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Music Ministry

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 course is required.

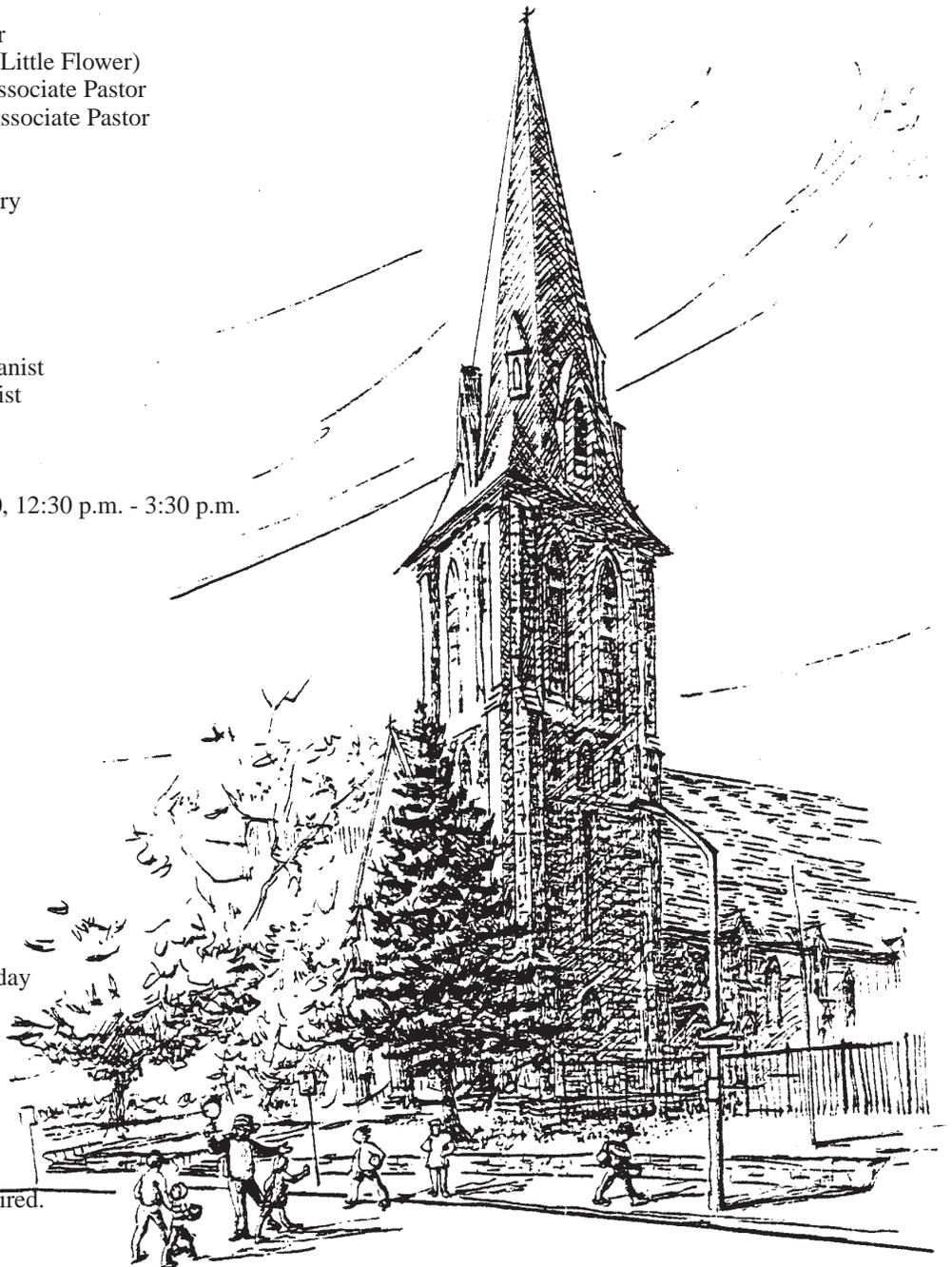
Schools

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.



TWENTY-FIRST & TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, August 23 St Rose of Lima
5:00 Alba Rondinelli req by Ann Marie, John & Family
 Pasquale & Concetta Maulucci and Paul & Maria DiPaul
 req by Rosemary Panetta

Sunday, August 24
8:00 Fr. Tony McNamara req by Sherry & Howard
 Agostino Compare req by his Wife & Children
9:30 People of the Parish
11:30 Reno Marcon req by Rachel Marcon
 The Wegner Family req by Joe & Nancy Solomon

Monday, August 25 St Joseph Calasanz & St Louis
8:00 Irene Boros req by Margaret Pederi
 Intentions of the Little Flower Society

Tuesday, August 26
8:00 Intentions of the Little Flower Society

Wednesday, August 27 St Monica
8:00 Intentions of the Little Flower Society

Thursday, August 28 St Augustine
8:00 Joseph & Josephina Sacco req by the Family
 Intentions of the Little Flower Society

Friday, August 29 The Passion of St John the Baptist
8:00 Intentions of the Little Flower Society

Saturday, August 30
5:00 Rina & Gino Rampado req by the Family
 John Kolbuc req by Anna Mason & Irene Sawicki

Sunday, August 31
8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Adelino Marcon req by Theresa Marcon
 Joseph Asner & Tadeusz Chrzanowski req by Elizabeth & Family
11:30 Dee Mannella req by St. Mary's Staff
 Lucy Janssen, Michael DeGuida, Lucy DeMizio & Anna DeMizio
 req by Cousins: Angela, Anna & Frank Luciano

Monday, September 1 Labour Day
8:00 Herb Ogilvie req by Molly Ogilvie & Family
 Peter Levesque req by Tony & Rosa DeAngelis

Tuesday, September 2 Blessed André Grasset
8:00 Intentions of the Little Flower Society

Wednesday, September 3 St Gregory the Great
8:00 John Dunphy req by Carol & Family
 Intentions of the Little Flower Society

Thursday, September 4 Blessed Dina Bélanger
8:00 Intentions of the Little Flower Society

Friday, September 5
8:00 Intentions of the Little Flower Society

Saturday, September 6
5:00 Pam Jones req by the Family
 Dante Rossi req by the Family

Sunday, September 7
8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Palmiro Goegan req by his Dtr: Louise
 Ovidio & Madeline Rosati req by their Grandchildren
11:30 Eda & Leo Martin req by the Family
 Immacolata & Alessandro Luciano req by the Children & Grandchildren

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, Jack Holjak, Carl Lundrigan, Howard Wales, Maureen Young, Norah Marrie, Peter Meisenburg Jr., Edward Brzozowski, Isabell Frost, Emma Corfield, Jeanne Lea, Joe Antonio, Theresa Prentice, Anna Tartaglia, Leonardo Gualtieri, Muriel Lafford, Baby Max, Robert Orsini, Rick Woram, Enzo Bellon, Kurt Stevens, Barbara Conidi, Lindsey Luby, Norm Scott, Toni Brideau, Charlene Shannon, Scott MacLaren, Jim Crowley, Sherry Wales, Leila Khan, Maureen Tustin, Maureen Watson, Anna Hunt, Mary Jo O'Kell, Nancy Waters, John F. John Arnold, Leroy Collee, Andrew Zacharuk, Jeanne S, Patrick Macri, Victor Pizzolato, Christine Pritty, John & Laura Giampa, Eric Van Noort, D.D., Jim & Betty Calzonetti, Julian Cassidy, Lorraine Spence, Estelle Critelli, Rita Ross, S.H., Sr. Carol Forhan CPPS, Leon French, Tony Cuviallo, Kelsey Liles, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Sister Prem, Samantha Jayne, Laurie Crites-Warner, Norma Zanus, Judy, Jadwiga Wozniak, Kerrie Szuch, William JA DeFoe, Betty Crete, Bob Marshall, Cameron Boyes, Danielle Barrauca, 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, Julie Nicholson Francesco Albanese, 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, Samuel Potapczyk, Marie Brooker, Francois Chayer, 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

August 10: \$5,362.25
 Catholic Missions Collection: \$1,136.00
 August 17: \$4,860.55
 Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2025

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on:
Sunday September 21, October 19 & November 23
 A mandatory meeting for Parents & Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, **September 9, October 7 & November 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 Date for 2025

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.)

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Shrine, located on 4706 Millar Road, Port Colborne, operates May to October. Every Thursday at 7:00pm in the Chapel, the Rosary is recited followed by the celebration of Holy Mass at 7:30pm. EVERYONE IS WELCOME. For more information please visit www.rosaryshrineinagara.com

♪Children and Adult Choirs♪

Calling all Children and Adults!!! We will be starting up our Choirs again on **Sunday, September 7th**. Children please gather at 9am and Adults at 10:45am around the Piano. If you wish your child to join, please see Carol Martin. Let's get back into *the swing of things!*

Children's Liturgy

As we begin Children's Liturgy again at the 9:30 AM Sunday Mass, we are in need of a few more volunteers. If you would like to be part of this wonderful ministry, please give your name to the parish office as soon as possible. Our children need you!!! stpatrick1895@hotmail.com



Congratulations and best wishes to
Jarren Blockmoore who was recently baptized

Is God calling You?...If you feel called to serve as an Altar Server, Funeral Server, Eucharistic Minister, Lector, or with the Children's Liturgy please call the parish office, 905-354-7451.

Thank You - Memorial Donations

Many thanks to those who made memorial donations to St. Patrick Church in Memory of **Pasqualina DeMizio** (\$1,555.00).
 May Pasqualina rest in Christ's gentle peace.

Vincent's... The Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Thrift Store is looking for dedicated volunteers for 3 hours per week...Call 289-296-3807 or apply in person, 5970 Lundy's Lane. Store hours, Tuesday to Saturday 10am - 4pm. Join our team and share some hope!

This Bulletin is for August 24th and August 31st
 (Please remember that you can e-transfer your Sunday Offertory as
 a direct deposit to stpatrick1895@hotmail.com) No password is
 required. Many thanks for your generosity.

21st Sunday August 24th

The Gospel for this Sunday certainly catches our attention! Someone asked Jesus, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" He told the people to strive to enter through the narrow door! He speaks about doors being shut, people thrown out... weeping and gnashing of teeth... but also many coming from all over, to eat in the Kingdom of God! Wow! How do we get in there? I think we all know the answer! One author wrote the following: *"The narrow door is not the popular door, but it is the only one that leads to God. Many people choose the wide door, the way that everyone seems to be going. These are the people who justify their immorality with the 'everyone's doing it,' mentality. Many people think that they can ignore God throughout their lives that they can avoid sacrificing for others, that they can live in their selfishness. Simply put, they choose to live like pagans. They assume that God will not reject them when their lives come to an end, but they forget, they have already rejected God. They are not on the inside of the Banquet Hall because they have chosen to be outside the Kingdom of God."* That's a strong statement! If we live lives, faithful to God and to each other, if we live the way of love, then we need never fear! When our earthly lives end, we will find ourselves inside, united to Jesus at the feast of Love! My prayer is that we will all find eternal union with our God. Today! Eternity began at our Baptism!!!



22nd Sunday August 31st

Our Gospel today has Jesus telling the Pharisees that "they who exalt themselves will be humbled, and they who humble themselves will be exalted." He called the people of his day, and he calls **all of us**, to be humble servants, especially servants of the poor and the outcast. Our call is to include them in our lives. When we serve others, we should expect nothing in return. Jesus knew that some people only invited the rich to their banquets, because they would be able to repay them! And that of course, is anti-Gospel.

Maybe we can ask ourselves this week: Whom do I exclude from my circle? Who is not good enough to sit at my table? Whom do I snub... and shun? Who is not worthy of my greeting? Does someone have to be in a certain income bracket to be included among my friends? If each of us could do one thing for the poor this week... or include someone we have been ignoring.... then the Kingdom of God will be more of a reality in their lives and ours!



The poor evangelize us and help us each day to discover the beauty of the Gospel... May all of us feel that we are in debt to the poor, because, in hands outstretched to one another, a salvific encounter can take place to strengthen our faith, inspire our charity and enable our hope to advance securely on our path towards the Lord who is to come.
Pope Francis

Labour Day

Labour Day, the first Monday in September, has been a statutory holiday in Canada since 1894. It originated in the first workers' rallies of the Victorian era. Historically, workers marked the day with various activities. These included parades, speeches, games, amateur competitions and picnics. The holiday promoted working-class solidarity and belonging during a time of rapid industrialization. Since the Second World War, fewer and fewer people have participated in Labour Day activities. Nevertheless, it remains a statutory holiday. Many Canadians now devote the Labour Day holiday to leisure activity and family time.

Mass Intentions

We still have some openings in our *Daily Mass Intention Book* for the 2025 year (weekday only). The greatest gift we can give to our deceased loved ones is to have them remembered at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. A Mass intention is \$10 and can be dropped off at the Parish Office, or put in the Sunday Collection. A Mass can also be offered for a Living Intention or for a particular cause. There are no Weekend Masses available for the remainder of 2025.

Hospital Calls

If you have a family member in the hospital, please let the nursing station know if you require a priest for the Anointing of the Sick. Switchboard will notify the on-call priest. There is a priest available 24-7. Fr. Gerard, Fr. Joi and Fr. Marvin covers hospital calls from Tuesday 8 AM until Wednesday 8 AM.

Little Flower Society Cards



Our parish office has Mass Cards in stock from the Carmelite's Little Flower Society. We have Healing Mass Cards, Living Intentions, Five-Year Memorial Cards, and also Perpetual Memorial Cards. By using these cards, you not only comfort a family member or friend, but you also support the mission of the Carmelites, our Vocation Efforts, and our Formation Programs in several countries.

Gardening Quotes

- ... All gardeners know better than other gardeners.
- ... Do not spread the compost on the weeds.
- ... Study nature, love nature, stay close to nature. It will never fail you.

Bloopers from Actual Church Bulletins

- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It is a good chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- The peace-making meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.
- The sermon this morning: Jesus Walks on the Water. The sermon tonight: Searching for Jesus.

Moses was leading his people through the desert for 40 years. It seems, even in Biblical times, men avoided asking for directions.

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