

# Saint Patrick's Church

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Adrian Elia, Caretaker

## **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.**

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### Saturday, December 15

**5:00** Ethan Dean *req. by Bill & Mary Beth Dean*  
Irene & Robert Boyd Lavelle, Raymond H. Weaver & Sara Grant-Weaver  
*req. by Joyce & Family*

### Sunday, December 16 Third Sunday of Advent

**8:00** Lucia Cavaliere *req. by Rocco & Giuseppina Cavaliere*  
Mike Cassolato *req. by John & Helen Olsiak*  
**9:30** Dec'd of the Quiquero & Fiore Families *req. by the Family*  
George Spater *req. by Leila & Jim*  
**11:30** Rick Heximer *req. by the Family*  
Immacolata Luciano *req. by Alessandro Luciano & Family*  
**7:00** People of the Parish

### Monday, December 17

**8:00** Lina Altomare *req. by the Family*  
Jean Lundy *req. by Belle, Charlene & Jeanne*

### Tuesday, December 18

**8:00** Agostino & Concetta Panetta *req. by Rosemary & Jim Panetta*  
Francesco Mastropiero *req. by the Family*

### Wednesday, December 19

**8:00** Vincent & Patricia Navarro *req. by Rey & Navarro Families*  
Antonio Roberto *req. by the Family*

### Thursday, December 20

**8:00** Edward Wood *req. by Al & Judy Learn*  
Adam Amadio *req. by the Connors Family*

### Friday, December 21 St Peter Canisius

**8:00** Giorgio Marcon *req. by Louise & Family*  
Francesco Provenzano *req. by Sam & Frances Ventresca*

### Saturday, December 22

**5:00** Victor Lea *req. by Jeanne & Family*  
Vincent & Ruby Crowley *req. by the Family*

### Sunday, December 23 Fourth Sunday of Advent

**8:00** Bruno Pietrobon *req. by the Family*  
Agostino Compare *req. by his Wife & Children*  
**9:30** Jozef & Feliksa Brzozowski *req. by the Janusz & Komor Families*  
Dawn Marie Ardelli & Michael Patrick Ardelli Sr. *req. by Michael Ardelli Jr. & Family*  
**11:30** Gimino Cardamone *req. by Theresa & Angelo Elia & Family*  
Nancy & Nick DiPaolo *req. by Rosemary Panetta*  
**7:00** People of the Parish  
Lucrezia 'Lucy' Rizzo *req. by Mary Profeta*

### Baptism Schedule for 2019

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday, Jan 20, Feb 17, Mar 24 (infants only), Apr 28, May 26 & June 23**  
A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, Jan 8, Feb 5, Mar 12, Apr 16, May 14 & June 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 all the necessary information. We encourage parents and Godparents to make an effort to attend liturgies in the parish community. We also have a special evening of preparation for parents and Godparents! Many blessings!*

### Children Sacramental Dates 2019

**Confirmation:** Saturday, June 1, 2019 @ 5:00 PM  
**First Reconciliation:** Tuesday, March 19, 2019 @ 7:00 PM (*new date*)  
**First Communion:** Sunday, May 5, 2019 @ 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 on **Thursday, December 13 at 7pm**. 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!



**Rest in Peace...** We pray for the souls of Giuseppe Della Marina and Georgina Trabucco-Mosker. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

**Please pray for those who are hospitalized:**

Dr. Andy Fisher

**Please pray for those who are ill**

Mary Power, Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Nicolina Compare, Jean Clay Pizzolato, Bernadette Moore, Marie Cadman, Alvin Learn, Bruno DeLazzari, James Moody Sr., Fern Albert, Lester Snow, Rose MacDonald, Elizabeth Stachura, Joe Mancuso, John Calder, Melissa Brideau, Toni Brideau, Charlene Shannon, John Nicks, Moira Campbell, Leon Dopke, Adele Morabito, Anna Hunt, John Kealey, Norah Marrie, Anna Vergalito, Helen Lelievre, Nancy Weiss, Samuel Potapczyk, Baby Julian, Baby Noah, Denise Colalillo, Mary Lawrence, Bernard Martin, William JA De Foe, Emily Hanover, Leo Martin, Drago Bicanic, Baby Victoria, Bob Marshall, Gerry Lafradi, Edna McDonell, Fred Girardo Sr., Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Maria Melchiorre, Conner Hawkswell, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Danielle Barranca, Iole Mancini, Jeannette Fabian, Donna Cormier, Maria Rosiana, Alice Dalton, Audrey Vendramin, Baby Maximus, Jeanne Lea, Patrick Kealey, Tom Hilton, Francesco Albanese, Rosalyn Dagleish, Kelly Dettlor, Florrie Heimbigner, Kitty Decicco, Evelyn Rose Baker, Jozefa Bilski, Rebecca Evans, Marie Massolin, Maria Guerin, John Jefferson, Todd Reid, John Cox, Jill Leronowich, Nancy Jean Rose, Margaret Smith, Faith Amadio, Kelly Laslo, Patrick McCarthy, Stefanie Borin, Muriel Pivarnyk, Walter Wallace, Joyce Weaver, Kerrie Szuch, Carmella Modenti, Frank Sica, Margaret Waghorn, Vito Fuccillo, Baby Hope, Donna Bradley, Cheryl D'Amizio, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Mary Jo O'Kell, Alessia Comisso, Vicki Dubeau, Lorraine Spence, Baby Sebastian, Patricia O'Reilly, Mary Brennan, Robert & JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pepper Martin Jr., Vital & Emmanuel Chayer, Michelle Price, Brian Smith, Carlo Trasmundi, Jadwiga Wozniak, Shirley Machulla, Baby Gabriel Paraskevopoulos, Trina Washington, Helen Rotella, Jeanne S

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

### Collections

December 9: \$6,411.39

Carmelite Missions: \$5,465.70

Many thanks for your generosity!

### Breakfast Program Volunteers needed... Please call

Debbie at the Office for more info or if interested, 905-354-7451

### 2019 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.

### Separated & Divorced Healing Ministry

No meeting on December 24th.  
Regular meetings will resume January 14, 2019. Meetings are 7 to 9 pm at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Ave, Niagara Falls.  
Pre-registration is not required. For a pamphlet call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email [separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com](mailto:separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com)

**Warehouse of Hope:** Accepting used electronics, small appliances, TVs, etc. working or not. Bring items Monday to Friday 9 - 5pm and place them in the drop-off house at the back of the building, 46 Broadway Ave., St. Cath.



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

### Parish Registration

**Please help keep our records up to date! You may bring this form to the parish office or place it in the collection.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Postal Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I am new in the parish and wish to register** \_\_\_\_\_

**I wish to use contribution envelopes** \_\_\_\_\_

**I have recently moved** \_\_\_\_\_

**We have married & wish to update our information** \_\_\_\_\_



Dear Friends:

It's hard to believe that the Third Sunday of Advent is here already! Our readings for this Sunday are filled with so much joy and hope. Zephaniah says, **Sing aloud, O daughter, Zion!** Our Psalm, **Shout aloud and sing for joy!** St. Paul, from prison writes, **Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice!** And in the Gospel, the people whom John was baptizing, were filled with expectation! Today is **Gaudete** Sunday. **Gaudete** means *to rejoice*.



The Church calls for **joyful hearts** as we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth. May we make more room for Christ in our lives. If there are areas of our lives that are not joyful, then we **need** do something about it... allow Christ in! What are the things that **"hinder me from welcoming Christ with joy?"** This **Wednesday, December 19th** we will have our **Reconciliation service at 7:00 PM**. Maybe we can be freed from whatever weighs us down!

May we never forget that there are many people who do not find this time of year to be joyful. Our call is to be there to help them, to give them reason **to rejoice**. We remember especially those who have lost a loved one this year. The first Christmas without a family member is very difficult and painful. We cannot take away another's grief, but **we can** be a comforting presence! We must be there to support those who are experiencing family and marital problems, those who are lonely, those who are estranged from their family. We remember, and do what we can, to help those who are homeless and poor; those facing financial hardships. That's what John calls for in today's Gospel, **share with those who have no coat and no food**.

Our parish has always been a giving parish, with so many joyful and cheerful givers! We will certainly have many joyful hearts because of our Children's Christmas Gift Campaign! We signed out some 200 tags! To see the mountain of gifts on the Altar, warms our hearts! Let's continue to put light where there's no light, hope where there's no hope, joy where there's no joy... and love where there's no love. Let's give others reason **to rejoice!** And may all of us **rejoice** in what God has done for us... and will do for us. **Gaudete!** Have a blessed 3rd week of Advent!

Fr. Gerard



"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern." *St. Teresa of Calcutta*

"This is Christmas: not the tinsel, not the giving and receiving, not even the carols, but the humble heart that receives anew the wondrous gift, the Christ." *Frank McKibben*

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

### December 2018 Dates

**Advent Communal Reconciliation**

Wednesday, December 19th @ 7:00 PM

**Church Decoration for Christmas**

Friday, December 21st @ 6:30 PM

### Helping Local Children at Christmas

Please remember to return your gift to the church this **Sunday, December 16th**. If you wish to make a monetary donation to this project, please make cheques payable to St. Patrick Parish. We always get last minute calls when everything has been distributed.

### Christmas Flowers

Envelopes are available at the doors of the church if you would like to donate toward the Christmas Flowers, in memory of your deceased loved ones. May they sleep in Heavenly peace.

### Christmas Mass Schedule

**Christmas Eve- Monday, 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- Tuesday, December 25th**

8:00, 9:30, 11:30 AM (No Evening Mass!!!)

The **Third Sunday of Advent** is known as **Gaudete** Sunday because of the first word "Rejoice" in the entrance antiphon of Sunday's Liturgy. "Rejoice" is also repeated throughout the readings and prayers. The vestments worn by the priest can be the colour rose (sometimes referred to as pink). The third candle of the Advent wreath is also rose. Both are reminders that Christ's coming is very soon; we are nearing the end of Advent, and we can hardly contain our joy. (Miller)

### 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.

### Hospital and Home Visits

If you have a family member in hospital, and would like a visit from Fr. Gerard or Fr. Marc, or wish to celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please let the parish office know. Fr. Gerard and Fr. Marc cover the on-call pager for GNGH on Mondays and Tuesdays. The hospital staff can put you in touch with the on-call chaplain at any time.

We also have a team of Eucharistic Ministers who bring Communion to the homes of those who are ill. If you are confined to your home and would like a visit from one of our Eucharistic ministers, please let the parish office know. If you would like to celebrate the Anointing of the Sick at your home with one of our priests, please let us know.

**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!**

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