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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 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.

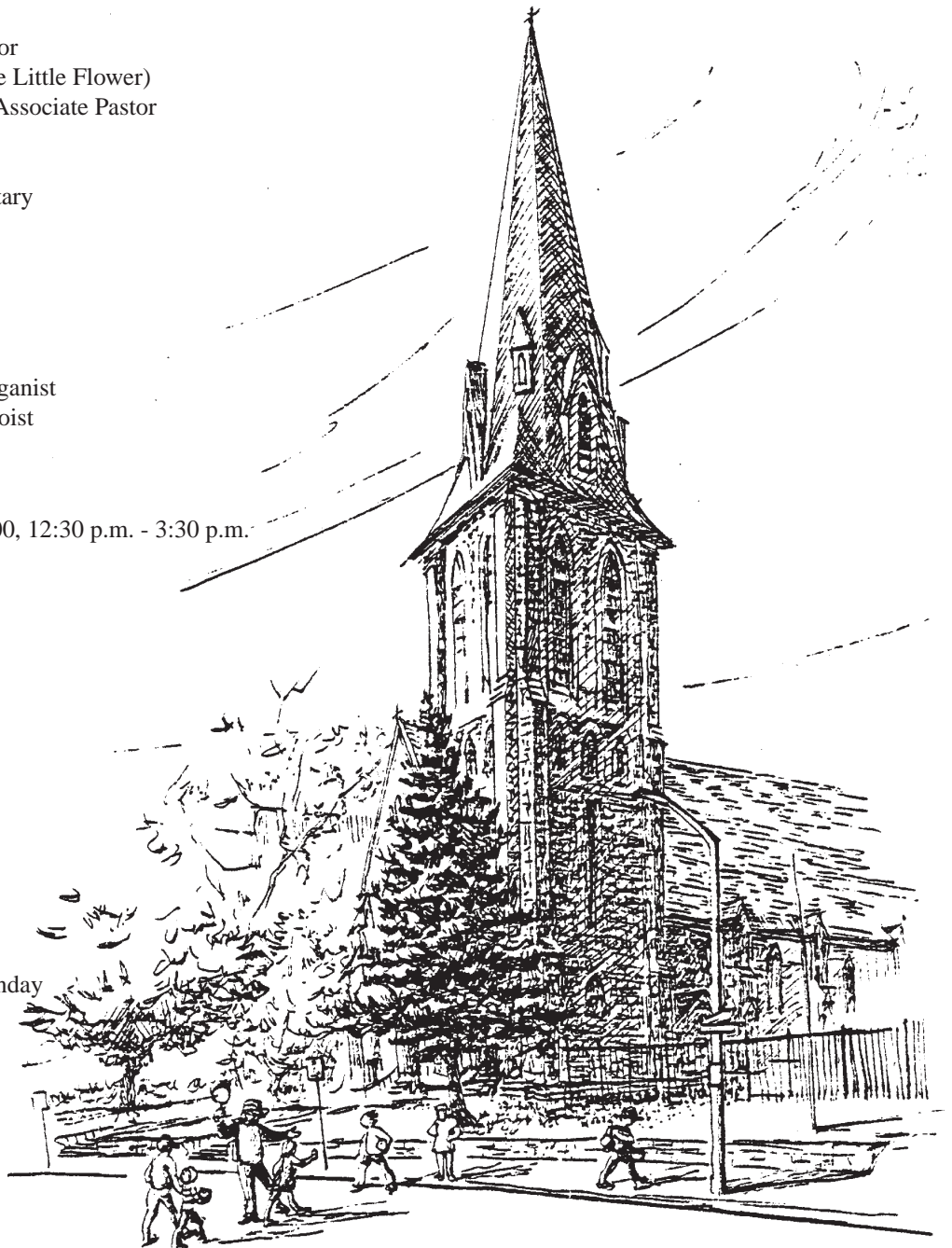
Schools

St. Patrick School 905-354-6631
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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.



THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



Saturday, February 1

5:00 Nina Audibert *req by Fred & Betty*
Anita & Roger Archambault *req by Jeanne Lea & Family*

Sunday, February 2 The Presentation of the Lord

8:00 Mary & William Fassett *req by Aileen & Bryce*
Giuseppina Canali *req by Ann & John Condotta*

9:30 People of the Parish

11:30 Mark Stewart *req by Mom & Dad*
Benito Giustini *req by the Giustini Family*

Monday, February 3 St Blaise & St Ansgar

8:00 Intentions of the Little Flower Society

Tuesday, February 4

8:00 Intentions of the Little Flower Society

Wednesday, February 5 St Agatha

8:00 Intentions of the Little Flower Society

Thursday, February 6 St Paul Miki & Companions

8:00 Deacon Pat O'Brien *req by the Family*
Alessandro Luciano *req by the Holy Land Pilgrims*

Friday, February 7

8:00 Intentions of the Little Flower Society

Saturday, February 8 St Jerome Emiliani & St Josephine Bakhita

5:00 Leo Martin *req by the Family*
Francesco D'Angelo *req by Lucia D'Angelo & Family*

Sunday, February 9

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 Mirian Abbott *req by David & Carole Whitty*
Fred Girardo Jr. *req by Rosemary & Family*

11:30 Nancy DiPaolo *req by John DiPaul*
Leo & Marilyn Quinn *req by the Family*



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!



Celebrating Significant Wedding Anniversaries this Jubilee Year

All married couples, especially those celebrating significant anniversaries are invited to attend a Mass commemorating the 2025 World Day of Marriage. This special liturgy will take place on February 9, 2025 at 2pm at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria. A coffee social will follow the Mass.

2025 Special Wedding Anniversaries...Bishop Bergie will send a congratulatory certificate to married couples who have celebrated or will celebrate a 1st, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60th+ Anniversary in the year 2025.

To receive a certificate, please complete a registration form available at the parish Office.

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.

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

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Leo Barrett, Zbigniew Jastrzebski, Ethel Moody, Ed Rampado, Alessandro Luciano, Cynthia Marquardt and Tom and Barbara Silks. 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, 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 Cuvillo, 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

January 26th: \$4,542.56
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 **Parents and Godparents** 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: Sunday, May 25, 2025 @ 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. Beginning in September, not all parking will be covered for clergy (emergency switchboard calls only).



Dear Friends:

It's good to be back from Newfoundland. I had a nice visit for 2 weeks with my mother and family. It had been 18 months since I was home. The weather was rather spring-like, with not a sign of winter. Mom is doing fairly well, with good days and bad days. She will be 89 this spring. We gathered at her retirement residence for several family celebrations. We had a lot of fun, music and feasts! It was great to get home, to see everyone, and to enjoy Newfoundland cuisine: Jiggs Dinner, Scallops, Cod, Crab, Rabbits, Turrs, and Moose. Fr. Joi held the fort very well! Not that I ever had a doubt. We are truly blessed to have him here at St. Patrick's. Many thanks to Fr. Michael and Fr. Bill for assisting at Masses.

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This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the **Presentation of the Lord**. This Feast falls on a Sunday every seven years! According to the Jewish custom, Mary had to be purified, forty days after Jesus' birth. After this purification ritual, Mary and Joseph present Jesus to the Lord in the Temple at Jerusalem, as required by the Law.

Luke's Gospel tells us that in the temple they met Simeon and Anna. Simeon, a man led by the Spirit, had been longing for the salvation promised by God. When he saw the Holy Family, he took the baby Jesus in his arms and prayed with fervor; thanking God for the joy of meeting the long-awaited source of salvation for the whole world. He recognizes Jesus as both the glory of Israel and the "light" to the Gentiles. Anna, too, recognizes in the child Jesus a source of great joy because of the redemption that will come to the world because of him.

This feast of the Presentation of the Lord is a great day for us to be rejuvenated in our faith, to be excited about God. Is Jesus really a big part of my life, or do I only call on him when things are not going well? Do I get excited about my salvation? Or do I take it for granted? Do I keep my faith to myself or do I share it with others? Do I, like Mary and Joseph, follow all the customs of my Religion... or do I merely pick and choose what suits me, or what I agree with? Some great questions to ask ourselves on this Feast? May the Holy Family watch over all of us! And may we present to God the very best of ourselves! Have a blessed and light-filled week.

Fr. Gerard



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When it storms and snows on Candlemas Day, Spring is not far away.
But if it's bright and clear, Spring is not yet near!

Thought for the Week

Don't tell God how Big your storm is,
tell the Storm how Big your God is.

Candlemas Day

Candlemas Day is another name for the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. The Presentation is a proclamation of Christ- Messiah and Priest, Lord and Savior. He is the light who came into this world to dispel sin and darkness. Traditionally, since the seventh century, candles have been blessed at Mass this day that will be used throughout the year, hence coining the term "Candlemas." As we consider the feast of the Presentation, we remember that our parents presented us at church for our Baptism. We were dedicated to God, and given the name, "Christian." We also received a lit candle from the paschal candle, during which the priest said, "You have been enlightened by Christ. Walk always as a child of the light and keep the flame of faith alive in your heart. When the Lord comes, may you go out to meet Him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom." Therefore, as a light, each of us must bear witness to Our Lord. We must be the beacon that guides others to Christ.

St. Blaise

Monday, February 3rd is the Feast of **St. Blaise**. We will have a Blessing of Throats after each Mass this weekend (during the closing hymn). We will also offer a blessing of throats at the end of Mass on Monday morning. (St. Blaise was a physician and bishop of Sebastea in historical Armenia who is venerated as a Christian saint and martyr. Blaise is venerated as a saint in the Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, and Oriental Orthodox churches. He is the patron saint of wool combers and throat disease.)



Happy
Groundhog
Day!

Groundhog Day is Sunday, February 2nd. What will the groundhog say? Will winter last another 6 weeks? The tradition of Groundhog day began in the 18th century. It is said that if the groundhog sees its shadow on February 2nd, there will be six more weeks of winter. In North America the most famous groundhogs are **Punxsutawney Phil** from the United States and **Wiarton's Willie** from Canada. May the snow block their holes and prevent them from surfacing!!! With the rising price of meat, they'll probably be afraid to surface this year! ☺

Smile for the Week

Blessed are you who expect nothing, for you shall never be disappointed.



Congratulations and best wishes to
Eleanor Calaguiro, Daniel Das, Elijah Rankin and Violet Rodriguez who were recently baptized

2025 Church Envelopes & 2024 Tax Receipts

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

Holy Rosary

Every weekday morning at 7:30, the Holy Rosary is prayed
in St. Patrick Church.

Keep Mary in mind, and Jesus will grow in your heart!

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