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## Parish Staff

Rev. Gerard Power, O.Carm., Pastor  
(Director in Canada, Society of the Little Flower)  
Rev. Joiezl Fern Piñon, O.Carm., Associate Pastor  
Rev. Marvin Diongzon, O.Carm., Associate Pastor  
Rev. Mr. David Scott, Deacon  
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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 course is required.

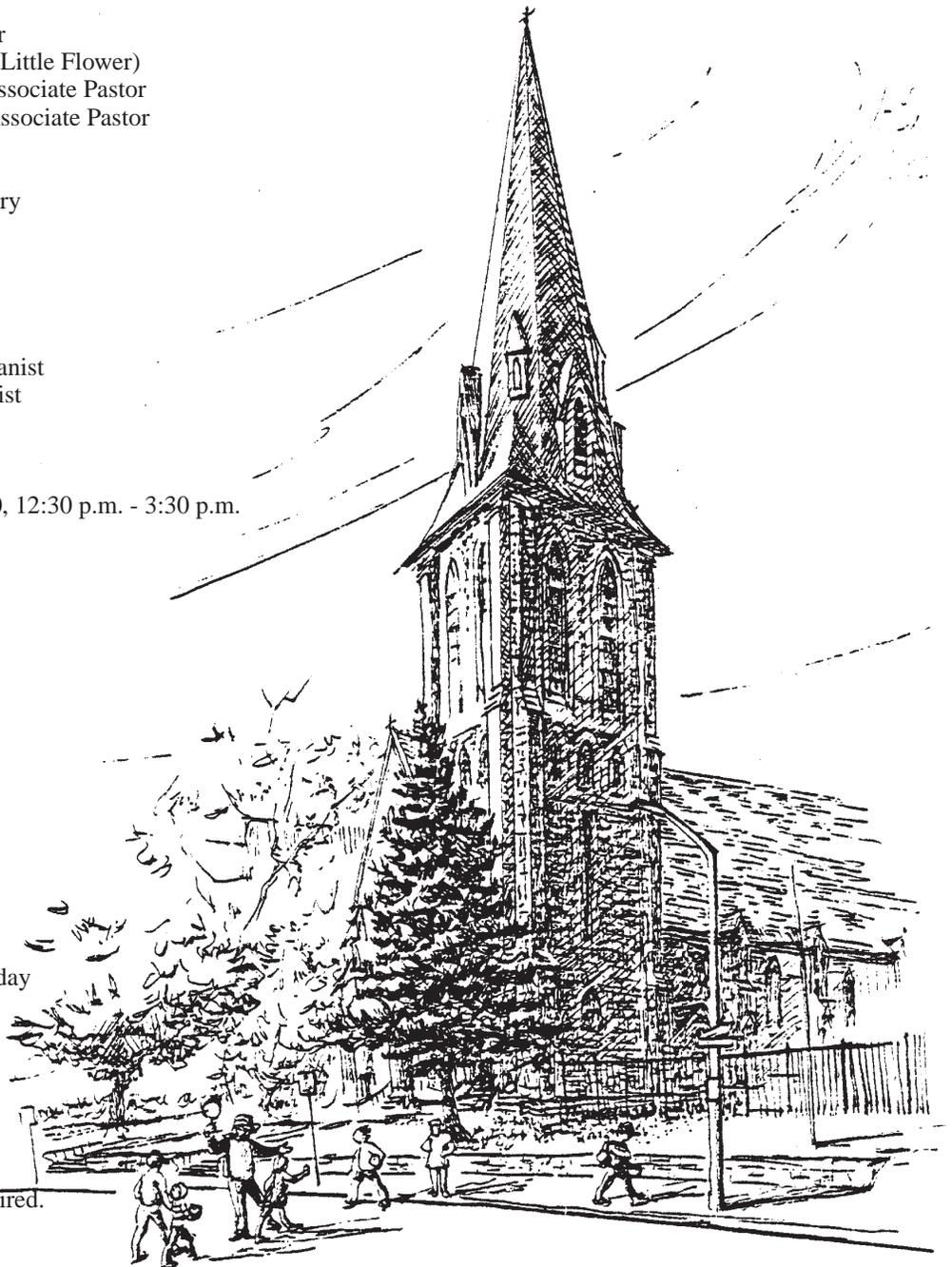
## Schools

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.**



# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



## Saturday, February 21 St Peter Damian

5:00 Joyce & Ray Weaver req by the Family  
Ruby Crowley req by Grandson: Kevin Delaney

## Sunday, February 22 First Sunday of Lent

8:00 People of the Parish  
9:30 Pacifico Sacco req by the Family  
Charlene Shannon req by Andy & Norma Jean & Family  
11:30 Veronica Szalecki req by the Gowans Family  
Maria & Nicola Dilibero req by the Family

## Monday, February 23 St Polycarp

8:00 Guseph Hung req by the Nguyen Family  
Peter Ross req by the Family

## Tuesday, February 24

8:00 Intentions of the Little Flower Society  
For those who have no one to Pray for them req by the Nguyen Fam

## Wednesday, February 25

8:00 Guseph Thap req by the Nguyen Family  
Intentions of the Little Flower Society

## Thursday, February 26

8:00 Bruna Forte req by Anna Bortolin & Family  
Intentions of the Little Flower Society

## Friday, February 27 St Gregory of Narek

8:00 Thresiamia Joseph req by Soji Joseph  
Intentions of the Little Flower Society

## Saturday, February 28

5:00 Gus & Zorka Wach req by Friends  
Nancy McKinley req by Friends

## Sunday, March 1 Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 Johnny MacLean req by Dad, Mom & Bro  
John Franklin req by Ray & Brenda Hicks & Family  
9:30 James, Elmira & Danny Dick req by Yvette & Colette  
Concetta & Luigi Canal req by their Daughters  
11:30 People of the Parish

### 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!

Call to Serve ...Your community needs you to share your gifts! Please consider being a minister in your community as Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Altar Server, Funeral Server, or Usher. Give your name to the parish office and we will train you!

### Church Envelopes and Income Tax Receipts

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



Congratulations and best wishes to Calum Brotherston & Riley Jacinto who were recently baptized

Thank you to the Pullano Family for donating the Sanctuary Candles to be burned at the Tabernacle during 2026, in memory of their Mother, Rosina Pullano.

### Fr. Joi and Fr. Marvin Away

On February 19<sup>th</sup>, Frs. Joi and Marvin left for the Philippines for their Carmelite Provincial Chapter. Fr. Marvin will return after two weeks. Fr. Joi will be taking an 8-week vacation. So he will return after Easter. We wish both of them safe travels. We keep their Carmelite Province in our prayers.

Rest in Peace... We pray for the soul of Eileen Stevens. May she rest in peace. Please remember her family 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.

Mila Clark, Baby Maeve, Mary Power, Howard Wales, Madeleine Jackson, Anna Hunt, Maureen Young, Robynn Bombicino, Rosaria Anania, Dan M., Norah Marrie, Peter Meisenburg Jr., Victor Pizzolato, Norm Scott, Edward Brzozowski, Emma Corfield, Jeanne Lea, Theresa Prentice, Baby Max, Leonardo Gualtieri, Muriel Lafford, Robert Orsini, Enzo Bellon, Kurt Stevens, Barbara Conidi, Lindsey Luby, Toni Brideau, D.D., Scott MacLaren, Jim Crowley, Sherry Wales, Leila Khan, Maureen Tustin, Maureen Watson, Mary Jo O'Kell, Nancy Waters, John Arnold, Leroy Collee, Andrew Zacharuk, Jeanne S, Patrick Macri, Christine Pritty, John & Laura Giampa, Eric Van Noort, Jim & Betty Calzonetti, Julian Cassidy, Lorraine Spence, Estelle Critelli, Rita Ross, S.H., Sr. Carol Forhan CPPS, Leon French, Kelsey Liles, Tony CuvIELLO, William JA DeFoe, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Sr. Prem, Mahmat, Betty Crete, Samantha Jayne, Laurie Crites-Warner, Norma Zanus, Judy, Kerrie Szuch, Bob Marshall, Cameron Boyes, Danielle Barranca, Kelly Laslo, Lori Ann Pizzolato, Betty & Mary Ann Quigley, Maria Guerin, Marie Brooker, Teresa Hebb, John Calder, Karen Bradley, Arlene Collee, Gregory Roulston, Anna Chayer, Denise Colalillo, Patrick McCarthy, Michelle Price, Julie Nicholson, Samuel Potapczyk, Josie Wojciechowska, Elda Schneider, Francesco Albanese, Emmanuel & Aline Chayer, Carmella Modenti, Bernard Martin, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Margaret Waghorn, Evelyn Rose Baker, Patricia O'Reilly, Fran Smelko, Gloria Smelko, Jackie, Faith Amadio, Vanessa Athoe, Walter Wallace, Elizabeth Stachura, Francois Chayer, Jozefa Bilski, 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 15: \$5,928.10  
Giving Bowl: \$955.20 (to date)  
Many thanks for your generosity!

### Baptism Schedule for 2026

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday April 26 & May 31**. A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, **Apr 14 & May 19 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 the Upcoming Year 2026

**Mandatory First Communion Meeting: Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 7:00pm**, in the Church, Parents & Student must attend  
**First Communion: Sunday, May 3, 2026 @ 9:30am & 1:30pm**  
(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.)



Please continue to bring food items to Mass for Project Share! Every item helps!

*"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"*

Project Share sends a heartfelt thanks to our parish for the generous donations of food over the past year. We are truly making a difference.

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.ca>



(Please remember that you can e-transfer your Sunday Offertory as a direct deposit to [stpatrick1895@hotmail.com](mailto:stpatrick1895@hotmail.com)) No password is required. Many thanks for your generosity.

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Dear Friends,

We have begun the 40-Day Season of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, many came out to have Ashes placed on their forehead. The ashes remind us that we are *creatures* under God's care. Being creatures, we sin and stray and give in to temptation. We have been given this special time to clean our spiritual houses, to prepare for Easter and ultimately to meet our Lord when he comes in glory. Lent is sometimes called the 'springtime of the soul.' A time to be made new and fresh again.

Our Gospel today has Jesus being tempted by Satan in the wilderness. Jesus fasted for these 40 days. We can only imagine his human hunger for food. And of course, Satan knew he was vulnerable, and tempted him **three times!** In the first reading, **Adam and Eve** gave in to temptation, but now we have Jesus, *the New Adam*, representing all humanity! He faced the same temptation as Adam and Eve: **to seek one's own glory, to have power, and not be subject to another authority.** All these temptations are rejected by Jesus, as he hurled scriptural grenades at Satan!

As we begin Lent, it doesn't hurt to ask, What are the temptations in my life? Where do I look for that quick fix? The three temptations by Satan, offered Jesus a **quick fix**, an easy way out, but Jesus resisted each one. A great week to look seriously at our response to temptations. We all have them! Do I give in easily to the wrong foods, the wrong activities, alcohol, drugs, peer-pressure, greed, desires of the flesh? To whom or to what do I give control over my life... over my decisions? Maybe we can all learn from the Master... and ward off all the little and BIG satans out there that keep popping up! Lent is a time to face our temptations and deface them gracefully. May we have the courage, through Christ, to "keep the devil away from our door!"

Have a blessed week and a grace-filled Lent!

Fr. Gerard

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"LET'S EASE INTO THIS--I WANT YOU TO TRY FASTING BETWEEN MEALS."

**The Giving Bowl Canada  
"A Lenten Sacrifice" for St. Pat's**

This Lent we will have special containers at the front and back of the church. All donations will assist a food program which the late Mr. Ken Walsh helped initiate in Eastern Uganda in 2007. Each day *The Giving Bowl* feeds some 1100 children at local Schools. This is the only hot meal these children get each day! There are new elements to the Program as well: medical help, uniforms, family food, clothing, etc. Please place your donations into these containers during Lent! If you wish to donate by cheque, please make cheque payable to **St. Patrick Parish**, and write "*Giving Bowl*" in the memo line. We will issue a cheque to them every month.

*Lord, when did we see you hungry or naked or ill?*

**Real Suggestions for Lent!**

"My two words for Lent are **BE KIND!** This is at the heart of the Christian message. Three ways are... (1) **Don't be a jerk.** No matter what your day is like: sick, tired, mean boss, family issues..., don't pass along your misery to everyone else. (2) **Honour the absent.** Stop talking about people behind their back, this is so damaging to our spiritual lives when we denigrate another person. This is a serious form of un-charity! and (3) **Always give people the benefit of the doubt.** Give them the Plus Sign!!! These 3 things may be a lot harder than giving up chocolate... but it will be a lot better for our spiritual lives and for everyone else's!" *James Martin, S.J.*

**Abstinence and Fasting**

From the Code of Canon Law:

**Can.1251** Abstinence from meat, or from some other food as determined by the Episcopal Conference, is to be observed on all Fridays, unless a solemnity should fall on a Friday. Abstinence and fasting are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

**Can.1252** The law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year. The law of fasting binds those who have attained their majority (age 18 – C.97), until the beginning of their sixtieth year. The law of abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, the products of milk or condiments made of animal fat.

**Weekday Mass Schedule for Lent**

Monday-	8:00 AM
Tuesday-	8:00 AM
Wednesday-	8:00 AM
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.



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**Catholic Marriage Tribunal...** If you are considering remarriage in the Catholic Church or hoping to enter a marriage with someone previously married, please speak to a priest, or contact the St. Catharines Catholic Marriage Tribunal at 905-687-8817 or [tribunal@saintcd.com](mailto:tribunal@saintcd.com)

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