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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

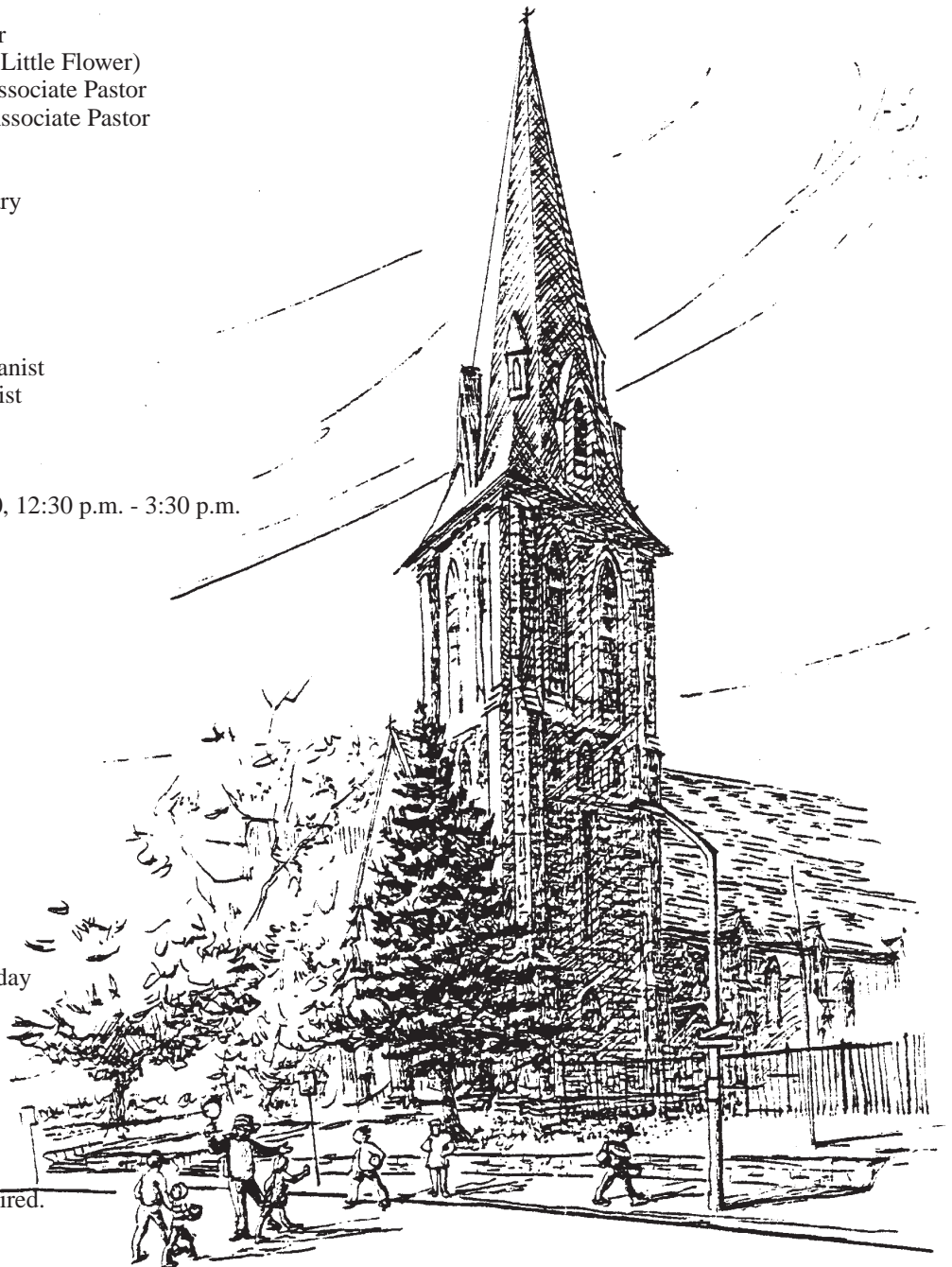
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Diocese of St. Catharines (est. 1958)

Most Rev. Gerard Bergie, D.D., Bishop

Parish Established 1858
Church Dedicated 1895

New Parishioners are asked to complete a parish registration form.



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Saturday, January 10

5:00 In Honour of Rico & Gina Tingen *req by the Family*
Dec'd Shannon, Guitar & Legace Families *req by the Family*

Sunday, January 11 The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 William 'Bill' Woods *req by Linda & Family*
Giuseppe Messina *req by the Family*

11:30 Albina Tonet *req by Ann Marie, John & Family*
Jozef Brzozowski *req by his Dtr: Jean*

Monday, January 12 St Marguerite Bourgeoys

8:00 Fred Doody *req by Elaine*

John & Glenn Power *req by the Power Family*

Tuesday, January 13 St Hilary

8:00 Intentions of the Little Flower Society
Deceased Carmelites

Wednesday, January 14

8:00 Intentions of the Little Flower Society
Deceased Carmelites

Thursday, January 15

8:00 Intentions of the Little Flower Society
World Peace

Friday, January 16

8:00 Fr. Bart Larkin *req by Cliff & Teresa*
Intentions of the Little Flower Society

Saturday, January 17 St Anthony

5:00 Victor Smatana *req by the Family*

Arduino Maiuri *req by Stefanie & Peter Maiuri*

Sunday, January 18

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 Rosina Pullano *req by Diana DiRuscio*
Philomena Sebastiano *req by the Family*

11:30 Mike Rotundo *req by Jim & Dora*
Clemente & Maria Della Marca *req by the Family*

St. Carlo Acutis Challenge!

Calling all grade 5-12 students!! This is your invitation to take part in the Saint Carlo Acutis Challenge. Use your gifts and talents to create something (a video or app, song or dance, poem or essay, fashion project or social media campaign, etc.) that highlights an aspect of the faith that you are passionate about! The top prize for secondary students is \$1000, and the top prize for elementary students is \$500 (more great prizes available)!! Visit: bit.ly/Saint-Challenge for more information, or contact us at: evangelization@saintcd.com.

Submission Deadline: **April 17th, 2026.**

Showcase & Awards: **Saturday, May 2nd, 2026 @ Denis Morris Catholic High School.**

Little Flower Society Cards

Our 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 these cards, you not only comfort a family member or friend, but you also support the mission of the Carmelites, our Vocation Efforts, and our Formation Programs in several countries.

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

Vincent's... The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store is looking for dedicated volunteers for 3 hours per week... Call 289-296-3807 or apply in person, 5970 Lundy's Lane. Store hours, Tuesday to Saturday 10am - 4pm. Join our team and share some hope!

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of John Franklin, Isabell Frost, Rose MacDonald, Don Antonio, Bettyjean DeFoe and Julia Alsop. 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.

Mila Clark, Baby Maeve, Mary Power, Howard Wales, Madeleine Jackson, Anna Hunt, Maureen Young, 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 Cuvillo, William JA DeFoe, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Sr. Prem, Mahmat, Betty Crete, Samantha Jayne, Laurie Crites-Warner, Norma Zanuz, 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

Christmas: \$34,960.04

January 1 & 4: \$10,270.73

Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2026

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on:
Sunday January 25, February 15, April 26 & May 31. A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on **Tuesday, Jan13, 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: Wednesday, February 10, 2026 @ 7:00pm

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



(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 feast of *The Baptism of the Lord*. In today's Gospel, we jump ahead 30 years... from the Manger to the Jordan! In the Gospel, we hear John the Baptist telling Jesus, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus said he wanted to *fulfill all*



righteousness! Why was Jesus baptized, when he didn't need it? He so loved us, wanted to be so close to his people, that he *chose* to get down into the waters to be baptized by John! What a God we have! John was faithful to his vocation as the last prophet of the Old Testament and first prophet of the New Testament! He prepared the way of the

Lord.... and now prepared Jesus for his ministry. After his baptism, the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove, and we hear the voice of the Father from Heaven, "*This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased!*" Only after Jesus was baptized did his public ministry begin. We'll hear all the great stories and miracles of Jesus' ministry throughout the year.

Today's feast is an occasion to look at our own baptism. Am I faithful to my baptismal promises? Am I a model disciple... a model servant... a faithful member of the *People of God*? Being a member of the *Body of Christ*, the Church, does everyone out there know that I am a baptized Christian by how I live and act and love? Where I live and work and socialize... is it more human, more sacred, more loving, more Christ-like, because I am there? These are questions worth pondering. And of course, the ultimate question is: Can God say out loud about you and me, "*This is my beloved son/daughter, with whom I am well pleased?*" If not, maybe it's time for a good old Christian renewal! We enter once again into the Church's Liturgical Season of Ordinary Time until Lent! Maybe we can turn our lives into something Extra-Ordinary! God bless!

Fr. Gerard



Pope Francis on Baptism

"At baptism, it is God who comes into us, purifies and heals our heart, makes us forever his children, his people and family, heirs to paradise."

"If you do not know the date of your baptism, you need to look it up so that you can celebrate the anniversary of becoming a child of God and heir to the kingdom of heaven."

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

Prayers for Carol Martin

Our deepest condolences and prayers for our Director of Music, Carol Martin, on the passing of her son, John Franklin, on New Year's Day. John died at his home in Alberta at the age of 58, after battling cancer for several years. John leaves behind his wife, Kelly, young son, Samuel, brother Michael and a large extended family.

St. Patrick's Bingo Committee

Many thanks to Mr. Les Kahn and our St. Patrick's Bingo Volunteers for their great work over the past year with Delta Bingo. Through their generosity and dedication, the Parish has received \$27,350. God bless all our volunteers.

Thanks to Brisk-All Glass

Many thanks to John Fisher of Brisk-All Glass for overseeing the replacement of all the metal brackets on our pews. All the rusted brackets had to be cut off, which was very time consuming. New holes had to be drilled through the tiles. They went through some 48 drill bits!

No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize a cat.

On the Lighter Side

Before performing a baptism, the priest approached the young father and said solemnly, "Baptism is a serious step. Are you prepared for it?" "I think so," the man replied. "My wife has made appetizers and we have a caterer coming to provide plenty of cookies and cakes for all of our guests." "I don't mean that," the priest responded. "I mean, are you prepared spiritually?" "Oh, sure," came the reply. "I've got a keg of beer and a case of whiskey."

"May we allow the miracle of Christmas to continue long after the holiday trappings have been packed away; May we welcome the adult Messiah and his challenging Gospel to recreate our lives, making the peace, justice and hope of this holy season a reality in every season of the new year."

Sto. Niño Feast Day Celebration in Niagara Falls

Sunday, January 18, 2026 at 2:00pm, St. Patrick Church
After Mass: Sinulog Dance Offering by Mount Carmel Dance Group
Finale: Sinulog Dance Offering by all Devotees Young & Old
(Bring your Sto. Niño Statues)
Pit Senyor! All are welcome

65th Anniversary of The St. Patrick Church Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

On January 19th 1961 the St. Patrick Church Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was established. Over the past 65 years our members have with the unwavering support of the Carmelites, our parishioners and the Niagara Falls community *lived the most fundamental Gospel message serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy.* After the 5pm mass on January 17th there will be light refreshments served in the Parish Halls. All are welcome

World Day of Marriage

Sunday, February 8, 2026 3:00pm Annual Mass of Thanksgiving with Bishop Gerard Bergie Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria, St. Catharines, ON
Celebrating All Married Couples especially those with significant 2026 Anniversaries... Reception to Follow
No registration needed. All are welcome.

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.

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