

# Saint Patrick's Church

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## **Parish Staff**

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## **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.**

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Saturday, February 10 St Scholastica

5:00 Irene Smatana req. by the Family  
Jean Dopke req. by the Family

### Sunday, February 11 World Day of the Sick

8:00 Luke & Imelda Ketterer req. by Geraldine (Jean) Yazaroglu  
Mary & William Fassett req. by Bryce & Aileen Adams  
9:30 Luigi Marcon req. by Dina, Liana & Gino & Family  
Peter Mong req. by the Nguyen Family  
11:30 Sebastian (Sam) Radice req. by Antonietta Radice & Family  
Maria, Donata & Donato Remollino by Antonietta Radice & Family  
7:00 People of the Parish

### Monday, February 12

8:00 Willi Albert req. by Fern Albert  
Deacon Pat O'Brien req. by Liz Woods & Dave Gignac

### Tuesday, February 13

8:00 Antonio (Tony) Muraca req. by Sandy & Matteo  
Antonio Amadio req. by Ange Martin

### Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday

8:00 John Buckner req. by Anna Bortolin & Family  
Wendy Calder req. by Aileen & Bryce Adams  
12:00 Pizzolato Family req. by the Dumele & Pizzolato Families  
Robbie Loro req. by the Family  
7:00 Carmen Elefante req. by Kevin & Anna McPhail  
Caterina Ruberto req. by Michael & Rosemary Brown

### Thursday, February 15

8:00 Emilie & Lindo Marcheson req. by Paul Di Paul

### Friday, February 16

8:00 Gus Dalton & Dorothy Maloney req. by the Family

### Saturday, February 17 The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

5:00 Angela Genovese req. by the Genovese & Radice Families  
Elizabeth, Dom & Tony Senese & Spouses req. by their sister Cecilia  
Sunday, February 18

8:00 People of the Parish  
9:30 Salvatore Sam Cundari req. by his Wife: Teresa & Family  
Donald Jackman req. by Muriel Lafford  
11:30 Giuseppe & Gina Argenta req. by Ody & Diana Argenta  
Domenic Rondinelli by Dora & Jim  
7:00 Lawrence & Lucy Kitney req. by Evelyn Kemp  
Nora & Charles Daley req. by the Family

### 2018 Church Envelopes & 2017 Tax Receipts

Offertory Envelopes & 2017 Tax Receipts are at the main doors of the Church. Please pick yours up today. Thank you!

### St. Patrick's Day Dance, Saturday March 17, 2018

This Fun fund-raiser is run by a dedicated committee of volunteers. The Coordinator needs a **SHADOW** to help oversee the dance, update lists, to make phone calls prior to dance, put up posters, collect Prizes, help with Decorations and Raffle Draws the night of the dance.



Interested persons please contact Colleen

905-374-4025 / colleenm@vaxxine.com or the Church Office

New volunteers needed especially for set up & clean up

Tickets are now available in the Church Office, \$10.00each

**40 Days for Life** – Be part of this peaceful campaign by prayer and fasting during Lent, **February 14-March 25**. We ask each church to adopt ONE DAY from 8 am – 8 pm, with two or more people to give public witness for one or two hours standing on Portage Street at the Niagara Falls General Hospital, holding a sign "Pray to end Abortion – 40 Days for Life." The date for St. Patrick Church is **February 23, 2018**. Please contact Kathy @ 905-357-0432 if you wish to participate or you can sign up on line at: [www.wpcprolife.com](http://www.wpcprolife.com), and follow the link.

**Church Bulletin Advertising...** Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our Church bulletin. The advertising will begin in May 2018 & supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin & advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

*Please pray for those who are hospitalized:*

Jack Horth, Marie Cadman, Sherry Wales

*Please pray for those who are ill*

Mary Power, Erika Bell, Courtney Doody, John Calder, Melissa Brideau, Toni Brideau, John Nicks, Leon Dopke, Anna Hunt, John Kealey, Brenda Hyde, 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, 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 Detlor, Florrie Heimbigner, Kitty Decicco, Evelyn Rose Baker, Jozefa Bilski, Charlene Shannon, Rebecca Evans, Marie Massolin, Maria Guerin, Anna Vergalito, John Jefferson, Todd Reid, Jill Leronowich, Nancy Jean Rose, Vince(Jim) Baldassarro, Patrick McCarthy, Norman Horth, Muriel Pivarnyk, Tom Hilton, Walter Wallace, Stefanie Borin, John Cox, Joyce Weaver, Kerrie Szuch, Faith Amadio, Margaret Smith, Carmella Modenti, Margaret Waghorn, Theresa Poirier, Vito Fuccillo, Baby Hope, Donna Bradley, Cheryl D'Amizio, Kelly Laslo, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Mary Jo O'Kell, Alessia Comisso, 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

January 27 & 28: \$4,616.00

February 3 & 4: \$4,565.00

Many thanks for your generosity!

### Baptism Schedule for 2018

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday, 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, April 3, May 1, June 5, July 3 & August 7 at 7:00 pm.

### Sacramental Dates for 2018

February 14th - Ash Wednesday  
March 3rd - Marriage Preparation  
March 17th - St. Patrick's Dance  
April 1st - Easter Sunday  
April 14th - 5:00 PM- Confirmation  
May 6th - First Communion-  
St.Patrick/St.Mary School 1:30 PM  
(9:30 AM- Children in other schools)

(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.)



### C.W.L. News ...

-Annual Diocesan C.W.L. Retreat, Gethsemane Ministries ...Sat. March 17th or Wed. Mar. 21 ...see flyer on the bulletin board at the back of the church ...please contact Maggie S. if you are interested by Feb. 18th 905-246-6212  
-60th Anniversary C.W.L dinner / dance ... April 21st ... see flyer on the bulletin board at the back of church ... please contact Maggie Scott if you are interested by Feb. 18th 905-246-6212  
-This year we are changing things up a bit ... instead of our usual Spring Fling Dinner, we are going to have a **Trivia Night** right here at St. Pat's ... this is our fundraiser this year for all of the scholarships that we give!! Please save the date... **May 5th** ... details and tickets to be sold soon!!!

**Ontario Early Years Centre** is located in St. Patrick School. Open Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 8:30am to 12 Noon. It is a FREE program with fun activities for the little ones. Call 905-357-2398 for more details, or check out the website: [niagaracatholic.ca/oeycnf](http://niagaracatholic.ca/oeycnf)

*The Pastor's Pen*

Dear Friends:

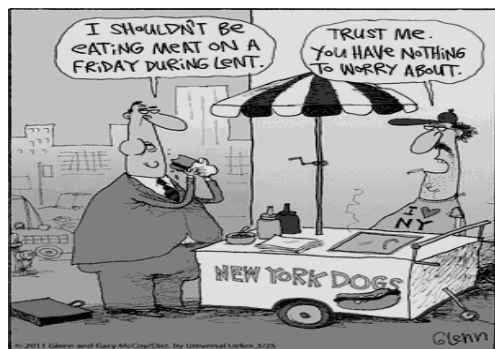


It is good to be back again. I spent the last two weeks with my mother in Newfoundland. She is still in declining health, having experienced a third fracture to her spine. This has limited her mobility. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

Today, February 11th, is **World Day of the Sick**! This was started in 1993 by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes. Pope Francis recently wrote the following, *"Jesus bestowed upon the Church his healing power. The Church's mission is a response to Jesus' gift, for she knows that she must bring to the sick the Lord's own gaze, full of tenderness and compassion. Health care ministry will always be a necessary and fundamental task, to be carried out with renewed enthusiasm by all, from parish communities to the most largest healthcare institutions. We cannot forget the tender love and perseverance of many families in caring for their chronically sick or severely disabled children, parents and relatives. The care given within families is an extraordinary witness of love for the human person; it needs to be fittingly acknowledged and supported by suitable policies. Doctors and nurses, priests, consecrated men and women, volunteers, families and all those who care for the sick, take part in this ecclesial mission. It is a shared responsibility that enriches the value of the daily service given by each."* We each have a role to play in caring for those who are ill. Every Mass at St. Pat's, we remember those who have asked for our prayers. We pray for all who are hospitalized. We can never underestimate the power of prayer for those who are ill. We learn from the Master Himself in today's Gospel! Jesus heals a man with leprosy. His actions were so powerful! **Moved with pity**, Jesus stretched out his hand, and **touched** the leper, and cured him! In touching him, Jesus rendered himself ritually unclean, but he didn't care! That's what love does. He looked beyond the law, saw a human soul in misery, and healed him with his loving **touch**.

How do I approach the untouchables and outcasts, and those whom I find difficult to love? Whom do I render unclean? Or judge unfit? Or ostracize? We are to touch and support not just the physically sick, but all those whose lives are hurting and need healing in any way. Feeling pity, and showing mercy and compassion are Christian qualities of **great minds and large hearts**. May we never forget that God is always ready to show us his mercy and to free us from whatever makes us unwell. Have a healing week!

Fr. Gerard



"Lent is a time of going very deeply into ourselves... What is it that stands between us and God? Between us and our brothers and sisters? Between us and life, the life of the Spirit? Whatever it is, let us relentlessly tear it out, without a moment's hesitation."

## LENT BEGINS

This week we begin the Season of Lent. Wednesday is Ash Wednesday! We will go into the spiritual desert for 40 days, and spend some personal time working on ourselves. Soul-searching, soul-making, naval-gazing. We are encouraged to celebrate this season with **fasting, almsgiving and prayer**. One thing we are encouraged to do in preparation for Easter is to celebrate the **Sacrament of**



**Reconciliation**. We all need God's healing power, and his special grace in the Sacrament. We are all sinners. Sin can exercise such force over us that we can feel numbed. Our self worth can be so torn down, that we feel incapable of approaching healing. Lent is a wonderful season of

grace if we **give ourselves to it**. So, in these days before Lent, we need to prepare our hearts, by realizing how much we want to grow in freedom, how much we need to lighten our spirits and experience some real joy, and how much some parts of our lives really need changing. Have a grace-filled season of Lent! **Priests will be available for Reconciliation in every parish in our diocese on Saturday, March 17th from 10 AM to 2 PM.**

## Weekday Mass Schedule for Lent

<b>Monday-</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
<b>Tuesday-</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
<b>Wednesday-</b>	<b>8:00 AM &amp; 7:00 PM</b>
<b>Thursday-</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
<b>Friday-</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>



## Stations of the Cross

**Friday 7:00 PM** followed by **Benediction** and **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**



## Three Traditional Lenten Practices

**Prayer, fasting and almsgiving** are three traditional spiritual exercises to consider during Lent. Properly approached and utilized, they will indeed facilitate a change of heart and conversion in our lives. As one writer says, **"prayer, fasting and almsgiving are not the point of Lent, they are the tools of Lent."** They are like three legs of a tripod. **Prayer** nourishes our spirits; **Fasting** disciplines our bodies and puts us in solidarity with those who suffer from hunger; and **almsgiving** enlarges our hearts as we commit ourselves to the good of others.

## Ryan's Bowl Food Program "A Lenten Sacrifice" for St. Pat's!

Once again this Lent, we will have a special container at the front and back of the church. All donations will assist a food program in which one of our parishioners, Ken Walsh, has helped initiate in Eastern Uganda. Each day **Ryan's Bowl** feeds upwards to 1200 children at local Catholic Schools. This is the only hot meal these children get each day! Please place your donations into these containers during Lent! If you wish to donate by cheque, please make payable to **Ryan's Bowl Food Program**. "Lord, when did we see you hungry?"

**RYAN'S BOWL  
FOOD PROGRAM**



This is a Registered Charity under the Canada Revenue Agency, and they issue their own receipts for Income Tax Purposes. Approximately 90% of their funds go directly to the Lunch Program. The other 10% is used for school fees for the most desperate, a school uniform to replace the most tattered, also notebooks and pencils, and in dire cases, to purchase a goat for very needy families. Check out their website: [ryansbowl.ca](http://ryansbowl.ca)

## CHURCH ENVELOPES- From our Accountant

Once again we wish to remind our Envelope users, that if you use the **St. Vincent de Paul** or **Ryan's Bowl** Church envelopes, found in your boxes, **please make cheques payable to St. Patrick Parish**. The parish office issues a cheque to each organization at the end of the month, and also issues a parish tax receipt. If you wish to make a donation directly to the organization, **then please use an envelope other than the Official Church Envelopes**. The parish cannot issue a receipt for cheques made payable to another entity or organization! Thanks for your cooperation!



## Mass Schedule

**8:00 AM**  
**12:00 Noon**  
**7:00 PM**



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