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Carol Martin - Director of Music
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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

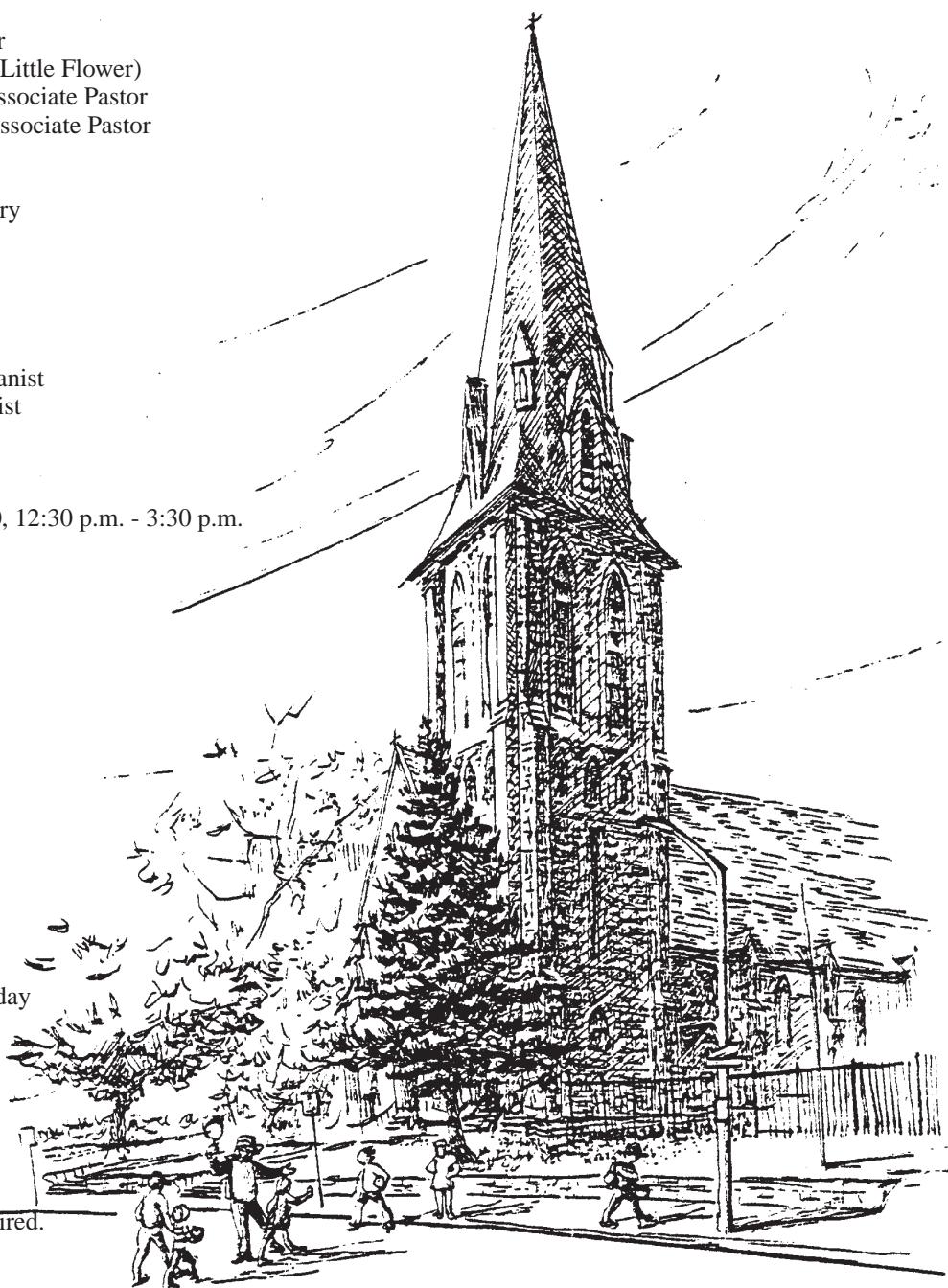
Once monthly at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday
Preparation for Parents
and Godparents required.

Marriage

Please contact the parish office
at least six months in advance.
Preparation weekend 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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Saturday, December 13 St Lucy

5:00 Vincent & Ruby Crowley *req by the Family*
Adua & Jean Pizzolato *req by Angela & David Dumele*

Sunday, December 14 Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 Willi Albert *req by his Children*
Cyndee Matvichuk *req by her Sisters*

9:30 People of the Parish

11:30 Alessandro Luciano *req by Michael DeMizio*
Waldemar & Wiesiek Chrzanowski *req by Elizabeth & Family*

Monday, December 15

8:00 Peter Moi Nguyen *req by the Family*
Ethan Dean *req by Bill & Mary Beth*

Tuesday, December 16

8:00 Lina Altomare *req by the Altomare Family*
Dec'd of the Campaner & Martin Fam. *req by the Campaner Fam.*

Wednesday, December 17

8:00 Debbie & Kevin Dowd *req by Mary McVicar*
Helena & Ted Chrzanowski *req by Elizabeth & Family*

Thursday, December 18

8:00 Ovidio Rosati *req by the Bernardi & Gagliardi Families*
Marco Bortolin *req by Anna Bortolin & Family*

Friday, December 19

8:00 Patricia Aseoche Navarro *req by the Navarro-Rey Family*
Dec'd Albert, Fassett, Heacock & Liberty Fam *req by Aileen & Bryce*

Saturday, December 20

5:00 Victor Lea *req by Jeanne & Family*
Roger & Anita Archambault *req by Jeanne Lea & Family*

Sunday, December 21 Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Sam DiCarlo *req by Mary DiCarlo & Family*
Luigi Marcon, Antonia & Giuseppe Lazzarin *req by Louise Marcon*
11:30 James & Flora Antonio *req by Antonio Family*
Immacolata & Alessandro Luciano *req by Children & Grandchildren*

Call to Serve ... Your community needs you to share your gifts! Please consider being a minister in your community as Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Altar Server, Funeral Server, or Usher.
Give your name to the parish office and we will train you!

Holy Rosary

Every weekday morning at 7:30, the Holy Rosary is prayed in St. Patrick Church.

Keep Mary in mind, and Jesus will grow in your heart!

Sacramental Dates for the Upcoming Year 2026

First Reconciliation: Wednesday, February 10, 2026 @ 7:00pm
First Communion: Sunday, May 3, 2026 @ 9:30am & 1:30pm
(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.)

2026 Church Envelopes

Please make sure you pick up your Offertory Envelopes as soon as possible. They are in the sacristy, to the left of the altar. Many thanks.

Sunday Missals are also available in the sacristy for \$7.00.

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY

Runs from September to June on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre from 7:00-8:30pm. (If the Monday is a holiday, then we meet on the Tuesday.)

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

Rest in Peace... We pray for the soul of Charlene Shannon. May she rest in peace. Please remember her family 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.

John Franklin, Mila Clark, Mary Power, Howard Wales, Madeleine Jackson, Maureen Young, Bettyjean DeFoe, Dan M., Norah Marrie, Isabell Frost, Don Antonio, Nancy McKinley, Victor Pizzolato, Peter Meisenburg Jr., Tom Murray, Norm Scott, Edward Brzozowski, Emma Corfield, Jeanne Lea, Joe Antonio, Theresa Prentice, Anna Tartaglia, Leonardo Gualtieri, Muriel Lafford, Baby Max, Robert Orsini, Enzo Bellon, Kurt Stevens, Barbara Conidi, Lindsey Luby, Toni Brideau, D.D., Scott McLaren, Jim Crowley, Sherry Wales, Leila Khan, Maureen Tustin, Maureen Watson, Anna Hunt, Mary Jo O'Kell, Nancy Waters, John Arnold, Leroy Collee, Andrew Zacharuk, Jeanne S, Patrick Macri, Christine Pritty, John & Laura Giampa, Eric Van Noort, Jim & Betty Calzonetti, Julian Cassidy, Lorraine Spence, Estelle Critelli, Rita Ross, S.H., Sr. Carol Forhan CPPS, Leon French, Tony Cuvillo, Kelsey Liles, William JA DeFoe, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Sr. Prem, Samantha Jayne, Laurie Crites-Warner, Norma Zanus, Judy, Kerrie Szuch, Betty Crete, 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, Julie Nicholson, Samuel Potapczyk, Francesco Albanese, Emmanuel & Aline Chayer, Carmella Modenti, Bernard Martin, Vicki Leadawson, Margaret Waghorn, Evelyn Rose Baker, Patricia O'Reilly, Fran Smelko, Gloria Smelko, Jackie, Faith Amadio, Vanessa Athoe, Walter Wallace, Elizabeth Stachura, Marie Brooker, Francois Chayer, Jozefa Bilski, Elda Schneider, Susana Flego, Patricia Flego, Cynthia Alegre, Josie Wojciechowska

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

Collections

December 7: \$6,403.05

Carmelite Missions: \$5,013.10

Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2026

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: Sunday January 25, February 15, April 26 & May 31. A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, Jan 13, Feb 3, Apr 14 & May 19 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!

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.

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

Vincent's... The Society of St. Vincent de Paul 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!

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

The Pastor's Pen

(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.

Dear Friends:

The Entrance Antiphon for today's Mass is, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed the Lord is near." We begin the 3rd Week of Advent! Today is **Gaudete** Sunday!

Gaudete means **rejoice**. The altar is dressed in the colour rose, the vestments are rose, the third Advent candle is rose. Rose emphasizes the joy that Christmas is drawing near! Joy should fill our hearts as we prepare for the **birthday of our Saviour**. We do our best to stay focused on the reason for Advent! Watching, waiting, preparing. And of course, we must do everything to keep Christ in Christmas.

We know all too well, that not everyone feels **joy** this time of year. We need to give extra love and attention to those who are grieving the loss of a loved one; to those who are alone; to those struggling to make ends meet; to those battling depression; to those fighting an illness; to those who are homeless; to those who are hungry; and to those who are unemployed.

The gradual progression of light on our Advent wreath should lead us to open ourselves more and more to the warmth of God's presence, to God's light in our darkness. God is with us through it all. Let's do everything we can to bring warmth and joy to those we meet! Be more attentive to those who are struggling. That's Advent! This is what brings joy to others.

God bless you on this sacred journey to the Manger! And God bless you for your kindness to our local children and families in need, through our Christmas Campaign. O Come, O Come Emmanuel!

Fr. Gerard



Advent Reconciliation

Our parish Advent Reconciliation Service will be held this Wednesday, December 17th at 7:00 PM

Sign up For Christmas Masses

There are sign-up sheets at the main entrance of the church for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers and Ushers. Please, please make sure that every Christmas Mass is covered.

Dates to Remember

Wednesday, Dec 17th 7:00 PM- Advent Reconciliation Service
Monday, Dec 22nd 6:30 PM- Decorating of Church

"Advent teaches us to wait in active hope. To hope is to participate: this is a gift that God gives us. The world becomes better if we give up a little security and comfort in order to choose what is good." *Pope Leo XIV*
"Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made flesh." *Pope Francis*

"Advent is the spiritual season of hope par excellence, and in this season, the whole Church is called to be hope, for itself and for the world." *Pope Benedict XVI*

Christmas Mass Schedule 2025

Christmas Eve - Wednesday, December 24th

4:00 PM - Children's Mass with Children's Choir

6:00 PM - Mass with Adult Choir (Caroling at 5:30 PM)

8:00 PM - Mass

12:00 AM- Midnight Mass

Christmas Day- Thursday, December 25th

8:00, 9:30, 11:30 AM

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Mass Schedule**

New Year's Eve – Dec 31, 2025: 5:00 PM

New Year's Day – Jan 1, 2026: 11:30 AM

Christmas Gift Campaign

Please remember that all gifts for local needy children and families must be returned to the parish this Sunday. They will be distributed before school closes this week.

Hospital Calls

If you have a family member in the Greater Niagara General 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 chaplain (Fr. Aji) in the hospital from Monday to Friday, 12 Noon until 4:00 PM. And there is a priest on-call 24-7. Again, let the nursing station know. St. Patrick's covers emergency hospital calls from Tuesday 8 AM until Wednesday 8 AM. Please note that St. Catharines Hospital and Welland Hospital have priests on call as well. As of January 1st, the hospital will only pay for parking for emergency calls only.

There are two ways of waking up in the morning. One is to say, 'Good morning, Lord,' and the other is to say, 'Good Lord, it's morning!'
Fulton J. Sheen

St. Carlo Acutis Challenge!

Calling all grade 5-12 students!! This is your invitation to take part in the Saint Carlo Acutis Challenge. Use your gifts and talents to create something (a video or app, song or dance, poem or essay, fashion project or social media campaign, etc.) that highlights an aspect of the faith that you are passionate about! The top prize for secondary students is \$1000, and the top prize for elementary students is \$500 (more great prizes available)!! Visit: bit.ly/Saint-Challenge for more information, or contact us at: evangelization@saintcd.com.

To assist parishioners in year-end tax planning, the Diocese has available a Donation of Securities Form. Parishioners can make donations of securities to the Parish or Diocese and receive a receipt for income tax purposes for the full market amount of the securities donated. This is an opportunity for parishioners to support the parish and also receive a donation receipt for income tax purposes. For copies of this form or if you would like the Diocese to assist in this process, please contact John J. O'Brien, CFO, at 905-684-0154 x206 or 289-259-0795.

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