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## Parish Staff

Rev. Gerard Power, O.Carm., Pastor  
(Dean of Niagara Falls)  
Rev. Marc Bell, 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.

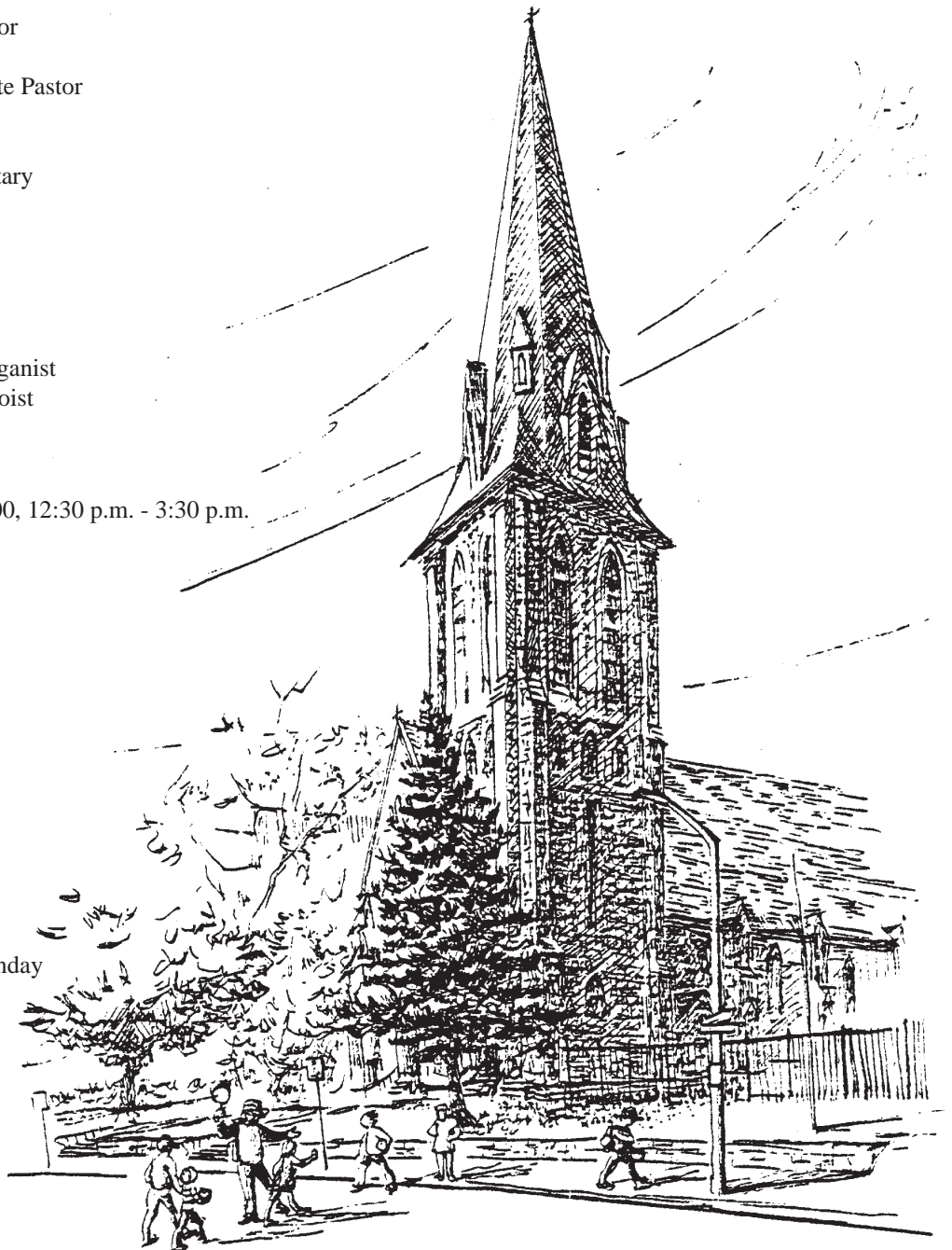
## Schools

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.**



## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### Saturday, November 26

**5:00** Eduardo Augello-Todino req. by the DeMizio Family  
Victor & Irene Smatana req. by the Family

### Sunday, November 27 First Sunday of Advent

**8:00** People of the Parish

Cecil Amadio req. by the Family

**9:30** Caterina Ruberto req. by Teresa

Maria Della Marca req. by Marge & Barry Gass

**11:30** Louis & Audrey Vendramin req. by Jackie & Dave

Ody Argenta req. by Diana Argenta

### Monday, November 28

**8:00** For the Healing of John O'Leary req. by the Besaw Family

Cecil Amadio req. by Eda Martin

### Tuesday, November 29

**8:00** Fern Albert req. by Joe & Loreta Antonio

Nick Sinodinos req. by Fred & Judy Murray

### Wednesday, November 30 St Andrew

**8:00** Gus Bagarozza req. by his Wife: Kathy

Keith Simmonds req. by Wendy Albert & Robin Gilbert

### Thursday, December 1

**8:00** Don Liberty req. by Belle Liberty

Dec'd of the Albert, Heacock & Liberty Fam req. by Aileen & Bryce Adams

### Friday, December 2

**8:00** Assunta Maiuri req. by Stefanie & Peter Maiuri

Mary Julia Racine req. by the Family

### Saturday, December 3 St Francis Xavier

**5:00** Cecelia Lococo req. by the Family

Thomas Rondinelli req. by Ann Marie

### Sunday, December 4 Second Sunday of Advent

**8:00** People of the Parish

**9:30** Frank Ruberto req. by Teresa

Maria & Mario D'Amario req. by the Family

**11:30** Tommaso DeAngelis req. by Tony & Rosa DeAngelis

Anna & Natale Giampa req. by the Family

### !!!! Student Weekend Employment !!!!

St. Patrick Church is looking to hire a student (Grade X and up) to work on Saturdays (10:00 AM - 4:00 PM). Duties may include cleaning floors, leaf raking, doing garbage sweeps, clearing snow, opening and closing gates and doors for functions. If interested, please call the parish office or drop off a resume as soon as possible. This could also lead to summer employment with flexible hours!

*Church Bulletin Advertising... Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in February 2023 & supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.*

### Communion ministers needed for Eventide Home

One of the ministries of Saint Patrick parish is to the residents of the RH Lawson Eventide home on Jepson Street. Communion is distributed in a service weekly, Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m.. We are in need of more volunteers to help lead this weekly communion service. [Instruction will be provided.] If you feel you may be called to this important ministry, please contact the parish at 905-354-7451

**CWL News...** Hello Ladies... Please note that your **CWL dues of \$40** are due by the end of November for the 2023 calendar year ... you may place your money / cheque in an envelope and label it with your name and **CWL dues for 2023** and place it in the collection ... or drop it off at the office .... or contact Maggie Scott at mscott@bhncdsb.ca or 905-246-6212 if you need to deliver it in a different way!!

*Patterson Funeral Home Christmas of Hope Candlelight Memorial Service will be held on Friday, December 9th, 2022 at 7:00pm at Our Lady of the Scapular Church. All are welcome to attend. For more information please call the Funeral Home at 905-358-3513 or visit pattersonfuneralhome.com*

### Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Cole Farnham, Robert Power, Tony Laslo, Andrew Zacharuk, Patrick Macri, Alba Rondinelli, Nancy Waters, Leila Khan, Natalie Speth, Jerry Slak, Jeanne S, John & Laura Giampa, Christine Pritty, Antoinette Vescio, Charlene Shannon, Sandra DeFoe, Missy Bilotta, Mary Lou Gallardi, Flori Heimbigner, Toni Brideau, Robert Morningstar, Leon French, Elaine Pampena, Tony Cuvieello, Rita Ross, Karen Watt, Ron O'Neill, Maureen Kealey, Teresa Calzonetti Spiller, Francis Patterson, Justin Vaillancourt, Jim & Betty Calzonetti, Eric Van Noort, Marcellina Mativo, William JA De Foe, Sr. Carol Forhan CPPS, Judy, D.D., Estelle Critelli, Bernadette Moore, Andrea Fisher, Sister Prem, Leroy Collee, Kelsey Liles, Julian Cassidy, Kelly Laslo, Mahmat, Joe Young, Angelina Greco, Maureen Tustin, Betty Crete, Jeannette Fabian, Teresa Hebb, Gaetan Buteau, Rose MacDonald, Edward Brzozowski, Lori Ann Pizzolato, Andy Scotnicki, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pat DiLorenzo Jr., Joe Power, Karen Bradley, Corinne Journeau, Tom Hilton, Carmine Astorino, Arlene Collee, Betty & Mary Ann Quigley, Nancy Weiss, Marney Broderick, Mark Pepple, Anna Hunt, Bob Marshall, Brian Smith, Gregory Roulston, Cameron Boyes, Danielle Barranca, Kerrie Szuch, John Nicks, Pasquale Abrunzo, Samuel Potapczyk, John Calder, Todd Reid, Anna Chayer, Patricia Williams, Victor Sincich, Nancy Praakel, Jeanne Lea, Norma Zanus, Nancy Huber, John Cox, Nikki Mansfield, Nicolina Compare, Denise Colalillo, Carmella Modenti, Donna Bradley, Elizabeth Stachura, Margaret Smith, Rebecca Evans, Michelle Price, Vito Fuccillo, Bernard Martin, Joyce Weaver, Drago Bicanic, Emmanuel & Aline Chayer, Margaret Waghorn, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Lorraine Spence, Patricia O'Reilly, Evelyn Rose Baker, Francesco Albanese, Gloria Smelko, Conner Hawkswell, Jackie, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Jozefa Bilski, Mary Jo O'Kell, Robert & Maria Melchiorre, Mary Brennan, Faith Amadio, Cheryl Granton, Alessia Comisso, Maria Guerin, Trina Washington, Isabell Frost, Jadwiga Wozniak, John O'Leary, Baby Victoria, Patrick Kealey, Walter Wallace, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Patrick McCarthy, Stefanie Borin, Pepper Martin Jr., Cheryl D'Amizio

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

### Collections

November 20: \$4,896.00

Deo Gratis: \$770.00

Many thanks for your generosity!

### Children Sacramental Dates 2023

**Confirmation:** Saturday, February 4, 2023 @ 5:00 PM

**Confirmation Commitment Ceremony:** Sunday, December 11, 2022 @ 11:30am Mass (all Candidates MUST attend)

**First Reconciliation:** Tuesday, February 28, 2023 @ 7:00 PM

**First Communion:** Sunday, May 7, 2023 @ 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM  
(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.)

### Weekday Rosary

*Every morning at 7:30, the Holy Rosary is prayed in St. Patrick Church.  
Keep Mary in mind, and Jesus will grow in your heart!*

### Update on Church Roof and Accessible Door

We have finally contracted a company from Toronto to do an in depth inspection of our church roof. There are very few companies out there that work with slate. As soon as there's a break in the weather, **Semple Gooder Roofing Inc.** will be here with a lift. They will remove slate from several sections and examine the decking. They will also check the decking on the section where we have been losing slate. In September, we had a local company install an aluminum barrier in the gutters to prevent slate from coming onto the parking lot. We had an unfortunate mishap last Saturday, when a snow plow hit the corner of the accessible entrance of the church. Emergency repairs to prevent water damage and to ease the opening/closing of the door are in process, but the main repairs (interior/exterior) will have to be done in the spring. Never a dull moment.



Dear Friends:

Happy New Church Year! The old Church Year went out with an onslaught of snow! If we get a few gentle flurries on Christmas Eve, that would be enough for me! Hopefully this will melt soon.



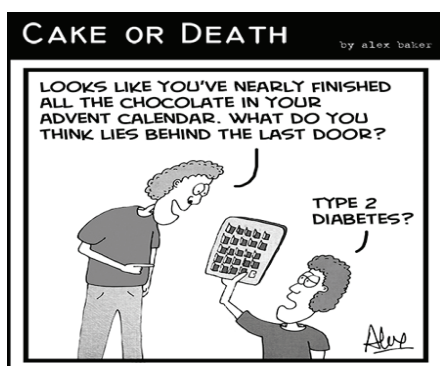
Today we begin the season of Advent, a season of *waiting, watching and preparing*. This is a special time to prepare ourselves spiritually for Christmas. It's a great opportunity to stop and examine our lives! St. Paul says in our 2nd Reading, that "salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers." He calls us to lay aside works of darkness, and put on the armour of light. This is a call not only for Advent, but for our entire Christian lives. Our lives are really an advent as we prepare ourselves for the Second Coming, or for when the Lord calls us home! Matthew's Gospel calls us to *keep awake; for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming!*

There's so much happening out there. So many in need. So many struggling. Maybe this is a good time to simplify our lives. Christmas shouldn't be about tearing ourselves up, trying to out-do each other with gifts, going into debt, acting on every new whim. Maybe a good time to help someone in need, or help a family with food or gas. Our Christmas Gift campaign is beginning this weekend. A wonderful opportunity to reach out.

Then take the time to **STOP, SLOW DOWN...** and look at our spiritual lives. Where am I falling short? Take a personal inventory. Each one of us, no matter how young, old, rich, or poor... can begin **fresh and new**, with a clean slate. That's Advent! **Then** on Christmas morning this year, we'll have lots of love and freedom and joy and peace in our hearts! **Then** when the Lord comes in his heavenly glory... he'll find us joyful and ready!

May this truly be a season of grace and a time of spiritual preparation for each of us. Have a blessed and sacred Advent!

Fr. Gerard



"The Lord is coming, always coming. When you have ears to hear and eyes to see, you will recognize him at any moment of your life. Life is Advent; life is recognizing the coming of the Lord." *Henri Nouwen*

"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God's own love and concern." *St. Teresa of Calcutta*

**"Let's approach Christmas with an expectant hush, rather than a last-minute rush."**

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

## Christmas Children's Pageant

This year, we will once again have our Children's Christmas Pageant! If you would like your child to be part of the Pageant, please give your name to the Parish Secretary before **December 5th**. Our first rehearsal and role assignment will be on **Saturday, December 10th at 7:00 PM!!!** If you sign your child up, your child **MUST** be at the rehearsals. The format will be a little different this year.

## Carmelite Missions Appeal

Next weekend, we will have our Annual Appeal for the Carmelite Missions, especially for our ministries in Peru, Mexico and El Salvador, where our *Province of the Most Pure Heart of Mary* serves. The needs are great in our mission territories, and it is only through the generosity of parishes like St. Pat's, that make this outreach possible. We also assist Carmelites around the world in their efforts to help the poor, feed the hungry, house the homeless, provide medical care, and educate the children. This appeal also provides funding for the formation of seminarians, and Religious men and women in several countries! Envelopes are available at the church entrances, and also in your Church Offertory Boxes. A second collection will be taken next Sunday, immediately following the regular collection.



## Christmas Mass Schedule 2022

### Christmas Eve- Saturday, Dec. 24th

4:00 PM -Children's Mass with Pageant (Church)  
4:00 PM - Mass in Gymnasium  
6:00 PM -Choir Mass (Caroling at 5:30 PM)  
12:00 AM- Midnight Mass

### Christmas Day- Sunday, Dec. 25th

8:00, 9:30, 11:30 AM

## Christmas Gift Campaign



This weekend we will begin our Annual Christmas Gift Campaign. We will have gift tags available for children of different ages in our two schools, and around the neighbourhood. We will be using Gift Cards again this year. And the parents will shop for their children. Grocery cards for each family will be included with the gifts again this year. We will also have tags for stocking stuffers! Many thanks for your ongoing generosity to the local needy. It has been a rough year for many, but we do the best we can. Tags are available for sign-out in the ushers room.

## Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults



If you or a family member/friend is interested in becoming a Catholic through a *Profession of Faith*, or desiring Baptism, or other Sacraments of Initiation (Eucharist or Confirmation), please give your name to our Parish Office as soon as possible. Our first RCIA meeting will be held during the Advent Season with Fr. Marc and Deacon David. The sessions will resume after Christmas. During Lent we will meet once a week. This is also a wonderful opportunity for anyone who wants to "refresh or renew" their faith and theology! More information will be forthcoming.

**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](mailto:tribunal@saintcd.com).



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