

# Saint Patrick's Church

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## **Parish Staff**

Rev. Gerard Power, O.Carm., Pastor  
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Rev. Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Deacon  
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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.**



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



### Saturday, March 5

**5:00** Harold & Marc Bickerstafe *req. by Imelda Bickerstafe*  
All Unborn Children *req. by Parishioners*  
Pauline Puinno *req. by the Family*

### Sunday, March 6 Fourth Sunday of Lent

**8:00** Luigi Canal *req. by his Wife & Family*  
Giulio & Lucia Cavaliere *req. by Rocco & Giuseppina Cavaliere*  
**9:30** Downes Family *req. by Betty Fischer*  
Elmira, James & Danny Dick *req. by Colette Empey & Yvette Dick*  
**11:30** Don Critelli *req. by Valerie Watson*  
Immacolata Luciano *req. by her Children: Lucy, Anna, Frank & Angie*  
**7:00** People of the Parish

### Monday, March 7 St Perpetua & St Felicity

**8:00** Teresa & Vincenzo Fiore *req. by Anna Quiquero & Family*  
Deacon Pat O'Brien *req. by Jeanne Lea & Family*

### Tuesday, March 8 St John of God

**8:00** Jean Dopke *req. by the Family*  
Peter Mong Nguyen *req. by the Family*

### Wednesday, March 9 St Frances of Rome

**8:00** Fred & Clair Cormier *req. by Gerard Cormier*  
William Hockton *req. by the Power Family*  
**12:00** Rita & Albert Mifsud *req. by Eileen Faiella*  
Living & Dec'd mem. of the Kealey Family *req. by John Kealey*

### Thursday, March 10

**8:00** Msgr Vincent Ferrando *req. by his Friends*

### Friday, March 11

**8:00** Hugh Hockton Sr. *req. by the Hockton Family*  
Charlie Ogilvie *req. by Luisa Potalivo*

### Saturday, March 12

**5:00** Vincent & Ruby Crowley *req. by the Family*  
Salvatore (Sam) Cundari *req. by Teresa & Family*

### Sunday, March 13 Fifth Sunday of Lent

**8:00** Robert Lelievre *req. by Aileen Lelievre-Adams*  
Giulio Canali *req. by Anne & John Condotta*  
**9:30** Giuseppina Toffi *req. by the Family*  
Wilf & Tessie Helmink *req. by the Family*  
**11:30** Ralph Fabiano *req. by his Wife: Lula & Children*  
Alberto & Lucia Rossi *req. by the Family*  
**7:00** People of the Parish

### Sacramental Dates for 2016

#### First Communion

St. Patrick and St. Mary Schools  
Sunday, April 24, 2016 at 1:30 PM  
Other Grade 2 Parishioners  
Sunday, April 24, 2016 at 9:30 AM

#### Confirmation

Saturday, April 30, 2016 at 5:00 PM

### St. Patrick's Day Dance Saturday, March 12th

St. Patrick Parish Hall 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 /  
colleen@vaxxine.com or the Church Office 905-354-7451



### SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND March 12/13 DEVELOPMENT and PEACE- SHARE LENT 2016

Envelopes are available at the doors of the Church today. Please be generous.

**Carmelite Spirituality Group** ... You are invited to Mt Carmel Monastery on the second Sunday of each month to explore Carmelite spirituality. Mt Carmel Spiritual Centre, 2 - 5pm Presenter on March 13 Fr. Jay Comerford, O.Carm.

**Rest in Peace...** We pray for the souls of Anne Kimman & Theresa Cartier. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

### Please pray for those who are ill

Maureen Devon, Sharon Regular, Fr Tony McNamara, O.Carm., Bette Anne Chevalier, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Maria Melchiorre, Jeannette Fabian, Cleo Gagno, Donna Cormier, Maria Rosiana, Danielle Barranca, Carmela Fruci, Lucy Rizzo, Audrey Vendramin, Jeanne Lea, Gionni Bonaldo, Stan Manning, Iole Mancini, Alice Dalton, Baby Maximus, David Kealey, Joanna Daniels, Ray Sexton, Francesco Albanese, Mary Ann O'Shea, Doreen Fletcher, Rosalyn Dagleish, Susan & Rick Rogers, Kitty Decicco, Patricia Desrosiers, Evelyn Rose Baker, Jozefa Bilski, Charlene Shannon, Mary O'Shea, Dr. Andy Fisher, Dorothy Simon, Rebecca Evans, Marie Massolin, Maria Guerin, Anna Vergalito, John Jefferson Jill Leronowich, Vince (Jim) Baldassarro, Nancy Jean Rose, Guiseppina Paonessa, Phyllis Higgins, Patrick McCarthy, Norman Horth, Todd Reid, Muriel Pivarnyik, Helen Lelievre, Tom Hilton, Maria Colalillo, Walter Wallace, Stefanie Borin, John Cox, Joyce Weaver, Marie Cleary, Rita Bruneau, Orlando Garofalo, Kerrie Szuch, Faith Amadio, Margaret Smith, Carmella Modenti, Margaret Waghorn, Theresa Poirier, Bruno Maiolo, Carlo Trasmundi, Vito Fuccillo, BabyHope, Cheryl D'Ammizio, Kelly Laslo, Rose Vukmanich, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Alessia Commisso, Vicki Dubeau, Donna Bradley, Annette Brideau, George O'Kell, Mary Jo O'Kell, Baby Sebastian, Mae MacLean, Dorothy Doyle, Lorraine Murray, Patricia O'Reilly, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pepper Martin Jr., Vital & Emmanuel Chayer, Trina Washington, Chester Mottola, Shirley Machulla, Gerry Laffradi, Lorraine Spence, Baby Gabriel Paraskevopoulos  
*Please help us update our list of those who are homebound, infirm, or hospitalized by calling the parish office.*

### Collections

February 27 & 28: \$5,727.00  
Refugee Sponsorship: \$66,301.10  
Ryan's Bowl: \$ 3,416.05  
Many thanks for your generosity!

### Baptism Schedule for 2016

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday, no Mar Bapt, April 17, May 22, June 26, July 24, no Aug Bapt, Sept 25, Oct 16**  
A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, **Mon Apr 4, May 10, June 14, July 12, Sept 13, Oct 4 at 7:00 pm.**

**St. Patrick CWL News... CARD PARTY** Wednesday, March 30 1:00pm tickets \$10 Cards, Prizes, Refreshments & 50/50 Draw  
call Theresa 905-358-9332 or Louise 905-358-7367

### Lenten Evening Of Reconciliation

Wednesday, March 16th at 7:00 PM

**Chrism Mass** March 22nd at 7:30pm, the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria, St. Catharines, ON. All are invited to attend.

### PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND

Fr. Gerard is leading a **10-Day Pilgrimage** to Ireland from September 14-24, 2016: *Churches and Shrines of Ireland*. There are brochures in the parish office and also at the back of the church. We will fly direct from Toronto to Dublin, 9 nights in 4-star hotels in Newry, Donegal, Galway, Cork, Kilkenny, and Dublin, experiencing many great sights and sounds, prayers and Masses! Daily Irish Breakfast, eight 3-Course Dinners, Irish Party Show, ferry ride, Luxury Coach, Guide etc!!! This pilgrimage is limited to 40 people!!! Cost is \$3495 per person (including taxes and fuel surcharges), based on double occupancy. Don't miss out!!! Selling out fast!!



### Church Envelopes and Tax Receipts

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

Please refer to the Bulletin Board at the back of the Church for many important notices and events



Dear Friends:

Today is Laetare Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent! The Entrance Antiphon for today's Mass prays, "*Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.*" This is a Sunday of joy. Lent is half over, and the mood of this Sunday is one of hope and rejoicing that Easter is near.

Our reading from Joshua, recounts the celebration of the Passover in the Promised Land by Joshua and those who had been in the desert for 40 years. We can only imagine the joy and celebrations! The second reading from Corinthians, reminds us what God has brought about by Jesus' death on the cross: RECONCILIATION!!!! an atoning sacrifice for the sins of the world.

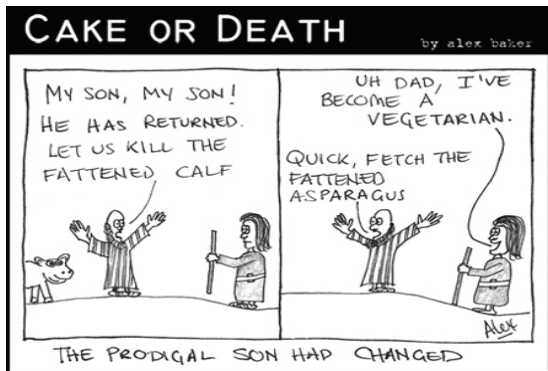


Our Gospel is from Luke, *The Prodigal Son!* A powerful parable. It teaches us that God is like that kind and understanding Father, always with open arms welcoming us back when we have strayed.

The son who asked for his inheritance, certainly represents all of us, when we cut ourselves off from God, through sin. The good news is, God's love and mercy is able to reach every prodigal son and daughter! All of us. God can restore us again! We can become that **NEW CREATION!** We can become the **RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD** (St. Paul)! God has joy in every sinner who repents!

Let's use the second half of Lent to turn back to our merciful God. Allow him to restore our dignity and value, and give us the JOY in being a child of God! My prayer is that we will forgive those who have hurt us. And also recognize the need for forgiveness in our own lives. We know very well that sin separates us from God. Lent gives us an occasion to use God's grace and mercy to wash ourselves off... turn back home... and say I'm sorry. May we have a repent-full week!!!

Fr. Gerard



### Bicycles for Migrant Workers

Please note that our migrant workers are returning soon and have need of bicycles. This is their primary mode of transportation, for work, shopping, and church. If any parishioners have an extra bicycle lying around the garage, please contact **Deacon Fabio Bustamante** and he will arrange to pick it up. (fbustamante@ymcaofniagara.ca)



Remember!!! Next Sunday, March 13, 2016, 2:00 AM, clocks are turned forward 1 hour. A great time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors also!!!

**Food Month...** March has often been referred to as "The Cold Hungry Month of March!" Let's help stamp out local hunger by making March **FOOD MONTH!** We are invited to bring macaroni and cheese, cereals, canned pasta, canned soups, school snacks or tomato sauce to the church on the weekends. Let's make a difference in our town and continue to fill our Project Share bins!

!!!! Development and Peace: Share Lent !!!!

**Next Sunday, a special collection will be taken in all Catholic churches in Canada for Development and Peace.** Dev. and Peace was established in 1967 by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops in response to Pope Paul VI's encyclical letter, *Populorum Progressio*, which says that **Development** is the new word for **Peace**. Peace cannot be seen simply as the absence of war. It must be built daily, and it must strive towards a more perfect justice among human beings. Dev. and Peace seeks ways to help people of all faiths in the Developing World to break the cycle of poverty through community-based, sustainable development initiatives. It supports partners working in order to improve living conditions in 70 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America and the Middle East. The programs involve issues relating to people's right to better education, women's equality, agrarian reform, housing and cooperative movements. The funds we send abroad support grassroots organizations run by people who know firsthand the issues facing the developing world. Envelopes are available at the doors of the church today. Please give generously!

### Weekday Mass Schedule for Lent

**Monday- 8:00 AM**  
**Tuesday- 8:00 AM**  
**Wednesday- 8:00 AM & 12:00 Noon**  
**Thursday- 8:00 AM**  
**Friday- 8:00 AM**



### Stations of the Cross

**Fridays at 7:00 PM** followed by **Benediction** and **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**.  
**Reconciliation will also be available!**

### Marriage Preparation



Many thanks to Cliff and Teresa Sexton, Stefanie and Peter Maiuri, & Laura and Paul Danku, for making the Marriage Preparation Program such a great success. Thanks also to Stu and Mary Lou Gallardi for donating and preparing the luncheon for our engaged couples!

God bless our young couples as they prepare for their marriage.

### Ryan's Bowl Food Program

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



Once again this Lent, we have special containers at the front and back of the church. All donations will assist a food program in which one of our parishioners, Ken Walsh, has helped initiate in Eastern Uganda. Each day **Ryan's Bowl** feeds upwards to 1000 children at local Catholic Schools.

This is the only hot meal these children get each day! 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**.

**Liturgical Publications** will be setting up the advertisements for our Church bulletin. The advertising will begin in May 2016 & supports the bulletin service.

Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service.

Call **Liturgical Publications** at 1-800-268-2637.

**Annual Diocesan Respect for Life Mass...Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord** Monday April 4, 2016 7:00pm **Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria** **Presider: Most Reverend Gerard Bergie**  
 CWL, K of C, & other groups are invited to send representatives & carry banners  
**Reception to follow** For more info: Elise 905-684-7569 or Martina 289-686-6122

**If you find yourself or a loved one in need of a gently used walker or wheelchair, please call the Church Office at 905-354-7451**

**Good Friday Fish & Chips, Club Italia** March 25 12-3pm & 4-7pm 1pc \$10, 2pc \$14 Fish, Fries/Rice, Coleslaw, Dessert, Coffee/Tea  
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