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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.

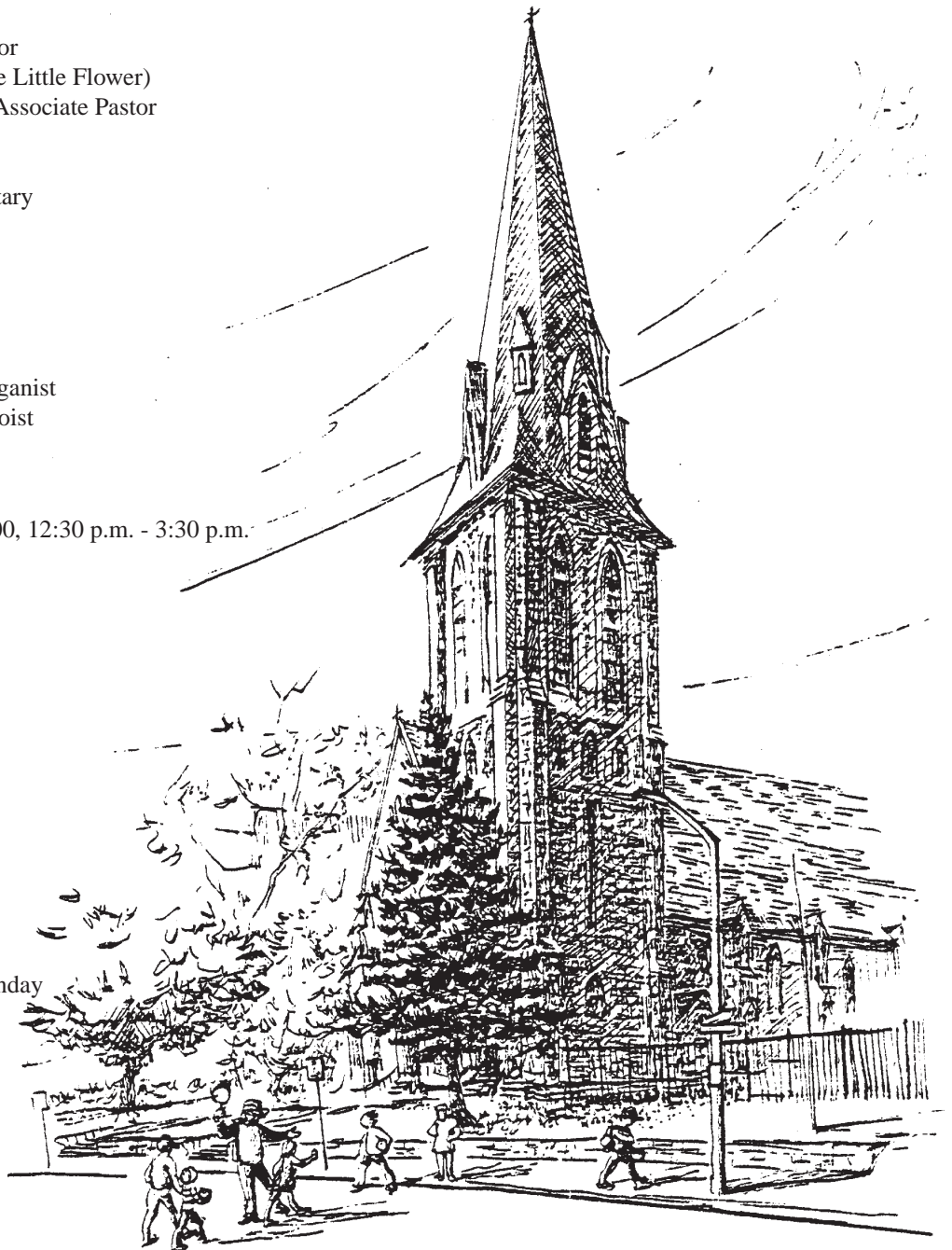
Schools

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

Parish Established 1858
Church Dedicated 1895

New Parishioners are asked to complete a parish registration form.



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, October 26

5:00 Victor Smatana *req by the Family*
Alexandra Scott *req by Dave & Maggie Scott*

Sunday, October 27

8:00 Bruno Pietrobon *req by the Family*
Dec'd of the Woram & Glynn Families *req by Kathy & Rick Woram*
9:30 Giovanna 'Jenny' Sacco *req by the Family*
Luigi Marcon, Giuseppe & Antonia Lazzarin *req by Louise Marcon*
11:30 People of the Parish

Monday, October 28 St Simon & St Jude

8:00 Cecil Shannon *req by Charlene Shannon*
Peter Ross *req by Nenita Ross & Family*

Tuesday, October 29

8:00 Carole Finella *req by Jacinta Palud*
Peter Nguyen Long *req by the Nguyen Family*

Wednesday, October 30

8:00 Paulette Cousineau *req by Aileen*
Margaret Embry *req by the Family*

Thursday, October 31

8:00 Marco Bortolin *req by his Wife: Anna & Family*
For the Healing of Dennis Schafer *req by Angie DiMarco*

Friday, November 1 All Saints

8:00 Mario Turra *req by Maria & Family*
Dariusz & Frank Rebisz *req by the Family*

Saturday, November 2 All Souls' Day (Annual Memorial Mass)

5:00 All Souls Novena

Sunday, November 3

8:00 All Souls Novena
9:30 Leo Ruberto *req by Teresa Ruberto*
Jozef & Feliksa Brzozowski *req by their Dtr: Jean*
11:30 People of the Parish

Hospital Visits

If you have a family member in hospital who would like a visit from a priest, please let the nursing station know. They will have the switchboard call for a priest. There have been several policy changes at the hospitals. Priest no longer have access to a list of patients. Beginning in September, not all parking will be covered for clergy (emergency switchboard calls only).

!!!Project Share Needs our Help!!!

Food donations are struggling! While the need for help doesn't diminish, we are asked to do all we can to help Project Share! The most needed food items include peanut butter; protein items such as canned tuna, salmon, chicken, ham; and canned beans, pasta sauce, baby food and formula; cereals, nutragrain bars. *Lord, when did we see you hungry?*

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

If you or a family member/friend is interested in becoming a Roman 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.

October, Month of the 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!

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

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Steven Phillips and Pepper Martin Jr. 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, Muriel Lafford, Isabell Frost, Robert Orsini, Rick Woram, Enzo Bellon, Kurt Stevens, Barbara Conidi, Lindsey Luby, Norm Scott, Toni Brideau, Scott MacLaren, Charlene Shannon, Jim Crowley, Sherry Wales, Peter Meisenburg Jr., Leila Khan, Maureen Young, Maureen Tustin, Maureen Watson, Anna Hunt, Nancy Waters, David Gallina, John F, John Arnold, Andrew Zacharuk, Patrick Macri, Leroy Collee, Antoinette Vescio, Victor Pizzolato, Jeanne S, Christine Pritty, John & Laura Giampa, Jim & Betty Calzonetti, Eric Van Noort, Julian Cassidy, Lorraine Spence, Estelle Critelli, D.D., Missy Bilotta, Pasquale Abrunzo, Flori Heimbigner, Rita Ross, Leon French, Tony Cuvieello, Kelsey Liles, Sr. Carol Forhan CPPS, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, 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, Gregory Roulston, Anna Chayer, Denise Colalillo, Maria Guerin, Patrick McCarthy, Michelle Price, Francesco Albanese, Mary Jo O'Kell, Julie Nicholson, Emmanuel & Aline Chayer, Carmella Modenti, Bernard Martin, Joyce Weaver, 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

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

Collections

October 20: \$5,679.50
World Missions Collection: \$740.00
Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2024

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday Oct 20 & Nov 24.**

A **mandatory** meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on **Tuesday, Oct 8 & Nov 12 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
Skyler Arenas, Rosalina De La Rosa,
Mila-Rose De La Rosa Roy, Sophie Putlak,
Zian Martin Saunar & Zion Rob Saunar
who were recently baptized

Sacramental Dates for the Upcoming Year

Confirmation: Sunday, November 17, 2024 @ 11:30am Mass
First Reconciliation: Wednesday, February 26, 2025 @ 7:00pm
First Communion: Sunday, May 18, 2025 @ 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.)

2024 Special Wedding Anniversaries... Bishop Bergie will send a congratulatory certificate to married couples who have celebrated or will celebrate a 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th Anniversary in the year 2024.

To receive a certificate, please complete a registration form available at the parish Office by November 8th.

Check out our website: <http://www.stpatricknf.ca>



Dear Friends,

In today's Gospel we have the last miracle of Jesus before he goes to Jerusalem to face his death. A blind man, Bartimaeus, is sitting by the roadside as Jesus and the crowds were passing by. This is the last



opportunity for this blind beggar to get Jesus' attention. He is desperate. So he calls out to Jesus, "Have mercy on me!" Jesus is probably teaching the crowd as he walks along. Bartimaeus calls out again, even calling Jesus "Son of David!" Wow, this man knows who Jesus is... and calls him by his right and deserved title! This is better than the disciples

did! Who's really blind here? The disciples try to silence this man. And Jesus, who is always drawn to the poor, asks, "What do you want me to do for you?" "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus heals him from his blindness, and he immediately gets up and follows Jesus along the way.

Picture Jesus looking at us and asking the same question, "What do you want me to do for you? What would we answer? What do we really need or want from Jesus? The answer, of course, lies in the circumstances of our lives. Some of us suffer from injuries we have inflicted upon ourselves. Some of us suffer from the way we have been treated by others. Some of us suffer from ailments caused by no one, but resulting from our human condition. We have heart problems, or cancer, diabetes, kidney problems. We are caring for a relative with Alzheimer's, or journeying with a spouse or parent in the final stages of cancer. Or maybe struggling in our marriage or disunity in the family. Or grief. If we ever wonder where we can turn, know that Jesus, who is always passing by, is shouting to us, "Have faith in me."

Whatever we are going through, or whatever we need... may we be open to God's answer. It may not come in the way we want... but always remember **God's ways are not our ways**. Have a blessed week.

Fr. Gerard

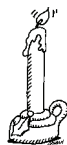
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YES, DOGS ARE ALLOWED IN CHURCH WHEN BLINDNESS IS INVOLVED, BUT USUALLY IT IS THE OWNER WHO IS BLIND

All Souls Memorial Mass

This year our **All Souls Memorial Mass** will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at the 5:00 PM Mass next **Saturday, November 2nd**. The names of our loved ones who died during the past year will be proclaimed during this Mass. Bells will be chimed by our choir for each of our loved ones. A candle will be lit for each person before Mass. Families who have lost a loved one in our parish over the past year are encouraged to attend. A letter has been sent out to a contact person in each family.



Confirmation Candidates

This Sunday at the 11:30 Mass, we will welcome our Confirmation Candidates for a Commitment Ceremony. Please keep our young adults in prayer as they take this next step in their faith journey.

All Souls Novena of Masses



Envelopes are available at the doors of the church for our **Nine Day All Souls Novena of Masses**. This Novena will begin on All Souls Day. Please submit your envelopes at your earliest convenience. May our loved ones rest in the peace of the Risen Christ.

Church Funnies

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible. *George Burns*

Father O'Malley answers the phone. "Hello, is this Father O'Malley?" "It is"

"This is the CRA. Can you help us?" "I can"

"Do you know a Ted Houlihan?" "I do"

"Is he a member of your congregation?" "He is"

"Did he donate \$10,000 to the church?" "He will".

2025 Mass Intentions

The date for the opening of the Mass Book will be **Wednesday, November 6, 2024 at 9:00 am** for the **members of our parish**. Because of the limited number of announced Masses available, we ask that you limit your intentions to **4 per family**. You might consider having a general intention for the deceased members of your family. We also ask that you be flexible with your dates. We will be recording the Mass intentions in the **Office**, or you may place them in the Sunday collection. **We will not be taking intentions over the telephone.**



Project Share is looking for **Volunteers** in their Food Room and Warehouse. If you can commit to 3.5hrs a week for at least 6 months, please consider helping them out. The Hours of Operation are Monday – Friday, 8:30 – 3:30pm. Contact Karen Miskel at 365-880-4726 or email volunteer@projectshare.ca For more details, please read the Posters on the Church Bulletin Boards at either the Back or Side entrances of the Church.

Little Flower Society Cards

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.

Vincent's... The Society of St. Vincent de Paul's 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!

Is God calling You?...If you feel called to serve as an **Altar Server, Funeral Server, Eucharistic Minister, Lector or with the Children's Liturgy** please call the parish office, 905-354-7451.

Milk Bags

Please note that we will no longer be collecting milk bags. The people who weave the sleeping mats for the homeless do not have enough volunteers. Many thanks for your help over the past few years.

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