

# Saint Patrick's Church

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## Parish Staff

Rev. Gerard Power, O.Carm., Pastor  
(Director in Canada, Society of the Little Flower)  
Rev. Joiezl Fern Piñon, O.Carm., Associate Pastor  
Rev. Mr. David Scott, Deacon  
Debbie Herman, Secretary  
Alice Corfield, Bookkeeper Secretary  
Brian Kneller, Caretaker

## Music Ministry

Carol Martin - Director of Music  
Sandra DiCienzo - Organist  
Tim Marrie - Pianist and Soloist  
Anthony Scaringi - Pianist and Organist  
Ashley Gallardi-Pietrangelo - 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 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.

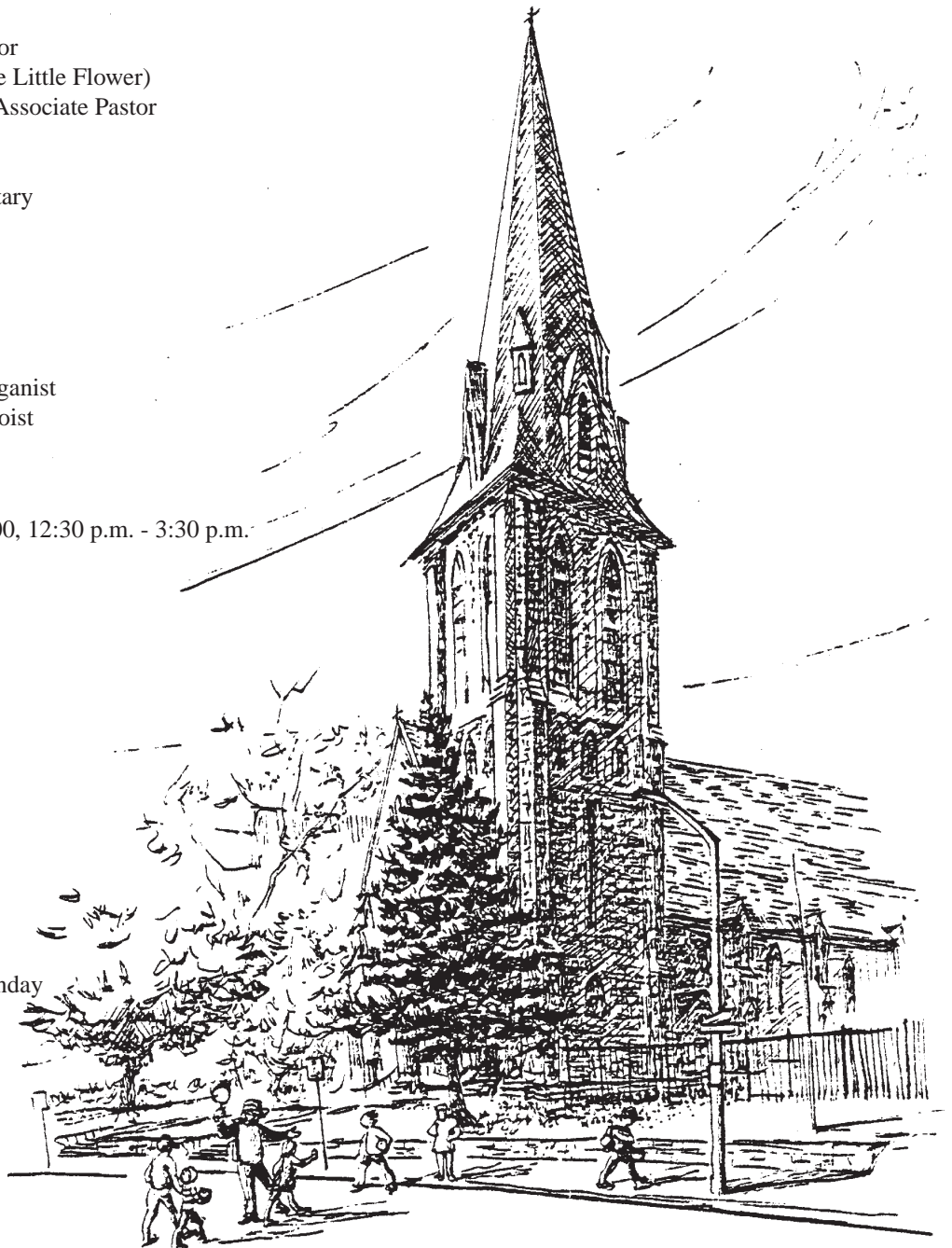
## Schools

St. Patrick School 905-354-6631  
St. Mary School 905-354-7744

**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.**



## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



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

**5:00** Cecil Shannon *req by Charlene Shannon*  
 Vincent & Ruby Crowley *req by the Family*

### Sunday, May 4

**8:00** Paul Berrigan *req by Rick & Kathy Woram*  
 Roger Rosselli *req by Sherry & Howard Wales and Teresa & Cliff Sexton*  
**9:30** People of the Parish  
**11:30** Jackie Cavin *req by Norm & Family*  
 Barbara Rondinelli & Carmella De Nisi *req by Jim & Dora*

### Monday, May 5

**8:00** Pope Francis  
 Intentions of the Little Flower Society

### Tuesday, May 6 St François de Laval

**8:00** Madeline Rosati *req by her Grandchildren*  
 Intentions of the Little Flower Society

### 12:30pm St. Patrick & St. Mary's School Mass

### Wednesday, May 7

**8:00** Papal Conclave  
 Pope Francis

### Thursday, May 8 Bl Catherine de Saint-Augustin

**8:00** Carole Ogilvie *req by the Family*  
 Eduardo Masci *req by Lucia D'Angelo & Family*

### Friday, May 9

**8:00** Intentions of the Little Flower Society  
 Papal Conclave

### Saturday, May 10 St John of Avila

**5:00** Dec'd mem of the Gozansky Family *req by Maggie & Dave*  
 Dec'd mem of the Olsiak & Kulesh Fam *req by John & Helen Olsiak*

### Sunday, May 11 World Day of Prayer for Vocations

**8:00** People of the Parish  
**9:30** Adelino Marcon *req by Theresa Marcon*  
 Nancy DiPaolo *req by Paul DiPaolo*  
**11:30** Benito Giustini *req by the Giustini Family*  
 Anna Goegan *req by her Dtr: Louise*

**Many thanks to the children and staff of St. Patrick  
 School for raising \$865.55 during Lent for  
 The Giving Bowl.**



#### Carmelites in Niagara Falls- 150 Years

This year the Carmelites are celebrating 150 years in Niagara Falls. There are three events planned to celebrate this milestone: **St. Pat's** (May 3<sup>rd</sup>); **Mount Carmel/Our Lady of Peace** (June 18<sup>th</sup>); and **Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre** (October 26<sup>th</sup>).

#### 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.

**Catholic Education Week** begins on Sunday, May 4, 2025. The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to learn about the various celebrations that are happening in your children's

school, and are welcome to attend, if possible. Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. The current generation of students

in our publicly funded Catholic schools will serve with the same spirit and generosity as their previous generations. This year's Catholic Education Week theme is, *"Pilgrims of Hope."*



Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Emily Drotos & Joy McAlpine. 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, Carl Lundrigan, Emma Corfield, Norah Marrie, Jeanne Lea, Joe Antonio, Theresa Prentice, Anna Tartaglia, Joyce Weaver, 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., Rita Ross, Leon French, Tony Cuvillo, 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, S.H., Francesco Albanese, Julie Nicholson, Emmanuel & Aline Chayer, Carmella Modenti, Bernard Martin, 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

April 27: \$6,422.10  
 Easter: \$16,319.38 (to date)  
 Giving Bowl: \$11,735.60 (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 May 18, June 22, July 20, Aug 24, Sept 21, Oct 19 & Nov 23**  
 A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, **May 6, June 10, July 8, Aug 12, Sept 9, Oct 7 & Nov 11 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**  
**Confirmation: Saturday, November 15, 2025 @ 5:00pm Mass**  
*(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.)*

#### Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner

**Thursday, May 22 from 4 – 7pm Columbus Hall 6990 Stanley Ave**  
 Spaghetti, Meatballs, Salad, Dessert, Coffee & Tea  
 \$15 Adults, \$8 12 & under Pay at the Door

#### Thank You

Special thanks to **John and Dina Iacobaccio and family** for donating our new Easter Candle.



## Dear Friends!

As part of our diocesan mission *to set hearts on fire* with God's love we have embarked on a renewal program that focuses on helping to form dynamic parishes. A tool to help us begin this process is the **Parish Missional Health Survey**. It is not a 'report card' on the parish, or staff. It is a tool to provide the pastor and pastoral council with clear insight as to the relative strengths for each of the five systems for a missional parish: **worship, evangelization, discipleship, fellowship, and service**. This will help you to make strategic decisions for the good of the parish. The results of this survey will provide a baseline that can be used to measure improvements in missional health over time and to celebrate success!

(Bishop Bergie)

In light of the Bishop's message, all parishes have been asked to choose **one** weekend, **either** April 26-27 **or** May 3-4 **or** May 10-11, to complete this survey. For St. Patrick Church, it will be next Sunday. We will have paper forms and pencils, or you can scan the QR Code and complete it that way. It has to be done during Mass.

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Today we celebrate the Third Sunday of Easter! The Gospel for this Sunday is filled with many interesting details! This scene occurs sometime between the first Easter Day and Jesus' Ascension. Peter and his companions are back to their old jobs, fishing. Had they lost hope? This is the same place from where they were called to follow Jesus three years earlier.

After fishing all night they caught nothing. In the morning, Jesus appears and tells them to cast their nets to the right side of the boat. And they had a great haul of fish!!! **153** in total! It pays to listen to the Master! **153 fish?** Interesting number! Supposedly, that was the number of nations known to exist at that time. St. Jerome claimed that at Jesus' time there were **153 known species of fish** in the world! Whatever we make of it, it was a good catch. And Jesus prepares a meal over the charcoal fire! He knew they were hungry. And for more than food.

Another important thing in this Gospel is the dialogue between Jesus and Peter. Peter had denied Jesus three times. Now Jesus demands a triple affirmation from Peter as a negation of Peter's triple denial. Peter is now being called to show that he **really** loves Jesus. How? **Care for my people, feed my lambs, tend my sheep!** Aha! So must we. Jesus was raised from the dead so we can share in His life, and give this life to others.

Jesus calls out to me and you, **"Do you love me?"** We answer that, not by words alone, but by how we live our Christian lives, how we spread the Good News, how we reach out and feed his people! Others are depending on us. Yes, every single day. People in town, and from many corners of the world are looking to us. From Niagara Falls to Eastern Uganda! We have a mission to complete as members of the Body of Christ. We need to fulfill our function within the Body for the good of the world by proclaiming Jesus Christ with our lives. We have our Easter work cut out for us! In honour of the Risen Christ, may we each do one thing this week to reach out to a brother or sister in need! Have a blessed week!

Fr. Gerard

## Easter Call to Serve

Your community needs you to share your gifts! Please consider being a minister in your community as **Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Altar Server, Funeral Server, or usher**. Give your name to the parish office and we will train you!

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## Prayer for Pope Francis and the Election of a New Pope



God of mercy and love, we come before you with hearts both sorrowful and grateful. We mourn the passing of Pope Francis, who shepherded your Church with humility and compassion. We thank you for his witness to the Gospel, for his care for

the poor and marginalized, for his call to protect your creation, and for his tireless work for peace and unity among all peoples. Receive him into the light of your presence, where sorrows end and joy begins eternal. May he rest in your peace and rise in glory.

As the Church enters this time of transition, we ask for the guidance of your Holy Spirit. Pour forth your wisdom upon the College of Cardinals as they gather to discern your will for the successor to the Chair of St. Peter. Grant them clarity of mind, purity of heart, and courage of spirit, that they may choose a shepherd after your own heart, one who will lead your flock with wisdom, holiness, and love.

May the new pope be a faithful witness to your truth, a compassionate minister to all in need, and a unifying presence in our divided world. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*(The 135 cardinals eligible to elect the next pope will enter the Sistine Chapel to begin the conclave on May 7, 2025.)*

## Prayer for Victims and Families

Almighty God, we pray for the people of Vancouver, for the victims, the injured, and all those affected by the devastating vehicle attack at the Filipino heritage festival, **Lapu Lapu**. We pray that the God of Life will comfort the grieving families and friends. Give them the strength and courage they need during this very difficult time. And may God grant eternal rest and peace to those who died. Amen.

## Parish Registration

**Please help keep our records up to date! You may bring this form to the parish office or place it in the collection.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

I am new in the parish and wish to register \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to use contribution envelopes \_\_\_\_\_

I have recently moved \_\_\_\_\_

I have changed my phone number \_\_\_\_\_

We have married & wish to update our information \_\_\_\_\_



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