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Carol Martin - Director of Music
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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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Saturday, November 30 St Andrew

5:00 M/M G. Morellato *req. by Cero & Carol Morellato*
Angelo Butera *req. by Teresa Butera & Family*

Sunday, December 1 First Sunday of Advent

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 Don Liberty *req. by Belle & Family*

James Antonio *req. by the Antonio Family*

11:30 Michella & Enrico DeNicola *req. by Augusta Macri & Family*

Maria Truong Nhuan, Anthony Hung Nguyen & Maria Tran Lan *req. by the Family*

7:00 Melissa Anne Brideau *req. by the Herman Family*

Frank Mingle *req. by the Marrie Family*

Monday, December 2

8:00 John Watson *req. by the Catholic Womens League*

Josep Thieu Maria Toan *req. by Duy's Family*

Tuesday, December 3 St Francis Xavier

8:00 Cecelia Lococo *req. by the DeMizio & Lococo Families*

Angelina & Donato Genevese *req. by the Family*

Wednesday, December 4

8:00 Judy Hopkins *req. by Aileen & Bryce Adams*

Elaine Myke *req. by Sheila Myke*

Thursday, December 5

8:00 Mary Beth Corfield *req. by Paul Hlady*

Nicola Rinaldi *req. by Donata Maria & Family*

Friday, December 6 St Nicholas

8:00 Ody Argenta *req. by the Family*

Angela Giorgio *req. by Lil Winslow*

Saturday, December 7 St Ambrose

5:00 Assunta Maiuri *req. by Peter & Stephanie Maiuri*

Martel Family *req. by Leila & Jim Henderson*

Sunday, December 8 Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 Vincent Bernardi *req. by Gabriel Gagliardi*

Albert-Liberty-Lelievre & Heacock Families *req. by Aileen & Bryce Adams*

9:30 Gino Pullano *req. by the Pullano Family*

Adelino Marcon & Cavallin Families *req. by Theresa Marcon*

11:30 Debbie Dowd *req. by Lee & Kathleen*

Dec'd mem. of the Quiquero & Fiore Families *req. by Anna*

7:00 People of the Parish

Children Sacramental Dates 2020

Confirmation: Saturday, May 30, 2020 @ 5:00 PM

First Reconciliation: Tuesday, March 3, 2020 @ 7:00 PM

First Communion: Sunday, May 3, 2020 @ 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM

(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.)



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

If you or a family member/friend is interested in becoming a Catholic through a *Profession of Faith*, or desiring Baptism, or other Sacraments of Initiation (Eucharist or Confirmation), please give your name to our Parish Office as soon as possible. Our first RCIA meeting will be held during the Advent Season with Fr. Marc and David Scott. The sessions will resume after Christmas. During Lent we will meet once a week. This is also a wonderful opportunity for anyone who wants to "refresh or renew" their faith and theology! More information will be forthcoming.

Little Flower Society Cards



St. Patrick Parish Office has Mass Cards available 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 our cards, you not only comfort a family member or friend, but you also support the mission of the Carmelites, our Carmelite Vocation Efforts, and our Carmelite Formation Programs throughout the world.

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

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

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Fred Girardo Sr. and Pauline Daly. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Joe Young, Eric Corcoran, Francis Patterson

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Andy Scotnicki, Anita Archambault, Roger Paradis, John Corfield, Arlene Collee, Gus Bagarozza, Betty & Joe Power, Jarod Hickey, Carole Ann Ogilvie, Carol DeVilliers, Kelly Power, Marney Broderick, Sister Prem, Gregory Roulston, Cameron Boyes, Pasquale Abrunzo, Alice Dalton, John Nicks, Wilf Manuel, Victor Sincich, Nancy Praakel, Bernadette Moore, Norma Zanus, Lily Williams, Patricia Williams, Mark Pepple, Nancy Huber, Danielle Barranca, Fern Albert, Toni Brideau, Kelly Laslo, Edward Brzozowski Jr., Nikki Mansfield, Lester Snow, Nicolina Compare, Dr. Andy Fisher, Alvin Learn, James Moody Sr., Carmella Modenti, John Calder, Rose MacDonald, Elizabeth Stachura, Charlene Shannon, Anna Hunt, John Kealey, Margaret Smith, Anna Vergalito, Helen Lelievre, Nancy Weiss, Denise Colalillo, Leo Martin, Nancy Jean Rose, Samuel Potapczyk, William JA De Foe, Bernard Martin, Brian Smith, Joyce Weaver, Michelle Price, Mary Lawrence, Emily Hanover, Drago Bicanic, Jeanne S, John Cox, Margaret Waghorn, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffrady, Rebecca Evans, Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Maria Melchiorre, Conner Hawkswell, Lorraine Spence, Jeannette Fabian, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Iole Mancini, Vito Fuccillo, Donna Cormier, Jeanne Lea, Maria Rosiana, Tom Hilton, Frank Sica, Evelyn Rose Baker, Jill Leronowich, Audrey Vendramin, Patrick Kealey, Francesco Albanese, Florrie Heimbigner, Jozefa Bilski, Todd Reid, Marie Massolin, Stefanie Borin, Maria Guerin, Faith Amadio, Patricia O'Reilly, Patrick McCarthy, Walter Wallace, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Alessia Comisso, Kerrie Szuch, Donna Bradley, Helen Rotella, Mary Jo O'Kell, Cheryl D'Amazio, Jadwiga Wozniak, Mary Brennan, Shirley Machulla, Robert & JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Trina Washington, Pepper Martin Jr., Baby Nicholas, Baby Victoria

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

Baptism Schedule for 2019 & 2020

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: Sunday, Dec 15, Jan 26, Feb 23, Mar 29, Apr 26, May 24 & June 28. A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, Dec 3, Jan 14, Feb 11, Mar 17, Apr 14, May 12 & June 16 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!

Collections

November 24: \$6,603.00

Deo Gratis: \$935.00

Cathedral Appeal (to date): \$15,565.00 (97%)

Many thanks for your generosity!

Cathedral Appeal

After 6 months of the Cathedral Appeal, we have reached 97% of our goal of \$16,000. Many thanks to all of you who have made a sacrifice. Anyone wishing to donate by credit card, can do so through Canada Helps. Go to: www.canadahelps.org Search: Diocese of St. Catharines Choose: "Cathedral Appeal"

Fill in parish name and complete the donor information.

Canada Helps issues tax receipts.

The Diocese will get a monthly report which will show what parish the donation is from. Canada Helps will deposit donations in the diocesan bank account. On a monthly basis the diocese will provide parishes with updates if parishioners have donated through Canada Helps

Christmas Cards



The Knights of Columbus will be at the main entrance of the church this weekend selling *Religious* Christmas Cards. This is part of their "Christ in Christmas" campaign.

They have beautiful cards in several languages. All proceeds will go to Project Share Christmas Food Vouchers.

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!



Dear Friends:

Happy New Church Year! Today we begin the season of Advent, a season of *waiting, watching and preparing*. This special time is given to us by the Church to prepare ourselves spiritually for Christmas. It's a wonderful season to stop and examine our lives! St. Paul says in our 2nd Reading, that "salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers." He calls us to lay aside works of darkness, and put on the armour of light. This is a call not only for Advent, but for the entirety of our Christian lives. Our lives are an advent as we prepare ourselves for the Second Coming, or for when the Lord calls us home! Matthew's Gospel calls us to *keep awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming!*

So this season is not about tearing ourselves up, trying to out-do each other with Christmas gifts, going into debt, acting on every new whim. We are called to **STOP, SLOW DOWN...** and look at our spiritual lives. Where am I falling short? Take a personal inventory. Each one of us, no matter how young, old, rich, or poor... can begin **fresh and new**, with a clean slate. That's Advent! **Then** on Christmas morning this year, we'll have lots of love and freedom and joy and peace in our hearts! **Then** when the Lord comes in his heavenly glory... he'll find us joyful and ready!

May this truly be a season of grace and a time of spiritual preparation for each of us. Have a blessed and sacred Advent!

Fr. Gerard



Advent, like its cousin Lent, is a season for prayer and reformation of our hearts. Since it comes at winter time, fire is a fitting sign to help us celebrate Advent...If Christ is to come more fully into our lives this Christmas, if God is to become really incarnate for us, then fire will have to be present in our prayer. Our worship and devotion will have to stoke the kind of fire in our souls that can truly change our hearts. Ours is a great responsibility not to waste this Advent time." *Edward Hays*

"Let's approach Christmas with an expectant hush, rather than a last-minute rush."

For Christmas this year, Fr. Gerard and St. Patrick community would like more Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers and Funeral Servers! Wrap yourself up to serve the Lord!

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The members of the SSVP again seek your generosity in helping to make this Christmas a little brighter for those less fortunate in our city. This year we are anticipating a significant increase in those requiring our help and we would appreciate your financial assistance.

Christmas Children's Pageant

If you would like your child to be part of the Christmas Pageant this year, please give your name to the Parish Secretary before **December 13th**. Our first rehearsal and role assignment will be on **Saturday, December 14th at 7:00 PM!!!** If you sign your child up, you **MUST** be at the rehearsal. The format will be a little different this year.



Carmelite Missions Appeal

Next weekend, we will have our Annual Appeal for the Carmelite Missions, especially for our ministries in Peru, Mexico and El Salvador, where our *Province of the Most Pure Heart of Mary* serves. The needs are great in our mission territories, and it is only through the generosity of parishes like St. Pat's, that make this outreach possible. We also assist Carmelites around the world in their efforts to help the poor, feed the hungry, house the homeless, provide medical care, and educate the children. We provide funding for the formation of seminarians, and Religious men and women in several countries! Envelopes are available at the church entrances, and also in your Church Offertory Boxes. A second collection will be taken immediately following the regular collection.

Christmas Mass Schedule 2019

Christmas Eve- Tuesday, December 24th
 4:00 PM -Children's Mass with Pageant (Church)
 4:00 PM - Mass in Gymnasium
 6:00 PM -Choir Mass (Caroling at 5:30 PM)
 12:00 AM- Midnight Mass
Christmas Day- Wednesday, December 25th
 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 AM (**No Evening Mass!!!**)

December 2019 Dates

Sun, December 8- Carmelite Mission Appeal
 Sun, December 15- Children's Christmas Gifts due
 Wed, December 18 - 7:00 PM Advent Reconciliation Service
 Sun, December 22 - 8:00 PM Christmas Decorating Evening

Christmas Gift Campaign



Once again we will help to spread our Christmas love and joy by providing gifts to some 145 of our local needy children. Gift tags are available at the main entrance of the Church this weekend. We ask that you return your gifts with the tag attached by **Sunday, December 15th!**

School closes for Christmas Break on December 20th so we need to distribute them early that week. Please make this a family effort. Get the children involved. If you wish to make a monetary donation, please feel free. Also, Gift Cards for Tim Hortons, other eateries, movie theatres, Shoppers, Wal-Mart, supermarkets, would be wonderful! You can also sign up for candy and stocking stuffers!



Please continue to bring food items and toiletries to the church for Project Share.

"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"

Advent Retreat for Busy Catholic Moms, Saturday, December 7 from 8am - Noon at St. Thomas Aquinas Church Hall, Tickets 410 Register by Dec 2 call 905-684-0154, familyandyouth@saintcd.com

*St. Michael High School Bazaar - Saturday, December 7 from 9 - 3pm

I'll be Home for Christmas Concert featuring David Diston on Sunday, December 15 @2:00pm held at Stamford Lane United Church

Our Lady of the Scapular Church Presents 'Simbang Gabi'
 Dec 16 - Dec 21 at 6:30am, Dec 22 8am, Dec 23 & 24 6:30am

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