7:00** People of the Parish

### Monday, April 9 The Annunciation of the Lord

**8:00** Maria Nhan & Giuse Maria Tuan *req. by Duy's Family*  
Ody Argenta *req. by Julie & Rino Leo*

### Tuesday, April 10

**8:00** Peter Kien *req. by the Nguyen Family*  
Ruth Sim *req. by the Family*

### Wednesday, April 11 St Stanislaus

**8:00** Gianni 'Johnny' Bonaldo *req. by Rina Rampado*

### Thursday, April 12

**8:00** Wendy Calder *req. by Lillian Winslow*

### Friday, April 13 St Martin I

**8:00** Samuel Scordino *req. by Mary Lou Gallardi*

### Saturday, April 14

**5:00** John MacDonnell *req. by the Family*  
Pellegrino Camelia *req. by the Family*

### Sunday, April 15

**8:00** Herb Ogilvie *req. by Molly Ogilvie & Family*  
Wanda & Mark Solomon *req. by their Son: Joe*  
**9:30** Pasqualino Macri *req. by Augusta & Family*  
Dec'd members of the Leahey Family *req. by Muriel Lafford*  
**11:30** Palmiro Goegan *req. by his Wife & Family*  
Adina Palumbo *req. by Anna Goegan & Family*  
Pasquale & Concetta Maulucci *req. by John Di Paul*  
**7:00** People of the Parish

### 2018 Church Envelopes & 2017 Tax Receipts

Offertory Envelopes & 2017 Tax Receipts are at the main doors of the Church. Please pick yours up today. If you notice a discrepancy please contact the office. Thank you

### Upcoming Wedding at St. Patrick's in April

*Dana Dwyer & Michael Profeta*

### Baptism Schedule for 2018

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday, April 15, May 13, June 17, July 15 & August 19**

A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, May 1, June 5, July 3 & August 7 at 7:00 pm.

### C.W.L. News alert...

-Friday May 4th is **National Palliative Care day** ... so the CWL is trying to set up a 12 hour day where we can have the church open for anyone to come and pray for more palliative care funding for our country!! We have posted a schedule up at the back of the church with hour time slots ... please help us cover the times needed by signing up with a friend for a one hour spot to just come and take time to pray with our Lord!! We are asking you to record your name & phone number so that we can call to remind you and ensure that hour is covered as we do not want the church left open without a parishioner inside!! Thanks so much for your continued support!!

-Don't forget... Trivia tickets are selling fast ... tickets are \$20 each or a table of 8 for \$135 ... please come and help support our scholarships on May 5th right here in the church hall ... it's going to be a great night!! You can buy your tickets through the office @ 905-354-7451 or by calling Maggie @ 905-246-6212 ... see the flyers at the doors!!

-Read all about it ... we are planning a trip to the Midland Shrine ... tickets are just \$35 a person ... that includes your coach bus trip as well as entry into the Shrine, a guided tour & mass ... Saturday May 26th 2018 ... get your tickets same as above (call office or Maggie) ... check out the flyer at the entrances of the church!!

**Weekday Rosary.....**Every morning at 7:30, the Holy Rosary is prayed in St. Patrick Church. **Keep Mary in mind, and Jesus will grow in your heart!**

**Rest in Peace...** We pray for the souls of Jack Horth & Pauline Miner. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

### Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Sherry Wales, Ron St. Onge

### Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, Ron & Elke St. Onge, Marie Cadman, James Moody Sr., John Calder, Melissa Brideau, Toni Brideau, John Nicks, Leon Dopke, Adele Morabito, Anna Hunt, John Kealey, Brenda Hyde, Helen Lelievre, Samuel Potapczyk, Baby Julian, Baby Noah, Mary Lawrence, Bernard Martin, William JA De Foe, Emily Hanover, Leo Martin, Drago Bicanic, Baby Victoria, Nancy Weiss, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffrati, Edna McDonell, Fr Tony McNamara, O.Carm., Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Trudy Smelko, Maria Melchiorre, Conner Hawkswell, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Danielle Barranca, Iole Mancini, Jeannette Fabian, Donna Cormier, Maria Rosiana, Lucy Rizzo, Alice Dalton, Audrey Vendramin, Jeanne Lea, Baby Maximus, David & Patrick Kealey, Francesco Albanese, Rosalyn Dagleish, Kelly Detlor, Florrie Heimbigner, Kitty Decicco, Evelyn Rose Baker, Jozefa Bilski, Charlene Shannon, Rebecca Evans, Marie Massolin, Maria Guerin, Anna Vergalito, John Jefferson, Todd Reid, Jill Leronowich, Nancy Jean Rose, Vince(Jim) Baldassarro, Patrick McCarthy, Muriel Pivarnyk, Tom Hilton, Walter Wallace, Stefanie Borin, John Cox, Joyce Weaver, Kerrie Szuch, Faith Amadio, Margaret Smith, Carmella Modenti, Margaret Waghorn, Vito Fuccillo, Baby Hope, Donna Bradley, Cheryl D'Amizio, Kelly Laslo, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Mary Jo O'Kell, Alessia Commisso, Vicki Dubeau, Baby Sebastian, Patricia O'Reilly, Mary Brennan, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pepper Martin Jr., Vital & Emmanuel Chayer, Michelle Price, Brian Smith, Baby Gabriel Paraskevopoulos, Trina Washington, Shirley Machulla, Lorraine Spence, Helen Rotella, Jeanne S, Dr. Andy Fisher, Carlo Trasmundi, Frank Sica

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

### Collections

Holy Thursday: \$1,436.00

Good Friday: \$2,070.00

Easter & Easter Flowers: \$15,136.01

Ryan's Bowl: \$7,063.00 (to date)

Many thanks for your generosity!

### Important Dates for 2018

**April 11th - 7:00pm- 1st Communion Meeting**

**April 14th - 5:00 pm- Confirmation**

**May 6th - First Communion-St.Patrick/St.Mary School 1:30pm**

(9:30 am- Children in other schools)

(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.)



### Update on Church Lighting

*This past week Peninsula Electric* was here and replaced all the lighting in our church with the highest quality LED lighting. Our supplier and consultants are from **Graybar**. All the incandescent and florescent lighting are no more! Believe it or not, there are 134 bulbs in the church! These will be much cheaper to operate, and each bulb is guaranteed for 5 years. We will also receive a rebate from the provincial government. We also repaired several faulty sockets throughout the church, and the candle lights above the altar. We installed a switch for the lights in the ushers room, and we are now in the process of having additional outlets installed in the sanctuary, sacristy, and in the church entrance. Someone asked me, "What's next to be done?" Well, the speakers in the main body of the church are 15 years old, and can certainly be updated to more modern speakers. This will certainly improve the sound. Because of the echo in our church, (previously cushioned by carpeting), it is very difficult to get the right sound. So much depends on the speaking voice of the persons using the sound system. We are currently consulting the sound experts to see what can be done! Bear with us, and we will keep you updated!

In the summer months, we are looking at replacing all the hardware on our pews and repairing several kneelers. With the salt that comes in on our boots, most of the brackets have rusted. Many thanks for your generosity to St. Pat's, which enables us to get all these projects completed.



**DID YOU 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!



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



## Dear Friends!

Last weekend we had wonderful Easter celebrations! Our church was filled to capacity at the Sunday morning Masses. At the **Easter Vigil** we celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation for **Reta Leong, Anthony Defilippis and Austin Ecker**. A joyous spirit filled our church. Next Saturday, Bishop Bergie will be here to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 5:00 PM Mass for 15 Grade 8 students. And next Sunday we will celebrate Baptism for 8 children! The Easter Season always has lots of celebrations!

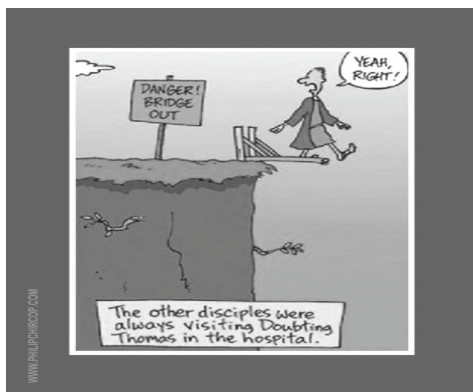


The First Reading this Sunday from *Acts of the Apostles*, speaks about the growth and spirit in the first Christian community. *The whole group of believers were of one heart and soul, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, because what they had "was distributed to each as any had need!"* What a wonderful beginning to Christianity 2000 years ago. That same Spirit must be alive and active today, a Spirit that prompts us to reach out to others, and take care of the needs of those who are lacking. That's what Easter people do! That's what post-Resurrection people do! Taking care of the needs of others.

If we look at the generosity of St. Patrick parishioners, we see that the Spirit is still alive and well!!!! The past month we collected over 500 pounds of food for Project Share. I'm sure Mr. Ken Walsh, when he returns from Africa soon, will be very pleased with the generosity we have shown to Ryan's Bowl Food Program during Lent! And St. Vincent De Paul is always so grateful for our contributions for the local needy! We must keep this generous Spirit alive!

As we continue along the 50 Days of the Easter Season, may the Spirit of the Risen Christ reign in our hearts and homes and prompt us to keep moving beyond ourselves! Have a blessed week... and many thanks for all you do, for the praise and glory of God!

Fr. Gerard



### Today's Gospel is Doubting Thomas

"Jesus' willingness to accommodate Thomas' unbelief is a reminder that God can handle our doubt. And that the rationalist doesn't need to see, touch, or run a lab test in order to believe in the resurrected Christ. Jesus told him, "You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me" (Jn 20:29) This is not a plea to accept what goes against reason, but it is an invitation to discover a faith that goes beyond it. The example of Thomas is for the stubborn skeptic in us all."

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

Check out our website: <http://www.stpatricknf.ca>



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, Teagan, Erin, and all our cantors! Thanks to our **Children's Choir** for their great energy and enthusiasm! Thanks to Tim, Anthony and John Arnold for their gift of music! 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**, your generosity is gratefully appreciated. To our **Eucharistic ministers, lectors, commentators, ushers, and servers**, thanks for your wonderful ministry during the High Holy Days of our Church. Thanks to our **CWL** for the Easter Vigil reception. And finally **thanks to you, our faithful parishioners** for your ongoing support and dedication to St. Pat's! (Fr. Gerard and Fr. Marc)



### Welcome with Great Joy

This Easter we celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation for **Reta Leong, Anthony Defilippis and Austin Ecker!!** Congratulations and Best Wishes as you continue to grow along your faith journey. May God bless you and your families!

### 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 \$7,063.00, through our Church envelopes and Church donation boxes. 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.

### DID YOU KNOW?



For those of you who have Celiac Disease or are allergic to wheat products, our parish has special approved **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.

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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