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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, 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, December 2

5:00 Assunta Maiuri req. by Peter & Stefanie Maiuri & Family
Maria Truong Nhuan & Anthony Hung Nguyen req. by the Family

Sunday, December 3 First Sunday of Advent

8:00 Giulio & Lucia Cavaliere req. by Giuseppina & Rocco Cavaliere
Albert, Liberty & Heacock Families req. by Aileen & Bryce Adams

9:30 Martel Family req. by Jim & Leila Henderson

Michela De Nicholas req. by Augusta Macri

11:30 James Antonio req. by the Joe & Loreta Antonio
Immacolata Luciano req. by Alessandro Luciano & Family

7:00 People of the Parish

Monday, December 4 St John Damascene

8:00 Anna Tomascini req. by the Catholic Women's League
Josep Un & Anna Hoi req. by Duy's Family

Tuesday, December 5

8:00 Caterina Ruberto req. by Shirley & Ross Wallace
Deacon Pat O'Brien req. by Liz Wood & Dave Gignac

Wednesday, December 6 St Nicholas

8:00 Angela Bortolin req. by Anna Bortolin
John MacDonnell req. by the Parish

Thursday, December 7 St Ambrose

8:00 Robbie Loro req. by Lidia Bonaldo
Cecelia Lococo req. by Nicolina Compare

Fri, Dec 8 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 Tom & Anita Mackenzie req. by Mary O'Shea
Patricia Patterson req. by Jackie & Tony Phillip

Saturday, December 9

5:00 Maria & Mario D'Amario req. by the Family
Peter Creamer req. by Mary & Family

Sunday, December 10 Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 Elisea Pietrobon req. by Ody & Diana Argenta
Frances Comeau req. by Fred & Lisa Persia

9:30 Trevor Watson req. by the Family
Gino Pullano req. by the Family

11:30 Bert Roy req. by Valerie & Family
Rick Heximer req. by the Family

7:00 People of the Parish

Sacramental Dates for 2017-2018

First Reconciliation- February 7, 2018 @ 7pm

Confirmation- April 14, 2018 @ 5pm

First Communion- May 6, 2018 @ 9:30 & 1:30



(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.)

Breakfast Program Volunteers needed... Please call Debbie at the Office for more info or if interested, 905-354-7451

Church Envelopes 2018

Offertory Envelopes are available in the sacristy, to the left of the altar, please pick yours up today. Many thanks.

Carmelite Mission Appeal December 9 - 10

Next weekend, December 9 - 10, we will have our annual Carmelite Missions Appeal. Envelopes are at the doors of the Church today! So many people in our Carmelite Missions around the world, depend on our generosity year after year. This is a wonderful opportunity, once again, to spring the Gospel into action! **Lord, when did we see you hungry?** Please be generous!!! We will be taking up a second collection immediately following the regular collection.



Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of John Corney & Mike Skrlac. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Jack Horth, Marie Cadman

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, John Nicks, Melissa Brideau, Toni Brideau, Leon Dopke, Anna Hunt, John Kealey, 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 Laffradi, Wendy & John Calder, Pauline Miner, Edna McDonnell, 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, Barbara Phillips (Murray), Alice Dalton, Audrey Vendramin, Jeanne Lea, Stan Manning, Baby Maximus, David & Patrick Kealey, Francesco Albanese, Mary Ann O'Shea, Rosalyn Dagleish, Kelly Dettlor, Kitty Decicco, Evelyn Rose Baker, Jozefa Bilski, Charlene Shannon, Dr. Andy Fisher, Rebecca Evans, Marie Massolin, Maria Guerin, Anna Vergalito, John Jefferson, Todd Reid, Jill Leronowich, Vince(Jim) Baldassarro, Nancy Jean Rose, Patrick McCarthy, Norman Horth, Muriel Pivarnik, Tom Hilton, Walter Wallace, Stefanie Borin, John Cox, Joyce Weaver, Kerrie Szuch, Faith Amadio, Margaret Smith, Carmella Modenti, Margaret Waghorn, Theresa Poirier, Carlo Trasmundi, 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, Lorraine Murray, 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

November 25 & 26 : \$6,439.00

Dio Gratis Collection: \$741.30

Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2017 & 2018

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: Sunday, Dec 17, January 21, February 11, 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, Dec 5, Jan & Feb meeting is together on January 16, April 3, May 1, June 5, July 3 & August 7 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!

Keep Christ in Christmas... The Knights of Columbus Council 1652 will be selling religious Christmas cards after each Mass on December 2, 3rd while supplies last. The cards are boxed in various assortments of 12 to 18 cards per box, priced from \$7 to \$12. The cards are in English as well as Spanish, Tagalog, Polish, Ukrainian, Italian & French. All proceeds will go towards Project SHARE Christmas Food Baskets.

Let's all "Keep Christ in Christmas"!

Patterson Funeral Home Christmas of Hope Candlelight Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 7:00 pm at Our Lady of the Scapular Church. All are welcome to attend. For more information please call the Funeral Home at 905-358-3513, or visit www.pattersonfuneralhome.com

Hear Ye, Hear Ye, **December 10th 1 - 3 p.m.** the C.W.L. is hosting a children's Advent Celebration in the parish hall!!! Please come and share some fellowship. We will have a prayer service with Father Gerard, crafts and perhaps a special visitor!! We are asking that you pre-register your family with the number of children you are bringing, please call the office at 905-354-7451!!

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



Dear Friends:



Happy New Church Year! Welcome to the Season of Advent! The 1st candle is lit on our Wreath! Jesus says in today's Gospel, *But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do*

not know when the time will come. This is a season of waiting, watching and preparing.

Pope Francis wrote: *Advent encourages us to reflect on the contrast between our daily routine and the unexpected coming of the Lord. The Gospel is not trying to frighten us, but to open our horizons, to further dimensions, giving meaning even to everyday occurrences. This perspective is also an invitation to sobriety, to not be dominated by the things of this world, but rather to keep them in their proper place. If, on the other hand, we allow ourselves to be overpowered by a concern for material things, we will not be able to perceive what is much more important: our final encounter with the Lord. And so, Advent is an invitation to vigilance, because, not knowing when He will come, we must always be ready to depart. During Advent we are called to enlarge the horizons of our hearts, to be surprised by the life that is presented each day with its newness. In order to do this we need to learn to not depend on our own securities, our own established plans, because the Lord comes in the hour which we don't imagine.*

Advent takes place during the darkest days of the year when there is the least sunlight. It reminds us that the light of Christ will triumph over all darkness in the world. And God knows there's much darkness out there: war, terrorism, violence, hunger, disease, racism, materialism, and the list goes on. The work for us Christians is to bring all these things to an end. Of course, we have to **begin with ourselves** by surrendering to any darkness within! St. Paul says in the 2nd reading, *May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all... be blameless before God.*

Each of us can begin **fresh** with a clean slate. **That's Advent!** Then on Christmas morning, we can greet the Christ-Child with joyful hearts. And when the Lord comes in his glory and power... he'll find us joyful and ready! May this be a season of hope and grace... and also a time of **transformation** for each of us. Blessings!

Fr. Gerard



Christmas Gift Campaign

Once again we will be helping spread our Christmas love and joy by providing gifts to some of our local needy children. Gift tags will be available at the main entrance of the Church again this weekend. We ask that you return your gifts with the tag attached by **Sunday, December 17th!** Please make this a family effort. Get the children involved.



Children's Christmas Pageant!

If you would like your child to play a role in this year's Christmas Pageant at the 4:30 PM Children's Mass in the church, please call the Parish Office as soon as possible. Role assignment and first rehearsal will be on Saturday, December 16 at 6:30pm in the Church. **It is mandatory that you attend.**

Is God calling You?

If you feel called to serve as **Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Altar Server, or Funeral Server**, please call the parish office. We will gladly arrange for a training session.

Carmelite Missions Appeal

On the weekend of December 9-10th, we will have our Annual Carmelite Missions Appeal! Envelopes are available at the church entrances, and also in your Church Offertory Boxes.



Christmas and New Year's Schedule 2017-2018

4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23- 5:00 PM
Sunday, December 24- 8:00 AM / 9:30 AM / 11:30 AM

Christmas Eve- Sunday, December 24

4:30 PM- (Children's Mass with Pageant)
4:30 PM- Gymnasium - Overflow Mass
6:30 PM- Adult Choir with Caroling
12:00 AM- Midnight Mass

Christmas Day-Monday, December 25

8:00 AM / 9:30 AM / 11:30 AM... (No Evening Mass)

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday December 30- 5:00 PM
Sunday, December 31- 8:00 AM / 9:30 AM / 11:30 AM

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Sunday, December 31- 5:00 PM (New Year's Eve)
Monday, January 1, 2018- 11:30 AM (New Year's Day)

Advent Reconciliation Service

Tuesday, December 12- 7:00 PM

Decoration of Church

Wednesday, December 20- 7:00 PM

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 **Wednesday, December 13th at 7:00 PM** in the church. 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!



Please continue to bring food items to Mass for Project Share! Every item helps!

"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"

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!

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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