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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 is required.

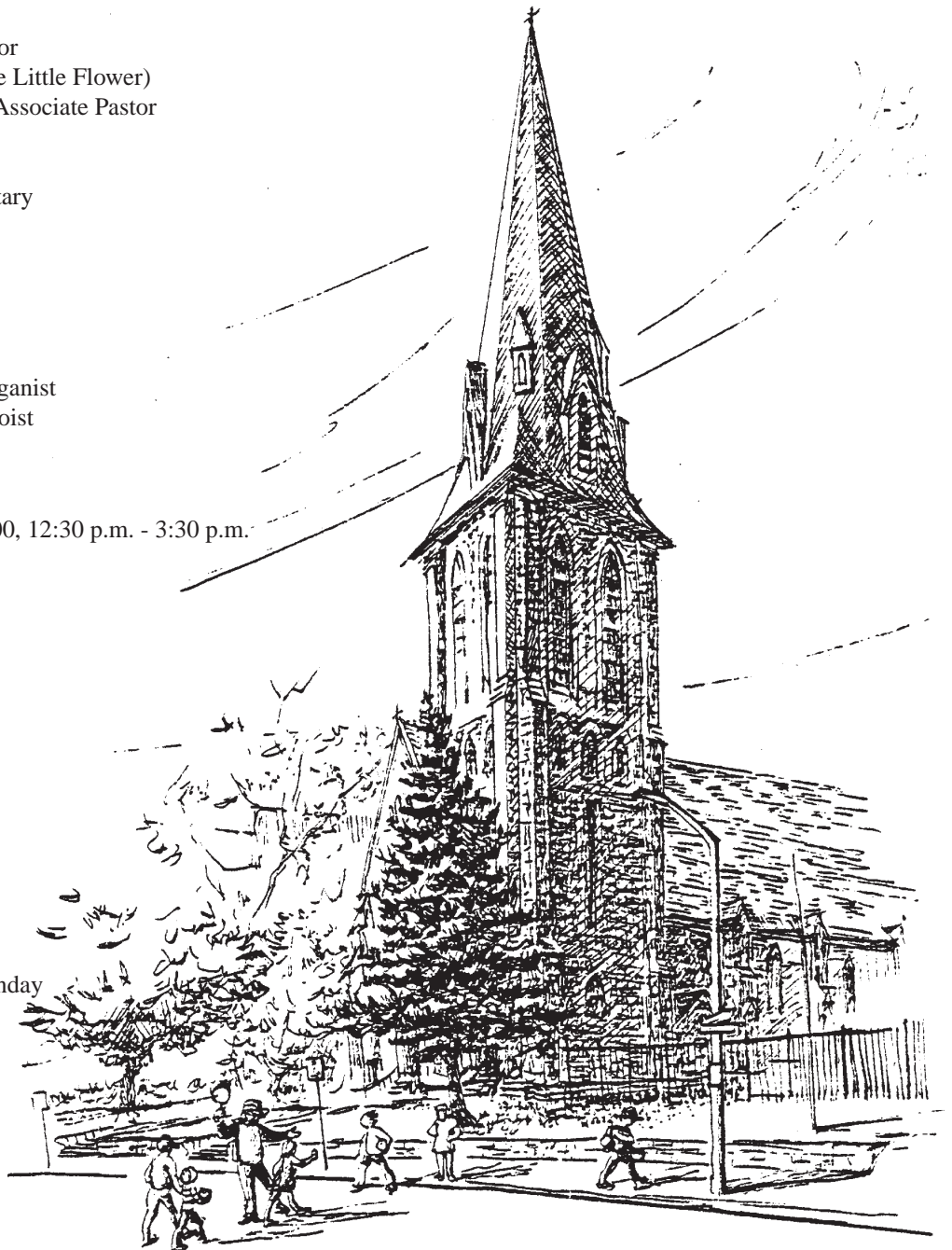
Schools

St. Patrick School 905-354-6631
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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.



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Saturday, March 15

5:00 Tony Laslo *req by Elaine & Family*

Eda Martin *req by the Family*

Sunday, March 16 Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 Giulio Canali *req by Anna & John Condotta*

In Honour of Libia Casas on her Birthday *req by her Dtr: Laura*

9:30 People of the Parish

11:30 Sam & Maria Maccarrone *req by Rachel Marcon*

Patrick O'Brien *req by the Family*

Monday, March 17 St Patrick

8:00 Robert Lelievre *req by Aileen & Boys*

Peter Viet *req by the Nguyen Family*

Tuesday, March 18 St Cyril of Jerusalem

8:00 James Ogilvie *req by Sam & Chris St. Angelo*

Maria Nga *req by the Nguyen Family*

Wednesday, March 19 St Joseph

8:00 Giuseppe DeMizio *req by Pasqualina DeMizio & Family*

Rosaleen O'Brien *req by the Family*

Thursday, March 20

8:00 Sam DiCarlo *req by Mary DiCarlo & Family*

Joseph Maddalena *req by the Family*

Friday, March 21

8:00 Bernard Kennedy *req by the Kennedy Family*

Intentions of the Little Flower Society

Saturday, March 22

5:00 Linda & Mario Cardinal *req by the Family*

Bruno Pietrobon *req by the Friends*

Sunday, March 23 Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 Ethel Moody *req by Paolo Sirianni*

Belle Liberty *req by Friends*

9:30 Nicola & Maria Dilibero *req by the Family*

Clemente & Maria Della Marca *req by the Family*

11:30 People of the Parish

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Flori Heimbigner, Mary-Ann Forrester, John Luciw, Kevin Mann, Diane Cummings, Eleanor Somerville and Domenica Antidormi. 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.

Mary Power, Kenneth Power, Jacquie Power, Carl Lundrigan, Connie Power, Emma Corfield, Norah Marrie, Jeanne Lea, Joe Antonio, 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, Peter Meisenburg Jr., Leila Khan, Maureen Young, 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., Missy Bilotta, Rita Ross, Leon French, Tony Cuiello, Kelsey Liles, Sr. Carol Forhan CPPS, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Samantha Jayne, Laurie Crites-Warner, Norma Zanuz, 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, Francesco Albanese, Julie Nicholson, Emmanuel & Aline Chayer, Carmella Modenti, Bernard Martin, Joyce Weaver, 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

March 9th : \$6,532.90

Giving Bowl: \$6,042.45 (to date)

Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2025

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on:

Sunday March 23 (Infants Only), April 27, May 18 & June 22.

A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, March 18, April 22, May 6 & June 10 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 2025

First Communion: Sunday, May 25, 2025 @ 9:30am & 1:30pm
Mandatory Preparation Meeting: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 @ 7:00pm
(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.)

New Altar Bell

Many thanks to our Catholic Women's League for donating a new Altar Bell. This bell was blessed during Mass. It was dedicated to Charlene Shannon, and all our long-serving CWL members. Charlene Shannon has been an active member of the CWL for 64 years! She had the joy of ringing the bell during the blessing.

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

2025 will be a Special Year

The year 2025 is a **Jubilee Year** in the Church. It will be centered on the theme "Pilgrims of Hope." As His Holiness Pope Francis so beautifully expressed it: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision."

The year 2025 officially marks **150 years** of the Carmelites being in Niagara Falls, Canada (1875-2025). We will have several celebrations during 2025 at St. Patrick Parish, at Our Lady of Peace Parish, and at the Monastery of Mount Carmel. Stay tuned!

Church Envelopes and Income Tax Receipts

Please make sure you pick up your Income Tax Receipts from the back of the Church. Offertory Envelopes are in the sacristy, to the left of the altar. Many thanks.

Diocesan Day of Penance

On **Saturday, April 5, 2025**, in every parish church across the diocese, a priest will be available from 10:00am – 2:00pm to hear individual confessions. No matter how long it has been, you are welcome to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, which assists us in spiritual discipline as we turn away from sin and open our hearts to reconciliation and healing. You can also simply come to pray before the Lord.

Is God calling You?... If you feel called to serve as an **Altar Server**, **Funeral Server**, **Eucharistic Minister**, **Lector** or with the **Children's Liturgy** please call the parish office, 905-354-7451.



Dear Friends!



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!!!! It is coming up this Monday! St. Patrick is the Patron of Ireland, and of Irish people everywhere! And of course, he is the Patron of our Parish! *May you live as long as you want, and never want as long as you live!* And **HAPPY ST. JOSEPH'S DAY!!!!** St. Joseph is the Patron of the Universal Church! His feast is celebrated this Wednesday, March 19th. And the first day of spring is on **Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 5:01 a.m. EDT.** Praise God! Before we know it, life will be bursting forth everywhere! Never lose hope!

On this 2nd **Sunday in Lent**, we hear the Transfiguration account from Luke's Gospel! This gives us a good taste of Easter! Imagine that day on the mountain with Peter, James and John, when Jesus' appearance changed, and he was transfigured before them! His clothes became dazzling white! Moses and Elijah appeared and they speak of Jesus' exodus which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. The Transfiguration is one of those sacred and powerful moments of comfort, which Jesus gave his disciples to prepare them for what lay ahead, his Death and Resurrection. At the end of this experience, God's voice was heard: **"This is my Son, my chosen, listen to him."**



A great call for us during Lent: **LISTEN TO JESUS!!!** How good are we at listening to him? Sometimes our schedules are so filled... and there are so many competing and distracting voices out there. We can be pulled in every direction. Times we just can't hear God! **Prayer** is a **MUST** for our Christian lives, and so is **silence**. The onus is on us to find our own private mountain-top, an **out of the way place** to spend quiet time to **listen** to Jesus. Perhaps we can sit each day to read and meditate on the scriptures, or just be in silence with God. Maybe come to the **Stations of the Cross** and a **Holy Hour** on Friday nights during Lent. Wherever we choose to find silence... and alone-time with God, may we be open to what God is calling us to do. Maybe it's to give someone a glimpse of Easter through our charity, through a visit, a phone call, a note, a compliment! May we find special time this week, some sacred space to spend with our God.

Fr. Gerard



May the road rise to meet you, May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields and,
Until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

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

Weekday Mass Schedule for Lent

Monday- Friday: 8:00 AM

Stations of the Cross

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



Litany to St. Joseph

Saint Joseph, Light of Patriarchs, Spouse of the Mother of God, Chaste guardian of the Virgin, Foster-father of the Son of God, Watchful defender of Christ, Head of the Holy Family, Joseph most just, Joseph most chaste, Joseph most prudent, Joseph most valiant, Joseph most obedient, Joseph most faithful, Mirror of patience, Lover of poverty, Model of workmen, Glory of home life, Guardian of virgins, Pillar of families, Solace of the afflicted, Hope of the sick, Patron of the dying, Terror of demons, Protector of Holy Church, **pray for us.**



Cheerful Irish Blessings

May those who love us love us, and those that don't love us, may God turn their hearts. And if He doesn't turn their hearts, may he turn their ankles, so we'll know them by their limping.

...

May I see you gray
And combing your grandchildren's hair.

...

May you have:
No frost on your spuds, No worms on your cabbage.
May your goat give plenty of milk. And if you inherit a donkey,
May she be in foal.

The Giving Bowl

"A Lenten Sacrifice" for St. Pat's!

Once again this Lent, we will have a special container at the front and back of the church. All donations will assist a program in which one of our parishioners, the late Mr. Ken Walsh, helped initiate in Eastern Uganda. Each day **The Giving Bowl** feeds upwards to 1100 children at local Catholic Schools. This is the only hot meal these children get each day! They also assist with medical issues, uniforms and tuition. Please place your donations into these containers during Lent! If you wish to donate by cheque, please use a separate envelope and make the cheque payable to **The Giving Bowl**.

This is a Registered Charity under the CRA, and they issue their own receipts for Income Tax Purposes. Approximately 80% of their funds go directly to the Food Program. The other 20% is used for school fees for the most desperate, a school uniform to replace the most tattered, also notebooks and pencils, medical supplies, and in dire cases, to purchase a goat for very needy families. **If you use the parish offertory envelopes**, you must write the cheque to **St. Patrick Parish**. Then we issue a cheque to **The Giving Bowl** at the end of each month.

Project Share is looking for **Volunteers** in their Food Room and Warehouse. If you can commit to 3.5hrs a week for at least 6 months, please consider helping them out. The Hours of Operation are Monday –

Friday, 8:30 – 3:30pm. Contact Karen Misek at 365-880-4726 or email volunteer@projectshare.ca For more details, please read the Posters on the Church

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