

# 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.

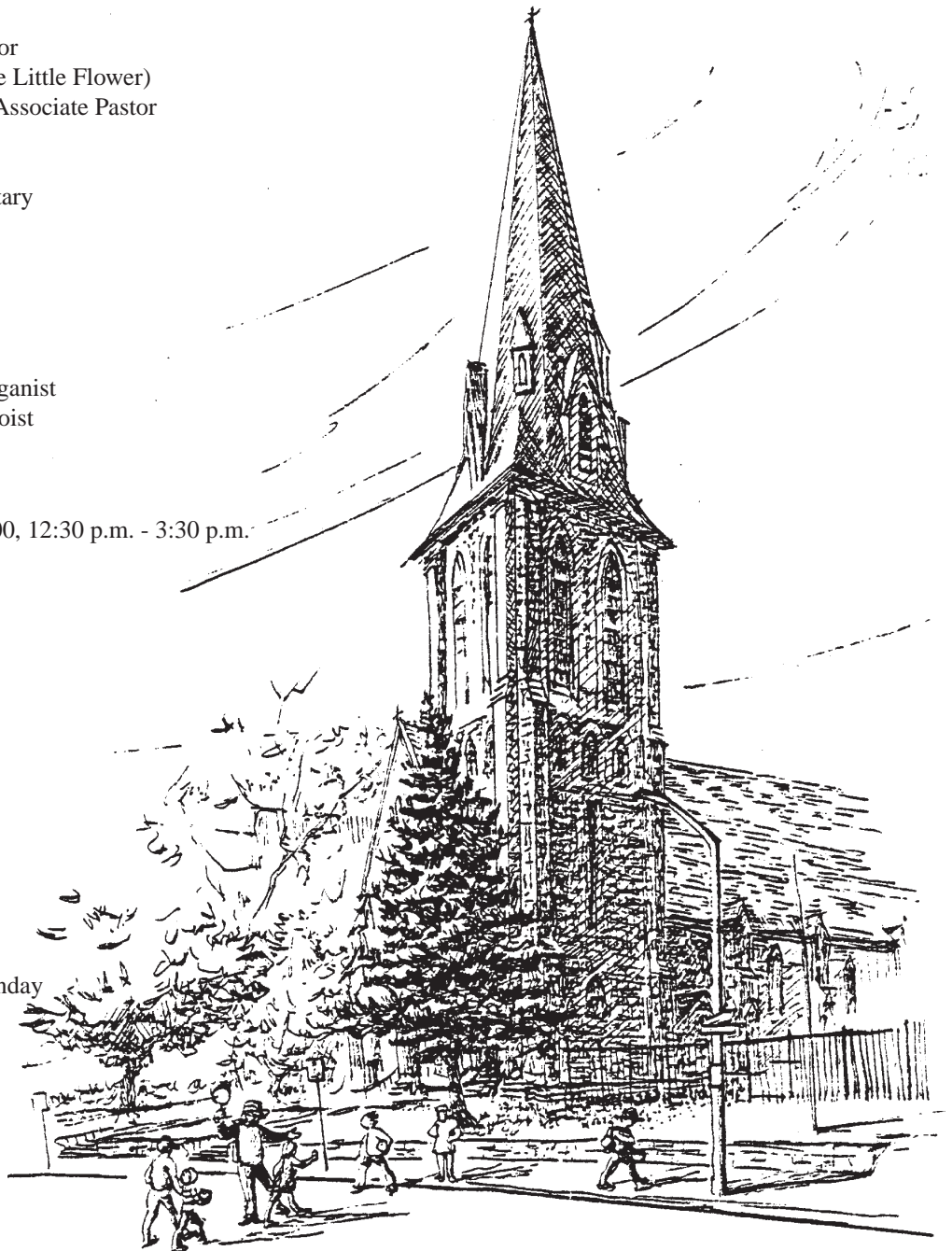
## Schools

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.**



## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### 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

### Monday, December 9 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**8:00** Antonetta Picca *req by Lucy, John & Family*  
 Cyndee Martel-Matvichuk *req by her Son: Ethan Matvichuk*

### Tuesday, December 10 Our Lady of Loreto

**8:00** Mary Lan *req by the Nguyen Family*  
 Ruben Luardo *req by the Family*

### Wednesday, December 11

**8:00** Gertrude Doherty *req by her Daughters*  
 Lina Siconolfi *req by her Friends*

### Thursday, December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

**8:00** Francesco Mastropiero *req by the Family*  
 Frank Mancuso *req by his Parents: Carmine & Yolanda Mancuso*

### Friday, December 13 St Lucy

**8:00** Intentions of the Little Flower Society

### Saturday, December 14 St John of the Cross

**5:00** Adua & Jean Pizzolato *req by Angela & David Dumele*  
 Zita Giorgio & Ines Marcon *req by the Milani Family*

### Sunday, December 15 Third Sunday of Advent

**8:00** Fr. Ben Hogan *req by Teresa & Cliff*  
 Peter Moi *req by the Nguyen Family*  
**9:30** Luigi Marcon *req by Louise Marcon*  
 Trevor Watson *req by the Pullano Family*  
**11:30** People of the Parish

#### 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.



#### 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!

*CWL Ladies, please RSVP for our luncheon on January 19<sup>th</sup> after the 11:30am Mass. Please text or call Maggie at 905-246-6212 by December 10<sup>th</sup>!!! Thank you*

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Barbara Gorniak and Lyndia French. 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

December 1: \$8,375.01  
 Carmelite Missions: \$1,405.00  
 Many thanks for your generosity!

#### Sacramental Dates for the Upcoming Year 2025

**First Reconciliation: Wednesday, February 26, 2025 @ 7:00pm**  
**First Communion: Sunday, May 25, 2025 @ 9:30am & 1:30pm**  
**NEW DATE**

*(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.)*

#### Baptism Schedule for 2025

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday Jan. 26, Feb. 23, March 23 (infants Only), April 27, May 18 & June 22.**  
 A **mandatory** meeting for **Parents and Godparents** will be held in the Church on Tuesday, **January 14, February 11, March 18, April 22, May 6 and June 10 at 7:00 pm.**



Congratulations and best wishes to  
**Oscar Whidden, Kai Desjardins, Henry Green, Rosalee Grondin, Gloria Jarvis & Lina Jarvis**  
 who were recently baptized

#### 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.

#### Helping Local Needy Families This Christmas

This Sunday we will continue 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.



Dear Friends:

This weekend we are making our Annual Appeal for the Carmelite Missions, especially for our ministries in Peru, Mexico, Honduras and El Salvador, where our *Province of the Most Pure Heart of Mary* serves. The needs are great in our mission territories, and it is only through the generosity of parishes like St. Patrick, that make this outreach possible. We also assist Carmelites all over the world in their efforts to help the poor, feed the hungry, house the homeless, provide medical care, and educate the children.



As we begin the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Advent, the main Advent character, **John the Baptist**, appears in the region of the Jordan, where he announces the coming of *the salvation of God*. He speaks of valleys being filled in; mountains and hills made low; paths made straight; rough ways made smooth! He preaches a baptism of *repentance* for the forgiveness of sins. John invites the people to be purified from anything unholy in their lives. Basically, **let go of your old self**. It's a call to repentance, to change, to be transformed, and to be embraced by our ever-loving God.

What would John see if he were to walk across the world today? What would he say about the violence, war and terrorism? The plight of refugees? I'm sure he would condemn all those causing chaos in the world! He would see so many who still need the valleys of hunger and thirst filled in; so many who need mountains of injustice and oppression made low; so many who still need a safe home to live, a safe school to attend; a safe environment in which to raise their children. May we never underestimate what we can do as individuals and as a community to spread the Gospel in the world. We have so many opportunities to serve, both locally and globally. It's amazing what we can do when we put our hands to the plough! Let's continue to bring the Good News of God's Love to others, through our Christian charity. Come Lord Jesus!

Fr. Gerard



**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**.

**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. Sunday Missals are also available in the sacristy for \$6.00.

After much discussion, this will be the **Christmas Mass Schedule** for this year. Due to many security concerns there will be no Mass in the gymnasium this year.

Christmas Mass Schedule

**Christmas Eve- Tuesday, Dec. 24th**  
3:30 PM -Children's Mass with Pageant  
5:30 PM -Adult Choir Mass (Caroling at 5:00 PM)  
7:30 PM -Mass  
12:00 AM- Midnight Mass  
**Christmas Day- Wed., Dec. 25th**  
8:00, 9:30, 11:30 AM

Thanks to our CWL

Many thanks to our Catholic Women's League for a generous donation of \$2000 to the parish. It is so sad to see the CWL struggle the past few years to get new members to carry the flame of service in the parish. They have been such a blessing to the parish and to the community over the years. I know many of the members will still be available to assist in whatever way they can. In the New Year we will be looking at starting a Social (Hospitality) Club in the parish to help organize social activities. God bless all the members of our CWL.



Annual Carmelite Mission Appeal

This 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!

December 2024 Dates

**Advent Communal Reconciliation**  
Wednesday, December 18th @ 7:00 PM  
**Church Decoration for Christmas**  
Saturday, December 21st @ 7:00 PM

Save The Date: Pastor Turning 60!

Our pastor, Fr. Gerard, will be turning 60 on Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup>. Remember, when he turned 40 here in 2004? And all the fun when he turned 50 here in 2014? His mom was here to wheel him into the parish hall in a big baby carriage. Well, he doesn't want to have anything to celebrate 60 years, but we talked him into a little something. So on **December 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM** let's have a parish social! We invite all of you to come to a potluck buffet in the parish hall. Bring a dish, BYOB, bring your kids. We ask that you **call the parish office in advance** to let us know what dish you will bring, and how many people will be coming. We will need hot dishes, salad dishes and desserts. Come one, come all and make it a fun evening. We might have a few roasts and toasts! We ask everyone to bring a food item for Project Share.

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