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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 is required.

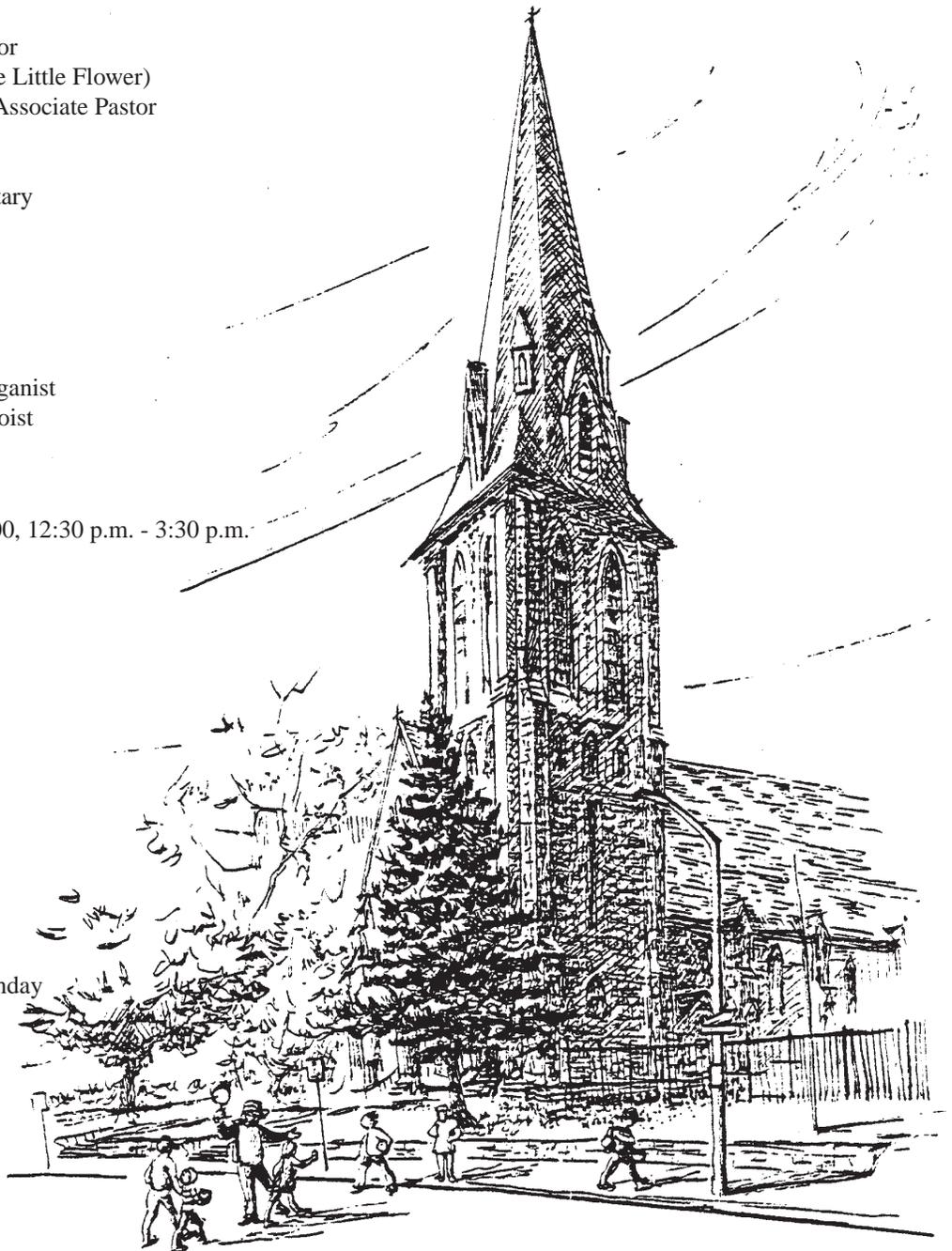
Schools

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.



ASCENSION OF THE LORD



Saturday, May 31 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 Margaret Paterson req by her Hsb: Joe Paterson
Dec'd mem. of the Glassberg Family req by Maggie & Dave

Sunday, June 1 Ascension of the Lord

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Raffaella Fabiano req by his Children & Grandchildren
Luigi Marcon, Antonia & Giuseppe Lazzarin req by Louise Marcon
11:30 Pierina Sebek req by Rachel Marcon
Bernardino & Gaetania Mallone req by the Antonio Family

Monday, June 2 St Marcellinus & St Peter

8:00 Bruno Bortolussi req by his Wife: J. Bortolussi
Irma Amadio & Angela Martin req by the Family

Tuesday, June 3 St Charles Lwanga & Companions

8:00 Nick DiPaolo req by John DiPaul
Mary Buckborough req by her Dtr: Alice

Wednesday, June 4

8:00 Holy Souls of Purgatory
Intentions of the Little Flower Society

Thursday, June 5 St Boniface

8:00 Dec'd of the Gautier & Hunt Fam. req by John & Anna Hunt
Intentions of the Little Flower Society

Friday, June 6 St Norbert

8:00 Madeline Rosati req by Bernardi & Gagliardi Families
Intentions of the Little Flower Society

Saturday, June 7

5:00 George Oprici req by Josephine Provenzano
Gus & Zorka Wach req by Helen & John Olsiak

Sunday, June 8 Pentecost Sunday

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Angelo Radice req by Antonietta & Family
Vincenzo & Angelica Lizzi req by the Pullano Family
11:30 Nick DiPaolo req by Paul DiPaul
Alessandro Luciano req by Lucy & Stephen Smith

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, Jack Holjak, Carl Lundrigan, Howard Wales, Maureen Young, Peter Meisenburg Jr., Emma Corfield, Norah Marrie, Jeanne Lea, Joe Antonio, Theresa Prentice, Anna Tartaglia, Joyce Weaver, 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, Leila Khan, 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., Rita Ross, Leon French, Tony Cuvieello, Kelsey Liles, Sr. Carol Forhan CPPS, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Samantha Jayne, Laurie Crites-Warner, Norma Zanus, 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, S.H., Francesco Albanese, Julie Nicholson, 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, 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

May 25: \$6,206.85
Building Fund: \$1,910.00
Popes Pastoral Works: \$995.00
Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2025

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on:
Sunday June 22, July 20, Aug 24, Sept 21, Oct 19 & Nov 23
A mandatory meeting for Parents & Godparents will be held in the Church on **Tuesday, June 10, July 8, Aug 12, Sept 9, Oct 7 & Nov 11 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 Date for 2025

Confirmation: Saturday, November 15, 2025 @ 5:00pm Mass
(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.)

!!!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?**

Please refer to the Bulletin Boards at the back and side entrances of the Church for many important notices and events, including information on Children's Summer Camp

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



Carmelites in Niagara Falls- 150 Years

This year the Carmelites are celebrating 150 years in Niagara Falls. There are three events planned to celebrate this milestone: **St. Pat's** (May 3rd), **Mount Carmel/Our Lady of Peace** (June 18th), & **Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre** (October 26th).

Vincent's... The Society of St. Vincent de Paul's 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!

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.



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!

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Shrine, located on 4706 Millar Road, Port Colborne, operates May to October. Every Thursday at 7:00pm in the Chapel, the Rosary is recited followed by the celebration of Holy Mass at 7:30pm. EVERYONE IS WELCOME. For more information please visit www.rosaryshrineniagara.com





Dear Friends,

Today is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord! In the Preface for today's Mass, we will hear proclaimed, *For after his Resurrection he plainly appeared to all his disciples and was taken up to heaven in their sight, that he might make us sharers in his divinity.*



Both the Acts of the Apostles and Luke's Gospel tell us that the Risen Christ appeared to his disciples, in the power and might of God! He ascended into heaven, after his power descended upon the disciples. He gave them the Spirit and commanded them to be *my witnesses* beginning in Jerusalem, and to the ends of the earth! He sent them on their mission, to continue

the good work he had begun. It was not always easy, and it is still not always easy.

Our mission in 2025 is the same! Through our Baptism, we are called to be witnesses to Christ in every aspect of our lives. We are sent into the world to care for the same people whom Jesus cared for. Being *sent out* means we are to *spring the Gospel* into action, and to serve as brothers and sisters of Christ. His power must work in and through us, if we have any chance at all of transforming the world into a *Kingdom of Love*. God knows lots of transformation still needs to be done. The Ascended Christ left us with His Power, His Presence, His Life, not to spend the rest of our lives looking up at the sky, but to bring His Presence to all. And that begins with our own families, then out to our communities, and into the world. Let's all do something special this week to continue the great work of our Saviour!!! Happy Ascension!

Fr. Gerard

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Ascension Blessing

Go out into the world.
and in your words and in your lives
bear witness to the Christ who has ascended
to be everywhere present.

And as you come to know him,
may God give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation,
may Christ Jesus lift up his hands and bless you,
and may the Spirit open to you
all the riches of Christ's inheritance.

Save The Date

On Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at 7:00 PM, our Carmelites will be having an Open House at Our Lady of Peace Hall (Columbus Hall). This is the second celebration to commemorate our 150 years in Niagara. This event coincides with our Carmelite Regional Meeting, so there will be over 40 Carmelites there! Come out and renew old acquaintances and help us celebrate this milestone in our Carmelite Order!

First Communion Sunday



Congratulations and best wishes to our little children who celebrated their **First Communion** last Sunday. Many thanks to all of you who made their First Communion Sunday so special. A big thank you to my Boss, our sacramental secretary, Debbie, for organizing everything! Thanks to Carol and our children's choir for their beautiful music. Thanks to Fr. Joi for celebrating the 1:30 PM Mass. Thanks to our principals and teachers for their ministry in preparing the children for this special day. Thanks to our St. Vincent de Paul for the beautiful book they gave each child. May our children's faith continue to be nurtured by their families. May they be brought back to the Table of the Eucharist each week to allow Christ to feed them, and guide them. May God bless all our little children and their families.

Did You Know?... an old British custom claimed that any rain on Ascension Day was regarded as falling "*straight from Heaven opened for Christ's entry*" and was believed to have curative powers. Rain collected on Ascension Day was said to be good for inflamed or diseased eyes.

Did You Know?... in some parts of Italy there's an interesting custom of catching crickets on Ascension Day. Families will have a picnic while the children look for crickets, which are said to bring blessings, especially if they still sing when taken home in little cricket cages. Back in the day, a man would adorn his beloved's doors with flowers on this Feast, and give her a cricket cage, too. This Feast is also known in parts of Italy as "La Festa del Grillo" (the Feast of the Cricket). And we thought we knew it all!

June

It's beautiful the Summer month of June
When all of God's own wildflowers are in bloom
And sun shines brightly most part of the day
And butterflies o'er lush green meadows play.

Easter 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!

Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?
Noah... he was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

Where is the first tennis match mentioned in the Bible?
When Joseph served in Pharaoh's court.

Are you looking for a fun and meaningful way to give back to your community? Join us at **Delta Bingo Gaming in Niagara Falls** and volunteer with the **YMCA of Niagara!** Just a **2-hour commitment once a month** is all it takes to make a big impact.

By volunteering, you help the YMCA access critical funding from Delta Bingo—funds that send kids to summer camp, support local youth action programs, and create opportunities for young people to grow, lead, and thrive. It's easy, it's fun, and best of all—you'll be part of something that truly makes a difference.

To learn more or sign up, contact us at 905-941-2806. Your two hours could help change a life. **Check our Bulletin Boards for more details.**

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