

# Saint Patrick's Church

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## **Parish Staff**

Rev. Gerard Power, O.Carm., Pastor  
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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.**

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



### 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*  
Pacifico 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*

### Monday, February 26

**8:00** John Buckner *req. by Lidia Bonaldo & Family*

### Tuesday, February 27

**8:00** Deceased Carmelites

**9:15** St. Patrick's & St. Mary's School Mass

### Wednesday, February 28

**8:00** Hicks Family *req. by Audrey Vendramin*  
Butch & Lucy Kitney *req. by Wayne & Andrea*

**7:00** Antonio Tony Muraca *req. by Stella Muraca*

### Thursday, March 1

**8:00** Johnny MacLean *req. by Mom, Dad & Jacob*  
Vincenzina Catone *req. by Vincent & Angela Catone*

### Friday, March 2 World Day of Prayer

**8:00** Irene Paone *req. by Richard & Judy Schrader*  
Gianni 'Johnny' Bonaldo *req. by Anna Bortolin & Family*

### Saturday, March 3

**5:00** Ray Sexton *req. by the Family*  
John Buckner *req. by Friends*

### Sunday, March 4 Third Sunday of Lent

**8:00** Giulio Cavaliere *req. by Rocco & Giuseppina Cavaliere*  
Gianni 'Johnny' Bonaldo *req. by Lidia & Family*

**9:30** Alice Flynn *req. by Leila & Jim*  
Luigi Canal *req. by the Family*

**11:30** M/M D Puinno *req. by the Family*  
Walter Dopke *req. by his Brother: Leon*

**7:00** People of the Parish

### 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

St. Patrick Parish Hall From 8 p.m.-1 a.m.

**\$10.00 per person includes:**

*Beef on a Bun • Prizes • Cash Bar*

*• DJ • Irish Dancers (2 performances)*

*& The Good Thymes Irish Band*

*for tickets contact Colleen @ 905-374-4025 /*

*colleenm@vaxxine.com or the Church Office 905-354-7451*

**Volunteers needed for set-up & clean-up**



**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.

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

*Jessica Johnstone & Kevin Gillies*

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 hospitalized:

Jack Horth, Marie Cadman, Sherry Wales

### 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 Laffrady, Pauline Miner, Edna McDonnell, 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, Baby Maximus, David & Patrick Kealey, Francesco Albanese, Mary Ann O'Shea, Rosalyn Dagleish, Kelly Detlor, 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 Pivarnyik, 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 Commisso, 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 18: \$5,850.18

Heat & Light: \$2,122.00

Ryan's Bowl: \$2,394.00

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

-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!!!

### 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!



Dear Friends:

The Second Week of Lent has begun! Our Gospel this Sunday takes us to the **Mount of Transfiguration**. This is a very high mountain, with a long winding road. Only small vehicles can drive up there. The view is spectacular, although the drive up and down is certainly not for the faint of heart! After five trips up and down that mountain, it never got any easier! On the top is a spectacular church, with two side chapels, called **Moses Chapel** and **Elijah Chapel**.



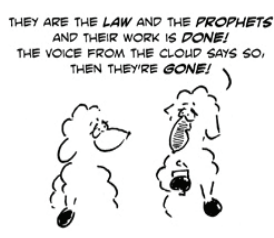
So Jesus takes Peter, James and John up that mountain. And we get a glimpse of Easter! A **WOW** experience. I think Jesus wanted these three Apostles to **witness** his glorification. He wanted to give them hope for the coming weeks. Moses and Elijah appear... and Jesus is **Transfigured**, changed before them! Becomes dazzling white! The disciples get a foretaste of what is to come. A glimpse of Easter! Then we hear

a voice from the cloud, "This is my Son, the Beloved, listen to him!" Pope Francis wrote, "Listen to Jesus and follow him. That's the message of the Transfiguration!"

We have begun the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Lent! How are we doing with our Lenten observances? Our promises to ourselves, our promises to God? Is our fasting, abstaining, increase in prayer or almsgiving, going as planned? If not, maybe today, with an Easter experience like this, we can get ourselves back on track. Our Risen Christ is there with us, urging us on, giving us the power and courage to change.

This Gospel can also serve as a call for us to find our own private mountain-top, an **out of the way** place to spend quiet time to **listen to Jesus**. We can do that by setting aside a few minutes each day to go to our own transfiguration places... to read and meditate on the scriptures. Maybe come to the **Stations of the Cross** and **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** on Friday nights. Maybe increase our frequency in celebrating the transfiguration of the Eucharist at Holy Mass. Wherever we choose to find silence... and alone-time with God, may we be open to a "Wow" experience! And always remain open to conversion and change! Have a blessed week!

Fr. Gerard



God places us in the world as his fellow workers-agents of transfiguration. We work with God so that injustice is transfigured into justice, so there will be more compassion and caring, that there will be more laughter and joy, that there will be more togetherness in God's world. (*Desmond Tutu*)

#### 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*



#### Transfiguration Prayer

We want to know you, Jesus.  
We want to cherish and hold,  
Adore and revere, esteem and glorify you.  
Keep you in our hearts, glimpse you in our lives,  
Trace you on our paths.  
Comforting the homeless grieving with the mourners,  
Forgiving our sins, healing our wounds, raising our dying  
We are afraid, awed, overwhelmed at your glory.  
We are touched, moved, transformed by your love.  
We are cleansed, renewed, refreshed by your forgiveness.  
We thank you. We praise you. We love you.  
You... the transfigured One. You... the resurrected One.  
You... the One... "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him."  
Amen.

#### 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.



#### Church Lighting Problems

Two months ago, we replaced all the exterior lighting around our property. All lighting is now LED photo-cell (ie. come on at dusk and off at dawn). It has made a great difference at night. The school board has upgraded the lighting on the church side of the school also. Over the past year we have been experiencing some problems with the lighting inside the church. 13 years ago we removed all the incandescent lights and replaced them with florescent bulbs. It worked well for a period, but the bulbs don't last. And they're \$75 each, with no warranty. In consultation with three lighting experts, and with all the members of our parish council, it seems this is a good time to replace all the church lighting with suitable LED lights. The good news is, they are guaranteed for 10 years, and we will receive a rebate from the government. Believe it or not, there are some 130 bulbs in our church! We will also have a wall switch installed in the ushers room, and repair the chandelier fixture above the altar. This work will take approximately 4-5 days, and a scaffold will have to be used, so there will be some inconvenience during the week. Start time will be announced soon. (Let there be light, and there was light!)

#### 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 of 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?"



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)

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