

# Saint Patrick's Church

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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. Mr. David Scott, Deacon  
Debbie Herman, Secretary  
Alice Corfield, Bookkeeper Secretary  
Brian Kneller, Caretaker

## 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 is required.

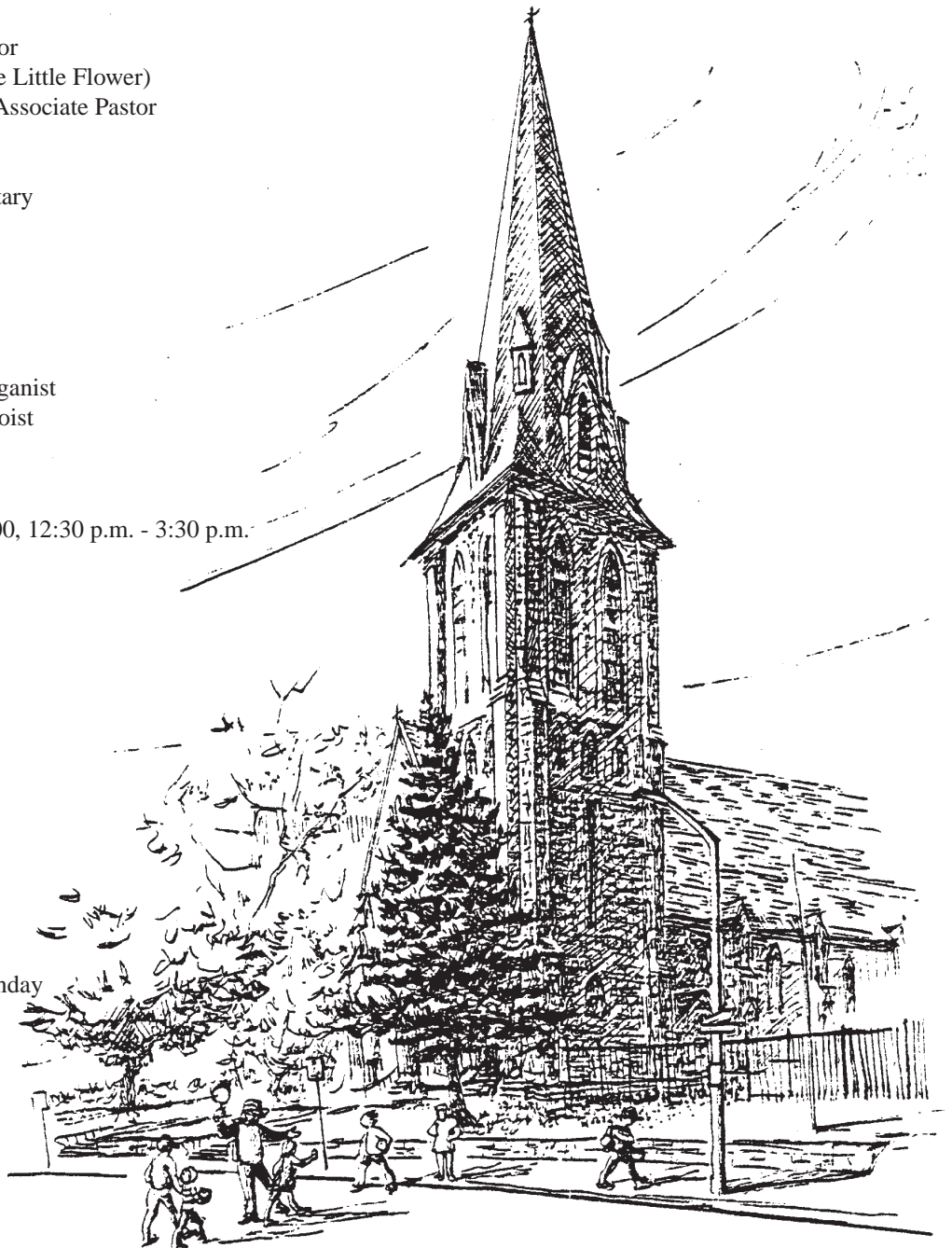
## Schools

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.**



## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**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*

**Monday, February 10 St Scholastica**

**8:00** Anthony & Mary Duke *req by their Son*  
 Intentions of the Little Flower Society

**Tuesday, February 11 Our Lady of Lourdes**

**8:00** Intentions of the Little Flower Society

**9:45 St. Patrick & St. Mary's School Mass**

**Wednesday, February 12**

**8:00** Intentions of the Little Flower Society

**Thursday, February 13**

**8:00** Mirian Abbott *req by Graham, Nicole & Family*  
 Alessandro Luciano *req by Friends*

**Friday, February 14 St Cyril & St Methodius**

**8:00** Peter Ross *req by the Family*  
 James & Ethel Moody *req by Fr. Gerard*

**Saturday, February 15**

**5:00** Irene Smatana *req by the Family*  
 Bill Huggins & Family *req by the O'Kell Family*

**Sunday, February 16**

**8:00** People of the Parish  
**9:30** Madeline Pietroiusti *req by Joe & Loreta Antonio*  
 Ovidio & Madeline Rosati *req by the Grandchildren*  
**11:30** Emily & Lindo Marcheson *req by John DiPaul*  
 Lucy Janssen, Michael DeGuida, Lucy DeMizio & Anna DeMizio  
*req by Cousins; Angela, Anna & Frank Luciano*



### 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.*

**Rest in Peace...** We pray for the souls of Edward Hassall and Carmela Conidi Rocuzzo. 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 Cuviglio, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> : \$5,838.65

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).

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



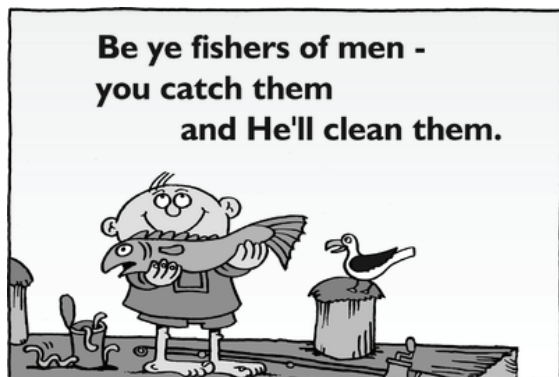
Dear Friends:

Today's readings remind us that we are all part of God's plan for the world. We have a role to play in the transformation of the world into the **Kingdom of God**. If we claim to be a follower, then we must believe firmly in the mission of Jesus Christ, and be active in His mission!

In the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Isaiah responded to the Lord's question, "Whom shall I send?" with ***Here am I, send me***. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Paul told the people of Corinth that God chose him to preach the Gospel even though he had been a persecutor of Christians. In the Gospel, Jesus called Peter, James and John, three fishermen, to be part of the plan to fish for people... to bring more people into God's Kingdom. They left all and followed Jesus!

God still has a burning desire to unite the world to Himself. We sure have our work cut out. Through our Baptism, we are called to bring new life, new hope, to the world. How? To be our best selves, to engage in his mission, to proclaim the Gospel. We only have one life, so the question is, **can we make this life, the best life possible, a life modeled on Jesus Christ?** May we truly embrace His life and mission this week. ***Here am I, send me!*** Remain open to where God may be calling us. Many blessings!

Fr. Gerard



#### World Day of the Sick and Our Lady of Lourdes

Tuesday, February 11th is World Day of the Sick. Pope 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 called Bernadette Soubirous in 1858. People have been traveling to Lourdes seeking healing for many years.

#### Prayer for Healing of the Sick

Dear God, we lift up [name] in prayer and ask for your healing touch. Please restore their strength and vitality, and give them the courage to face this challenge. May they find comfort in your loving presence and trust in your plan for their life. We also pray for their caregivers, that they would be granted wisdom and compassion as they provide support and care. In your precious name we pray, Amen."

#### 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.

#### Smile for the Week

Have you seen that clever bumper sticker?  
"Tithe if you love Jesus. Any fool can honk."

#### Year of Hope

Jesus is the hope of the world and the local church is the vehicle of expressing that hope to the world.

#### 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!***

#### !!!Project Share Needs our Help!!!

Food donations are struggling! While the need for help doesn't diminish, we are asked to do all we can to help Project Share! The most needed food items include peanut butter; protein items such as canned tuna, salmon, chicken, ham; and canned beans, pasta sauce, baby food and formula; cereals, nutrigain bars. ***Lord, when did we see you hungry?***

**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)

Project Share is looking for **Volunteers** in their Food Room and Warehouse. If you can commit to 3.5hrs a week for at least 6 months, please consider helping them out. The Hours of Operation are Monday – Friday, 8:30 – 3:30pm. Contact Karen Misek at 365-880-4726 or email [volunteer@projectshare.ca](mailto:volunteer@projectshare.ca) For more details, please read the Posters on the Church Bulletin Boards at either the Back or Side entrances of the Church.



#### DID YOU KNOW?



For those of you who have Celiac Disease or are allergic to wheat products, our parish has special approved **Gluten-Free hosts** available. The onus is on you to let the presiding priest know before each Mass. He will ensure that he has it in his ciborium for you.

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***We have a few parishioners who struggle with perfume allergies! Please keep this in mind as you prepare yourself for Sunday Mass. Just a little dab'll do!***

#### 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 \_\_\_\_\_



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