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Carol Martin - Director of Music
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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.

Schools

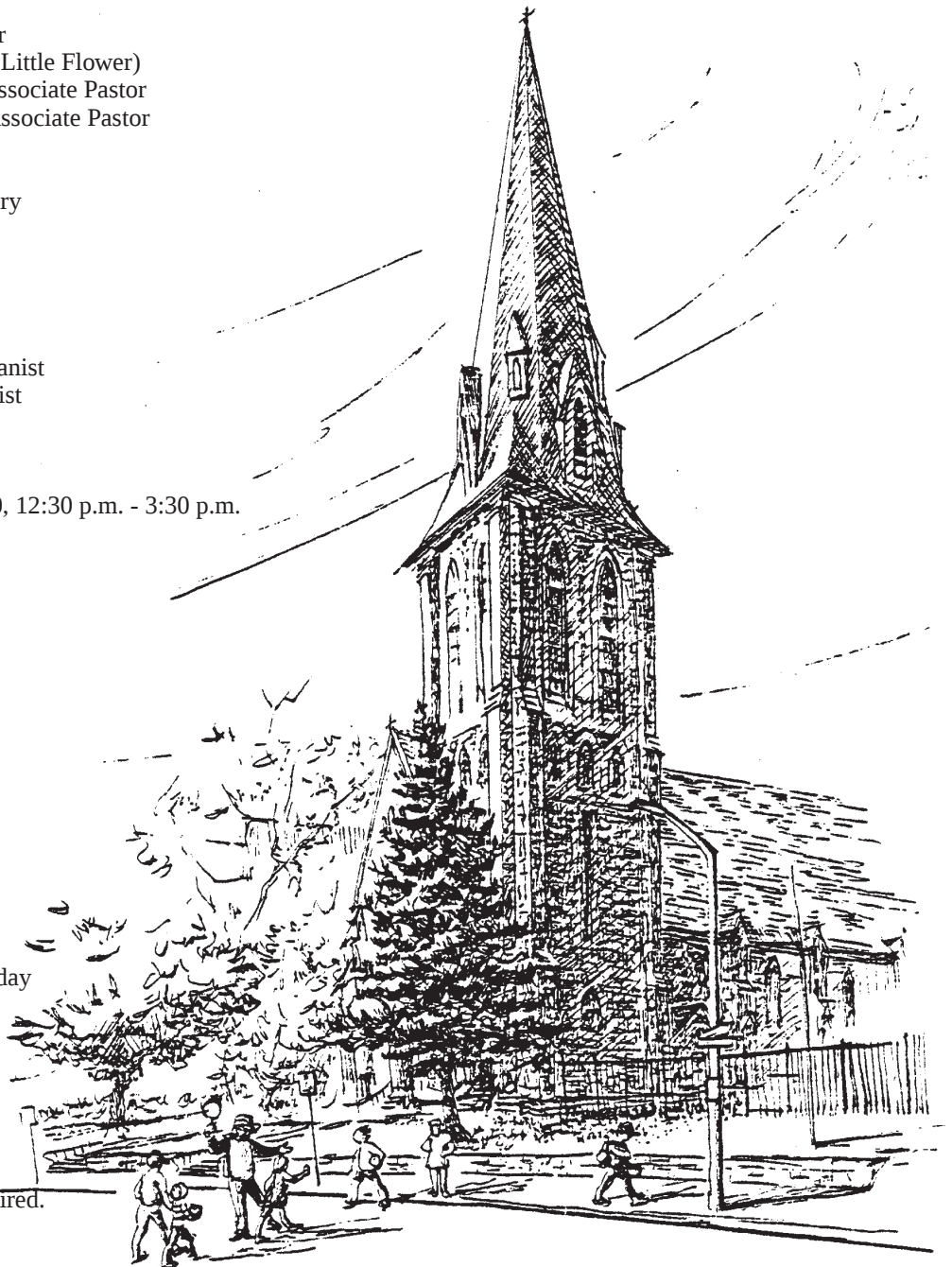
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Diocese of St. Catharines (est. 1958)

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

Parish Established 1858
Church Dedicated 1895

New Parishioners are asked to complete a parish registration form.



SIXTEENTH & SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, July 18 St Camillus de Lellis

5:00 John Corfield *req by his Wife: Alice*
Maria & Paul DiPaul *req by Rosemary Panetta*

Sunday, July 19

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Leona & Omer Thibodeau *req by the Family*
Oscar Bonaguro *req by the Family*
11:30 Angelina Messina *req by the Family*
Francesco Rosano *req by the Family*

Monday, July 20 St. Apollinaris

8:00 Peter Mong & Anna Ven *req by the Nguyen Family*
Intentions of the Little Flower Society

Tuesday, July 21 St Lawrence of Brindisi

8:00 Anna Ven *req by the Nguyen Family*
John F. Power *req by Fr. Gerard*

Wednesday, July 22 St Mary Magdalene

8:00 Pasqualina DeMizio *req by the DeMizio Family*
John Dunphy *req by Carol & Family*

Thursday, July 23 St Bridget

8:00 Marco Bortolin *req by Family Bortolin*
Josep Duy Nguyen *req by the Nguyen Family*

Friday, July 24 St Sharbel Makhlûf

8:00 Vince Hockton *req by Laura, Felice & Molly*
Joseph Nguyen *req by the Family*

Saturday, July 25 St James

5:00 Dec'd mem. of the MacLean Family *req by the MacLean Clan*
Brian Boudreau *req by Elaine*

Sunday, July 26

8:00 Ron Lococo *req by Marilyn Lococo*
Mary Doreen Meisheid, Joseph Patrick Glynn & Florence Evelyn
Glynn *req by the Grandchildren*
9:30 People of the Parish
11:30 Barbara Rondinelli *req by Dora & Jim*
Eleanor & Odie Grimstead *req by Dtr: Mary McVicar*

Monday, July 27

8:00 Josep Duy Nguyen *req by the Nguyen Family*
Frances Comeau & Marie Cadman *req by Parish Staff*

Tuesday, July 28

8:00 Joseph Nguyen *req by the Family*
Madeleine Jackson *req by Fr. Gerard*

Wednesday, July 29 Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus

8:00 Jessanne Martino & Craig Martino *req by Joe Martino & Meg Mulligan*

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Thursday, July 30 St Peter Chrysologus

8:00 Glenn Power *req by Fr. Gerard*
Josephine & Gerard Power *req by Fr. Gerard*

Friday, July 31 St Ignatius of Loyola

8:00 Arlene Greschuk *req by Glen & April Greschuk*
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Saturday, August 1 St Alphonsus Liguori

5:00 Tullio Milani *req by the Milani Family*
J. Michael Speth *req by Stefanie & Peter Maiuri*

Sunday, August 2

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Angelo Radice *req by Antonietta Radice & Family*
Vincenzo Sebastiano *req by the Family*
11:30 Benito Giustini *req by the Family*
Dennis Bowers *req by the Family*

Knights of Columbus #1652 Corn Roast & BBQ

Sunday, August 9, 2026, 4 – 7pm Columbus Hall 6990 Stanley Ave

Corn on the Cob, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, spicy Sausage patties

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Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of John Pellegrino, Gerry Tullio, Ann Luciano and Anna Tartaglia. 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, Emily Plata, Anna Hunt, Randy Gagno, Debbie Magalester, Maureen Young, Rosaria Anania, Norah Marrie, L.V., Dan M., Peter Meisenburg Jr., Victor Pizzolato, 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, Lorraine Spence, Jim & Betty Calzonetti, Julian Cassidy, Estelle Critelli, S.H., Sr. Carol Forhan CPPS, Leon French, Kelsey Liles, Tony Cuiello, 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, Michelle Price, Patrick McCarthy, Julie Nicholson, Samuel Potapczyk, Josie Wojciechowska, Cynthia Alegre Vanessa Athoe, Elda Schneider, Francesco Albanese, Emmanuel & Aline Chayer, Camella Modenti, Bernard Martin, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Margaret Waghorn, Evelyn Rose Baker, Patricia O'Reilly, Fran Smelko, Gloria Smelko, Jackie, Faith Amadio, Jozefa Bilski, Walter Wallace, Elizabeth Stachura, Francois Chayer, Susana Flego, Patricia Flego

Please help us update our list of those who are homebound, infirm, or hospitalized by calling the parish office.

Collections

July 5: \$7,394.33

July 12: \$7,106.37

Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2026

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday July 26, Aug 23, Sept 27, Oct 25 & Nov 22.** A mandatory meeting for **Parents and Godparents** will be held in the Church on Tuesday, **Aug 11, Sept 15, Oct 6 & Nov 10 at 7:00 pm.**

Upcoming Wedding at St. Patrick's in August

Vanessa Fortino & Michael Koluk

Catholic Missions in Canada Special Collection

On Sunday, August 2nd, there will be a special collection taken in all Catholic Churches in Canada for **Catholic Missions in Canada.**

Envelopes are available at the Church doors. We ask that you place your special envelope in with the **Regular Collection**, and please make cheques Payable to St. Patrick Parish. Thank you

School Parking Lot

The school parking lot at the side of the church will be closed until the construction is finished. This will be inconvenient for those who park at the accessible entrance. The walk-in gate will be left open and a couple of accessible parking spaces will be made available behind the gate. Maple Street entrance will be closed for the duration of this project. Please access the parking lot through the rectory driveway or Huron Street. And **please** do not block the gate behind the church.

!!!! Church Step Updates !!!!!

We now have a contractor, **Patterned Concrete Niagara**, who will replace the two front steps of the church. They will pour solid concrete steps, with lots of rebar, attached to the foundation, with a good grit and decorative finish. We also have the option of having heating wires in the steps. It is much cheaper to do the two front steps at the same time. This work will be carried out in mid-August. It should take approximately 4-5 days. They will also repair the step at the main entrance of the parish hall.



(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 ongoing generosity.

SUMMER BULLETINS

Until Labour Day, our parish bulletin will be published every other Sunday! Mass intentions for two weeks will appear in the same bulletin.

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Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe we are halfway through July! It's been very hot, but we can't complain after such a cold spring! We do the best we can, and stay in the shade! I know our tomatoes and cucumbers are loving this weather! We are beginning to reap a good harvest at the rectory! I think watering them with 'Holy Water' helps! Praise God.

Fr. Gerard

16th Sunday [Matthew 13,24-43] July 19, 2026

Today we will hear the **Parable of the Weeds and the Wheat**. A farmer sows his seeds, and an enemy came during the night and sowed darnel weeds among his wheat! The farmer had to wait until harvest time to separate them. Why? Darnel looks like wheat, even having a similar head. When the plant is young, it is impossible to distinguish it. It can only be separated at harvest time! Why would Jesus tell such a parable? I am sure the early Christians asked the same questions as me and you! **Why does good and evil exist side by side? Why is there evil in the world!** It's scary to see the things that are happening in our world, even in our own country. God is more than aware of the evil. As one scholar said, "**Evil is the price of freedom. If we didn't have the ability to choose between good and evil, we wouldn't be free. The choice of evil affects all people, but it is the price of having the ability to choose good.**" The farmer does not refuse to plant because he might find weeds among the wheat. He plants knowing that the result might not be perfect, but there will be wheat. It's up to us to put good out there, not to add to the evil; to plant good seeds, and to do our part to make the Kingdom of God more of a reality in our day! We are called to till the soil of the Lord, to bring forth good fruit. We can't allow evil to exist when we come upon it, particularly in ourselves. Happy weeding!

17th Sunday [Matthew 13,44-52] July 26, 2026

Jesus uses three parables to describe the Kingdom of heaven: a treasure hidden in a field; a merchant in search of fine pearls; and a net thrown into the sea. The unexpected discovery of a **treasure in a field** causes the person to sell all and buy the field. The main point is **the joy of discovery**. *The treasure of God's forgiveness, when found in the proclamation of Jesus, releases us to respond without counting the cost.* The second parable of finding the precious pearl causes the merchant to sell all to buy it. The emphasis here is on the **long and successful search**. These two parables mirror our experience of discovering God's love and forgiveness perhaps **unexpectedly**, or perhaps **after a long search**. The third parable about the net with the **good and bad fish**, is really about the **final judgment**. This should evoke a response of **grateful and faithful discipleship** on our part.

Our Christian life is defined by our *response to God* and to *our brothers and sisters*. Discovering God's kingdom is like stumbling across treasure or finding that one precious pearl. When we discover the Kingdom we receive the greatest possible treasure, **the Lord himself**. Treasure has a special connection to the heart, the place of desire and longing. The thing we most set our heart on **is** our highest treasure. May we never forget that as we go through life with its bumps and bruises, joys and sorrows, decisions and choices, roadblocks and challenges, ultimately, the Lord himself is the treasure we must seek! Is the Lord the ultimate treasure and delight in my life?



Feast of Elijah the Prophet!!!

July 20th is the **Feast of St. Elijah**, spiritual Father of the Carmelites! In the Old Testament, Elijah is a solitary figure. On **Mount Carmel**, [where the Carmelite hermits first settled], Elijah challenged his people to choose one God for Israel, **Yahweh** or **Baal**. According to 1Kings: 18, Elijah's sacrifice was consumed by fire, which proved to the people that Yahweh was the one true God.

Undertaking God's work, Elijah started a journey through the desert, but he lost his focus and commitment. Sitting under a bush, he wished to die. But God prodded him to continue his journey to Mount Horeb. There Elijah became aware of God, not with the usual signs of wind, fire and earthquake, but rather as a **gentle breeze**. Elijah was sent back to his people refreshed. From Elijah, Carmelites learn to become **aware of the presence of God** in the unexpected, and to be silent enough to hear God's whisper. We seek to allow the **Word of God** to shape our minds and our hearts so that the way we live and the things we do may be prophetic and therefore faithful to the memory of our father Elijah. There is no better way to honour the Great Prophet Elijah, than to be people of peace and justice, people faithful to God. May Elijah's zeal for the Lord consume our very being!

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Holy Funnies

What did Moses say when he came down the mountain and saw the Israelites worshipping a golden calf? **Holy cow!**
It wasn't the apple in the tree that got us in trouble,
but the pair on the ground.
How do we know God loves baseball?
Well he started his book "**In the big-inning**"



!!!Project Share Needs our Help!!!

Food donations are at their lowest from June to August every year, and shelves often get close to being empty ... while the need doesn't diminish. We are asked to do all we can to get people through this challenging period. Project SHARE's most needed food items include peanut butter; protein items such as canned tuna, salmon, chicken, ham; and canned beans, pasta sauce, pasta, baby food and formula; cereals, and all types of hygiene products.

Lord, when did we see you hungry?

Gardening Quotes

What is a weed? A weed is a plant whose virtues have not yet been discovered. **R.W. Emerson**
Earth laughs in flowers. **R.W. Emerson**
Kiss of the sun for pardon. Song of the birds for mirth. You're closer to God's heart in a garden, than any place else on earth. **Gurney**

PLEASE NOTE:

The price for many of the Little Flower Cards has been raised.
All \$10.00 Memorial, Healing and Special Remembrance cards
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