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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.

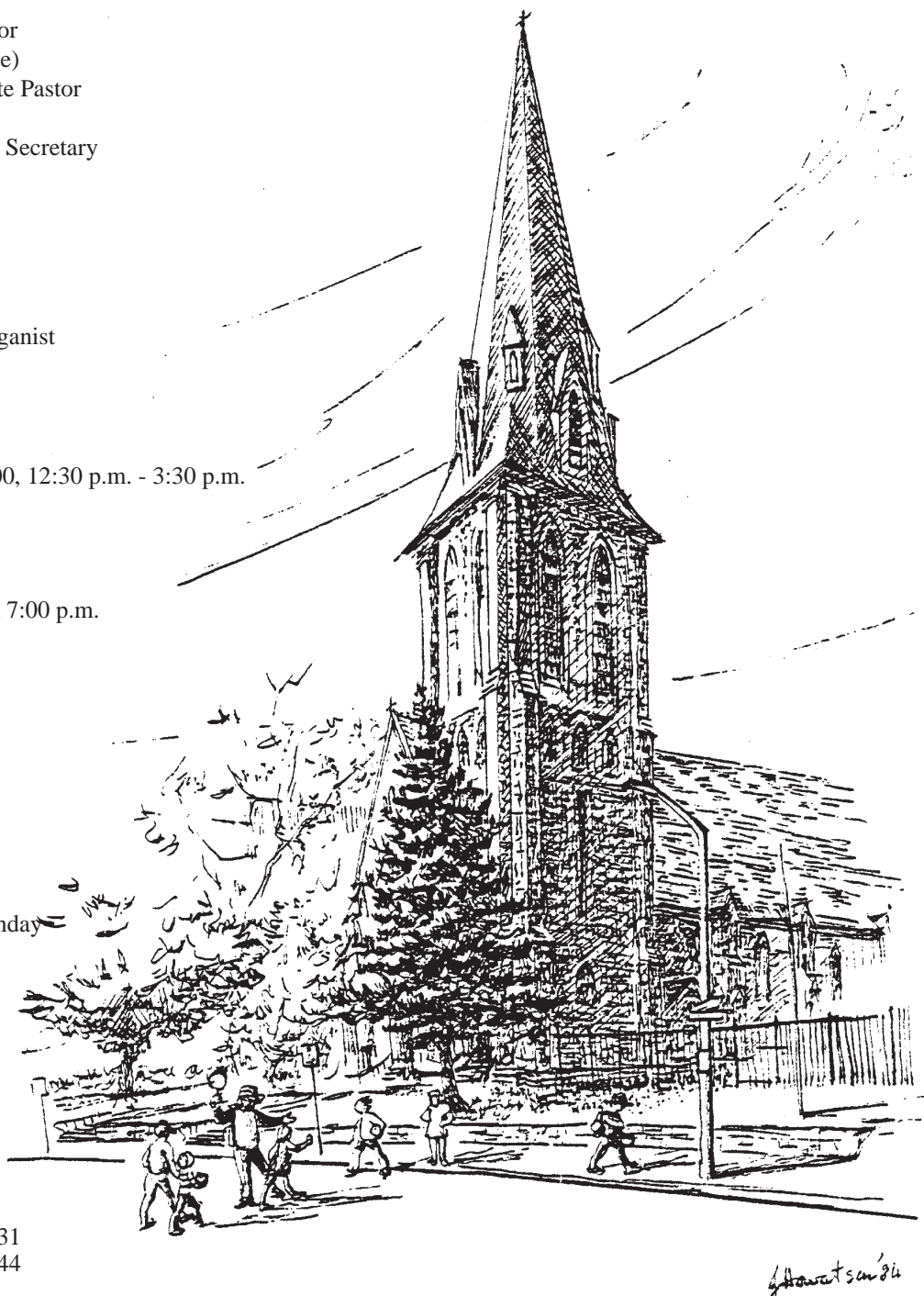
## **Schools**

St. Patrick School 905-354-6631  
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## **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.**

## FIFTH & SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



### Saturday, May 1 International Workers' Day St Joseph the Worker & St Pius V

5:00 David Kealey *req. by John, Maureen & Family*  
Mary & Harry Bongers *req. by Family*

### Sunday, May 2

8:00 Dino Martin *req. by the Paolin Family*  
Felice & Maria Renda *req. by Rosanne Ricci & Family*  
9:30 Angelica Vincenza Lizzie *req. by the Pullano Family*  
William 'Richie' Robinson *req. by Mary Dales*  
11:30 Benito Giustini *req. by the Family*  
Barbara Rondinelli & Carmella DeNisi *req. by Jim & Dora Spencer*  
7:00 People of the Parish

### Monday, May 3 St Philip & St James

8:00 Frank Grennen *req. by Charlene Shannon*  
Yvonne Conert *req. by the Gowans Family*

### Tuesday, May 4 Blessed Marie-Léonie Paradis

8:00 Cecil Shannon *req. by Charlene Shannon*  
For the Healing of Gaetan Buteau *req. by his Family*

### Wednesday, May 5

8:00 Edith Sunstrum *req. by Debbie Jane Shepherd*  
Dec'd mem. of the Campaner & Martin Families *req. by Campaner Family*

### Thursday, May 6 St François de Laval

8:00 Madeline Rosati *req. by Grandchildren*  
Georgina Fagan *req. by the Power Family*

### Friday, May 7

8:00 John & Helen MacDonnell *req. by Friends*  
Anna McEvoy *req. by Fr. Gerard*

### Saturday, May 8 Blessed Catherine of St Augustine

5:00 Arduino & Assunta Maiuri *req. by Peter & Stefanie Maiuri*  
Eduardo & Domenica Masci *req. by Lucia D'Angelo & Family*

### Sunday, May 9 Mother's Day

8:00 Nancy Di Paolo *req. by Paul Di Paul*  
Emily Hanover *req. by the Family*  
9:30 Anna Goegan *req. by Louise Goegan*  
Joe & Giustina Bombicino *req. by the Family*  
11:30 Immacolata Luciano *req. by A. Luciano & Children*  
Sandra & Marilyn Bideau *req. by Guy & Toni Bideau*  
7:00 People of the Parish

### Monday, May 10

8:00 Luisa Potalivo *req. by Anna Bortolin*  
Melissa Bideau *req. by Friends*

### Tuesday, May 11

8:00 For the Healing of Gaetan Buteau *req. by his Family*  
Maria Sa Le, Paul Le Su, Paul Pham Chanh & Anthony Hung Nguyen *req. by the Family*

### Wednesday, May 12 Canada Health Day St Nereus & St Achilleus, & St Pancras

8:00 Giovanni Rizzo *req. by Mary, Patti, John, Steve & Families*  
Alexander Power *req. by Fr. Gerard*

### Thursday, May 13 Our Lady of Fatima

8:00 William Hockton *req. by Fr. Gerard*  
Allan & Patsy Power, Ann Power & Kelly Power *req. by Mary Power*

### Friday, May 14 St Matthias

8:00 Antonio & Santa Gagliardi *req. by the Family*  
Deceased Carmelites *req. by the Parish*

### Saturday, May 15

5:00 Irene Smatana *req. by the Family*  
Philippine Buteau *req. by Family*

### Sunday, May 16 Pope's Pastoral Works World Communications Day

8:00 Helen Ogilvie *req. by St. Angelo & Ogilvie Families*  
Felice & Maria Renda *req. by Rosanne Ricci & Family*  
9:30 Agazio & Carmela Conidi & Frank Conidi *req. by the Family*  
Leo Martin *req. by Eda Martin & Family*  
11:30 Carmela & Amelia Persia *req. by Josephine Sacco*  
Jackie Cavin *req. by Norm & Family*  
7:00 People of the Parish

*Please pray for those who are hospitalized:*

Andrea Fisher, Valerie Watson

*Please pray for those who are ill*

Mary Power, Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Nancy Waters, Missy Bilotta, Rita Ross, Fern Albert, Ron O'Neill, Andrea Fisher, Guy Snyder, Anne Diodati, Francis Patterson, Kelsey Liles, Rosanna Ricci, Betty Crete, Leroy Collee, Eric Van Noort, Gaetan Buteau, Ralph Davey, Rose MacDonald, Kathryn Kneller, Maureen Tustin, Sean Sandel, Mahmat, Maureen Kealey, Lori Ann Pizzolato, Dr. Andy Fisher, Andy Scotnicki, Bianca MacDonnell, Gus Bagarozza, Judy, Karen Bradley, Ron Winslow, Jarod Hickey, Carmine Astorino, Corinne Journeau, Arlene Collee, Betty & Joe Power, Teresa Hebb, Mary Ann Quigley, Maria Nobile, Pat DiLorenzo Jr., Carole Ann Ogilvie, Julian Cassidy, Mary Frances Pye, Nancy Weiss, Carol DeVilliers, Joe Young, Marney Broderick, Sister Prem, Kerrie Szuch, Gregory Roulston, Cameron Boyes, Pasquale Abrunzo, Alice Dalton, John Nicks, John Calder, Victor Sincich, Nancy Praakel, Bernadette Moore, Norma Zanus, Patricia Williams, Mark Pepple, Nancy Huber, Danielle Barranca, Kelly Laslo, Toni & Guy Bideau, Jeanne Lea, John Cox, Edward Brzozowski Jr., Nikki Mansfield, Lester Snow, Nicolina Compare, Nancy Jean Rose, Charlene Shannon, Eric Corcoran, Carmella Modenti, Anna Hunt, John Kealey, Elizabeth Stachura, Denise Colalillo, Brian Smith, Anna Vergalito, Donna Bradley, Margaret Smith, Rebecca Evans, Samuel Potapczyk, Michelle Price, Mary Lawrence, William JA De Foe, Bernard Martin, Joyce Weaver, Donna Cormier, Margaret Waghorn, Drago Bicanic, Jeanne S, Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Evelyn Rose Baker, Lorraine Spence, Vito Fuccillo, Tom Hilton, Robert & JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Jeannette Fabian, Francesco Albanese, Maria Melchiorre, Jozefa Bilski, Todd Reid, Mary Brennan, Conner Hawkswell, Faith Amadio, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Maria Guerin, Patricia O'Reilly, Audrey Vendramin, Patrick Kealey, Cheryl Granton, Walter Wallace, Florrie Heimbigner, Francois Chayer, Jadwiga Wozniak, Julie Nicholson, Stefanie Borin, Patrick McCarthy, D.D., Alessia Comisso, Baby Victoria, Mary Jo O'Kell, Pepper Martin Jr., Trina Washington, Cheryl D'Amazio, Bob Marshall

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

### Collections

April 18: \$5,388.00

April 25: \$2,554.59

Many thanks for your generosity!

### Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

### 2021 Church Envelopes & 2020 Tax Receipts

Please make sure you pick up your Offertory Envelopes and Tax Receipts as soon as possible. Call the Office (905-354-7451) to arrange for pick up during the week. They are in the sacristy, to the left of the altar, if you are here at Mass on the weekends. Many thanks.

### Children Sacramental Dates 2021

Confirmation: April 17, 2021 at 7:00pm POSTPONED

First Communion: Sunday, May 2, 2021 POSTPONED

(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.)

### Upcoming Wedding at St. Patrick's in May

Casey Renee Hyde & Micheal Mastrangelo

### May is Mary's Month



May is the month that we as Catholics pay special tribute to Mary, the Mother of God. The Rosary is prayed daily during the year at St. Patrick Church at 7:30 AM, Mon-Fri as a way of honouring Mary. You will also hear some familiar Marian Hymns throughout the month, as a way of praising Mary in song. This is a good month for all of us to renew our devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Check out our website: <http://www.stpatricknf.ca>  
and watch Mass on our Facebook page



Dear Friends,

We begin the 5th Week of Easter! Although this is a joyful season, these are difficult times. Thank God, nature is bursting forth with new life. It gives us a lift. Sadly, we are back to having 10 people in the church again. This will continue for another few weeks. We do the best we can with what we are permitted to do. With God's help, and with Mary's help during this month of May, [month of Mary], this pandemic will be brought to an end. We must continue to pray, continue to support each other, and do our best to stay safe. If we each do our part, it will help this health crisis to pass. We continue to pray for all who are suffering and struggling during this pandemic. Remain hopeful, and take it one day at a time. Many blessings!

Fr. Gerard



### 5th Sunday of Easter

In today's Gospel Jesus gives us a beautiful image of himself, "I am the vine, you are the branches." Just as a branch cannot bear fruit if it is disconnected from the vine, neither can we bear fruit if we are disconnected from Jesus. This image of the vine and branches describes the intimate union between Christ and the believer.

To be a follower, to be Christian... is to live united with Christ.

We get ourselves in big trouble if we separate ourselves from Him or try to make it through this life on our own. We are called to make Christ's message real in the world, to be witnesses to the Resurrection. We are to bring His Love out into the world, and transform the world with His Presence. We can only do that in as much as we are intimately connected to Him! Maybe this week, we can spend time reflecting on how well am I grafted to the True Vine? Do I have an intimate union with Christ? If so, is this evident to others? What can I do this week to bear fruit for the Gospel? Happy pruning, weeding and trimming!



### 6th Sunday of Easter

Today's 2nd reading from 1 John, and the Gospel from John 15 speak about the command to Love. John reminds us that God has first loved us. He has showered His Mercy on us, and has chosen us to be the recipients of his love. In the Gospel we hear that we are to **love one another** as Jesus

loves us! And look what he did out of love for me and you! He laid down his life! We are called to that same sacrificial love. And the Mercy of God is always available for us. God does not give up on us even when we have not loved as we should.

With God's grace and mercy, we ask him to forgive us for our past selfishness and help us to start anew. Then we can respond freely to Jesus' command to love others as He has loved us. If we love others, in the sacrificial love of Christ, everything else will fall into place. St. Augustine said it best when he wrote: *"Once and for all, a short rule is laid down for you: Love and do what you will. If you keep silence, do it out of love. If you cry out, do it out of love. If you refrain from punishing, do it out of love. Let the root of love be within you. From such a root, nothing but good can come."* May we take the time this week to put love where there's no love!

A Collection will be taken up on May 16th for the Pope's Pastoral Works. Envelopes are at the doors of the Church today, please be generous.

## Happy Mother's Day



People who love each other fully and truly are the happiest people in the world. They may have little, they may have nothing, but they are happy people. Everything depends on how we love one another. *Mother Teresa*

### PRAYER TO OUR LADY

Most holy, immaculate Virgin Mary, to your motherly heart Jesus entrusted his disciples and to us He has given you.

I thank you, O most beautiful and noble of women, that you have always loved me as a mother, and I want to provide afresh for you an honoured place in my life.

Obtain for me from Jesus the gift of a new beginning and a new heart: a heart open and obedient to God's Word; a heart simple as a child's; a heart bold in sacrifice; a chaste heart; a thankful heart; a compassionate heart; a heart like yours, O Mary.

Enfold in your mercy, dear Mother, all my dear ones especially....(pause) and all who have a special need for your help. Amen

### Happy Anniversary

Congratulations and Happy 22nd Anniversary to Fr. Gerard on his Ordination to the Priesthood. Fr. Gerard was ordained at Mount Carmel Chapel on May 15, 1999 by Bishop John O'Mara. His first 3 years were at St. Therese Parish in Cresskill, NJ, as parochial vicar. And his last 19 years have been here at St. Patrick's as parochial vicar, administrator and pastor. May God bless him abundantly.

### MOTHER'S CORNER HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

#### My Mother Taught Me...

##### Irony

"Keep crying and I'll give you something to cry about."

##### Osmosis

"Shut your mouth and eat your supper."

##### Wisdom

"When you get to be my age, you'll understand."

##### Justice

"One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you"

##### Genetics

"You're just like your father."





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