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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.

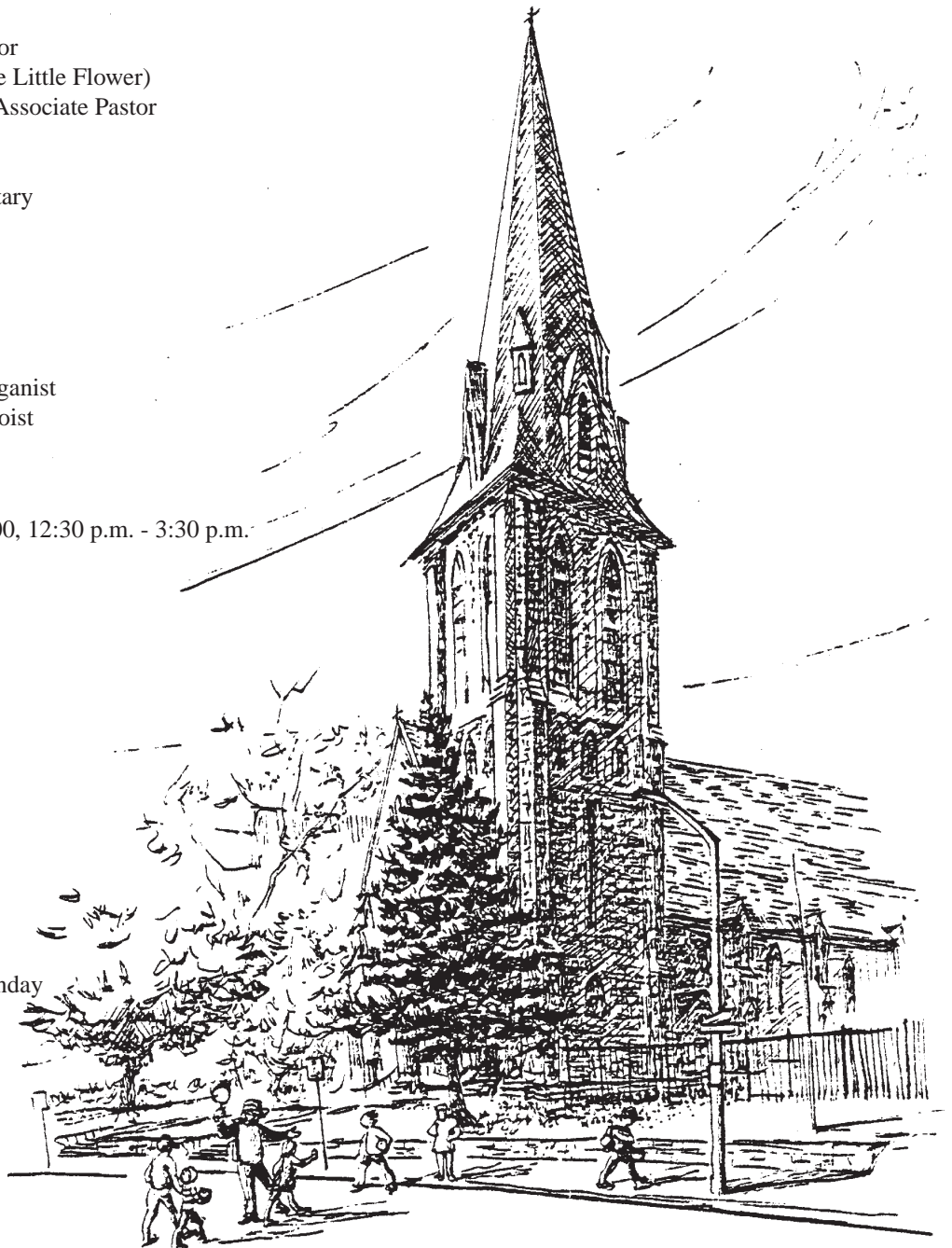
Schools

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.



EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, March 1

5:00 Johnny MacLean *req by Dad, Mom & Bro*
Thresiamma Joseph *req by Soji Joseph*

Sunday, March 2

8:00 Steven Phillips *req by Friends*
Don & Belle Liberty *req by the Parish Staff*

9:30 People of the Parish

11:30 Vittorio & Ernesta Marcon *req by Rachel Marcon*
Wilson Girard *req by the Family*

Monday, March 3

8:00 Tu Caterina Maria *req by the Nguyen Family*
Intentions of the Little Flower Society

Tuesday, March 4 St Casimir

8:00 Intentions of the Little Flower Society

Wednesday, March 5 Ash Wednesday

8:00 Fr. Brian McCulloch *req by Cliff & Teresa*

12Noon Fr. Tony McNamara *req by Fr. Gerard*

Fr. Bruce Taggart *req by Fr. Gerard*

7pm Unborn Children *req by Stefanie & Peter Maiuri*

Intentions of the Little Flower Society

Thursday, March 6

8:00 Dec'd of the Cometto Family *req by Anna Bortolin & Family*
Intentions of the Little Flower Society

Friday, March 7 St Perpetua & St Felicity

8:00 Anna Thi Hoan Nguyen *req by the Family*

Intentions of the Little Flower Society

Saturday, March 8 St John of God

5:00 Dec'd of the O'Leary Family *req by the Besaw Family*
Marie & Jack Cadman *req by the Family*

Sunday, March 9

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 Marian Abbott *req by Stu & Mary Lou Gallardi*

Concetta & Luigi Canal *req by the Family*

11:30 Domenic Rondinelli *req by Jim & Dora*

Dr. Vito Forte *req by Tony & Rosa DeAngelis*



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!



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.

Little Flower Society Cards

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 those 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.

Rest in Peace... We pray for the soul of Theresa Foley. May she rest in peace. Please remember her family 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, Flori Heimbigner, 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 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, 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, Eida 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

February 23rd: \$7,728.16

Giving Bowl: \$1,763.35 (to date)

Heating Expenses: \$2,085.02 (to date)

Donations in Memory of Alessandro Luciano: \$2,075.00

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!*



Congratulations and best wishes to
Declan Bowlby, Alina DeMizio & Nathan Gomes
who were recently baptized

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.)

Church Envelopes and Income Tax Receipts

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



Dear Friends:



We continue to keep Pope Francis in prayer as he battles pneumonia and other complications. May God restore him to the fullness of health.

Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday. May this truly be a season of grace for all of us. Let's not forget that **prayer, fasting and almsgiving** are the three traditional Lenten practices.

Please remember to call ahead and sign up for the St. Patrick's Potluck on March 15th. See today's bulletin for details. We need to know the numbers by March 12th.

... Today's Gospel continues Jesus' "Sermon on the Plain". We have three unrelated sayings of Jesus: *the blind leading the blind*, *the speck/log in a neighbour's eye*, and a *good tree and its fruits*. Let's look at the speck/log!!!!

Imagine focusing on a speck in our neighbour's eye, while we have a log in our own! Jesus used the word "**hypocrite**" for these people. They are so unaware of their own shortcomings, yet so quick to decry or judge others. These people are negative and hostile, always looking to criticize and find fault in everyone, except themselves. The appealing thing about doing this is that **it takes the focus from our own deficiencies**, making ourselves feel self-righteous. What's the alternative?

Instead of criticizing others, why not care for them? Pray for them. Listen to them. Look at our own faults instead of others. When we are aware of our own weaknesses and strive to overcome them, then we are slow to judge and swift to give others the benefit of the doubt. So if we cannot say something good about another person, then it is better to remain silent. As the Season of Lent approaches, this is certainly a great area for all of us to work on! Focusing on ourselves and our own spiritual lives. Have a blessed week.

Fr. Gerard



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*



Ash Wednesday is on March 5, 2025
Mass will be celebrated at
8:00 AM
12:00 Noon
7:00 PM (Adult Choir)

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.



St. Patrick's Weekend ----- SAVE THE DATE

Come out and celebrate St. Patrick's Day! On **Saturday, March 15th** we will have a potluck buffet in the parish hall. Doors will open at 6:00. Food will be served at 6:30. You **must call** the parish office in advance (by March 12th) to let us know how many people will be coming, and **what dish** you will be bringing.

We will need salads, hot dishes and desserts! There will be no bar service, so please bring your own spirits (BYOB)! There will be some pop and water available for purchase. We will have Irish Music playing throughout the evening, some dancing, and some accordion music by Fr. Gerard. This event is open to all ages. Please wear green!!! Watch the bulletin for more details.



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 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.

Hospital Visits

If you have a family member in hospital who would like a visit from a priest, please let the nursing station know. They will have the switchboard call for a priest. There have been several policy changes at the hospitals. Priests no longer have access to a list of patients and not all parking will be covered for clergy (emergency switchboard calls only).

Holy Rosary

Every weekday morning at 7:30, the Holy Rosary is prayed in St. Patrick Church.

Keep Mary in mind, and Jesus will grow in your heart!

Catholic Marriage Tribunal...If you are considering remarriage in the Catholic Church or hoping to enter a marriage with someone previously married, please speak to a priest, or contact the St. Catharines Catholic Marriage Tribunal at 905-687-8817 or tribunal@saintcd.com

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