

# Saint Patrick's Church

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Rev. Gerard Power, O.Carm., Pastor  
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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 - 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, 11:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.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  
Most Rev. John A. O'Mara, D.D., Bishop-Emeritus

Parish Established 1858  
Church Dedicated 1895



**New Parishioners are asked to complete a parish registration form.**

## ASCENSION OF THE LORD



### Saturday, June 1 St Justin

**5:00** Antonio Marcon req. by Tullio Milani & Family  
Bridget Mundier req by her Family

### Sunday, June 2 The Ascension of the Lord

**8:00** Irma Amadio req. by the Family  
Aldo & Pat Visentin req by Marilyn Lococo  
**9:30** Bruno Bortolussi req. by his Wife: Jacqueline  
Bernardino & Gaetania Mallone req by the Antonio Family  
**11:30** Raffaele Fabiano req. by his Children & Families  
Ivon & Robbie Loro req by the Family  
**7:00** People of the Parish

### Monday, June 3 St Charles Lwanga & Companions

**8:00** Mary Cahill req. by Peggy & Les Potapczyk  
Nick Di Paolo req. by Paul Di Paul

### Tuesday, June 4

**8:00** Kaz Dykas req. by Carolyn Dykas  
Eloise & Marigwen Schumacher req. by Friends

### Wednesday, June 5 St Boniface

**8:00** Rev. Anthony Inneo req. by Fred & Lisa Persia  
Zorka Wach req by Friends

### Thursday, June 6 St Norbert

**8:00** Gianni 'Johnny' Bonaldo req by Friends  
Fr. Dan Murphy req. by Mary Power

### Friday, June 7

**8:00** Ivan Maglicic req. by the Tavano & Ligotti Families  
John Buckner req. by Friends

### Saturday, June 8

**5:00** Aline Cormier req. by Linda Cormier  
Dec'd mem. of Gautier & Hunt Families req by Anna & John Hunt

### Sunday, June 9 Pentecost Sunday

**8:00** People of the Parish  
**9:30** Lina Grespan req. by the Di Carlo Family  
Dec'd mem of the Leahey & Lafford Families req by Muriel  
**11:30** Anna Goegan req. by Louise Goegan & Family  
Angelo Radice req by the Radice Family  
**7:00** Bruna Panucci req. by the Panucci Family  
Libera Iacobaccio req by the Iacobaccio Family

### Baptism Schedule for 2019

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on:  
**Sunday, June 23, July 21, Aug 25, Sept 22, Oct 20, Nov 24 & Dec 15**  
A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday,  
June 11, July 9, Aug 13, Sept 10, Oct 8, Nov 12 & Dec 3 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!*

**Ministry...** We are in need of 5 volunteers to help with our **Children's Liturgy**. It runs from September until the end of June at our 9:30 Mass. We are looking for both adults and high school students. 2 volunteers are needed for each Sunday and are usually scheduled once a month. If you are interested, please let the parish office know, 905-354-7451 and with great joy we will provide the necessary training!

### Upcoming Weddings at St. Patrick's in June

*Sabrina Cardamone & Andy Silveira  
June Slee & Thomas Chevalier*

*A special collection will be taken up next weekend for the  
Education of Seminarians & Clergy. Envelopes are available at the doors  
of the Church today. Please be generous.*



### Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Dr. Andy Fisher, Ange Martin

### Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Carole Ann Ogilvie, Kelly Power, Gregory Roulston, Alice Dalton, John Nicks, Wilf Manuel, Victor Sincich, Nancy Praakel, Norma Zanuz, Lily Williams, Patricia Williams, Mark Pepple, Nancy Huber, Margaret Christopher, Nikki Mansfield, Nicolina Compare, Bernadette Moore, Alvin Learn, James Moody Sr., Fern Albert, Lester Snow, Melissa Brideau, Toni Brideau, Rose MacDonald, Elizabeth Stachura, John Calder, Charlene Shannon, Carmella Modenti, Moira Campbell, Anna Hunt, John Kealey, Anna Vergalito, Helen Lelievre, Nancy Weiss, Leo Martin, Samuel Potapczyk, Baby Julian, William JA De Foe Denise Colalillo, Mary Lawrence, Bernard Martin, Emily Hanover, Drago Bicanic, Baby Victoria, Joyce Weaver, John Cox, Margaret Waghorn, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffradi, Edna McDonnell, Fred Girardo Sr., Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Maria Melchiorre, Conner Hawkswell, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Maria Guerini, Iole Mancini, Jeannette Fabian, Donna Cormier, Jeanne Lea, Maria Rosiana, Tom Hilton, Frank Sica, Jill Leronowich, Audrey Vendramin, Baby Maximus, Patrick Kealey, Margaret Smith, Evelyn Rose Baker, Francesco Albanese, Florrie Heimbigner, Kitty Decicco, Jozefa Bilski, Todd Reid, Rebecca Evans, Nancy Jean Rose, Marie Massolin, Danielle Barranca, Amadio, Kelly Laslo, Brian Smith Patricia O'Reilly, Baby Hope, Patrick McCarthy, Stefanie Borin, Walter Wallace, Francois Chayer, Kerrie Szuch, Vito Fuccillo, Donna Bradley, Cheryl D'Amizio, Mary Jo O'Kell, Julie Nicholson, Alessia Comisso, Baby Sebastian, Jadwiga Wozniak, Lorraine Spence, Mary Brennan, Robert & JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pepper Martin Jr., Helen Rotella, Michelle Price, Carlo Trasmundi, Baby Gabriel, Shirley Machulla, Baby Nicholas, Jeanne S, Trina Washington

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

### Collections

May 26: \$5,309.00  
Pope's Pastoral Works: \$658.00  
Cathedral Appeal (to date): \$2,585.00  
Many thanks for your generosity!

**CWL News...** St. Patrick's CWL will hold their Pot Luck dinner and meeting on Wednesday, June 5 at 6:30 pm in the Hall. All are invited to attend and please bring your favourite dish to share.

**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!

### The Soup Kitchen, Niagara Falls Community Outreach...

*Here's how you can help: These items are needed on an ongoing basis: coffee, napkins, cranberry juice, iced tea, flour, pudding & sugar  
We are looking for volunteers for setup and serving of meals, especially Saturday lunchtime  
Cash donations are appreciated as we receive no government funding.  
nifcommunityoutreach.org 905-354-1640*

### Hanging Baskets

Many thanks to the Van Noort Family for donating the hanging baskets, which are displayed throughout our property. God bless you for your generosity.

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

We have married & wish to update our information \_\_\_\_\_



Dear Friends:



This weekend we welcome Bishop Gerard Bergie to our parish. At our 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, he will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with 25 of our Grade 8 students. We thank Bishop Bergie for his ministry among us, and we also keep our Confirmandi in prayer. We pray that they will always use the Gifts of the

Holy Spirit throughout their Christian journey. And this is also a gentle reminder to each of us, to plug into those wonderful gifts.

Today is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord! In the Preface of today's Mass, the priest will pray, *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 the 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.

Our mission in 2019 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*. 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 within our families, then extended 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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I'LL BE BACK

### Pope Francis on Ascension

Dear brothers and sisters, the Ascension does not point to Jesus' absence, but tells us that he is alive in our midst in a new way.

He is no longer in a specific place in the world as he was before the Ascension. He is now in the lordship of God, present in every space and time, close to each one of us. In our life we are never alone: We have this Advocate who awaits us, who defends us. We are never alone: The Crucified and Risen Lord guides us.



### Congratulations to Loretto Graduates

This Sunday, June 2nd, at the 11:30 AM Mass, we will welcome 24 Loretto Graduates from the Class of 1969! Happy 50th Anniversary! May God bless them with many more re-unions, good health and happiness! Savour the wonderful memories!

### Student Summer Employment

St. Patrick Parish is once again hiring a high school grad/college student



(18+) for **June 1st to September 1st** to assist our Care Taker with maintenance, cleaning, painting, gardening, lawn care, etc. Preference will be given (but not limited to) active parishioners (any parish).

Must be a self-starter. Occasional heavy lifting, and ladder climbing involved. You may choose 30-40 hours weekly (8 AM-4 PM). If interested, please call **Fr. Gerard** for an interview, **905-354-7451**, or email (**stpatrick1895@hotmail.com**). If you have a resume, drop it off at the parish office asap!

### Cathedral Appeal

In the second week of the Cathedral Appeal, we have reached 16% of this year's goal. Many thanks. Anyone wishing to donate by credit card, can do so through Canada Helps.

Go to: **www.canadahelps.org**

Search: **Diocese of St. Catharines**

Choose: **"Cathedral Appeal"**

Fill in parish name and complete donor information.

**Canada Helps** issues tax receipts.

The Diocese will get a monthly report which will show what parish the donation is from. Canada Helps will deposit donations in the diocesan bank account. On a monthly basis the diocese will provide parishes with updates if parishioners have donated through Canada Helps. Let's see how quickly we can reach our goal!

### Little Flower Society Cards



Did you know that 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 our 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.

**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!

### Smile a while...

#### How to stop people bugging you about getting married!

Old aunts used to come up to me at weddings, poke me in the ribs, and say, "You're next." They stopped after I started doing the same thing to them at funerals.

Are you tired of living alone? Consider Mount Carmel Home in St. Catharines. A retirement home operated by the Carmelite Sisters, offering assisted living in an affordable and caring family tradition. Care services include meals, housekeeping and medication management. If interested please call 905-685-9155 for a tour.



Please continue to bring food items to Mass for Project Share! Every item helps! **"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"**

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