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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 course is required.

Schools

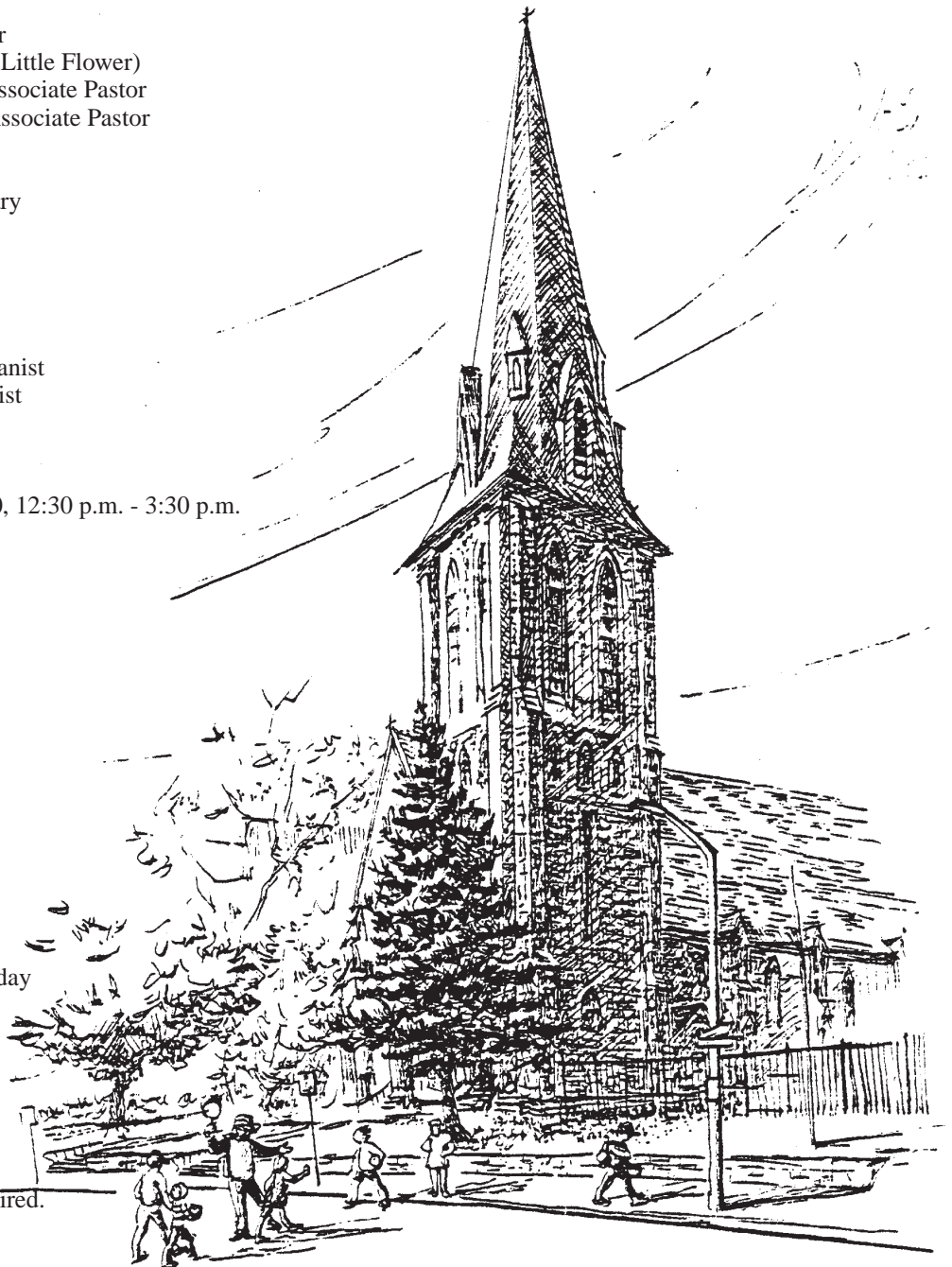
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Diocese of St. Catharines (est. 1958)

Most Rev. Gerard Bergie, D.D., Bishop

Parish Established 1858
Church Dedicated 1895

New Parishioners are asked to complete a parish registration form.



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, September 20 St Andrew Kim Tae-Gön, Chông Ha-Sang & Companions

5:00 Maria & Vince Nobile *req by Dtr & Sis: Antonietta Violet & Anthony Phillip & Mario & Linda Cardinal req by Family*
Sunday, September 21

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 Battista 'Bob' Sacco *req by the Family*
 Alex Fedorkow *req by Muriel Lafford*

11:30 Jackie Cavasin *req by Norm & Family*
 Alessandro Luciano *req by the Abbott Family*

Monday, September 22

8:00 Pasqualina DeMizio *req by the Family*
 Intentions of the Little Flower Society

Tuesday, September 23 St Pius of Pietrelcina

8:00 Luigi Di Giorgio *req by Rachel Marcon*
 Intentions of the Little Flower Society

9:30am St. Patrick & St. Mary's School Mass

Wednesday, September 24 Bl Émilie Tavernier-Gamelin

8:00 Dec'd of the Pietrangelo Fam *req by Mary DiCarlo & Family*
 Intentions of the Little Flower Society

Thursday, September 25 St Cosmas & St Damian

8:00 Cecil & Irma Amadio *req by the Family*
 Vincent Bernardi *req by the Bernardi Family*

Friday, September 26 St Jean de Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues

8:00 John O'Brien *req by the Family*
 Betty Sargeson *req by Wayne*

Saturday, September 27 St Vincent de Paul

5:00 Tony Laso *req by Elaine & Family*
 Louie Thibodeau *req by Family*

Sunday, September 28 World Day of Migrants & Refugees

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 Caterina Ruberto *req by Teresa Ruberto*
 Zdzislaw Sadowski & Alex Pawlowski *req by Elizabeth & Family*

11:30 Nancy & Nick DiPaolo *req by Paul DiPaul*
 Giuditta & Angelo Paonessa *req by Tony & Rosa DeAngelis*

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.

The 27th of September is the Feast Day for St. Vincent de Paul. Our **St. Patrick Church Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul** will be welcoming parishioners in the Parish Hall after all of the morning Masses, 8:00, 9:30 & 11:30am on Sunday, September 28th.

Please join them in celebration and fellowship.
 Free Refreshments...Coffee & snacks will be served

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!

Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund

Special envelopes are at the doors of the church this weekend for the **Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund**. Our diocese has pledged \$250,000 over 5 years, to this national fund. There is a letter on the diocesan website.

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.)



Rest in Peace... We pray for the soul of Vojka Rubesa. May she rest in peace. Please remember her family 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, Nancy McKinley, Carl Lundrigan, Howard Wales, Maureen Young, Norah Marrie, Isabell Frost, Peter Meisenburg Jr., Tom Murray, 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, Norm Scott, Toni Brideau, Charlene Shannon, Scott MacLaren, Jim Crowley, Sherry Wales, Leila Khan, Maureen Tustin, Maureen Watson, Anna Hunt, Mary Jo O'Kell, Nancy Waters, John F, John Arnold, Leroy Collee, Andrew Zacharuk, Jeanne S, Patrick Macri, Victor Pizzolato, Christine Pritty, John & Laura Giampa, Eric Van Noort, D.D., Jim & Betty Calzonetti, Julian Cassidy, Lorraine Spence, Estelle Critelli, Rita Ross, S.H., Sr. Carol Forhan CPPS, Leon French, Tony Cuvieello, Kelsey Liles, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Sr. Prem, Samantha Jayne, Laurie Crites-Warner, Norma Zanuz, Judy, Kerrie Szuch, William JA DeFoe, 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 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 Athoe, Walter Wallace, Samuel Polapczyk, Marie Brooker, Francois Chayer, Jozefa Bilski, Elda Schneider, Susana Flego, Patricia Flego, Cynthia Alegre, Josie Wojciechowska, Elizabeth Stachura

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

Collections

September 14: \$6,777.00
 Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2025

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on:

Sunday, October 19 & November 23

A mandatory meeting for Parents & Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, October 7 & November 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 Date for 2025

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.)

Children and Adult Choirs

Calling all Children and Adults!!! Our Choirs have begun their new season. If you wish to join, please see Carol or Sandra. Children please gather on Sundays at 9am and Adults at 10:45am around the Piano. Let's get back into the swing of things!

Children's Liturgy

As we begin Children's Liturgy again at the 9:30 AM Sunday Mass, we are in need of a few more volunteers. If you would like to be part of this wonderful ministry, please give your name to the parish office as soon as possible. Our children need you!!! stpatrick1895@hotmail.com

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

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



(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:

Today is the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time. In our first reading, the Prophet Amos (8: 4-7) speaks up for the poor, just as any great prophet should do. He denounces the unjust business practices of his day. Merchants were getting rich off the backs of the poor, by tampering with the scales. This upsets God! Psalm 113 proclaims, **"Praise the Lord who lifts up the needy!"** God always lifts up the poor and downtrodden, and it displeases God when the poor are mistreated. In the Gospel Jesus says, **"You cannot serve both God and wealth."**

Hearing readings like this, gives us an opportunity to reflect on the things we have, our possessions, our treasures, our accumulations. We ask, **"Did I acquire these things in an honest way? Did I trample on anyone to get ahead? Do I need everything I have, while many have nothing?"** Money, when it is not our master or a 'little god,' can do wonderful things. But how often have we heard, that **"money is the root of all evil."**

We must constantly examine our use of material possessions. In Luke's Gospel, (the Gospel of the poor) Jesus conveys a suspicion towards worldly wealth. Material things can trap us and divert our attention from what truly matters in life: **storing up treasures in heaven!** How often have we seen families divided over possessions and inheritances; marriages ruined and lives torn apart for the sake of the almighty dollar? So many people make gods out of money and things. Using our wealth to do good, is a **wisdom**. Using some of our resources to help the poor and hungry is a Gospel command. Our parish and community have many opportunities to offer a helping hand. May each of us find the strength and courage to make wise Gospel-use of our time, talents and treasures.

Fr. Gerard



"Charity is certainly greater than any rule." *St. Vincent de Paul*
 "A generous spirit is itself great wealth." *St. Leo the Great, pope*
 "Give Christ the honour prescribed in his law by giving your riches to the poor. For God does not want golden vessels but golden hearts." *St. John Chrysostom*
 "Let us give alms because these cleanse our souls from the stains of sin." *St. Francis of Assisi*
 "Earthly goods are given to be used, not to be collected.... Hoarding is idolatry." *Dietrich Bonhoeffer*



Mark Your Calendars

Blessing of Animals

Feast of St. Francis

Saturday, October 4th at 11:00 AM

School Playground

Martyrs of North America

On Friday, September 26th we will honour eight martyrs of North



America, six Jesuit priests and two lay assistants, who died in Canada and Upstate New York between 1642 and 1649. They were canonized in 1930. Their names are: **Sts. Isaac Jogues, Jean de Brébeuf, Jean de Lalande, René Goupil, Anthony Daniel, Gabriel Lalemant, Charles Garnier, and Noel Chabanel.**

They are co-patrons of Canada! Faith and heroism planted belief in Jesus Christ deep

in our land. The Church in Canada and North America sprang from the blood of martyrs. God bless and protect all our missionaries, who put their lives at risk for the Gospel!

LIFE CHAIN

On Sunday, October 5th, Canadians will gather at 350+ locations to peacefully raise awareness about the truth of abortion during the 35th annual nation-wide **Life Chain**. One of these locations is **Lundy's Lane at Prince Edward Ave, Highland Ave & Dorchester Road** from 2:30-3:30 pm. Upon arrival, you will be greeted by the organizer and given signs to hold. Participants are encouraged to spread out along the sidewalk and spend time in quiet prayer. This is a unique, family-friendly event advocating for innocent pre-born children. As Christ reminds us in Matthew 25:40: "As you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me."

St. Vincent de Paul

Saturday, September 27, is the Feast Day of St. Vincent de Paul

(1581–1660). He was a French priest who transformed from a self-seeking cleric into a tireless advocate for the poor. After enduring captivity by pirates, his path shifted, leading him to establish organizations like the [Congregation of the Mission](#) (Vincentians) and the *Daughters of Charity* to serve the needy. Known as the "Apostle of Charity," he founded charitable societies, initiated the first non-cloistered women's religious institute, promoted clergy reform, and played a significant role in social welfare, establishing what is now the global [Society of St. Vincent de Paul](#). (See this bulletin about a special invitation this weekend)

Project Updates

We recently installed new doors to the elevator entrance of the Parish Hall for a cost of \$6400.00. Thanks to John Fisher at Briskall Glass for overseeing this project. This was done through a federal grant to enhance security on our church property. We are currently working with a company to replace the hardware/fasteners on our pews. Most of the fasteners have rusted from salt over the past 24 years. And many are loose. Updates to follow.

Upcoming Weddings at St. Patrick's in October

Brittany Valente & Pietro Leone

Kaitlin Sanderson & Tyler Kelly

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