

# Saint Patrick's Church

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## Parish Staff

Rev. Gerard Power, O.Carm., Pastor  
(Director in Canada, Society of the Little Flower)  
Rev. Joiezl Fern Piñon, O.Carm., Associate Pastor  
Rev. Mr. David Scott, Deacon  
Debbie Herman, Secretary  
Alice Corfield, Bookkeeper Secretary  
Brian Kneller, Caretaker

## 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 is required.

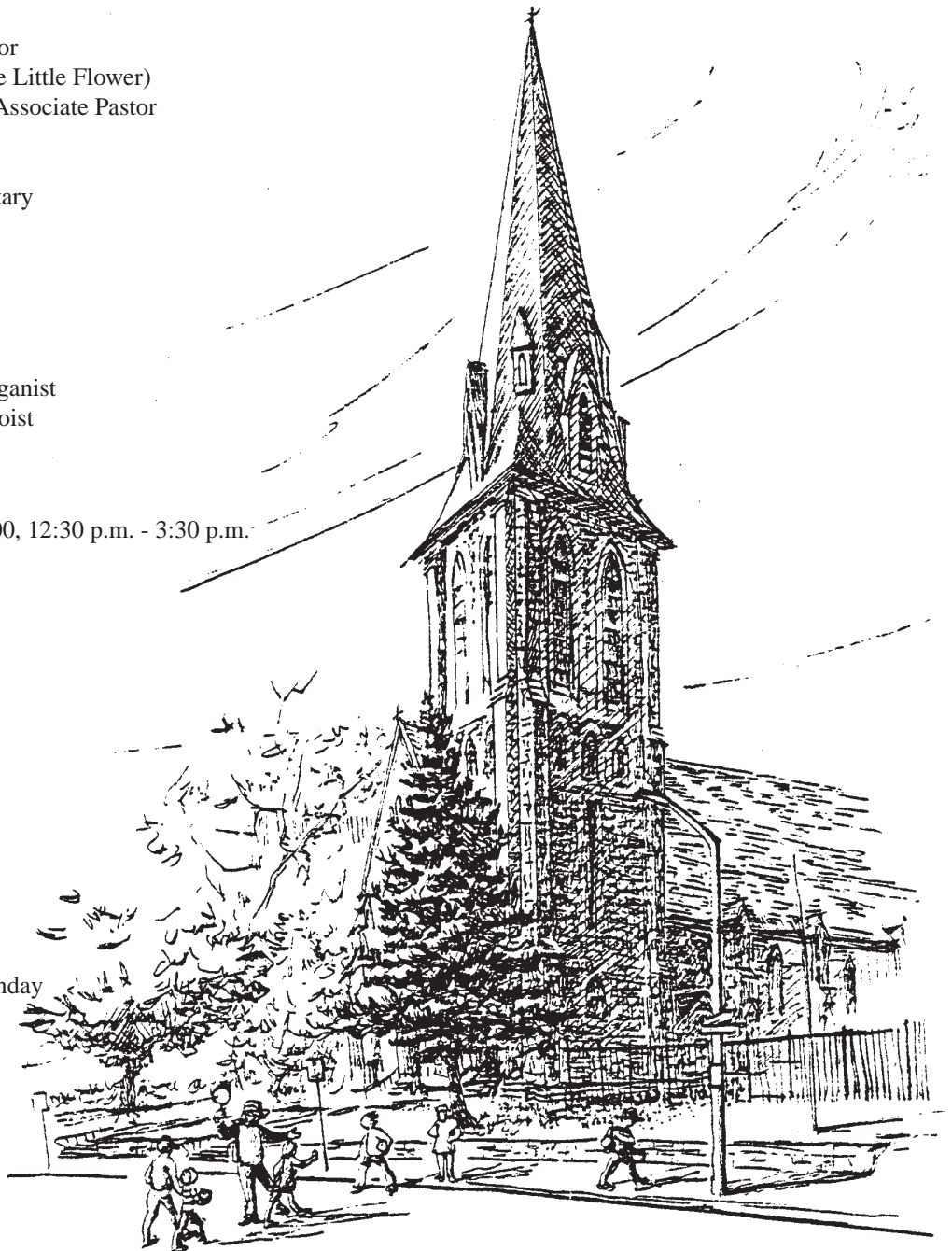
## Schools

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.**



# ASCENSION OF THE LORD



## Saturday, May 11

5:00 Vince Audibert req by Fred & Betty  
Arduino & Assunta Maiuri req by Stefanie & Peter Maiuri

## Sunday, May 12 Ascension of the Lord Mother's Day

### Canada Health Day World Communications Day

8:00 Laura Lea Carroll req by John & Helen Olsiak  
Giovanni Rizzo req by Mary, Patti, John, Steve & Families

9:30 People of the Parish

11:30 Immacolata Luciano req by her Children & Grandchildren  
Nancy DiPaolo req by Paul DiPaolo

## Monday, May 13 Our Lady of Fatima

8:00 Ovidio & Madeline Rosati req by the Family  
Aline Cormier req by her Daughters

## Tuesday, May 14 St Matthias

8:00 Regina DeMizio req by Stu & Mary Lou Gallardi  
Michael Duke, LeeAnn Duke & Doreen Butt req by the Family

## Wednesday, May 15

8:00 Ed Nieuwesteeg req by the Smelko Family  
Helen & Gregory Ogilvie req by Chris & Sam St. Angelo & Family

## Thursday, May 16

8:00 Father Joe Reguly req by Ethel O'Brien  
Dec'd mem of the Bortolin Family req by Anna Bortolin & Family

## Friday, May 17

8:00 Francesco Mastropiero req by the Family  
Intentions of the Little Flower Society

## Saturday, May 18 St John I

5:00 Irene Smatana req by the Family  
Domenico Marcon req by the Milani Family

## Sunday, May 19 Pentecost Sunday

8:00 Bernard Gozansky req by the Family  
Scott Balfour req by Mom & Dad  
9:30 Carole Finella req by Joe Finella  
Louie Marcon req by Dina & David Argenta & Girls  
11:30 People of the Parish

### 2024 Church Envelopes & 2023 Tax Receipts

Please make sure you pick up your Offertory Envelopes & Tax Receipts as soon as possible. Call the Office (905-354-7451) to arrange for pick up during the week. If you are here at Mass on the weekends, they are on the Radiator at the back of the Church. Many thanks.

### Upcoming Wedding at St. Patrick's in May

*Stephanie Audibert & Ryan Molloy*

### May is Mary's Month



May is the month that we as Catholics pay special tribute to Mary, the Mother of God. The Rosary is prayed daily at St. Patrick Church at 7:30 AM, Mon-Fri as a way of honouring Mary. You will also hear some familiar Marian Hymns throughout the month, as a way of praising Mary in song. This is a good month for all of us to renew our devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

### 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.

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

Rest in Peace... We pray for the soul of Helen Korce. 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, Norm Scott, Ted Greschuk, Barbara Conidi, Lindsey Luby, Charlene Shannon, Jim Crowley, Toni Brideau, Sherry Wales, Peter Meisenburg Jr., Maureen Young, Maureen Tustin, Maureen Watson, Michael DelGrande, Leila Khan, John F, John Arnold, David Gallina, Andrew Zacharuk, Patrick Macri, Alba Rondinelli, Antoinette Vescio, Nancy Waters, Victor Pizzolato, Jeanne S, Christine Pritty, John & Laura Giampa, Jim & Betty Calzonetti, Eric Van Noort, Isabell Frost, D.D., Jeannette Fabian, Missy Bilotta, Flori Heimbigner, Rita Ross, Anna Hunt, Leroy Collee, Leon French, Tony Cuvieello, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Judy, Sr. Carol Forhan CPPS, William JA DeFoe, Estelle Critelli, Betty Crete, Sister Prem, Kelsey Liles, Julian Cassidy, Kelly Laslo, Mahmat, Teresa Hebb, Rose MacDonald, Lori Ann Pizzolato, Karen Bradley, Norma Zanus, Jadwiga Wozniak, Betty & Mary Ann Quigley, Bob Marshall, Arlene Collee, Danielle Barranca, John Calder, Gregory Roulston, Cameron Boyes, Kerrie Szuch, Pasquale Abrunzo, Anna Chayer, Denise Colalillo, Patrick McCarthy, Michelle Price, Francesco Albanese, Mary Jo O'Kell, Maria Guerin, Emmanuel & Aline Chayer, Carmella Modenti, Bernard Martin, Joyce Weaver, Margaret Waghorn, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Evelyn Rose Baker, Lorraine Spence, Patricia O'Reilly, Gloria Smelko, Jackie, Fran Smelko, Jozefa Bilski, Walter Wallace, Vanessa Athoe, Faith Amadio, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Pepper Martin Jr, Marie Brooker, Brian Boudreau, Samuel Potapczyk

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

### Collections

May 5: \$7,695.00

Pope's Pastoral Works: \$545.00

Many thanks for your generosity!

### Baptism Schedule for 2024

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: Sunday May 26, June 23, July 21, Aug 18, Sept 22, Oct 20 & Nov 24.

A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, May 14, June 11, July 9, Aug 13, Sept 10, 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!*

### Parish Registration

**Please help keep our records up to date! You may bring this form to the parish office or place it in the collection.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ PostalCode: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

I am new in the parish and wish to register \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to use contribution envelopes \_\_\_\_\_

I have recently moved \_\_\_\_\_

I have changed my phone number \_\_\_\_\_

We have married & wish to update our information \_\_\_\_\_

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



Dear Friends,

Many thanks to all of you who came out last Sunday to welcome Fr. Joi to the Parish! It was a beautiful and heart-warming reception. Many thanks to all of you who made desserts and brought along some Filipino dishes. And thanks to our ladies who took care of the set up, serving and clean up! It is much appreciated. God bless you all.

Happy Mother's Day to all the moms in our parish! A special prayer will be prayed at all Masses this weekend for our mothers, living and deceased. May God shower our mothers with many blessings. We also remember our mothers who are ill, or spending Mother's Day in hospital. God bless you all!



Congratulations and best wishes to our little children who celebrated their **First Communion** last Sunday. It was a wonderful celebration at the 9:30 AM Mass and the 1:30 PM Mass. Thanks to Carol, Sandra and our Children's Choir for making the liturgies so special. May our children's faith continue to be nurtured by their families. May they be brought back to the Table of the Eucharist each week to allow Christ to feed them, and guide them. May God bless them all!

Today we celebrate the **Ascension of the Lord**. This marks the fortieth day after His Resurrection (Ascension Thursday). We celebrate it in Canada on the following Sunday. Christ ascended to the Father in heaven. This marks both an end and a beginning. It's the end of Jesus' mission on earth and also his return to the Father to reign as Lord of all creation. This is also the beginning of the mission of the Church.

All of us, by virtue of our baptism, are called to go out and proclaim in word and deed, the Good News to all creation. We are now his hands, his feet and his voice. When we forgive each other, love each other, care for each other, and reach out to each other... we are continuing the mission of Jesus in the world. Have a blessed week.

Fr. Gerard

Happy Mother's Day



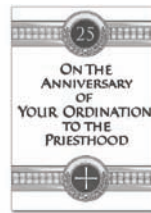
An Irish Blessing

There is but one and only one,  
Whose love will fail you never.  
One who lives from sun to sun,  
With constant fond endeavor.  
There is but one and only one  
On earth there is no other.  
In heaven a noble work was done  
When God gave us a Mother.

Catholic Education Week- We are Called to Love

This past week we had some wonderful celebrations in our schools and church for **Catholic Education Week**. On Tuesday we had a special School Mass for St. Mary and St. Patrick Schools. The children raised the roof with prayer and songs and joy! The Church has a future! And that's Good News! St. Patrick School had a concert in the gym on Tuesday afternoon. Each class performed a song about LOVE. It was beautiful and so touching. On Wednesday we had a special luncheon at St. Mary School followed by a **Living Rosary** in the gym. While praying the Rosary, an artist painted an image of the Blessed Virgin, which was revealed at the end of the Rosary. Another spectacular event. All during the week, we saw the importance of the triple connection between **home, school and parish**. This triad, or these three pillars are critical, and need to be strengthened. Let's do everything in our power to support and protect our Catholic Education.

Fr. Gerard's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination



On May 15<sup>th</sup> Fr. Gerard will celebrate his 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. He was ordained at Mount Carmel Chapel by Bishop John O'Mara in 1999.

To honour this milestone, and in thanksgiving for these 25 years, Fr. Gerard will preside at the 5:00 PM Mass next **Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**.

Immediately following Mass, there will be a reception (Open House) in the parish hall, with some hot food, snacks and desserts from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. No formal speeches. Just fun and story sharing. And re-uniting. Everyone is invited to pop by. Feel free to bring your own wine! Good wishes only!!!

If you wish, a donation toward purchasing two defibrillators (AEDs) for our church and parish hall would be gratefully appreciated. Make cheques payable to St. Patrick Parish or send an e-transfer to [stpatrick1895@hotmail.com](mailto:stpatrick1895@hotmail.com) (stating 'AED' in message). Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Come out and celebrate this special occasion with Fr. Gerard!

Mother's Smiles

- "It's spicy" is a universal mom code for "I don't want to share."
- Cleaning with kids in the house is like brushing your teeth with Oreos.
- Motherhood taught me just how far I can let myself go and still be okay with it.
- What's the fastest land mammal? A toddler who's been asked what's in their mouth.

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!**

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

**Catholic Marriage Tribunal...** If you are considering remarriage in the Catholic Church or hoping to enter a marriage with someone previously married, please speak to a priest, or contact the St. Catharines Catholic Marriage Tribunal at 905-687-8817 or [tribunal@saintcd.com](mailto:tribunal@saintcd.com)

**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 Miskat at 365-880-4726 or email [volunteer@projectshare.ca](mailto: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.



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