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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-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

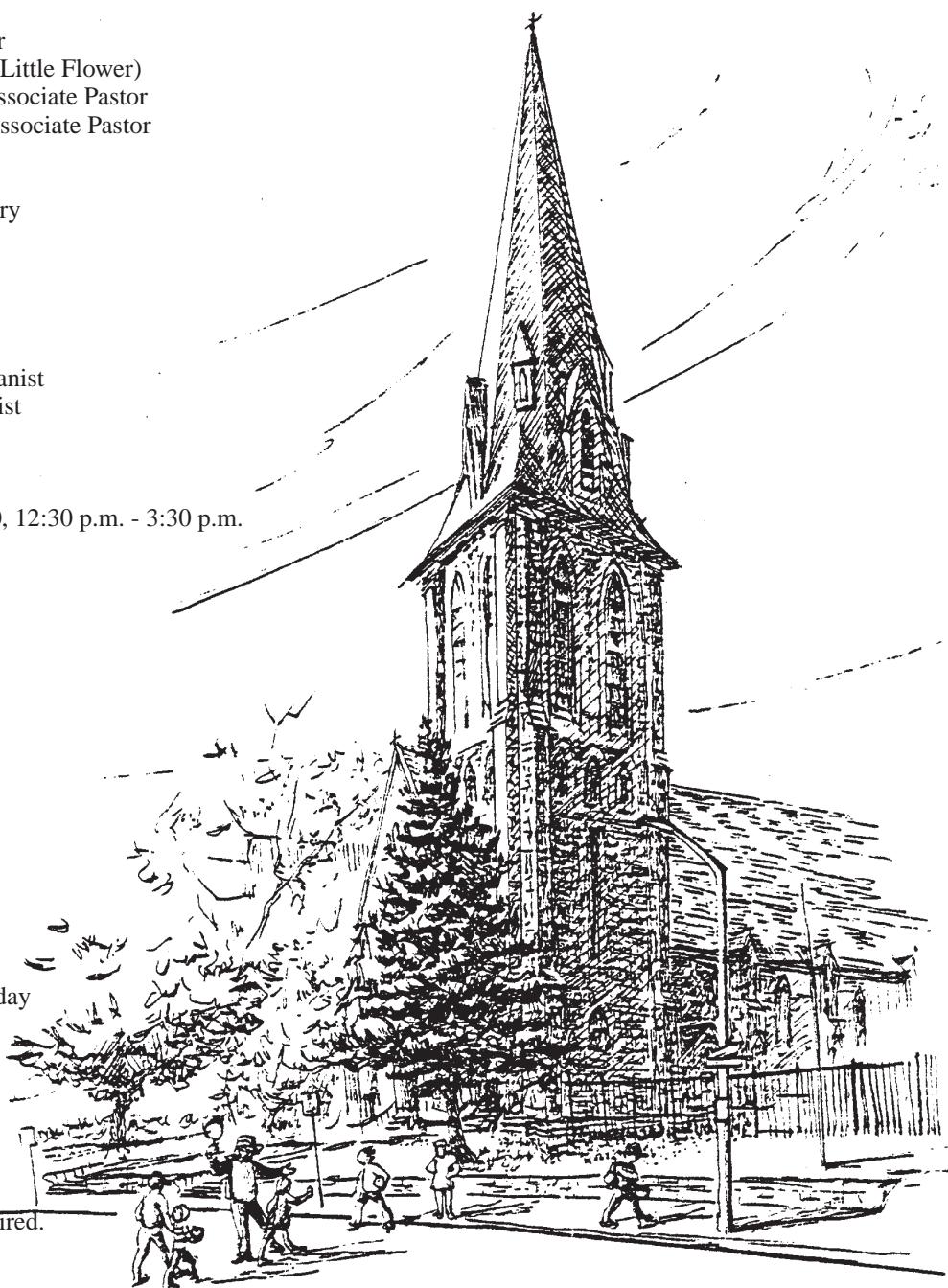
Once monthly at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday
Preparation for Parents
and Godparents required.

Marriage

Please contact the parish office
at least six months in advance.
Preparation weekend course 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 29 First Sunday of Advent

5:00 Mary Lawrence req by Michael & Nancy
Marian, Janina & Edward Brzozowski Jr. req by Edward Brzozowski Sr.

Sunday, November 30

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Gus Bagarozza req by his Wife: Kathy
Gino Pullano req by the Pullano Family
11:30 Tommaso DeAngelis req by Tony & Rosa DeAngelis
Carmen Maccarrone req by Rachel Marcon

Monday, December 1

8:00 Don Liberty req by his Children
Ajith Jayammanna req by Stu & Mary Lou Gallardi

Tuesday, December 2

8:00 Dec'd mem of the Nguyen Family req by the Nguyen Family
Intentions of the Little Flower Society

Wednesday, December 3 St Francis Xavier

8:00 Joseph Dat req by the Nguyen Family
Intentions of the Little Flower Society

Thursday, December 4 St John Damascene

8:00 Fernanda Sartol req by Anna Bortolin
Intentions of the Little Flower Society

Friday, December 5

8:00 Bartolomio Pietrangelo req by Carmela & Family
Dec'd mem of the Parisi Family req by Vince & Barb

Saturday, December 6 St Nicholas

5:00 Tullio Milani req by Giuliana & Susan Milani
Assunta Maiuri req by Stefanie & Peter Maiuri

Sunday, December 7 Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Dave Junior & Karen Alberton & Family req by their Friends
Gino Pullano & Trevor Watson req by the Pullano Family
11:30 Diamondo 'Dee' Mannella req by the Gowans Family
Alessandro Luciano req by St. Pat's CWL

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!

Holy Rosary

Every weekday morning at 7:30, the Holy Rosary is prayed in St. Patrick Church.

Keep Mary in mind, and Jesus will grow in your heart!



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 on **Friday, December 12 at 7pm in the Church**. 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!

Sacramental Dates for the Upcoming Year 2026

First Reconciliation: Wednesday, February 10, 2026 @ 7:00pm

First Communion: Sunday, May 3, 2026 @ 9:30am & 1:30pm
(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.)

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.

John Franklin, Mila Clark, Charlene Shannon, Mary Power, Howard Wales, Maureen Young, Bettyjean DeFoe, Dan M., Norah Marrie, Isabell Frost, Nancy McKinley, Victor Pizzolato, Peter Meisenburg Jr., Tom Murray, Norm Scott, Edward Brzozowski, Emma Corfield, Jeanne Lea, Joe Antonio, Theresa Prentice, Anna Tartaglia, Leonardo Gualtieri, Muriel Lafford, Baby Max, Robert Orsini, Rick Woram, Enzo Bellon, Kurt Stevens, Barbara Conidi, Lindsey Luby, Toni Brideau, D.D., Scott McLaren, Jim Crowley, Sherry Wales, Leila Khan, Maureen Tustin, Maureen Watson, Anna Hunt, Mary Jo O'Kell, Nancy Waters, John Arnold, Leroy Collee, Andrew Zacharuk, Jeanne S. Patrick Macri, Christine Pritty, John & Laura Giampa, Eric Van Noort, Jim & Betty Calzonetti, Julian Cassidy, Lorraine Spence, Estelle Critelli, Rita Ross, S.H., Sr. Carol Forhan CPPS, Leon French, Tony Cuvillo, Kelsey Liles, William JA DeFoe, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Sr. Prem, Samantha Jayne, Laurie Crites-Warner, Norma Zanus, Judy, Kerrie Szuch, Betty Crete, 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, Julie Nicholson, Samuel Potapczyk, Francesco Albanese, 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 Alhoe, Walter Wallace, Elizabeth Stachura, Marie Brooker, Francois Chayer, Jozefa Bilski, Elda Schneider, Susana Flego, Patricia Flego, Cynthia Alegre, Josie Wojciechowska

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

Collections

November 23: \$6,307.00

Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2026

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday January 25, February 15, April 26 & May 31**. A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, **Jan 13, Feb 3, Apr 14 & May 19 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!



Congratulations and best wishes to
Nolan Molloy, Alexander Brzozowski, Alessandro
Damiano, Milo Dunham, Ozzy Kraushar, Amelia
Lagerquist, Emilia Phelps and Rhiannon Tero who
were recently baptized

Little Flower Society Cards

Our 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 these cards, you not only comfort a family member or friend, but you also support the mission of the Carmelites, our Vocation Efforts, and our Formation Programs in several countries.

2026 Church Envelopes

Please make sure you pick up your Offertory Envelopes as soon as possible. They are in the sacristy, to the left of the altar. Many thanks.

Sunday Missals are also available in the sacristy for \$7.00.

Please refer to the Bulletin Boards at the back and side entrances of the Church for many important notices and events

The Pastor's Pen

(Please remember that you can e-transfer your Sunday Offertory as a direct deposit to stpatrick1895@hotmail.com) No password is required. Many thanks for your generosity.

Dear Friends:



Happy New Church Year! 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 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 people 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 and help our local poor, especially with food.

And make sure we 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



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

Advent Reconciliation

Our parish Advent Reconciliation Service will be held on December 17th at 7:00 PM

"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*

Carmelite Missions Appeal

Next weekend, we will have our Annual Appeal for the Carmelite Missions, especially for our ministries in Peru, Mexico, Honduras 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.

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.

St. Carlo Acutis Challenge!

Calling all grade 5-12 students!! This is your invitation to take part in the Saint Carlo Acutis Challenge. Use your gifts and talents to create something (a video or app, song or dance, poem or essay, fashion project or social media campaign, etc.) that highlights an aspect of the faith that you are passionate about! The top prize for secondary students is \$1000, and the top prize for elementary students is \$500 (more great prizes available)!! Visit: bit.ly/Saint-Challenge for more information, or contact us at:

evangelization@saintcd.com.

Hospital Calls

If you have a family member in the hospital, please let the nursing station know if you require a priest for the Anointing of the Sick. Switchboard will notify the on-call priest. There is a priest available 24-7. Fr. Gerard, Fr. Joi and Fr. Marvin covers hospital calls from Tuesday 8 AM until Wednesday 8 AM.

Vincent's... The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store is looking for dedicated volunteers for 3 hours per week...Call 289-296-3807 or apply in person, 5970 Lundy's Lane. Store hours, Tuesday to Saturday 10am – 4pm. Join our team and share some hope!

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY

Runs from September to June on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre from 7:00-8:30pm. (If the Monday is a holiday, then we meet on the Tuesday.)

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