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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, 11:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.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.

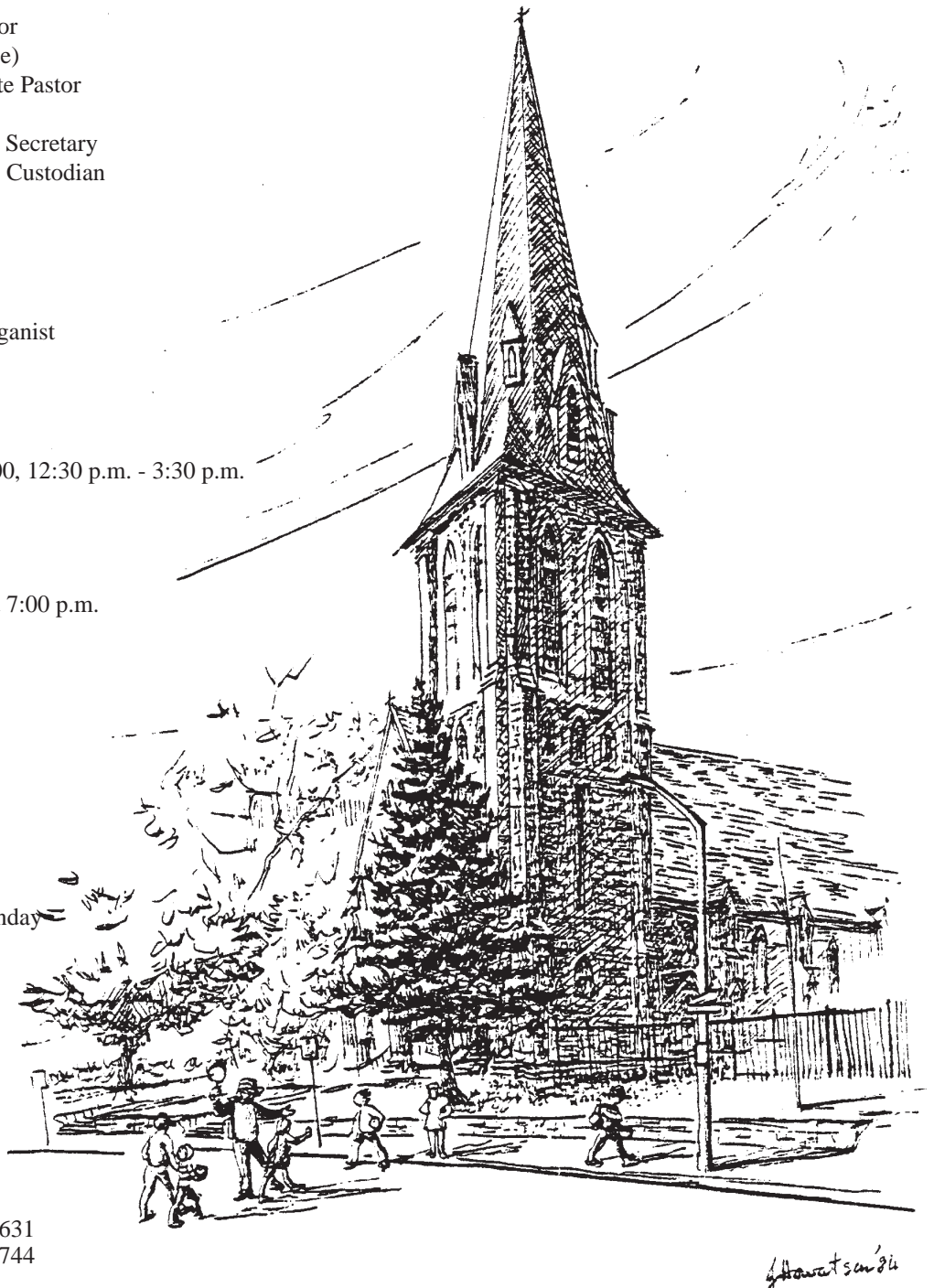
Schools

St. Patrick School (905) 354-6631
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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.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, September 2 Blessed Andre Grasset

5:00 Gino Rampado *req. by the Family*
 Alfreda Cormier *req. by Don & Donna Cormier*

Sunday, September 3

8:00 People of the Parish
 9:30 Jozef & Feliksa Brzozowski *req. by the Janusz & Komor Fam.*
 Adelino Marcon & the Cavallin Family *req. by Theresa Marcon*
 11:30 Sebastiano Sam Radice *req. by the Family*
 Lucy Janssen, Michael DeGuida & Lucy DeMizio *req. by Cousins: Anna, Frank & Angie*
 7:00 Ray Sexton *req. by St. Pat's Bingo*
 Krys Potapczyk *req. by Les & Peg Potapczyk*

Monday, September 4 Labour Day BI Dina Belanger

8:00 Domenic Marchese *req. by his Children*
 Giuse De & Daminh Bang *req. by Duy's Family*
 Patricia Desrosiers *req. by Ellen Shipman*

Tuesday, September 5

8:00 Cecelia Lococo *req. by Sam & Christine St. Angelo*
 Raffaele Butera *req. by Lidia Bonaldo & Family*

Wednesday, September 6

8:00 Gino Bianchin *req. by Anna Bortolin & Family*
 Frances Comeau *req. by Fern Albert*

Thursday, September 7

8:00 Carlo Pizzolato *req. by Adua & Family*
 Betty Coyle *req. by Anne Coyle*

Friday, September 8 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 Palmiro Goegan *req. by Anna Goegan & Family*
 Georgette & Stephen Lafferty *req. by their Children*

Saturday, September 9 St Peter Claver

5:00 Betty Sargeson *req. by Wayne*
 Pietro Pizzolato *req. by the Family*

Sunday, September 10

8:00 Leo Persia *req. by Fred & Lisa Persia*
 Anthony & Lena Girardo *req. by the Girardo Family*
 9:30 Ovidio & Madeline Rosati *req. by their Grandchildren*
 Philip & Mary Campagna *req. by the Family*
 Georgette Lafferty *req. by her Mom, Sister & Brother*
 11:30 Gimino Cardamone *req. by Fiorina Cardamone & Family*
 Andrew Rondinelli *req. by Jim & Dora Spencer*
 7:00 People of the Parish

Upcoming Wedding at St. Patrick's in September

Elena DeCaria & Michael Renda

Regenerate(d) Youth Rally 2017... Saturday, November 18 at the Scotiabank Convention Centre in Niagara Falls. Speakers include Genevieve Broadley, Jennifer Fulwiler, Trent Horn, Ante and Robert Skoko, and beats by Joe Zambon. The main celebrant & homilist is Fr. Rico Passero. For purchase of youth group tickets please email: gbroadley@branchesoftheword.org or check out their website at g2branches.com

!!!Project Share Needs our Help!!!



Project Share sends a big thank-you to the people of the parish who continue to bring food. We are really making a difference! Now that school will be open again, please continue to bring food items. School snacks would be great, and also Macaroni and Cheese, canned Tuna, Peanut Butter, canned pasta! If you prefer, Project Share also distributes toiletry items: soaps, shampoos, toothpaste, wash-cloths/towels. (Fresh produce can also be dropped off at Project Share!)
Lord, when did we see you hungry?

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

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Patricia Desrosiers and John Shanahan. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Mary Brennan, Baby Tommy, Jack Horth

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, John Nicks, Melissa Brideau, Toni Brideau, Leon Dopke, Anna Hunt, Helen Lelievre, Samuel Potapczyk, Baby Julian, Baby Noah, Mary Lawrence, Bernard Martin, William JA De Foe, Emily Hanover, Leo Martin, Drago Bicanic, Baby Victoria, Nancy Weiss, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffradi, Wendy & John Calder, Pauline Miner, Edna McDonnell, Fr Tony McNamara, O.Carm., Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Trudy Smelko, Maria Melchiorre, Conner Hawkswell, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Jeannette Fabian, Donna Cormier, Maria Rosiana, Danielle Barranca, Lucy Rizzo, Barbara Phillips (Murray), Alice Dalton, Audrey Vendramin, Jeanne Lea, Stan Manning, Iole Mancini, Baby Maximus, David & Patrick Kealey, Francesco Albanese, Mary Ann O'Shea, Rosalyn Dagleish, Kelly Detlor, Kitty Decicco, Evelyn Rose Baker, Jozefa Bilski, Charlene Shannon, Dr. Andy Fisher, Rebecca Evans, Marie Massolin, Maria Guerin, Anna Vergalito, John Jefferson, Todd Reid, Jill Leronowich, Vince(Jim) Baldassarro, Nancy Jean Rose, Patrick McCarthy, Norman Horth, Muriel Pivarnyk, Tom Hilton, Walter Wallace, Stefanie Borin, John Cox, Joyce Weaver, Kerrie Szuch, Faith Amadio, Margaret Smith, Carmella Modenti, Margaret Waghorn, Theresa Poirier, Carlo Trasmundi, Vito Fuccillo, Baby Hope, Donna Bradley, Cheryl D'Ammizio, Kelly Laslo, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Alessia Commisso, Vicki Dubeau, Mary Jo O'Kell, Baby Sebastian, Lorraine Murray, Patricia O'Reilly, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pepper Martin Jr., Vital & Emmanuel Chayer, Trina Washington, Shirley Machulla, Baby Gabriel Paraskevopoulos, Brian Smith, Lorraine Spence, Helen Rotella, Jeanne S, Michelle Price

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

Collections

August 26 & 27 : \$5,317.00
 Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2017

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday, Sept 24, Oct 22, Nov 19 & Dec 17**

A **mandatory** meeting for **Parents and Godparents** will be held in the Church on **Tuesday, Sept 12, Oct 10, Nov 7 & Dec 5 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 all the necessary information. We encourage parents and Godparents to make an effort to attend liturgies in the parish community. We also have a special evening of preparation for parents and Godparents! Many blessings!

CWL News... St. Patrick's CWL will hold their **Pot Luck dinner and meeting on Wednesday September 6th at 6:30 pm in the Hall. All are invited to attend and please bring your favourite dish to share.**

Feel like a sweet treat, well come & get it after every Mass on **Saturday and Sunday, September 30 & October 1.** Come & support our Catholic Womens League bake sale!

Are you a baker? Do you enjoy sharing your treats? Please feel free to donate to our bake sale...we are accepting **donations** at the office on **Friday, Sept 29 from 9 until 3pm** or the Church Hall on the morning of **Saturday, September 30 between 9am & 1pm.** We sincerely thank you for your consideration.

Ministries... If you would like to serve as Eucharistic Minister, Altar Server, Lector, Usher or Funeral Server, please let the parish office know, and with great joy we will provide the necessary training for you in early September!

Please call the office at 905-354-7451 if interested.

Wanted: Ryan's Bowl is looking for a volunteer who would be able to give an average of one hour per week helping Ken Walsh make phone calls and assist in fundraising. Please call 905-354-7451, if interested.

To make phone calls and assist in fundraising



Dear Friends,

September is here! This weekend we celebrate Labour Day! And then our schools will be opened... and the school playgrounds will be filled with lots of laughter and joy! God's many blessings on our students, teachers, principals and staff as they begin a new school year!

We hold deep in prayer the people of Houston, Texas and the many towns along the Gulf Coast who are still being ravaged by Hurricane Harvey. The images on TV are heart-wrenching. God bless the families of the 22 people who have died, and God help the families who have lost everything in the floods. Certainly an occasion for us to appreciate what we have, and to know that things are only temporary.

In our Gospel last Sunday Jesus praised Peter for his profession of faith, and called him the **Rock** upon which he would build his Church! And now, in today's Gospel, things turn quickly on Peter! Jesus calls him Satan, and a stumbling block! Why? Well, Jesus tells his disciples what the plans are for his life. He must go to Jerusalem, suffer, be killed and raised on the third day. Peter wanted to save Jesus from pain. You can't blame him for that! But there's more involved than just Peter's desire to protect the Messiah. Right now, **even Peter himself**, is being called to accept a prophetic role and it comes with a cost. "If anyone wants to become my followers, let them deny themselves, take up their cross and follow me!" And following Jesus is not always easy!

Christianity itself, is not an easy walk. There's a cross Jesus invites Peter and **all of us** to willingly take up each day. We are most likely not going to suffer crucifixion as Jesus did, and as Peter did, but it's clear that he invites us **to make sacrifices** for his sake and for the sake of the Gospel. May Jesus see in each of us what he saw in Peter, a **willingness to do the best we can to follow him**, even unto death. Let us join Peter, and try our best on our journey of following Jesus to Jerusalem. May we never be a "stumbling block" for the Gospel!!! Have a blessed week.

Fr. Gerard



"By all these lovely tokens
September days are here,
With summer's best of weather
And autumn's best of cheer."
Helen Hunt Jackson



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

Update on Church Projects

During the summer we had some re-pointing done to the front of our parish hall. We had experienced several leaks this year. Thankfully that's completed, and no reported problems since. The cost was \$1500.

This past week we have replaced the remainder of the windows in the rectory (upstairs). A&C Vinyl have completed the project, with some 14 windows for approximately \$8000.



Over the past year there has been water slowly seeping into the wall above one of our stain glass windows (above Mary's Altar). There has also been some leakage through the mortar at the side entrance of the church (house side). This needs to be addressed immediately, so a company will be coming in this week with a snorkel lift to do the necessary repairs. The company will also touch up some peeling that's happening on the archways at the main entrance of the church. Work and supplies and machinery will cost approx. \$5000.00.

Furthermore, we received word this week from the City that a contractor has been hired to replace the drain in our parking lot, and put in a new drainage system so that all rainwater will go directly to the city's storm drain across Victoria Avenue, and not into the sewer system. This has caused some major flooding in our parish hall. We are still waiting for the final cost, which will be split with the city. We are hoping that our share will not exceed \$30,000.00. The work will hopefully get completed during late September and early October. We apologize for any inconveniences. Again, many thanks for your generosity in helping us get these projects completed.

OUR CHURCH CHOIRS...

Once again the choral season is upon us. We welcome all former choir members and new people to join either of our choirs – Youth at 9:30 Mass and Adults at 11:30 Mass.

Adult Choir rehearsals – Thursday nights starting on September 14th, at 7:30pm in the Church and the Children's Choir Sundays, please gather on September 10th with practice following the 9:30am Mass.

If you want to help make a "Joyful Noise", all new and returning members please call Carol at 905-374-0467, so she can be prepared with music for you.

Help our Local School Children

St. Pat's Parish is gladly accepting **boys and girls** clothing donations, and school supplies for our local school children. Please drop off any **new or gently used** clothing in all sizes and colours! Most importantly, for the school uniforms, we will need **white/blue shirts and blue pants** in all sizes (esp. larger sizes)! This will help clothe our kids when school starts. If you are out shopping and see a sale, feel free to pick up **school supplies**: pencils, pens, erasers, rulers, crayons, exercise books, etc. If you have any good used back packs or lunch boxes on hand, they would be gratefully appreciated! Let's lighten the load of our less fortunate families. God Bless!

Year of the Rosary ... Celebration of a Living Rosary:

Saturday, September 30, 2017 at St. Alfred Church, 272 Vine St., St. Catharines. 8:30am - Mass with Bishop Gerard Bergie; 9:15 - 11:30am - reflections, song & prayer. Parishioners, Diocesan organizations, Catholic school communities & all the faithful from across the diocese are invited to this special event to **pray for peace in the world** during the 100th anniversary of the Fatima Apparitions. Free Admission/No Registration.

Weekday Rosary

Every morning at 7:30, the Holy Rosary is prayed in St. Patrick Church. **Keep Mary in mind, and Jesus will grow in your heart!**

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