

# Saint Patrick's Church

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## Parish Staff

Rev. Gerard Power, O.Carm., Pastor  
(Dean of Niagara Falls)  
Rev. Marc Bell, O.Carm., Associate Pastor  
Rev. Mr. David Scott, Deacon  
Debbie Herman, Secretary  
Alice Corfield, Bookkeeper Secretary  
Brian Kneller, Caretaker

## Music Ministry

Carol Martin - Director of Music  
Sandra DiCienzo - Organist  
Tim Marrie - Pianist and Soloist  
Anthony Scaringi - Pianist and Organist  
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 is required.

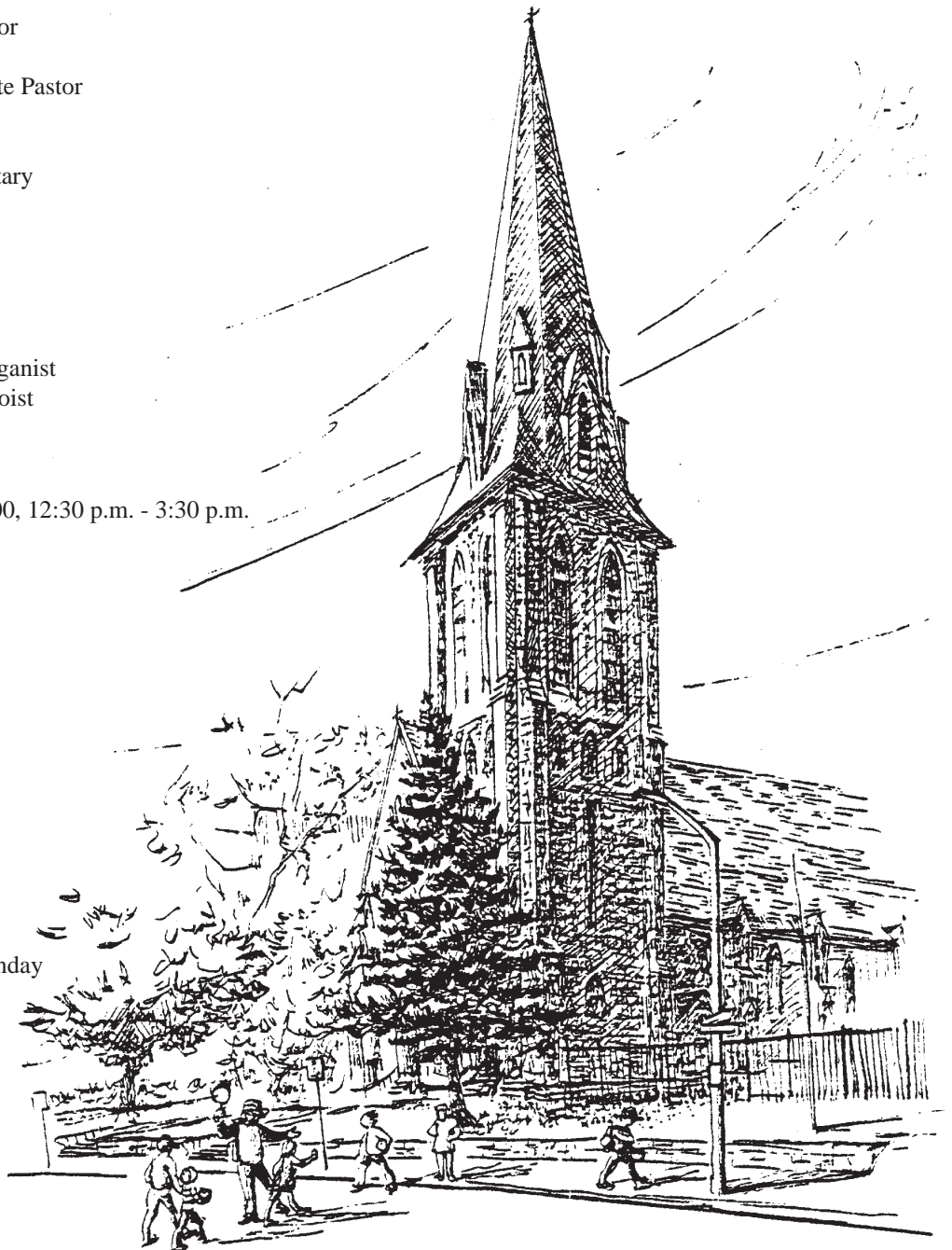
## Schools

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.**



## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### Saturday, December 3 St Francis Xavier

**5:00** Cecelia Lococo req. by the Family  
Thomas Rondinelli req. by Ann Marie

### Sunday, December 4 Second Sunday of Advent

**8:00** People of the Parish  
**9:30** Frank Ruberto req. by Teresa  
Maria & Mario D'Amaro req. by the Family  
**11:30** Tommaso DeAngelis req. by Tony & Rosa DeAngelis  
Anna & Natale Giampa req. by the Family

### Monday, December 5

**8:00** Angelo Paonessa req. by Joe & Lydia Picca  
Anna Vergalito req. by Joe & Lydia Picca

### Tuesday, December 6 St Nicholas

**8:00** Cecil Amadio req. by Charlene Shannon  
Kathryn Kneller req. by Aileen & Bryce Adams  
Tony Panetta req. by the Panetta Families

### Wednesday, December 7 St Ambrose

**8:00** Mary Mollica req. by Louise Leyland  
Beverly Unsworth req. by Louise Leyland

### Thursday, December 8 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**8:00** Antonetta Picca req. by the Family  
Randy Wall & Marco Bortolin req. by the Family

### Friday, December 9 St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

**8:00** Fern Albert req. by Laurette & Jean Guy Rainville  
Kathryn Kneller req. by Lillian Winslow

### Saturday, December 10 Our Lady of Loreto

**5:00** Adua & Jea Pizzolato req. by Angela & David Dumele  
Victor Lea req. by Jeanne & Family

### Sunday, December 11 Third Sunday of Advent

**8:00** Fr. Ben Hogan req. by Cliff & Teresa Sexton  
Ody Argenta req. by the Family  
**9:30** Gino Pullano req. by the Family  
Trevor Watson req. by the Family  
**11:30** People of the Parish

### !!!! Student Weekend Employment !!!!

St. Patrick Church is looking to hire a student (Grade X and up) to work on Saturdays (10:00 AM - 4:00 PM). Duties may include cleaning floors, leaf raking, doing garbage sweeps, clearing snow, opening and closing gates and doors for functions. If interested, please call the parish office or drop off a resume as soon as possible. This could also lead to summer employment with flexible hours!

**Church Bulletin Advertising...** Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in February 2023 & supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

### Communion ministers needed for Eventide Home

One of the ministries of Saint Patrick parish is to the residents of the RH Lawson Eventide home on Jepson Street. Communion is distributed in a service weekly, Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m.. We are in need of more volunteers to help lead this weekly communion service. [Instruction will be provided.] If you feel you may be called to this important ministry, please contact the parish at 905-354-7451

**CWL News...** Hello Ladies... Please note that your **CWL dues of \$40** are now past due for the 2023 calendar year ... as soon as possible please place your money / cheque in an envelope and label it with your name and **CWL dues for 2023** and place it in the collection ... or drop it off at the office .... or contact Maggie Scott at mscott@bhncdsb.ca or 905-246-6212 if you need to deliver it in a different way!!

**Patterson Funeral Home Christmas of Hope Candlelight Memorial Service will be held on Friday, December 9th, 2022 at 7:00pm 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 pattersonfuneralhome.com**

### Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Cole Farnham, Robert Power, Tony Laslo, Andrew Zacharuk, Patrick Macri, Alba Rondinelli, Nancy Waters, Leila Khan, Natalie Speth, Jerry Slak, Jeanne S, John & Laura Giampa, Christine Pritty, Antoinette Vescio, Charlene Shannon, Sandra DeFoe, Missy Bilotta, Mary Lou Gallardi, Flori Heimbigner, Toni Brideau, Robert Morningstar, Leon French, Elaine Pampena, Tony Cuvellio, Rita Ross, Karen Watt, Ron O'Neill, Maureen Kealey, Teresa Calzonetti Spiller, Francis Patterson, Justin Vaillancourt, Jim & Betty Calzonetti, Eric Van Noort, Marcellina Mativo, William JA De Foe, Sr. Carol Forhan CPPS, Judy, D.D., Estelle Critelli, Bernadette Moore, Andrea Fisher, Sister Prem, Leroy Collee, Kelsey Liles, Julian Cassidy, Kelly Laslo, Mahmat, Joe Young, Angelina Greco, Maureen Tustin, Betty Crete, Jeannette Fabian, Teresa Hebb, Gaetan Buteau, Rose MacDonald, Edward Brzozowski, Lori Ann Pizzolato, Andy Scotnicki, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pat DiLorenzo Jr., Joe Power, Karen Bradley, Corinne Journeau, Tom Hilton, Carmine Astorino, Arlene Collee, Betty & Mary Ann Quigley, Nancy Weiss, Marney Broderick, Mark Pepple, Anna Hunt, Bob Marshall, Brian Smith, Gregory Roulston, Cameron Boyes, Danielle Barranca, Kerrie Szuch, John Nicks, Pasquale Abrunzo, Samuel Potapczyk, John Calder, Todd Reid, Anna Chayer, Patricia Williams, Victor Sincich, Nancy Praakel, Jeanne Lea, Norma Zanus, Nancy Huber, John Cox, Nikki Mansfield, Nicolina Compare, Denise Colalillo, Carmella Modenti, Donna Bradley, Elizabeth Stachura, Margaret Smith, Rebecca Evans, Michelle Price, Vito Fuccillo, Bernard Martin, Joyce Weaver, Drago Bicanic, Emmanuel & Aline Chayer, Margaret Waghorn, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Lorraine Spence, Patricia O'Reilly, Evelyn Rose Baker, Francesco Albanese, Gloria Smelko, Conner Hawkswell, Jackie, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Jozefa Bilski, Mary Jo O'Kell, Robert & Maria Melchiorre, Mary Brennan, Faith Amadio, Cheryl Granton, Alessia Comisso, Maria Guerin, Trina Washington, Isabell Frost, Jadwiga Wozniak, John O'Leary, Baby Victoria, Patrick Kealey, Walter Wallace, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Patrick McCarthy, Stefanie Borin, Pepper Martin Jr., Cheryl D'Amizio

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

### Collections

November 27: \$5,792.27

Deo Gratis: \$800.00

Many thanks for your generosity!



**Congratulations and best wishes to**  
Rylee Chambers, Kieran Delaire-Clark, Xavier Huard,  
Lovemery Labonete & Jaxson Smith  
who were recently baptized

### Children Sacramental Dates 2023

Confirmation: Saturday, February 4, 2023 @ 5:00 PM

Confirmation Commitment Ceremony: **Sunday, December 11, 2022 @ 11:30am Mass (all Candidates MUST attend)**

First Reconciliation: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 @ 7:00 PM

First Communion: Sunday, May 7, 2023 @ 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.)

### Update on Church Roof and Accessible Door

**Simple Gooder Roofing Inc.** is hoping to be here next week to do an in-depth inspection of our church roof. There are very few companies out there that work with slate. They will remove slate from several sections and examine the decking. They will also check the decking on the section where we have been losing slate. In September, we had a local company install an aluminum barrier in the gutters to prevent slate from coming onto the parking lot.

We had an unfortunate mishap during our first snowstorm, when a snow plow hit the corner of the accessible entrance of the church. Emergency repairs to prevent water damage have been completed, and we are waiting for adjustments to the door, to ease opening and closing. The insurance adjuster should have an appraisal of damages very soon.



## Dear Friends:

December is here! This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent. We hear from the Prophet Isaiah and from the Prophet John the Baptist. Isaiah had a great vision of peace and justice, and he brought hope to a people in despair! And they waited, and hoped for the Messiah. Then John the Baptist invited the people to prepare for the coming of the Messiah by acknowledging their sins and repenting.

John the Baptist is speaking to me and you 2000 years later. Is there something keeping me from a full relationship with God? Do I need to repent of anything? Maybe I don't feel worthy to stand before God.



Maybe it's the things I fail to do that bothers me, the sins of omission. If so, this is a great season to heed John the Baptist, and allow God deeper into our lives. Perhaps we can avail ourselves of the grace-filled Sacrament of Reconciliation. Then we'll be ready and free, to greet the Lord when he comes! Then on Christmas morning this

year... we will be able to celebrate the Birth of Jesus with a new joy... a "blessed joy!" Happy preparing! (We will be having a Communal Reconciliation Service on Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.)

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We have a great opportunity this weekend to make God's Kingdom a reality for many people. We are making an appeal for our Carmelite Missions, especially for our ministries in Peru, Mexico, Honduras and El Salvador, where our Province 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 all over the world in their efforts to help the poor, feed the hungry, house the homeless, and educate the children. We assist in the formation of seminarians, and Religious men and women in several countries! God bless you for your generosity to the Carmelites over the years! We have been at St. Pat's since 1875!

Fr. Gerard

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I'M SORRY GUY, I KNOW THAT YOU'VE GOT A GOOD HEALTH PLAN AND YOU GIVE OUT FREE GIFTS AND ALL, BUT JESUS REALLY DOES HAVE A MUCH BETTER PLAN

"Advent is the time we are given to welcome the Lord who comes to encounter us, and also to verify our longing for God, to look forward and prepare ourselves for Christ's return." *Pope Francis*

"It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope." - *Pope Benedict XVI*

*If God is your copilot, swap seats.*

## Christmas Children's Pageant

This year, we will once again have our Children's Christmas Pageant! If you would like your child to be part of the Pageant, please give your name to the Parish Secretary before **December 5<sup>th</sup>**. Our first rehearsal and role assignment will be on **Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM!!!** If you sign your child up, your child **MUST** be at the rehearsals. The format will be a little different this year.

## Carmelite Missions Appeal



This weekend, we have our Annual Appeal for the Carmelite Missions, especially for our ministries in Peru, Mexico, Honduras 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. This appeal also provides 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 this Sunday, immediately following the regular collection.

## Dates to Remember

Saturday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM- First Pageant Rehearsal  
Monday, Dec 19<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM- Advent Reconciliation  
Wednesday, Dec 21<sup>st</sup> 6:30 PM- Decorating of Church

## Christmas Mass Schedule 2022

### Christmas Eve- Saturday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>

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- Sunday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>

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

## Christmas Gift Campaign



We have begun our Annual Christmas Gift Campaign. We have gift tags available for children of different ages in our two schools, and around the neighbourhood. We will be using Gift Cards again this year. And the parents will shop for their children.

Grocery cards for each family will be included with the gifts again this year. We will also have tags for stocking stuffers! Many thanks for your ongoing generosity to the local needy. It has been a rough year for many, but we do the best we can. Tags are available for sign-out in the ushers room.

## 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 Deacon David. 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.



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