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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

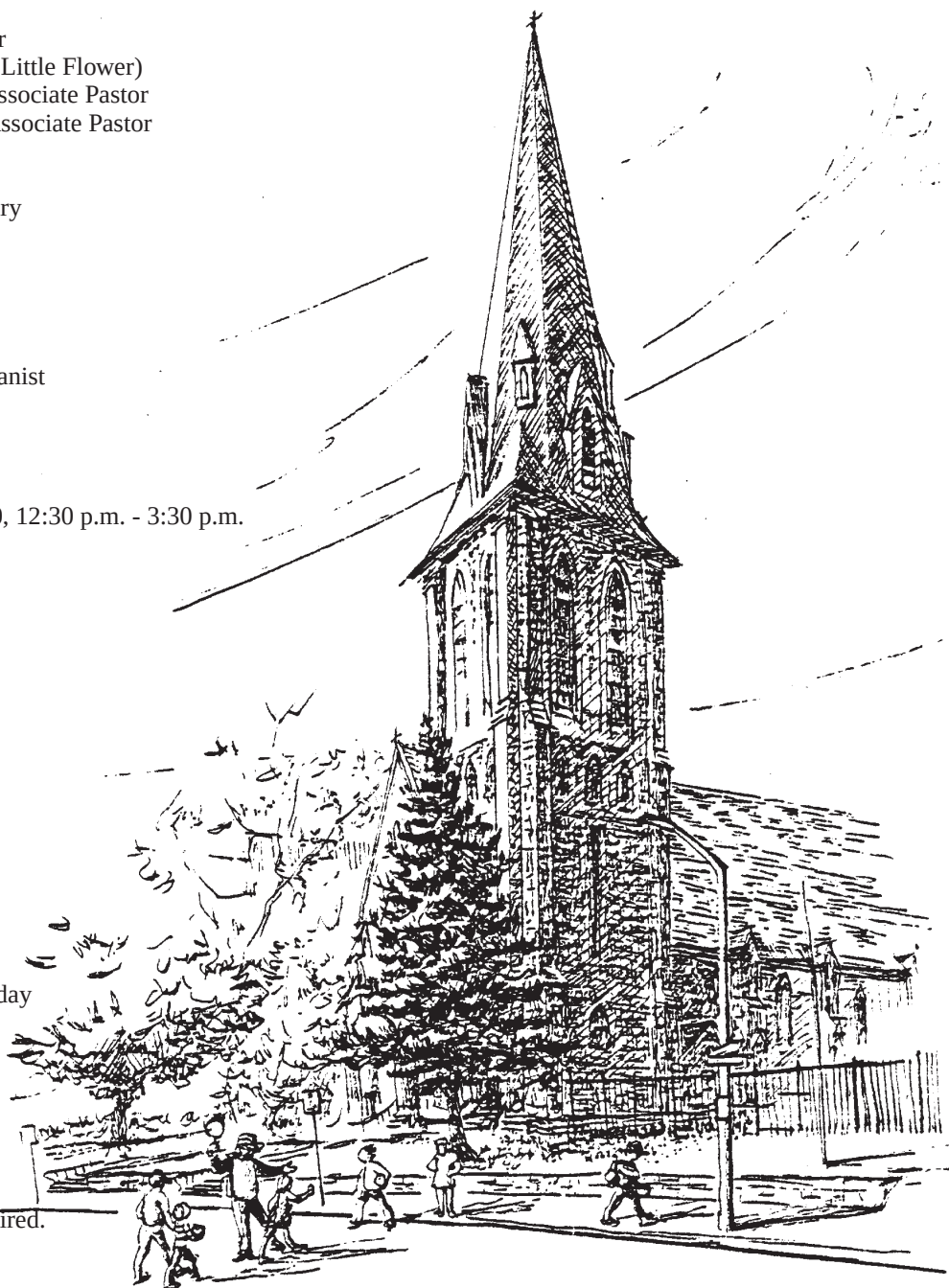
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Diocese of St. Catharines (est. 1958)

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

Parish Established 1858
Church Dedicated 1895

New Parishioners are asked to complete a parish registration form.



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, Sept 26 St Jean de Brébeuf & St Isaac Jogues & Comp.

5:00 Tony Laslo *req by Elaine*
Dec'd mem of the Sekulic, Grcevic, Dasovich, Susa & De Amicis
Families *req by the Family*

Sunday, September 27

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 John O'Brien *req by the Family*
Caterina Ruberto *req by Teresa Ruberto*
11:30 Michelle Camillo *req by the Sharpe Family*
Betty Sargeson *req by Wayne*

Monday, September 28 St Wenceslaus & St Lawrence Ruiz & Comp.

8:00 Vincent Bernardi *req by the Family*
Intentions of the Little Flower Society

Tuesday, September 29 St Michael, St Gabriel & St Raphael Archangels

8:00 Louis Thibodeau *req by the Family*
Intentions of the Little Flower Society

Wednesday, September 30 St Jerome

8:00 Louis Campaner *req by the Campaner Family*
Intentions of the Little Flower Society

Thursday, October 1 St Thérèse of the Child Jesus

8:00 Joan Barden *req by Fred & Judy Murray*
Tony Fazio, Nick Pellegrino, Theresa Pellegrino & Mary Costable *req by Helen Rotella*

Friday, October 2 The Holy Guardian Angels

8:00 Pietro Guerin *req by Maria Guerin*
Anna Giang *req by the Nguyen Family*

Saturday, October 3

5:00 James Ogilvie *req by Chris & Sam St. Angelo*
Pietro Guerin *req by Maria Guerin*

Sunday, October 4

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Francesco Provenzano *req by Josephine Provenzano*
Dianne Goegan *req by Louise Goegan*
11:30 John Rondinelli *req by Ann Marie, John & Family*
Marianna Rosano *req by the Family*

Monday, October 5 St Faustina Kowalska

8:00 Nicola Rinaldi *req by the Family*
Mary (Radice) Anello *req by Domenic, Christina, Kaitlyn, Peter & Mother: Incoronata Radice*

Tuesday, October 6 St Bruno & Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher

8:00 Francisco Arrayga *req by the Family*
Intentions of the Little Flower Society

Wednesday, October 7 Our Lady of the Rosary

8:00 Joan Barden *req by Aileen Lelievre Adams*
Intentions of the Little Flower Society

Thursday, October 8

8:00 Intentions of the Little Flower Society

Friday, October 9 St Denis & St John Leonardi

8:00 Joseph Augustin *req by Soji Joseph*
Intentions of the Little Flower Society

Saturday, October 10

5:00 Vincent & Ruby Crowley *req by the Family*
Carlo Pizzolato *req by Angela & David Dumele*

Sunday, October 11

8:00 Louie Campaner *req by Ray & Brenda Hicks & Family*
req by
9:30 Franciszek Rebisz *req by the Rebisz Family*
John Dunphy Sr. *req by the Family*
11:30 People of the Parish

A special Bishop's Collection will be taken up this weekend, September 26 & 27 for the Needs of the Canadian Church. Envelopes are available at the doors of the Church today. Please be generous.

Rest in Peace... We pray for the repose of the souls of Dorothy Carney, Emilie Plata, Lino Menna, Warren MacKenzie, George Svoda and Andy MacInnis. May they rest in peace. Please keep 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.

Mila Clark, Baby Maeve, Mary Power, Howard Wales, Anna Hunt, Randy Gagno, Rob Lelievre, Michael O'Brien, Debbie Magalester, Maureen Young, Rosaria Anania, Norah Marrie, L.V., Dan M., Peter Meisenburg Jr., Victor Pizzolato, Norm Scott, Edward Brzozowski, Emma Corfield, Jeanne Lea, Theresa Prentice, Baby Max, Leonardo Gualtieri, Muriel Lafford, Robert Orsini, Enzo Bellon, Kurt Stevens, Barbara Conidi, Lindsey Luby, Toni Brideau, D.D., Scott MacLaren, Jim Crowley, Sherry Wales, Leila Khan, Maureen Watson, Mary Jo O'Kell, Nancy Waters, John Arnold, Leroy Collee, Andrew Zacharuk, Jeanne S, Patrick Macri, Christine Pritty, John & Laura Giampa, Eric Van Noort, Lorraine Spence, Jim & Betty Calzonetti, Julian Cassidy, Estelle Critelli, S.H., Sr. Carol Forhan CPPS, Leon French, Kelsey Liles, Tony Cuiello, William JA DeFoe, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Sr. Prem, Mahmat, Betty Crete, Samantha Jayne, Laurie Crites-Warner, Norma Zanus, Judy, Bob Marshall, Cameron Boyes, Danielle Barranca, Kelly Laslo, Lori Ann Pizzolato, Betty & Mary Ann Quigley, Maria Guerin, Marie Brooker, Teresa Hebb, John Calder, Karen Bradley, Arlene Collee, Gregory Roulston, Anna Chayer, Denise Colalillo, Michelle Price, Patrick McCarthy, Julie Nicholson, Samuel Potapczyk, Josie Wojciechowska, Cynthia Alegre Vanessa Athoe, Elda Schneider, 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, Jozefa Bilski, Walter Wallace, Elizabeth Stachura, Francois Chayer, Susana Flego, Patricia Flego
Please help us update our list of those who are homebound, infirm, or hospitalized by calling the parish office.

Collections

September 13: \$7,578.44
September 20: \$6311.40
Indigenous Reconciliation: \$914.75 (to date)
Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2026

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: Sunday October 25 & November 22. A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, October 6 & November 10 at 7:00 pm.

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 soon. This is a wonderful opportunity for anyone who wants to "refresh or renew" their faith and theology!

Sacramental Dates for the Upcoming Year 2026

Confirmation: Saturday, November 21, 2026 at 5:00pm
Confirmation Commitment Ceremony: Sat, Nov 7 at 5pm
All Confirmation Paperwork is due by Tuesday, October 6, 2026
(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. 905-354-7451)

♪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

Our Children's Liturgy Program at the 9:30 AM Sunday Mass, is 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!!!

(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 ongoing generosity. (Today's Bulletin is for September 27th and October 4th)

26th Sunday September 27th

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable to some political and religious leaders. It's about two sons. The father asks both to go and work in the vineyard. One says NO, but changes his mind and goes. The other says YES, but does not go! The first son represents the tax collectors, prostitutes, and other sinners. The second son represents the Jewish authorities. The first son was quite rude: "I will not go," but he had a change of heart. The second son knew what to say to his father. "I will certainly go, sir," but refused to go. Jesus was poking fun at the scribes and Pharisees for their pride in having all the externals perfectly in order, while being blind to God's call in their lives. They did not heed John the Baptist. Jesus tells them that they had a chance to hear what John had to say about justice and righteousness, but they chose to remain fixated on external laws.

Having knowledge of Jesus' words and sayings, or knowing the Bible inside out, is one thing, but we have to build our lives by actions and by love-put-into-practice. Good intentions are not enough. Promises are useless if they are not kept. Jesus uses the faith of the tax collectors and prostitutes who heard John's message, and then changed their ways, as a model for his followers. Where am I in all this? Am I part of the YES crowd or the NO crowd? Do my actions match my words? Do I walk the Christian talk? That's the challenge for us, to have our deeds match our words. Being Christian needs to be evident in the way we live. There must be no chasm between our words, actions, and faith. I know we can all try harder. If we do mess up, or stray off the path, our God of second chances invites us back, ready to forgive us and love us! Have a faith-into-action week!

27th Sunday (October 4th)

Jesus tells another parable to the Chief priests and the elders. This parable is about a Vineyard which was leased to tenants. The owner went to another country. When he returned, he was not too pleased by what he found. The tenants had beaten and killed the workers, and even the owner's son. And Jesus' response to this parable, directed to the leaders? The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom." That's our role, to produce the fruits of the kingdom of God! In the final harvest of our lives, when we meet our Maker, to give an account of ourselves, what will God find in me? Would he find me doing what I am called to do? What would he find in my heart? In my home? How would he find me treating my children? My spouse? My parents? My family? Where would he find me on Sunday mornings? Would he be pleased with my relationships? My social life? My attitude? What would he think of the way I treat others? How I treat my neighbor? The elderly? The poor? The homeless? The stranger? Our call is to keep cleaning house. Throw out what doesn't belong in our Christian lives, what doesn't lead to God. Then when the day of the Lord comes, the day of the great harvest, we will be ready and waiting. Knowing that I have done my best. Gave it my best shot. That's all God asks!



Blessing of Animals

This year the Blessing of Animals will be held on **Saturday, October 3rd at 11:00 AM**. This will be celebrated on the school playground. All creatures great and small are welcome! Please keep your pets on a leash.

Month of the Rosary

October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. The liturgical feast of *Our Lady of the Rosary* is celebrated on October 7th. It was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church. During this month, let us consider this beautiful prayer as a means we can use to draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation. The Rosary is prayed at St. Pat's every morning before the 8:00 Mass.

Sunday, September 27th is the Feast Day for St. Vincent de Paul.

SVDP Society, St Patrick Church Conference will host their annual Coffee Social after the morning masses, 8:00, 9:30 & 11:30 am.

Please join them in celebration, fellowship and complimentary coffee and treats. Come see the wonderful works they do in the community.

SVDP wishes to thank our parishioners who donated toward the successful 2026 Summer Camp Program.

Your generosity and continued support is greatly appreciated

Feast of St. Therese, The Little Flower



October 1st is the Feast of our great Carmelite Saint, St. Therese of Lisieux, Patroness of the Missions! She lived a short 24 years from 1873-1897, in Alencon and Lisieux, France. She has become the most popular saint of all times. Her autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*, has been translated into over 50 languages! St. Therese taught us the "Little Way!" And that is, finding God in the ordinary everyday activities of life! When Pope John Paul II declared her Doctor of the Church in 1997, he called her "a young Carmelite who was filled with the love of God, who offered herself completely to his love, and who knew how to practice love of neighbour in the ordinary things of daily life." That is certainly a call to all of us! Therese wrote, "Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love!" She also said, "You know well enough that Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, nor even at their difficulty, but at the love at which we do them."

Sacrament of Baptism... If you wish to have your child baptized, please register in the parish. One of the parents must come into the office, meet with the pastor or associate, 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!

!!!! Church Step Updates !!!!

Patterned Concrete Niagara has finished replacing the main church steps. The railings have been reinstalled. The main steps between the two lamp posts have a heating coil to assist with ice and snow melt. The step at the main entrance of the parish hall has also been repaired (\$13,500). Many thanks for your support of these projects. The next project will be to do some paving around the archways over the two front doors of the church. It is best to do this when the weather turns cooler.

Religious Humour

- This too shall pass. It might pass like a kidney stone, but it's gonna pass
- If you are more fortunate than others, build a longer table, not a taller fence.
- Tweet others as you would like to be tweeted.
- Trust in God, but lock your car.

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