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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.

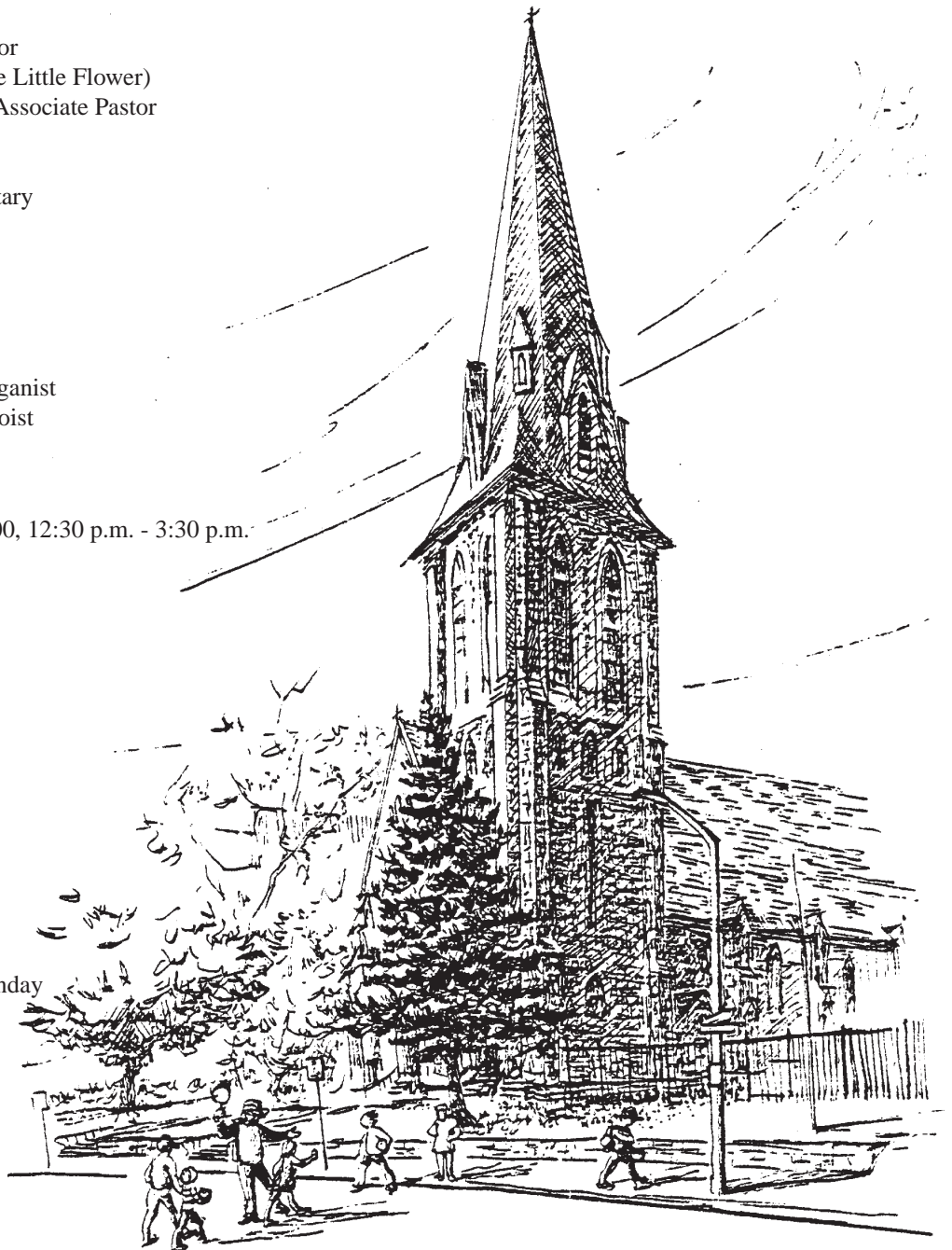
Schools

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

Parish Established 1858
Church Dedicated 1895

New Parishioners are asked to complete a parish registration form.



SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

Monday, February 24

8:00 Peter Mong *req by the Nguyen Family*
Alessandro Luciano *req by the Power Family*

Tuesday, February 25

8:00 Tracy Bungay *req by the Family*
Vince & Elizabeth Dalton *req by the Family*

Wednesday, February 26

8:00 Eleanor Adams *req by Jenny Brodie*
Intentions of the Little Flower Society

Thursday, February 27 St Gregory of Narek

8:00 Marco Bortolin *req by Anna Bortolin*
Intentions of the Little Flower Society

Friday, February 28

8:00 Intentions of the Little Flower Society
World Peace

Saturday, March 1

5:00 Johnny MacLean *req by Dad, Mom & Bro*
Thresiamma Joseph *req by Soji Joseph*

Sunday, March 2

8:00 Steven Phillips *req by Friends*
Don & Belle Liberty *req by the Parish Staff*

9:30 People of the Parish

11:30 Vittorio & Ernesta Marcon *req by Rachel Marcon*
Wilson Girard *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!



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.

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

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 Cuvillo, Kelsey Liles, Sr. Carol Forhan CPPS, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Samantha Jayne, Laurie Crites-Warner, Norma Zanuz, 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 16th : \$4,124.00

Giving Bowl: \$1,441.35 (to date)

Heating Expenses: \$1,665.02 (to date)

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 and not all parking will be covered for clergy (emergency switchboard calls only).



Dear Friends:

We keep Pope Francis in prayer as he continues to battle pneumonia in hospital. May God restore him to the fullness of health.

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Enough with the snow already. It's been a crazy few Sundays with snow storms and ice. Our salt supply is dwindling and it is becoming difficult to get. But we are good for now. Maybe we will get an early spring. In this Year of Hope, we can't lose hope.

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We give God thanks and praise that no lives were lost in that plane crash-landing at Pearson Airport. It was scary to watch the videos of the landing, and the photos of an upside down plane. The outcome could have been so much worse.

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In today's Gospel, Jesus continues his *Sermon on the Plain*. He addresses how we are to treat others, if we are his disciples. Being his disciple is demanding and radical. His words are tough, and they can be totally incomprehensible to our modern ears. Those who want to live this JESUS WAY, must not only hear the Word of God, but also act on it. It means that little by little, we are to attempt those truly difficult things:

Turn the other cheek. Love our enemies, pray for them.

Do good to those who hate us. Bless those who curse us.

Give to everyone who asks of us, especially those who cannot give in return. Do unto others. Judge no one.

These are the things that change human relationships one by one, things that change the dynamics of our families, our communities and towns, and our world. It's demanding, yet he asks us to try. To do our best. What great things could happen in our families, in our relationships, in our places of work, in our communities ..., if we really connected Jesus' radical love and sacrifice with our daily lives? If I am to work on **one** situation, this week, **what would it be**. Is there one person I could start with? May we spend this week, having heard God's Word and fed by Christ's Body, building bridges instead of walls!

Fr. Gerard



"I turn the other cheek more now that Botox has made it wrinkle-free."

Ash Wednesday is on March 5, 2025

Mass will be celebrated at

8:00 AM

12:00 Noon

7:00 PM (Adult Choir)

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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.



Upcoming Election

Election Day in Ontario is February 27. The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that it is every person's responsibility, as far as possible, to promote the common good through participation in public life. Take the time to know the candidates, know where they stand on the issues, and then exercise your rights: get out and vote. Instructions for finding your polling place can be found at <https://elections.on.ca/>.

Loving Winter Quotes

"Dear winter, I'm breaking up with you. Love, everyone."

"Winter is the best time for comfort food... and complaining about the weather."

"If winter were a person, I would have a restraining order."



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.

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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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