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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.

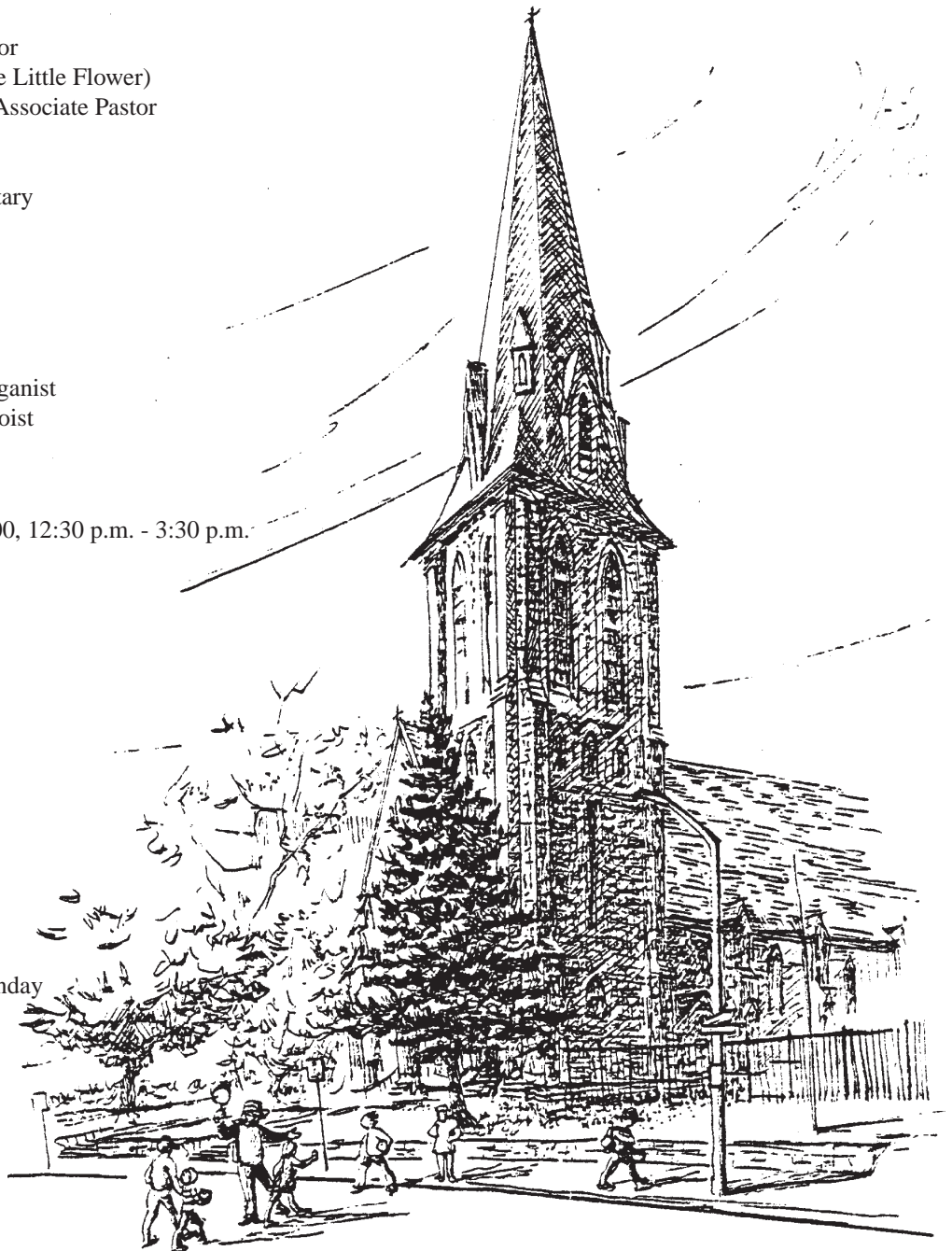
## Schools

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.**



# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



## Saturday, January 11

**5:00** Assunta & Giuseppe DeMizio req by the DeMizio Family  
Dec'd Shannon, Guitar & Legace Fam. req by Charlene Shannon

## Sunday, January 12 The Baptism of the Lord

**8:00** People of the Parish  
**9:30** Peter Martin Jr. req by Stu & Mary Lou Gallardi  
William (Bill) Woods req by his Wife: Linda & Family  
**11:30** Albina Tonet req by Ann Marie, John & Family  
Ruben Luardo req by the Family

## Monday, January 13 St Hilary

**8:00** Intentions of the Little Flower Society  
Dec'd Carmelites

## Tuesday, January 14

**8:00** Rita Bruneau req by Ethel O'Brien  
Frances Comeau req by Ethel O'Brien  
**9:45** St. Patrick & St. Mary's School Mass

## Wednesday, January 15

**11:30** Intentions of the Little Flower Society  
People of the Parish

## Thursday, January 16

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

## Friday, January 17 St Anthony

**8:00** Intentions of the Little Flower Society  
Dec'd of the Parish

## Saturday, January 18

**5:00** Victor Smatana req by the Family  
Arduino Maiuri req by Stefanie & Peter Maiuri

## Sunday, January 19

**8:00** People of the Parish  
**9:30** Bob Brown req by the Pozzebon Family  
Giovanni & Fermina Lot req by the Pozzebon Family  
**11:30** St. Patrick's CWL  
Mike Rotundo req by Jim & Dora  
Joseph Soriano req by his Wife: Gladys & Children



### 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!



### 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).

### 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!

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Encarnacion Mendoza and Bill Huggins. 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, Emma Corfield, Leonardo Gualtieri, Muriel Lafford, Isabell Frost, Robert Orsini, Rick Woram, Enzo Bellon, Kurt Stevens, Barbara Conidi, Lindsey Luby, Norm Scott, Toni Brideau, Charlene Shannon, Scott MacLaren, Jim Crowley, Sherry Wales, Peter Meisenburg Jr., Leila Khan, Maureen Young, Maureen Tustin, Maureen Watson, Anna Hunt, Mary Jo O'Kell, Nancy Waters, David Gallina, John F, John Arnold, Leroy Collee, Andrew Zacharuk, Patrick Macri, 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, Rita Ross, Leon French, Tony Cuvillo, 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 Barraanca, Kelly Laslo, Mahmat, Lori Ann Pizzolato, Teresa Hebb, Rose MacDonald, Karen Bradley, Betty & Mary Ann Quigley, Arlene Collee, John Calder, Maria Guerin, Gregory Roulston, Anna Chayer, Denise Colalillo, Patrick McCarthy, Michelle Price, Francesco Albanese, Julie Nicholson, Emmanuel & Aline Chayer, Carmella Modentii, 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

January 1<sup>st</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>: \$10,024.50  
Christmas: \$34,909.43 (to date)  
Christmas Flowers: \$1,900.00  
Many thanks for your generosity!

### 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.**

*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!*

### 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

Mandatory Preparation Meeting: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 @ 7:00pm  
(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.)

**REMINDER...St. Patrick Catholic Women's League Mass on January 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am followed by a Luncheon**





**Dear Friends:**

I will be in Newfoundland visiting my mother for two weeks. I will be returning on January 23rd. You will be in good hands with Fr. Joi. Fr. Michael and Fr. Bill will be assisting us at weekday and Sunday Masses.

Today is the feast of *The Baptism of the Lord!* Officially and **liturgically**, Christmas ends today! Now, Baptism! Of course, Jesus didn't need to be baptized... he **chose** to be baptized! He accepted the mission, which was the whole reason why God came among us. When he was baptized by John, it was then Jesus began his public ministry. He was obedient to the Father, and had such a deep love for all people. Jesus embraced his Mission, defeated Satan, established the Kingdom of God, and then called on me and you to continue His ministry, or should we say, **complete his ministry**. We do this through our vocation in life, whether married life, parenthood, priesthood, religious life, or to the life of the committed Catholic single.

When we were baptized, we became a member of the **Body of Christ**, The Church! We became **children of God**, brothers and sisters to each other, and brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ! And that's a powerful relationship. Today's feast is a wonderful occasion to look at our own baptism. Am I faithful to my baptismal promises? Am I a model disciple... a model servant... a faithful member of the **People of God?** Does everyone I encounter know that **I am baptized** by how I live and act and love? Where I live and work and socialize... is it more human, more sacred, more loving, more Christ-like, because I am there? These are questions worth pondering. And of course, the ultimate question is: Can God say out loud about you and me, as he said to Jesus in today's Gospel, **"This is my beloved son/daughter, with whom I am well pleased?"** If not, maybe it's time for a good old renewal! We must tell ourselves that we **can** make a difference by uniting ourselves to the One who changed the world with His Life. We can continue the Mission of Jesus Christ. Let's do it!!! Have a blessed week!

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Fr. Gerard

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**THE DAY THE MOSES/JOHN THE BAPTIST TURF WARS BEGAN**

Thought for the week

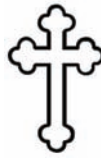
The only gift is giving to the poor;  
All else is exchange.

2025 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.

**Renewal Prayer**

(Pray daily!!)



Lord, you made me and give me life every day. I believe in you, I turn to you, and I place my life, and the graces I need each day, in your loving hands. By your grace, I have come to experience the mystery of the gift of life you offer.

Please help me to remain free and faithful

that I might grow as a servant of Jesus' own mission.

I ask this with growing faith in the name of Jesus, my Lord. Amen.

**Bulletin Bloopers**

Next Sunday we will celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. "In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by Jordan in the John."

**THANK YOU'S**

Thanks to **John and Dina Iacobaccio** for donating the new Advent Candles. And thanks to **Ruth Ann** from Pattersons for the 2025 Religious Calendars.

**Thank You From Fr. Gerard**

Many thanks to all of you for making my **60th Birthday** so special. It was a beautiful and fun evening. Thanks to Brian Kneller and the ladies for helping set up and clean up. And to the ladies who kept the food coming!!! Many thanks to Fr. Joi and the families who arranged for the Karaoke. It was a lot of fun. Thanks to Tim for overseeing the drinks. Many thanks to all of you who brought food, and who came out to share in a spectacular meal. The dishes were out of this world. Thanks to those who brought food items for Project Share. And finally, thanks for all the personal cards and gifts. A great time was had by all. You really made an old man feel special. Thanks from the bottom of my heart! - Fr. Gerard

Many thanks to our St. Patrick Bingo Committee for all their hard work in 2024. Through Delta Bingo, they were able to raise \$28,100.00 for our parish. God bless all our volunteers!

**!!!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?**

**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.

**Hennepin Council 1652 Knights of Columbus...Spaghetti Dinner**

Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup> 4:00 – 7:00pm @ Columbus Club Hall, 6990 Stanley Ave, NFO (Our Lady of Peace Hall)

Menu: Salad, Spaghetti & Meatballs, Dessert, Coffee & Tea  
\$15 per Adult, \$8 12 and under

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