

# Saint Patrick's Church

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Rev. Gerard Power, O.Carm., Pastor  
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Anne Marie Atkinson, Accountant Secretary  
Peter Feltrin, Property Manager & Custodian

## **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.**

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



### 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 First Sunday of Lent

**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

### Monday, February 19

**8:00** Wendy Calder req. by Anna Bortolin & Family  
Daminh Vong & Daminh Hung req. by Duy's Family

### Tuesday, February 20

**8:00** Frances Campaner req. by Vince & Carol Campaner & Family  
Bruna Forte req. by Anna Bortolin & Family

### Wednesday, February 21 St Peter Damian

**8:00** John Buckner req. by Aileen & Bryce Adams

**7:00** Fr. Ben, Fr. Bart & Fr. Brian req. by Parish Staff

### Thursday, February 22 Chair of St Peter

**8:00** John & Helen MacDonnell req. by Friends  
Stephen & Georgette Lafferty req. by Friends

### Friday, February 23 St Polycarp

**8:00** Lucia De Lucia req. by Pasqualina De Mizio & Family  
Robbie Loro req. by his Family

### Saturday, February 24

**5:00** George Morrison req. by Helen & Peter Lelievre  
Frances & Bob Comeau req. by Parish Staff

### Sunday, February 25 Second Sunday of Lent

**8:00** People of the Parish

**9:30** Maria Gulla req. by the Family  
Pacifco Sacco req. by the Family

**11:30** Dante Rossi req. by Maria Rossi & Family  
Lucy Jenssen, Michael DeGuida & Lucy De Mizio by the Family

**7:00** Krys Potapczyk req. by Les & Peg Potapczyk  
Carmen Elefante req. by the Children of St. Pat's

### 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 refer to the Bulletin Boards at the back and side entrances of the Church for many important notices and events.

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

### Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Jack Horth, Marie Cadman, Sherry Wales, Allan Power, Carrie-Lynn Sones-Taylor

### Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, Courtney Doody, James Moody Sr., 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 Laffrati, Pauline Miner, Edna McDonell, 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, 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'Ammizio, 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

February 11 & Heating: \$5,908.00

Many thanks for your generosity!

### Baptism Schedule for 2018

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday, 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.

### Important Dates for 2018

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 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!!!  
-We are also planning a bus trip to Midland Shrine on Saturday May 26th ... keep your eyes peeled for details about this adventure!!!  
More info for Midland & Trivia night for the bulletins following these ones!!!

### Upcoming Wedding at St. Patrick's in February

*Jessica Johnstone & Kevin Gillies*

**Family Day** ...Our Parish Office will be closed on Family Day, Monday, February 19th. Maybe we could use this day to do some activity to promote family unity and peace!



Dear Friends:

Lent has officially begun! On Wednesday, hundreds came out to Mass to have ashes marked on their foreheads. These ashes, from last year's burned Palm Branches, are a reminder that we are creatures, under God's care. We are human, made in the **image and likeness of God**. And God who created us, calls us into relationship... and calls us back when we wander. Ashes are also a reminder of our mortality, **"Remember you are dust and unto dust you shall return!"**



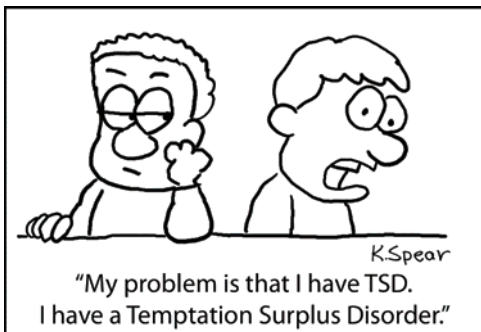
Today's Gospel scene occurs after Jesus' Baptism. The Spirit drove him out into the desert for **40 days**, with wild beasts... and he was **tempted by Satan**, and angels waited on him. The 1st Sunday of Lent always deals with **TEMPTATION!!!** Unfortunately, temptations are

**everywhere** and they can be tough to fight. The day we think we're no longer subject to temptation, is the day we should take our pulse, because we're probably dead. All sin is attractive! If it wasn't, we wouldn't be tempted by it.

In the desert, Jesus was tempted by Satan to save his own life and to reject his Father's plan. But his love for his Father and **his love for us** were more powerful than anything Satan or the world could tempt him with. When we **choose Christ**, the devil doesn't stand a chance. Jesus fights with us, never gives up on us, especially when evil or sin makes inroads into our lives.

These 40 days of Lent can be spent looking for ways to grow in our love for God and for each other. Can we work harder at fighting off temptation? Can we give God our sins in the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**? Can we unite ourselves to Him through more active participation in the Eucharist and all forms of prayer? Can we get out of our own wills and allow God's grace to come deeper into our lives? Can we increase our help for the poor? We pray for courage and strength to live **Christ-filled lives**! With Christ at the helm, and at the center of our lives, nothing that the world throws at us will defeat us. He is the conqueror of temptation, the victor over sin. Have a grace-filled Lent!

Fr. Gerard



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Virtue is nothing without the trial of temptation, for there is no conflict without an enemy, no victory without strife. *(Pope St. Leo the Great)*

Your first task is to be dissatisfied with yourself, fight sin, and transform yourself into something better. Your second task is to put up with the trials and temptations of this world that will be brought on by the change in your life and to persevere to the very end in the midst of these things. *(St. Augustine)*

### Prayer for Parkland, Florida

Dear God, as we were celebrating Ash Wednesday and St. Valentine's Day, another senseless act of violence took place against your children, our brothers and sisters. This time it was at **Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School** in Parkland, Florida. This is just so hard to comprehend. You know O God, that we pray constantly for an end to violence. How much more do we have to endure? When will this violence end? Please send a stronger Spirit of peace across our world. Be there O God, to comfort the victims and families, the students and staff, and the First Responders of this violent attack. Grant wisdom to all our government leaders, and lawmakers so that they can make the necessary decisions to protect all citizens! May peace prevail.

### Weekday Mass Schedule for Lent

Monday- 8:00 AM  
Tuesday- 8:00 AM  
Wednesday- 8:00 AM & 7:00 PM  
Thursday- 8:00 AM  
Friday- 8:00 AM



### 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 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 offertory 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!



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