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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 course is required.

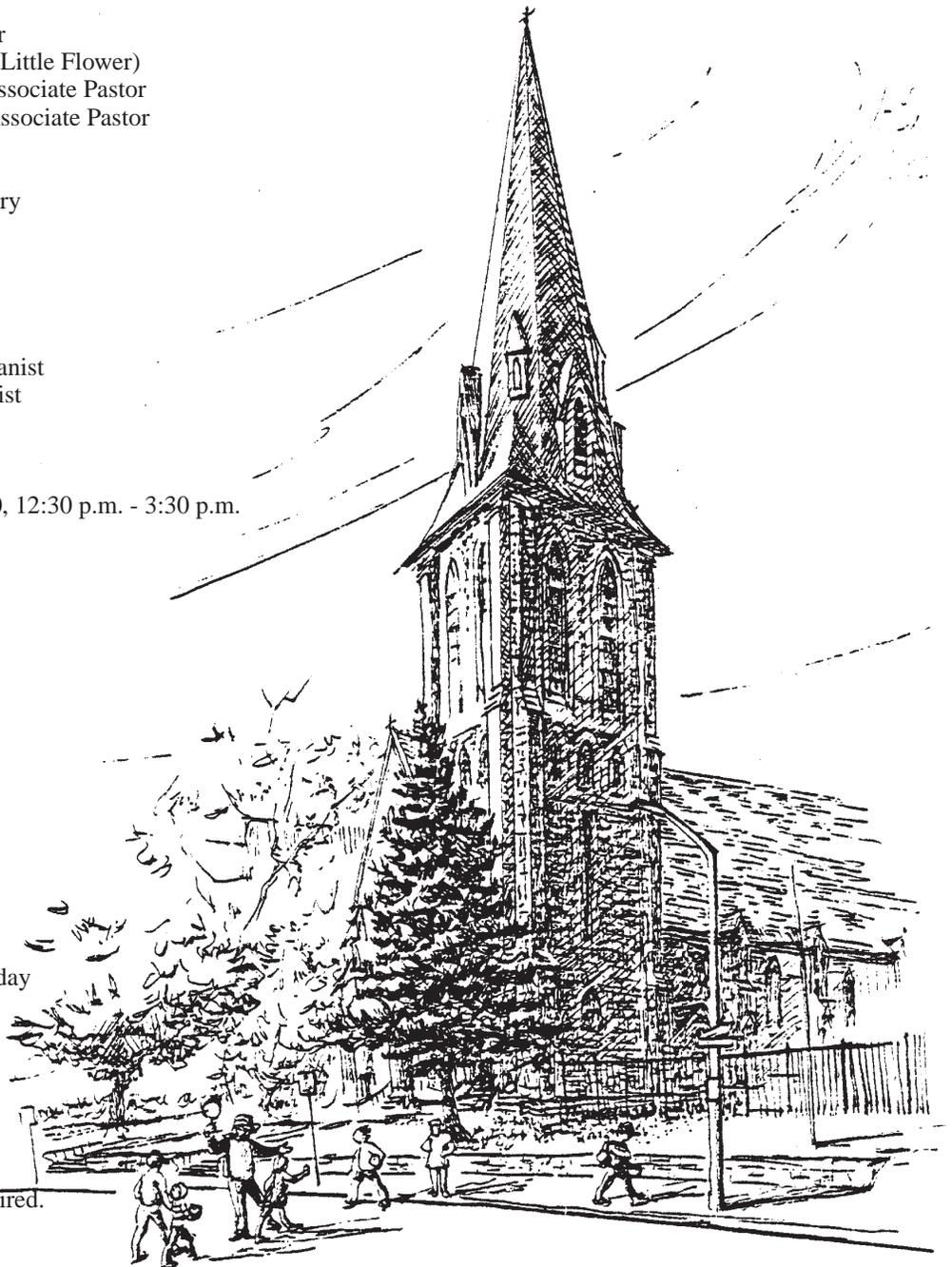
Schools

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.



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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*

Monday, January 19

8:00 John & Mary Ruzyllo *req by the Family*
Intentions of the Little Flower Society

Tuesday, January 20 St Fabian & St Sebastian

8:00 Charlene Shannon *req by her Friends in the CWL*
Intentions of the Little Flower Society

9:30am St. Patrick & St. Mary's School Mass

Wednesday, January 21 St Agnes

8:00 Marie Mackey *req by Carol & Family*
Intentions of the Little Flower Society

Thursday, January 22 St Vincent

8:00 Nicholas Groppo *req by Anna Bortolin & Family*
John Franklin *req by the Parish Staff*

Friday, January 23

8:00 Brian Boudreau *req by Elaine*
Tony Laslo *req by Friends*

Saturday, January 24 St Francis de Sales

5:00 Dorothy Kennedy *req by the Kennedy Family*
Dec'd mem Glassberg & Gozansky Families *by Maggie & Dave*

Sunday, January 25 Sunday of the Word of God

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Joe Bombicino *req by the Family*
Elijah Seeback & Luigi Marcon *req by David & Dina*
11:30 Angelo Radice *req by Antonietta Radice & Family*
Alessandro Luciano *req by Children & Grandchildren*

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.

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.

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.

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of John Franklin, Isabell Frost, and Bettyjean DeFoe. 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 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, 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

January 11: \$7,297.10
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 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,

The Christmas Season is officially over! But there's no reason we can't keep the spirit of Christmas alive all year! Together we can spread his light and love wherever we go this year!

Our Gospel today jumps ahead some 30 years from last Sunday. It takes us to the very beginning of Jesus' public ministry. Jesus had been baptized, and now John the Baptist sees Jesus coming toward him and he declares to the crowd, "*Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!*" These are the same words we proclaim at every Mass when we hold up the Body and Blood of Christ! John had seen the Spirit descend "like a dove" and remain on Jesus at his Baptism. When that happened, John finally knew the one he had been expecting and preparing the people to receive. This is the one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit.

Next Sunday we will see the call of the first disciples. Our ministry... our vocation, is to point out the *Lamb of God* to the world. That is, **point Christ out to others!** Be Christ for others. See the Christ in others. We may be back in Ordinary Time... but this is an extraordinary call... a sacred vocation for all of us.

As a beautiful poem by Howard Thurman says:

When the song of the angels is silent
 When the star in the sky is gone
 When the wise men are back in their homeland
 When the shepherds are again tending their sheep
 When the manger is darkened and still
 The work of Christmas begins. . .

To find the lost, To heal the broken, To feed the hungry,
 To shelter the homeless, To rebuild the nations,
 To teach God's Children, To bring peace among people,
 To befriend the lonely, To release the prisoner,
 To make music in the heart.

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Gerard



We are so used to calling Jesus *the Lamb of God* that we can miss the jolt that this must have given the first people who heard it. Most Jews were expecting a Messiah who would be the Lion of Judah, a new David who would drive out the Romans through military heroism. It hadn't occurred to them that the Messiah would be a Lamb. *M. D'Ambrosio*

We are called to pray so that all Christians may once again be a single family, according to God's will 'so that they may all be one'. Ecumenism is not something optional. The annual "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity" is a time in which Christians are reminded of Jesus' prayer for His disciples that "they may be one so that the world may believe" *Pope Francis*.

This week we enter into a **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** (January 18-25). This universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to pray together that all may be one, as Christ desires. A prayer I found in an old Catholic Prayer Book is worthy of sharing: **Lord Jesus Christ, at your Last Supper you prayed to the Father that all**



should be one. Send your Holy Spirit upon all who bear your name and seek to serve you. Strengthen our faith in you, and lead us to love one another in humility. May we who have been reborn in one baptism be united in one faith under one Shepherd. Amen.

Votive Mass for the Feast of the Sto. Niño (Holy Child)



This Sunday at 2:00 PM we will have a special Mass for the celebration of the Holy Child of Jesus (Sto. Niño). This is a huge Filipino custom. There will be a blessing of Sto. Niño statues, a blessing of children, and a dance offering by adults and children after Mass.

Visit from my Sister

My sister, Elaine Doody, will be visiting us for the next 2 weeks. We welcome my Irish Twin with great joy! Yes, both of us were born in 1964!

Thank You to the Parish

St. Mary School, St. Patrick School, and several families from the neighbourhood and parish, send a big thank you to St. Patrick parishioners for your generosity to so many needy children and families this Christmas. They were overwhelmed by your kindness. Many, many thanks!

St. Patrick's Bingo

Many thanks to our St. Patrick Bingo Volunteers. During 2025, they were able to raise \$27, 350 for our Parish.

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 only pay for parking for emergency calls only.



Please continue to bring food items to Mass for Project Share! Every item helps! "*Lord, when did we see you hungry?*" Project Share sends a heartfelt thanks to our parish for the generous donations of food over the past year. We are truly making a difference.

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY

Runs from September to June on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre from 7:00-8:30pm. (If the Monday is a holiday, then we meet on the Tuesday.)

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

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