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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 course is required.

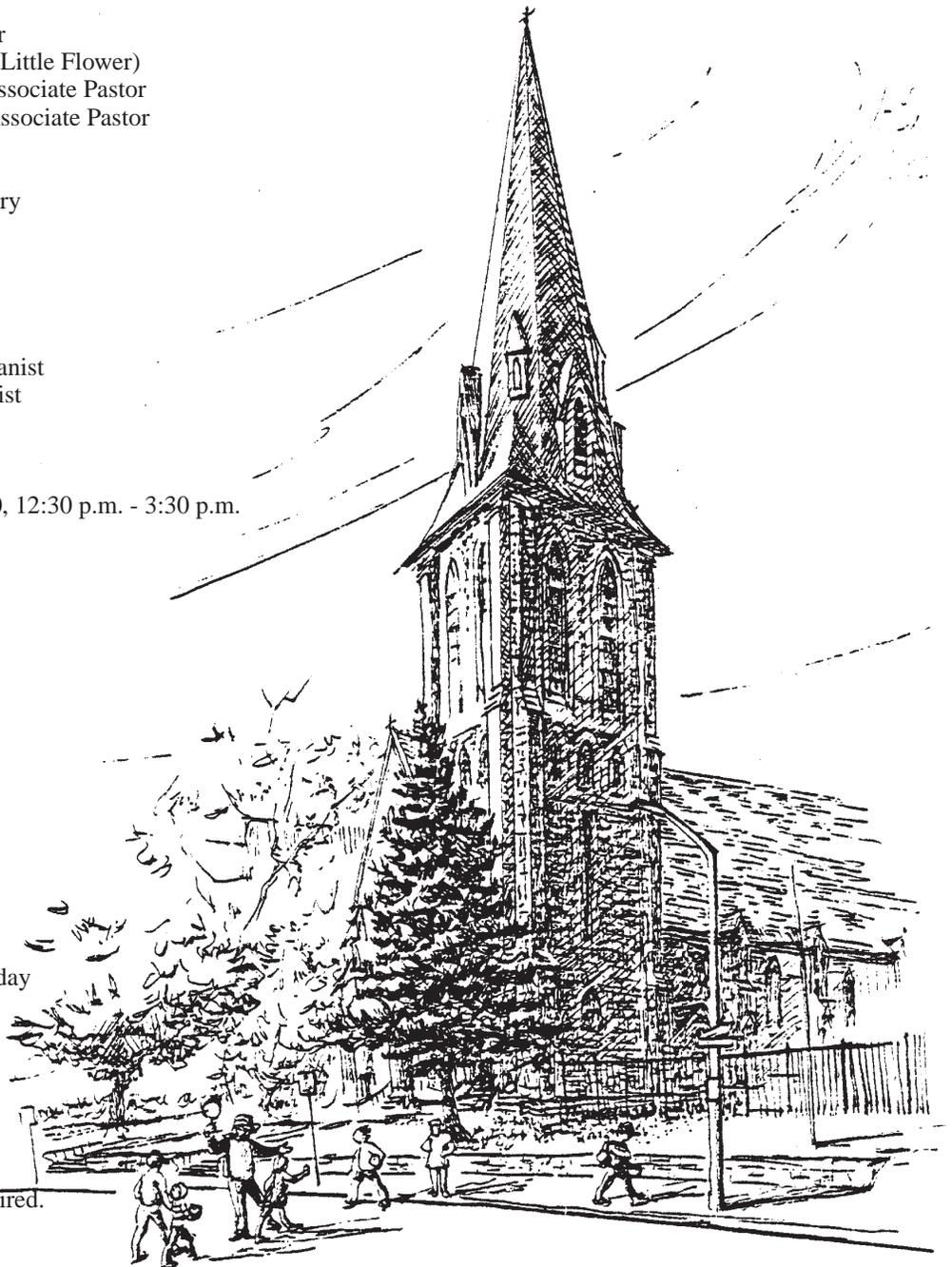
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Diocese of St. Catharines (est. 1958)
Most Rev. Gerard Bergie, D.D., Bishop

Parish Established 1858
Church Dedicated 1895

New Parishioners are asked to complete a parish registration form.



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, February 7

5:00 Nina Audibert *req by Fred & Betty*
Charlene Shannon & Pat O'Brien *req by Dave & Maggie*

Sunday, February 8

8:00 Mary & William Fassett *req by Aileen & Bryce Adams*
Francesco D'Angelo *req by Lucia D'Angelo & Family*

9:30 People of the Parish

11:30 John Joseph Flynn *req by Grahame & Nicole Abbott*
All of the Faithfully Departed *req by the Luciano Family*

Monday, February 9

8:00 Nancy DiPaolo *req by Rosemary Panetta*
Vito Puntillo *req by the Family*

Tuesday, February 10 St Scholastica

8:00 Maria Len *req by the Nguyen Family*
K L Peter & K L Anthony *req by the Family*

Wednesday, February 11 Our Lady of Lourdes

8:00 Peter Duc *req by the Nguyen Family*
Intentions of the Little Flower Society

Thursday, February 12

8:00 Intentions of the Little Flower Society
Doreen Butt, Patricia, Michael & Lee Ann Duke *req by the Family*

Friday, February 13

8:00 Intentions of the Little Flower Society

Saturday, February 14 St Cyril & St Methodius

5:00 Irene Smatana *req by the Family*
For the Healing of Leila Khan *req by Kevin Delaney*

Sunday, February 15

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Antonio Gulla Jr. *req by the Family*
Ovidio & Madeline Rosati *req by the Grandchildren*

11:30 Michelle Camillo *req by the Sharpe Family*
Lucy Jenssen, Mike DeGuida, Lucy DeMizio & Anna DeMizio
req by Cousins: Anna, Frank & Angela Luciano

World Marriage Day and Recognition of Significant Wedding Anniversaries

All married couples, especially those celebrating significant anniversaries in 2026 are invited to attend a Mass commemorating the 2026 World Marriage Day. Bishop Bergie will preside at this special Mass on Sunday, February 8, 2026, at 3:00 pm, at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria (3 Lyman Street, St. Catharines). A reception will follow Mass. Married couples celebrating their 1st, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60th+ wedding anniversary in 2026 who would like to receive a congratulatory certificate from Bishop Bergie are invited to complete a registration form available at the parish office.

Parish Registration

Please help keep our records up to date! You may bring this form to the parish office or place it in the collection.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____

I am new in the parish and wish to register _____

I wish to use contribution envelopes _____

I have recently moved _____

I have changed my phone number _____

We have married & wish to update our information _____

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

Rest in Peace... We pray for the soul of Julia Alsop. 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, Mary Power, Howard Wales, Madeleine Jackson, Anna Hunt, Maureen Young, Rosaria Anania, Dan M., Norah Marrie, Peter Meisenburg Jr., Nancy McKinley, Victor Pizzolato, Tom Murray, 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, Norman Watson, 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 1: \$5,545.26
Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2026

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday February 15, April 26 & May 31.** A mandatory meeting for **Parents and Godparents** will be held in the Church on **Tuesday, Feb 3, 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

First Reconciliation: Tuesday, February 10, 2026 @ 7:00pm
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.)

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!



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

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Dear Friends,

Today is the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Before we know it, it will be Ash Wednesday (February 18th), and we will embark upon the Season of Lent.

Our first reading this Sunday from the Prophet Isaiah, is so provoking and dynamic! Here we are, proclaiming it and listening to it, 2700 years after it was written! It is still very challenging, and so clear-cut! We know what it calls us to do!

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? ... If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry, and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday (Is.58:6-10).

The Gospel continues Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. He uses the images of **salt and light** to describe how we are to live. As salt purifies,



preserves, and penetrates, we must be **salt** in the world! To make God's Kingdom a reality. Jesus also uses the image of **light**! He tells how our good works are not to be hidden, but are to be revelations of the Light of Christ.

He used the image of a lamp to describe how we are to live in the light of his truth. In fact, our mission is to be **light-bearers of Christ** so that others may see the truth of the Gospel.

Imagine, with the power of God, we can transform the world. Like salt, our care for others can bring out the best in a world that is painful and puzzling; like the glow of a lamp, we can enlighten a world that is often buried in darkness. If every Christian had his/her light turned on, this would be a very different world! Let's bring Christ's salt and light into our week, and share it with everyone we meet. God bless!

Fr. Gerard



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

"Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness."

"There is always light. If only we're brave enough to see it. If only we're brave enough to be it."

"Fear not children who are afraid of the dark ...
but grown adults who are afraid of the light."

Fr. Joi and Fr. Marvin Away

On February 19th, Frs. Joi and Marvin will be traveling to 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.

World Day of the Sick and Our Lady of Lourdes

Wednesday, February 11th is World Day of the Sick. Pope St. John Paul II initiated the day in 1992 to encourage people to pray for those who suffer from illness and for their caregivers. The Holy Father himself had been diagnosed with Parkinson's a year before, and it is considered that his own illness was impetus for his designation of the day. **World Day of the Sick** was first observed on February 11, 1993. This is also the **Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes**, which is another title given to the Blessed Virgin Mary in honour of the apparitions that took place in and around Lourdes, France, by a young girl named Bernadette Soubirous in 1858. This feast honours the mystery and beauty of the Immaculate Conception.

Smile for the Week

Whenever I pass a church
I stop and pay a visit;
So that when I am carried in
The Lord won't ask, "Who is it?"

Hospital Calls

If you have a family member in the Greater Niagara General Hospital, please let the nursing station know if you require a priest for the Anointing of the Sick. Switchboard will notify the on-call priest. There is a chaplain (Fr. Aji) in the hospital from Monday to Friday, 12 Noon until 4:00 PM. And there is a priest on-call 24-7. Again, let the nursing station know. St. Patrick's covers emergency hospital calls from Tuesday 8 AM until Wednesday 8 AM. Please note that St. Catharines Hospital and Welland Hospital have priests on call as well. As of January 1st, the hospital will pay for parking for emergency calls only.

Church Envelopes

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

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



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