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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-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

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New Parishioners are asked to complete a parish registration form.

5:00 Irene Smatana req by the Family Bill Huggins & Family req by the O'Kell Family

Sunday, February 16

8:00 People of the Parish

**9:30** Madeline Pietroiusti *req by Joe & Loreta Antonio* Ovidio & Madeline Rosati *req by the Grandchildren* 

**11:30** Emily & Lindo Marcheson *req by John DiPaul* Lucy Janssen, Michael DeGuida, Lucy DeMizio & Anna DeMizio *reg by Cousins: Angela. Anna & Frank Luciano* 

Monday, February 17 The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

8:00 Peter Mong req by the Nguyen Family Intentions of the Little Flower Society

Tuesday, February 18

**8:00** Lucy Janssen *req by Willie & William Janssen* Intentions of the Little Flower Society

Wednesday, February 19

8:00 Intentions of the Little Flower Society Ted Hassall reg by the Family

Thursday, February 20

8:00 Frances Campaner req by the Campaner Family Bruna Forte req by Anna Bortolin

Friday, February 21 St Peter Damian

8:00 Intentions of the Little Flower Society

Saturday, February 22 Chair of St Peter

**5:00** Tullio Milani *req by Giuliana & Susan Milani* Ken Anthony Van Den Elzen *req by the Gowans Family* 

Sunday, February 23

8:00 Lucia DeLucia req by Pasqualina DeMizio & Family Michael Moran req by the Connors Family

9:30 Pacifico Sacco req by the Family Marian Abbott req by John & Helen Olsiak

11:30 People of the Parish



#### 2025 will be a Special Year

The year 2025 is a **Jubilee Year** in the Church. It will be centered on the theme "Pilgrims of Hope." As His Holiness Pope Francis so beautifully expressed it: "We must fan the flame of hope that

has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision."

The year 2025 officially marks  $150\ years$  of the Carmelites being in



Niagara Falls, Canada (1875-2025). We will have several celebrations during 2025 at St. Patrick Parish, at Our Lady of Peace Parish, and at the Monastery of Mount Carmel. Stay tuned!

Is God calling You?...If you feel called to serve as an Altar Server, Funeral Server, Eucharistic Minister, Lector or with the *Children's Liturgy* please call the parish office, 905-354-7451.

#### Little Flower Society Cards

St. Patrick 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 those cards, you not only comfort a family member or friend, but you also support the mission of the Carmelites, our Carmelite Vocation Efforts, and our Carmelite Formation Programs in several countries.

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

**Rest in Peace...** We pray for the souls of Joe Scozzafava, Raymond Bedard, Martin Lopez, Dee Mannella and Virginia Raffiñan. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families 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.

Mary Power, Flori Heimbigner, Kenneth Power, Jacquie Power, Connie Power, Emma Corfield, Jeanne Lea, Joe Antonio, Leonardo Gualtieri, Muriel Lafford, Isabell Frost, Robert Orsini, Rick Woram, Enzo Bellon, Kurt Stevens, Barbara Conidi, Lindsey Luby, Norm Scott, Toni Brideau, Charlene Shannon, Scott MacLaren, Jim Crowley, Sherry Wales, Peter Meisenburg Jr., Leila Khan, Maureen Young, Maureen Tustin, Maureen Watson, Anna Hunt, Mary Jo O'Kell, Nancy Waters, David Gallina, John F, John Arnold, Leroy Collee, Andrew Zacharuk, Patrick Macri, Victor Pizzolato, Jeanne S, Christine Pritty, John & Laura Giampa, Jim & Betty Calzonetti, Eric Van Noort, Julian Cassidy, Lorraine Spence, Estelle Critelli, D.D., Missy Bilotta, Rita Ross, Leon French, Tony Cuviello, Kelsey Liles, Sr. Carol Forhan CPPS, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Samantha Jayne, Laurie Crites-Warner, Norma Zanus, Judy, Jadwiga Wozniak, Kerrie Szuch, William JA DeFoe, Betty Crete, Sister Prem, 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, Francesco Albanese, Julie Nicholson, Emmanuel & Aline Chayer, Carmella Modenti, Bernard Martin, Joyce Weaver, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Margaret Waghorn, Evelyn Rose Baker, Patricia O'Reilly, Fran Smelko, Gloria Smelko, Jackie, Faith Amadio, Vanessa Athoe, Walter Wallace, Marie Brooker, Francois Chayer, Samuel Potapczyk, Jozefa Bilski, Elda Schneider, Susana Flego, Patricia Flego, Cynthia Alegre

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

#### **Collections**

February 9<sup>th</sup>: \$5,309.02 Many thanks for your generosity!

### **Baptism Schedule for 2025**

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: Sunday February 23, March 23 (Infants Only), April 27, May 18 & June 22.

A mandatory meeting for <u>Parents and Godparents</u> will be held in the Church on Tuesday, February 11, March 18, April 22, May 6 and June 10 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!

## Sacramental Dates for 2025

First Reconciliation: Wednesday, February 26, 2025 @ 7:00pm First Communion: <u>Sunday, May 25, 2025</u> @ 9:30am & 1:30pm NEW DATE

Mandatory Preparation Meeting: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 @ 7:00pm (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.)

#### **Hospital Visits**

If you have a family member in hospital who would like a visit from a priest, please let the nursing station know. They will have the switchboard call for a priest. There have been several policy changes at the hospitals. Priests no longer have access to a list of patients and not all parking will be covered for clergy (emergency switchboard calls only).



#### **Dear Friends:**

Happy Valentine's Day and Happy Family Day Weekend! May God bless our families and keep them healthy and strong.

Today is the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Luke's Gospel gives us four Beatitudes, followed by four woes. We are told that Jesus came down the mountain and stood on a level place and taught the crowds. This is referred to as *The Sermon on the Plain*.

We are very familiar with the eight *Beatitudes* in Matthew's Gospel, which Jesus taught on the mountain (*Sermon on the Mount*). While Matthew speaks about the **proper attitudes of the Christian**, [like "Blessed are the poor in spirit,"] Luke speaks about the **present reality of the Christian!** Jesus turns our common worldview upside down. He came to set up a society based on mutual love and sharing and support. A Kingdom for this world and not just the next.

This is a good week to place ourselves on a level place with Jesus.



What is he saying to me? What is my present reality? How is my relationship with Him? With myself? With my family? With the poor? Do I help those in need? Would he be directing any of his *woes* to me? Where do I truly place my trust and my hope? In things? In God?

In the 1st Reading, the prophet Jeremiah emphasizes the importance of putting faith in God, because that is where true wisdom lies. Do we really trust God with everything? May we bring to God our needs, hungers, sadness, confusion and longings. May we see clearly where we have misplaced our values or misdirected our energies. Then we can spend this week and next, drawing closer to God and to all our brothers and sisters, especially those in need. Have a blessed Family Day and a blessed week.

#### Fr. Gerard



"It's lucky our family comes out even. Out of a dozen doughnuts we each get two!"

#### Family Day

Our Parish Office will be closed on **Family Day**, Monday, February 17th. Maybe we could use this day to do some activity to promote family unity and peace!

#### Quotes on Family

- -As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live.  $\it Pope\ John\ Paul\ II$
- -The family is the first essential cell of human society. Pope John XXIII
- -You don't choose your family. They are God's gift to you, as you are to them. *Desmond Tutu*
- -What can you do to promote world peace? Go home and love your family. *Mother Teresa*
- -A family doesn't need to be perfect; it just needs to be united.

#### St. Patrick's Weekend ---- SAVE THE DATE

Come out and celebrate St. Patrick's Day! On **Saturday, March 15th** we will have a potluck buffet in the parish hall. Doors will open at 6:00. Food will be served at 6:30. You **must call** the parish office in advance to let us know how many people will be coming, and **what dish** you will be bringing. We will need

salads, hot dishes and desserts! There will be no bar service, so please bring your own spirits (BYOB)! There will be some pop and water available for purchase. We will have Irish Music playing throughout the evening, some dancing, and some accordion music by Fr. Gerard. This event is open to all ages. Please wear green!!! Watch the bulletin for more details. Limited seating available, so call early.

#### A Prayer for Family

Loving God,

Please shine your light, love and peace upon our family.

Give us strength to overcome all the difficulties

that we sometimes have to face.

and protect us against any and all problems

we may encounter in the future.

Please keep us together as we

are meant to be.

May the love that binds us only grow stronger through the years

as we fulfill the plan you have laid out for us.

Grant our family forgiveness for any sins we

have committed. May we also forgive one

another, as it is sometimes difficult to do.

Bless us always O God. We ask this in Your Name. Amen

#### **Church Envelopes and Income Tax Receipts**

Please make sure you pick up your Income Tax Receipts and Offertory Envelopes. They are in the sacristy, to the left of the altar. Many thanks.

#### **Family Humour Quotes**

"Some family trees bear an enormous crop of nuts." - Wayne Huizenga
"Happiness is having a large, loving, caring, close-knit family in another
City." - George Burns

"Having one kid makes you a parent. Having two kids makes you a referee." - David Frost



Parish Registration Please help keep our records up to date! You may be form to the parish office or place it in the collection.	oring this
Name:	
Address:	
City:PostalCode:	
Telephone:	
I am new in the parish and wish to register	
I wish to use contribution envelopes	
I have recently moved	
I have changed my phone number	
We have married & wish to update our information	

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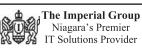
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