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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

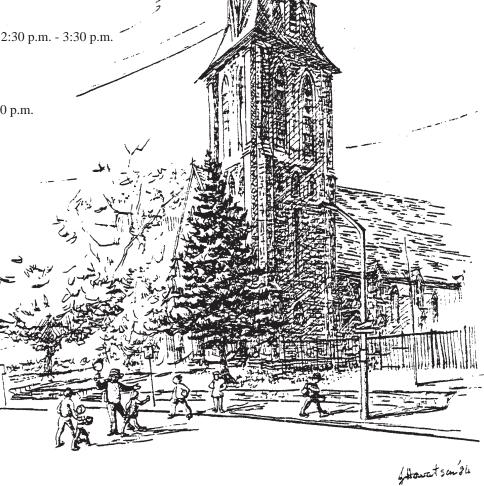
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Most Rev. Gerard Bergie, D.D., Bishop Most Rev. John A. O'Mara, D.D., Bishop-Emeritus

Parish Established 1858 Church Dedicated 1895

New Parishioners are asked to complete a parish registration form.



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Saturday, February 29

5:00 Anita Archambault reg. by Belle Liberty Theo Lagace req. by Marie Massolin

Sunday, March 1 First Sunday of Lent

8:00 Vincezina Catone req. by Vince Catone Johnny MacLean req. by his Mom, Dad & Bro

Leahey Family req. by Muriel Lafford Elisabetta & Vito Anello rea, by the Family

11:30 Carol Dugas req. by Peter & Starr Daly

Lucy Jenssen, Mike DeGuida & Lucy DeMizio req. by A. Luciano & Family

7:00 People of the Parish

Monday, March 2

8:00 Dr. & Mrs. Connors req. by the Stan & Penny Connors Marco Bortolin req. by his Wife

Tuesday, March 3

8:00 Special Intentions reg. by Jean Yazaroglu Benny Pietrangelo reg. by Maria Guerin

Wednesday, March 4 St Casimir

8:00 Mass of Thanksgiving req. by Duy's Family All expectant Mothers

7:00 Pauline Ellis req. by George Ellis Luigi Canal & Addolorata Crisci reg. by the Family

Thursday, March 5

8:00 For unborn Children reg. by Peter & Stefanie Maiuri Gus & Zorka Wach reg. by Friends

Friday, March 6 World Day of Prayer

8:00 Mercede Bonaguro reg. by Lea Longo Robert Bell reg. by Parish Staff

Saturday, March 7 St Perpetua & St Felicity

5:00 Ivan Maglicic req. by the Family

Maria Igama req. by the Monday Night Line Dancers of Niagara

Sunday, March 8 Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 Bartolomeo Pietrangelo req. by the Family

For the Healing of John Corfield req. by Dan Moody

9:30 Giustina Bombicino req. by her Dtr: Clara & Family Monica Roulston req. by Maureen Harquail

11:30 Jean & Leon Dopke req. by Friends Peter Moi req. by the Nguyen Family

7:00 People of the Parish

Baptism Schedule for 2020

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: Sunday, Mar 29, Apr 26, May 24, June 28 & July 26. A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, Mar 17, Apr 14, May 12, June 16 & July 14 at 7:00 pm.

St. Patrick's Day Dance, Saturday March 14, 2020

St. Patrick Parish Hall From 8 p.m.-1 a.m.

\$10.00 per person includes:

Beef on a Bun • Prizes • Cash Bar

• DJ • Irish Dancers(2 performances)

& The Good Thymes Irish Band

for tickets contact Colleen @ 905-374-4025 /

colleenm@vaxxine.com or the Church Office 905-354-7451

Volunteers needed for set-up & clean-up

Third annual Trivia Night hosted by the CWL...This is an adult function for 19 yrs and over ... tickets are \$20 each or a table of 8 for \$135 ... NO ticket sales at the door!! Come out and support our charities on March 27th at 7:00pm, doors open at 6:30pm ... it's going to be a great night!! There will be food, snacks & cash bar. You can purchase your tickets through the office 905-354-7451 or by calling Maggie 905-246-6212

Church Bulletin Advertising...Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our Church bulletin. The advertising will begin in May 2020 & supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin & advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

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



Rest in Peace... We pray for the soul of Bashar Shaheen. May he rest in peace. Please remember his family in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Leroy Collee

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Francis Patterson, Andy Scotnicki, John Corfield, Corinne Journeau, Arlene Collee, Betty & Joe Power, Teresa Hebb, Jarod Hickey, Julian Cassidy, Carole Ann Ogilvie, Mary Frances Pye, Gus Bagarozza, Carol DeVilliers, Joe Young, Kelly Power, Marney Broderick, Sister Prem, Kerrie Szuch, Gregory Roulston, Cameron Boyes, Pasquale Abrunzo, Alice Dalton, John Nicks, John Calder, Wilf Manuel, Victor Sincich, Nancy Praakel, Bernadette Moore, Norma Zanus, Patricia Williams, Mark Pepple, Nancy Huber, Danielle Barranca, Fern Albert, Kelly Laslo, Toni Brideau, Edward Brzozowski Jr., Nikki Mansfield, Lester Snow, Nicolina Compare, Dr. Andy Fisher, Alvin Learn, James Moody Sr., Carmella Modenti, Rose MacDonald, Anna Hunt, Nancy Jean Rose, Elizabeth Stachura, Charlene Shannon, John Kealey, Margaret Smith, Leo Martin, Anna Vergalito, Helen Lelievre, Nancy Weiss, Denise Colalillo, Samuel Potapczyk, William JA De Foe, Bernard Martin, Brian Smith, Joyce Weaver, Michelle Price, Mary Lawrence, Emily Hanover, Drago Bicanic, Jeanne S, John Cox, Margaret Waghorn, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffradi, Rebecca Evans, Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Evelyn Rose Baker, Lorraine Spence, Robert & JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Maria Melchiorre, Jeannette Fabian, Conner Hawkswell, George Teibert, Tom Hilton, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Vito Fuccillo, Donna Cormier, Jeanne Lea, Maria Rosiana, Frank Sica, Jill Leronowich, Patricia O'Reilly, Audrey Vendramin, Patrick Kealey, Cheryl Granton, Francesco Albanese, Walter Wallace, Florrie Heimbigner, Jozefa Bilski, Todd Reid, Mary Brennan, Marie Massolin, Jadwiga Wozniak, Faith Amadio, Julie Nicholson, Stefanie Borin, Maria Guerin, Patrick McCarthy, Francois Chayer, Alessia Commisso, Donna Bradley, Helen Rotella, Trina Washington, Mary Jo O'Kell, Cheryl D'Ammizio, Shirley Machulla, Baby George, Baby Nicholas, Baby Victoria, Eric Corcoran, Pepper Martin Jr.

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

Collections

February 23: \$5,462.23 Cathedral Appeal (to date): \$16,885.00 Many thanks for your generosity!

Children Sacramental Dates 2020

Confirmation: Saturday, May 30, 2020 @ 5:00 PM

First Reconciliation: Wednesday, March 25, 2020@7:00PM new date First Communion: Sunday, May 3, 2020 @ 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM (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.)

CWL News... The next meeting for the St. Patrick Church CWL will be held on Wednesday, March 4 at 6:30pm in the Hall.

- -CWL Annual Retreat: Held at Mt Carmel Spiritual Centre on March 4, 8:30 - 2:30pm or March 5, 5 - 8pm Cost \$40, includes lunch or dinner.
- If you are interested in going please contact Maggie at 905-246-6212
- Friday, March 27th, 7:00pm, our third annual Trivia Night, \$20 each -July 24 -26, 2020 Defending the Faith Conference, Steubenville, OH Check out the Church bulletin boards for further information

Ryan's Bowl Food Program - The Giving Bowl "A Lenten Sacrifice" for St. Pat's!

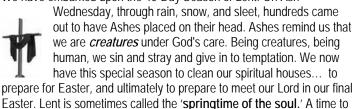
This Lent we will have a special container at the front and back of the church. All donations will assist a food program which the late Mr. Ken Walsh helped initiate in Eastern Uganda in 2007. Each day Ryan's Bowl feeds some 1100 children at local Schools. This is the only hot meal these children get each day! There are new elements to the Program beginning this year, medical help, clothing, etc. Ms. Isabel Bujor, the new director, who is currently visiting Eastern Uganda, will be speaking to our parish community on the weekend of March 15th! Please place your donations into these containers during Lent! If you wish to donate by cheque, please make payable to *Ryan's Bowl Food Program*. The name of this Program is officially changing to "The Giving Bowl". So either title on the cheque is fine for this year. Thanks to the children of St. Patrick School for coming up with the new name. Lord, when did we see you hungry or naked or ill?

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

be made new and fresh again.

We have embarked upon the 40-Day Season of Lent. On Ash



Our Gospel today has Jesus being tempted by Satan in the wilderness. Jesus fasted for these 40 days. We can only imagine his human hunger for food. Satan knew he was vulnerable, and tempted him three times! In the first reading, Adam and Eve gave in to temptation, but now we have Jesus, the New Adam, representing all humanity! He faced the same temptation as Adam and Eve: to seek one's own glory, to have power, and not be subject to another authority. All these temptations are rejected by Jesus, as he hurled scriptural grenades at Satan!

As we begin Lent, it doesn't hurt to ask, What are the temptations in my life? Where do I look for that quick fix? The three temptations by Satan, offered Jesus a quick fix, an easy way out, but Jesus resisted each one. A great week to look seriously at our response to temptations. We all have them! Do I give in easily to the wrong foods, the wrong activities, alcohol, drugs, peer-pressure, greed, desires of the flesh? To whom or to what do I give control over my life... over my decisions? Maybe we can all learn from the Master... and ward off all the little and BIG satans out there that keep popping up! Lent is a time to face our temptations and deface them gracefully. May we have the courage, through Christ, to "keep the devil away from our door!"

Have a blessed week and a grace-filled Lent!

Fr. Gerard

That would be my Molly!



Weekday Mass Schedule for Lent

Monday- 8:00 AM Tuesday- 8:00 AM

Wednesday- 8:00 AM & 7:00 PM except March 25

Thursday- 8:00 AM Friday- 8:00 AM

Stations of the Cross

Friday 7:00 PM followed by *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament* and Benediction

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

Pope Francis to Catholics



On Wednesday, Pope Francis added a modern twist to the list of things to give up during the season of Lent and beyond: **insulting people on social media**. Pope Francis made his appeal to

tone things down while speaking to tens of thousands of people in St. Peter's Square for his general audience on Ash Wednesday, the start of the 40-day season that leads up to Easter. Lent, he said in partially improvised remarks, "is a time to give up useless words, gossip, rumors, tittle-tattle and speak to God on a first name basis," he said. "We live in an atmosphere polluted by too much verbal violence, too many offensive and harmful words, which are amplified by the internet," he said. "Today, people insult each other as if they were saying 'Good Day."

Suggestions for Lent!

"My two words for Lent are **BE KIND!** This is at the heart of the Christian message. Three ways are: (1) **Don't be a jerk**. No matter what your day is like: sick, tired, mean boss, family issues..., don't pass along your misery to everyone else. (2) **Honour the absent**. Stop talking about people behind their back, this is so damaging to our spiritual lives when we denigrate another person. This is a serious form of un-charity! and (3) **Always give people the benefit of the doubt**. Give them the Plus Sign!!! These 3 things may be a lot harder than giving up chocolate, but it will be a lot better for our spiritual lives and for everyone else's!" (*James Martin, S.J.*)

Three Traditional Lenten Practices

Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are three traditional spiritual exercises to consider during Lent. Properly approached and utilized, they will



indeed facilitate a change of heart and conversion in our lives. As one writer says, "prayer, fasting and almsgiving are not the point of Lent, they are the tools of Lent." They are like three legs of a tripod. Prayer nourishes our spirits; Fasting disciplines our bodies and puts us in solidarity with

those who suffer from hunger; and *almsgiving* enlarges our hearts as we commit ourselves to the good of others.

Marriage Preparation

Next weekend we welcome some 25 Engaged Couples as they participate in our Marriage Preparation Program. May God bless all those who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage, and all who are assisting them on the journey! Remember, *The Family That Prays Together, Stays Together!!!*

Special Collections

Development and Peace March 29
Holy Land/Refugee Ministry (Good Friday) April 10

2020 Church Envelopes & 2019 Tax Receipts

Please make sure you pick up your Offertory Envelopes and Tax Receipts as soon as possible. They are at the main doors of the Church. Many thanks.

Friends of Carmel 2020 Fundraiser... Trivia Day... Sunday, March 22, 2020

Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, Doors open @ 12pm, Food buffet @12:30, Trivia starts @ 1:30pm \$20 each, includes Food, Tickets available at Mt Carmel Monastery Store or by calling Anna @ 905-358-3412 or rracine37@cogeco.ca

Vincent's Store...If you're cleaning out your closets, Vincent's Store on Ferry Street is in need of men's clothing... pants, jeans, shirts, coats, etc.. You can drop them off there any day!



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

Weekday Rosary Every morning at 7:30, the Holy Rosary is prayed in St. Patrick Church. Keep Mary in mind, and Jesus will grow in your heart!

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