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Music Ministry

Carol Martin - Director of Music
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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
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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Saturday, November 27

5:00 Louie Vendramin *req. by Jackie & Dave*
Julia & Irma Pizzolato *req. by Angela & David Dumele*

Sunday, November 28 First Sunday of Advent

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Giustina & Joe Bombicino *req. by Clara & John Fisher*
Giovanni Vuocolo *req. by Kathy Watson*
11:30 James 'Jimmy' Culp *req. by John & Helen Olsiak*
Carol DeVilliers & Ruth Ibey *req. by Al & Darlene Dobbins*
7:00 NO MASS

Monday, November 29

8:00 For the Healing of Gaetan Buteau *req. by his Family*
Natale & Anna Giampa *req. by the Family*

Tuesday, November 30 St Andrew

8:00 Santa & Antonio Gagliardi *req. by the Family*
Ivon Loro *req. by the Family*

Wednesday, December 1

8:00 Don Liberty *req. by his Wife*
Maria Nhuan Truong, Maria Sale & Anthony Hung Nguyen *req. by Family*

Thursday, December 2

8:00 Richie Robinson *req. by Yolanda Butterill*
For the Healing of Gerry Fassatt *req. by Aileen & Bryce Adams*

Friday, December 3 St Francis Xavier

8:00 Yousif Kaiser *req. by Zuhair Kaiser*
Mary Juliae Racine (McEwan) *req. by Nancy Holjak & Family*

Saturday, December 4 St John Damascene

5:00 Assunta Maiuri *req. by Peter & Stefanie Maiuri*
Faye Moore *req. by the Family*

Sunday, December 5 Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Maria & Mario D'Amario *req. by the Family*
Cindy Martel & Family *req. by Leila & Jim*
11:30 Tommaso DeAngelis *req. by Tony & Rosa DeAngelis*
Thomas Rondinelli *req. by Alba & Ann Marie Rondinelli*
7:00 NO MASS



Congratulations and best wishes to
Madeline Vizzari, Olivia Williams, Maren Eckmier & Mia Size
who were recently baptized

Annual Carmelite Mission Appeal

Next weekend, on the 2nd Sunday of Advent, we will make an appeal for our **Carmelite Missions**. Envelopes are in your church Offertory Boxes. The needs are great, resources are low, so we do the best we can. God bless you for anything you can do to help our missions. Our men and women are doing some incredible ministries around the world. And this is made possible through the generosity of the people in our pews. This year in areas of Indonesia, India, and Africa, Carmelite missionaries need extra help from our Carmelite Parishes around the world! Let's make ADVENT happen for our brothers and sisters who are waiting for Good News!



Mass Intentions for 2022

One of the greatest honours we can do for our deceased loved ones is to pray for them, and have Masses offered for them. Our **Mass Intention Book for 2022 is now open**. We ask that you place your intentions and dates, your name and phone number, along with the \$10 stipend per Mass in a special envelope, marked "Mass Intentions 2022". You can put it in the collection or drop it off at the office. Please be flexible with your dates. Given the Covid-19 restrictions, we can only have **one person in the office at a time**. Your intentions will be written in the book according to date received.

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Gary Kneller & Marcel Levesque. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Andrea Fisher, Angelina Greco, Leon French, Guy Snyder

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Tony Laslo, Patrick Macri, Sandra DeFoe, Nancy Waters, Christine Pritty, Natalie Speth, Missy Bilotta, Mary Lou Gallardi, Marcellina Mativo, Lena Loro, Rita Ross, Francis Patterson, Fern Albert, Estelle Critelli, Dr. Andy Fisher, Ron O'Neill, Andrea Fisher, Kelsey Liles, Rosanna Ricci, Betty Crete, Leroy Collee, Eric Van Noort, Joe Young, Judy, Gaetan Buteau, Ralph Davey, Rose MacDonald, Kathryn Kneller, Maureen Tustin, Mahmat, Maureen Kealey, Lori Ann Pizzolato, Andy Scotnicki, Pat DiLorenzo Jr., Dennis Bowers, Bianca MacDonnell, Gus Bagarozza, Karen Bradley, Ron Winslow, Corinne Journeau, Carmine Astorino, Arlene Collee, Betty & Joe Power, Mary Ann Quigley, Teresa Hebb, Carole Ann Ogilvie, Mary Frances Pye, Nancy Weiss, Julian Cassidy, Marney Broderick, Sister Prem, Kerrie Szuch, John Nicks, Gregory Roulston, Cameron Boyes, Pasquale Abrunzo, John Calder, Victor Sincich, Nancy Praakel, Bernadette Moore, Norma Zanus, Patricia Williams, Mark Pepple, Nancy Huber, Danielle Barranca, Kelly Laslo, Toni Brideau, Jeanne Lea, John Cox, Nikki Mansfield, Edward Brzozowski Jr., Nicolina Compare, Nancy Jean Rose, Anna Vergalito, Charlene Shannon, Carmella Modenti, Anna Hunt, Elizabeth Stachura, Denise Colalillo, Brian Smith, Donna Bradley, Margaret Smith, Rebecca Evans, Samuel Potapczyk, Michelle Price, Mary Lawrence, William JA De Foe, Bernard Martin, Joyce Weaver, 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, Baby Victoria, Vital & Anna Chayer, Emmanuel & Aline Chayer, Jadwiga Wozniak, Julie Nicholson, Stefanie Borin, Patrick McCarthy, D.D., Alessia Commisso, Mary Jo O'Kell, Pepper Martin Jr., Trina Washington, Jackie, Cheryl D'Amizio, Bob Marshall
Please help us update our list of those who are homebound, infirm, or hospitalized by calling the parish office.

Collections

November 14: \$4,312.00

November 20: \$5,590.80

Deo Gratis: \$755.00

Many thanks for your generosity!

2022 Church Envelopes

Please make sure you pick up your Offertory Envelopes 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.

Attention CWL new and existing members, your Membership Dues of \$25 for 2022 is now due. Please submit to the Church Office or drop in the Offertory as soon as possible. Thank you

Children Sacramental Dates 2022

Confirmation: Saturday, April 30, 2022

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.)

Little Flower Society Cards

Did you know that 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.

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Dear Friends:



As difficult as it is to use the word "happy" these days, we still have to say, **Happy New Church Year!** Welcome to the **Season of Advent!** Our church will be dressed in purple for the next four weeks! Jesus' words in today's Gospel sets the theme for Advent... and for our Christian lives, **Be alert at all times praying that you may have the strength... to stand before the Son of Man!**

The first candle will be lit on our Advent Wreath, and this sets us on a four week journey toward Christmas! We wait, watch and prepare, not only for Christmas Day, but ultimately for the Lord's Second Coming. Given everything that's happening in our world and in our own country and towns with this pandemic, we have to remain hopeful that things will get better. If we lose hope, we lose everything.

Advent takes place during the darkest days of the year when there is the least sunlight. It reminds us that the Light of Christ will triumph over all darkness. And God knows there's much darkness out there this year. Ironically, our Advent Candles this year, have been recycled from our used Paschal Candles, and painted. These candles were once carried into the church at the Easter Vigil! They represent the Light of Christ. Our work is to bring Christ's light to where there's darkness.

Of course, we **begin with ourselves** by ridding any darkness from our own lives. Then share Christ's Light with the needy among us, the hungry, the thirsty, the poor, the homeless, the lonely, the grieving. My prayer is that this will be a season of hope and grace, where we can focus on the most important things in our lives, family, faith, charity. Perhaps we can do more to **KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS!!!** Each of us can begin with a **fresh** clean slate. **That's Advent!** Then on Christmas morning, we can greet the Christ-Child with joyful hearts. Christ's Light and Blessings to all!

Fr. Gerard



IMPORTANT NOTICE

All Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses will be **PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY!!!!** Each individual **must** have a pew pass to attend. Please call the parish office to pre-register beginning **December 1st at 9:00 AM** during the following hours only: **9:00 AM to 2:00 PM Monday to Friday**. You can then pick up your passes at the parish office. These will be numbered and colour-coded for each Mass. Only 120 people are permitted at each Mass in the church, (including priests, servers, musicians and ministers.) Pre-register early. By telephone only!!! Priority will be given to parishioners.

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

St. Patrick Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Schedule
Maximum permitted at each Mass is 120 persons
All Masses are pre-registration only

Christmas Eve- Friday, December 24th

4:00 PM
4:00 PM- Mass in Gymnasium
6:00 PM
8:00 PM
12:00 AM- Midnight Mass

Christmas Day- Saturday, December 25th

8:00 AM
9:30 AM
11:30 AM
*11:30 AM (We will add a Mass in Gym if needed)

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. 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.

Advent Reconciliation

There will be no Communal Reconciliation Service. In its place, on Saturday, **December 11th and December 18th**, priests will be available in the Sacristy and in the Ushers Room between 11:00 AM and 12:30 PM. Entry through Main Doors of Church. Masks must be worn except for medical reasons, and 6-foot distance must be maintained. Reconciliation is available any time by appointment.

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.

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.

Are you tired of living alone? Consider Mount Carmel Home in St. Catharines. A retirement home operated by the Carmelite Sisters, offering assisted living in an affordable and caring family tradition. Care services include meals, housekeeping and medication management. If interested please call 905-685-9155 for a tour.

The Soup Kitchen, Niagara Falls Community Outreach...

Needs your help: Cash donations are appreciated as they receive no government funding. nifcommunityoutreach.org 905-354-1640
All donations can be dropped off at 4865 St. Lawrence Avenue

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"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"

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