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Rev. Joiezl Fern Piñon, O.Carm., Associate Pastor
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Debbie Herman, Secretary
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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.

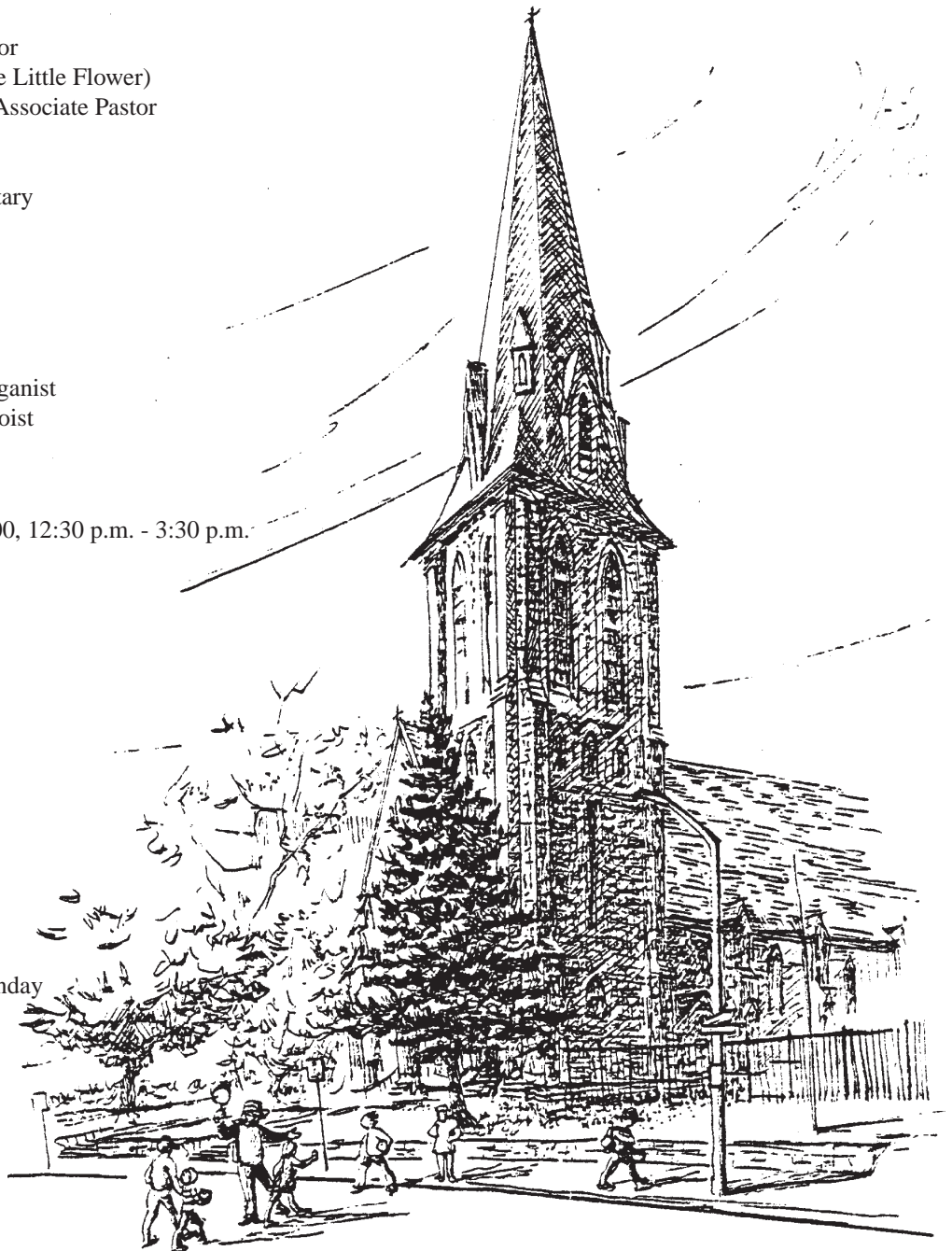
Schools

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.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Saturday, November 30 St Andrew

5:00 Mary Lawrence req by Nancy Brzozowski
Louis Thibodeau req by the Family

Sunday, December 1 First Sunday of Advent

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Gus Bagarozza req by his Wife: Kathy
James, Elmira & Danny Dick req by Yvette & Colette
11:30 Tommaso DeAngelis req by Tony & Rosa DeAngelis
Don Liberty req by the Liberty Family

Monday, December 2

8:00 Intentions of the Little Flower Society
World Peace

Tuesday, December 3 St Francis Xavier

8:00 Peter Nguyen Long req by the Nguyen Family
Intentions of the Little Flower Society

Wednesday, December 4 St John Damascene

8:00 Agostino Compare req by Wife & Children
Intentions of the Little Flower Society

Thursday, December 5

8:00 Andrée Pepin req by Mr. & Mrs. G. Gignac
Intentions of the Little Flower Society

Friday, December 6 St Nicholas

8:00 Intentions of the Little Flower Society
World Peace

Saturday, December 7 St Ambrose

5:00 Assunta Maiuri req by Stefanie & Peter Maiuri
Maria & Mario D'Amario req by the Family

Sunday, December 8 Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 Florindo & Teresa Martin req by the Paolin Family
Dec'd mem of Liberty & Heacock Fam req by Aileen & Bryce Adams
9:30 Bartolomeo Pietrangelo req by Carmela & Family
Gino Pullano req by the Pullano Family
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. Priests no longer have access to a list of patients. Beginning in September, not all parking will be covered for clergy (emergency switchboard calls only).

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

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



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!

Church Bulletin Advertising

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our Church Bulletin. The advertising will begin in February 2025 & supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service.

Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Madeline Pietroiusti, Violet Phillip and Baby Milo. 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, Flori Heimbigner, Kenneth Power, Jacquie Power, Connie 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, Rita Ross, Leon French, Tony Cuvliello, Kelsey Liles, Sr. Carol Forhan CPPS, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Samantha Jayne, Laurie Crites-Warner, 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, Elda Schneider, Susana Flego, Patricia Flego, Cynthia Alegre
Please help us update our list of those who are homebound, infirm, or hospitalized by calling the parish office.

Collections

November 24: \$6,270.41

Deo Gratias: \$1,340.00 (to date)

Many thanks for your generosity!

Sacramental Dates for the Upcoming Year 2025

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.)

On Saturday, December 14, 2024 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, we will have a Day of Recollection with Fr. Joi and Caroline Matovic. "Patching our Brokenness with God's Glue (Part 2); Preparing Our Hearts for the Word Made Flesh, Maranatha! This will be held in St. Patrick Parish Hall. Please bring your own lunch. Coffee, water and snacks will be available. Please register by December 6th so that we can provide everyone with reflection materials. Please email Caroline Matovic at cmatovic@outlook.com to register.

Again, you **must** register in advance.

2025 Sunday Missals

The 2025 Sunday Missals are on sale in the Church this weekend and in the parish office during the week. The price from the publisher went up by 15% this year. But we will sell them at the same price as last year, \$6.00.

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.

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

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Dear Friends:



Happy New Church Year! The 1st candle will be lit on our Advent Wreath! Jesus says in today's Gospel, **Be alert at all times praying that you may have the strength... to stand before the Son of Man!** This is a season of waiting, watching and preparing. Advent is about preparation and transformation.

Pope St. John Paul II once wrote, "Advent helps us to understand fully the value and meaning of the mystery of Christmas. It is not just about commemorating the historical event which occurred 2000 years ago. Instead, it is necessary to understand that the whole of our life must be an 'advent,' a vigilant waiting of the final coming of Christ. To predispose our mind to welcome the Lord who, as we say in the Creed, one day will come to judge the living and the dead, we must learn to recognize him as present in the events of daily life. Therefore, Advent is an intense training that directs us decisively toward him who already came, who will come, and who comes continuously."

Advent takes place during the days of the year when there is the least sunlight. It reminds us that the **light of Christ** will triumph over all darkness in our lives and in the world. And God knows there's much darkness out there. The work for us Christians is to share the light of Christ and help bring all darkness to an end. And of course, we have to **start with ourselves** by confronting any darkness within! St. Paul says in the 2nd reading, *May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all... be blameless before God.* That's our Advent call!

Today we can begin **fresh, anew**, with a clean slate. **That's Advent!** Then on Christmas morning, we will be able to greet the Christ-Child with joyful hearts. **And** when the Lord comes in his glory and power... he'll find us joyful and ready! May this be a season of hope and grace... and also a time of **transformation** for each of us. Blessings!

Fr. Gerard



Christmas Children's Pageant

If you would like your child to be part of the Christmas Pageant this year, please give your name to the Parish Secretary before December 13th. Our first rehearsal will be on **Saturday, December 14th at 7:00 PM!!!** If you sign your child up, you **MUST** be at the rehearsal. No exceptions. The format will be a little different this year.

Church Envelopes

Please make sure you pick up your Offertory Envelopes as soon as possible. They are in the sacristy, to the left of the altar. Many thanks. Sunday Missals are also available in the sacristy for \$6.00.

Annual Carmelite Mission Appeal

Next weekend, we will make an appeal for our **Carmelite Missions!** Envelopes are in your church Offertory Boxes and also at the doors of the church. The needs are great, resources are low, so we do the best we can. God bless you for anything you can do to help our missions. Our men and women are doing some incredible ministries around the world. And this is made possible through the generosity of the people in our pews. This year in areas of Indonesia, India, Honduras and Africa, Carmelite missionaries need extra help from our Carmelite Parishes around the world! Let's make ADVENT happen for our brothers and sisters who are waiting for Good News! A Second Collection will be taken.



December 2024 Dates

Advent Communal Reconciliation

Wednesday, December 18th @ 7:00 PM

Church Decoration for Christmas

Saturday, December 21st @ 7:00 PM

Helping Local Needy Families This Christmas

This Sunday we will begin signing out **Christmas Gift Tags** for this year's campaign! We will be using gift cards once again. We will also sign out tags for Grocery Cards and Stocking Stuffers. This year the needs are greater, so we do our best to help as many as we can.

2025 will be a Special Year

The year 2025 is a **Jubilee Year** in the Church. It will be centered on the theme "Pilgrims of Hope." As His Holiness Pope Francis so beautifully expressed it: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and



certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision."



The year 2025 officially marks **150 years** of the Carmelites being in Niagara Falls, Canada (1875-2025). We will have several celebrations during 2025 at St. Patrick Parish, at Our Lady of Peace Parish, and at the Monastery of Mount Carmel. Stay tuned!

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.

!!!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, nutrigrain bars. **Lord, when did we see you hungry?**

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

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