

# 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.

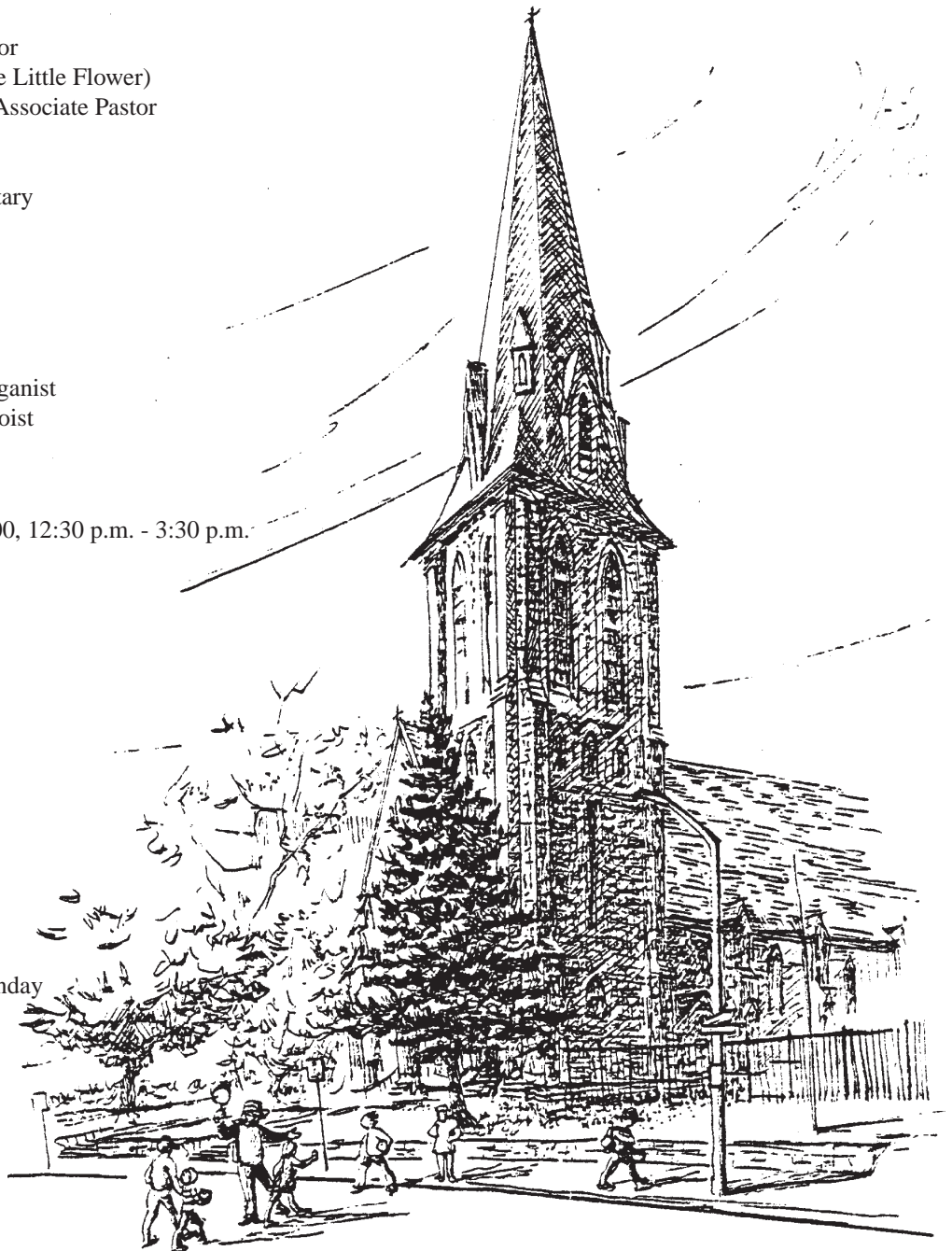
## Schools

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 IN ORDINARY TIME & THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### 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*

### Monday, January 20 St Fabian & St Sebastian

**8:00** John & Mary Ruzyllo *req by the Family*  
 Intentions of the Little Flower Society

### Tuesday, January 21 St Agnes

**8:00** John Sheppard *req by the Parish*  
 Frances Repa *req by Ethel O'Brien*

### Wednesday, January 22 St Vincent

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

### Thursday, January 23

**8:00** Vincenza Augello-Todino *req by the DeMizio Family*  
 Intentions of the Little Flower Society

### Friday, January 24 St Francis de Sales

**8:00** Dorothy Kennedy *req by the Kennedy Family*  
 Intentions of the Little Flower Society

### Saturday, January 25 The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle

**5:00** Assunta Maiuri *req by Stefanie & Peter Maiuri*  
 Gus & Zorka Wach *req by Friends*

### Sunday, January 26

**8:00** Rev. Don Rafaelle Lot *req by Mario & Santina Pozzebon*  
 Salvatore Augello-Todino *req by the DeMizio Family*  
**9:30** Angelo Radice *req by Antonietta & Family*  
 Elijah Seeback & Louie Marcon *req by Dina & Dave Argenta & Daughters*  
**11:30** People of the Parish

### Monday, January 27 St Angela Merici

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

### Tuesday, January 28 St Thomas Aquinas

**8:00** Maria D'Amario *req by Ethel O'Brien*  
 Intentions of the Little Flower Society

### Wednesday, January 29

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

### Thursday, January 30

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

### Friday, January 31 St John Bosco

**8:00** Bartolomio Pietrangelo *req by Carmela & Family*  
 Intentions of the Little Flower Society

### Saturday, February 1

**5:00** Nina Audibert *req by Fred & Betty*  
 Anita & Roger Archambault *req by Jeanne Lea & Family*

### Sunday, February 2 The Presentation of the Lord

**8:00** Mary & William Fasset *req by Aileen & Bryce*  
 Giuseppina Canali *req by Ann & John Condotta*  
**9:30** People of the Parish  
**11:30** Mark Stewart *req by Mom & Dad*  
 Benito Giustini *req by the Giustini Family*

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Betty Serra and Vanda Gattesco. 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, Ethel Moody, Jeanne Lea, 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 Cuvieello, 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, Maria Guerin, Gregory Roulston, Anna Chayer, Denise Colalillo, Patrick McCarthy, Michelle Price, Francesco Albanese, 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

January 12<sup>th</sup>: \$4,220.00  
 Christmas: \$35,209.43 (to date)  
 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!*



### 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!

**Sacramental Dates for 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**

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Dear Friends:

2nd Sunday - January 19, 2024

Today's Gospel presents Jesus' first miracle, *The Wedding Feast at Cana!* In this miracle we see his love, concern and generosity. As the wedding went on, the wine ran out. It must have been quite an embarrassment for the couple. Mary brought it to Jesus' attention, and after a few words with his Mother, Jesus showed his glory! He performed the miracle of turning water into wine. Not just one bottle... but 600 litres! And it was a very fine wine! He did not let the bridegroom or the guests down. He rescued them in their difficulty. This miracle not only revealed his glory but it led the disciples to believe in him. Jesus does not let any of us down either. He can do infinitely more than we can imagine.

The question is: Do we let him down? St. Paul reminds us in our 2nd Reading that God's gifts to individuals are **not meant** primarily for personal use, but for the service of others. He tells of the many gifts of the Holy Spirit to each person, "**to each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good,**" not for personal profit. The Spirit is supposed to be manifested in the baptized! Do we act that way? Do others see that? Do my neighbours know that? What gifts do I have? What has God bestowed on me? ... what am I good at? Am I using my gifts for my own personal profit or do I use them for the service of others? ... my time, talent and treasure? Imagine, if we used the gifts we have for the common good – even the gifts of **praying, singing, teaching, caring, sharing, encouraging, supporting, motivating,** -- then these gifts will grow and soon we'll see more miracles. Service to others and concern for others is the beginning of **all miracles.**

3rd Sunday- January 26, 2024

In our readings today we have a **public proclamation** from the Law and the Prophets, from **Ezra and from Jesus!** Each is a dramatic scene, and we can't help but feel the excitement of the listeners. In Nehemiah, Ezra is reading from the **Law of Moses** to the returned exiles. This takes place at the **Water Gate** in Jerusalem. The people listen with understanding, and the readings are interpreted for them. The people are so moved that they fall on their faces to worship the Lord, and they weep. Nehemiah reminded them that this is a holy day and a cause for celebration! He encouraged them to share with those who have nothing.

Five centuries later, in Nazareth, the people are under the yoke of the Romans. They long for a Messiah. They do the customary thing, go to the synagogue to hear the **Law and the Prophets** proclaimed! Now, Jesus had been baptized by John, had called his disciples, and even wrestled with Satan in the desert. He returns home to Nazareth, knowing who he is, and what his mission from God is. With the assurance of a prophet, **Jesus read from Isaiah**, those powerful, familiar passages of the **Servant Song**. He proclaimed his mission, here in the town where he grew up: he has come for the poor, the captives, the blind, the oppressed. It is an electrifying moment when he says, "**Today, this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.**"

Twenty centuries later, these words place the same demands on us. St. Paul tells us in our 2nd reading that all we baptized have a place in Jesus' mission and a role to play! The passage from Isaiah that Jesus makes his own, is not only referring to the ministry of Jesus, but also the ministry and mission for all of us. We are the ones to go out there and bring good news to others; liberate the **poor, the captives, the blind, the oppressed.** We, as baptized Christians, have the power to fulfill this scripture passage **in our hearing!** Maybe this week we can each do **one thing** for one person... to put flesh on these readings.



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.



"People don't notice whether it's winter or summer when they're happy."

**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 Children 12 and under

**Celebrating Significant Wedding Anniversaries this Jubilee Year**  
 All married couples, especially those celebrating significant anniversaries are invited to attend a Mass commemorating the 2025 World Day of Marriage. This special liturgy will take place on February 9, 2025 at 2pm at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria. A coffee social will follow the Mass.

**2025 Special Wedding Anniversaries...** Bishop Bergie will send a congratulatory certificate to married couples who have celebrated or will celebrate a 1<sup>st</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or 60<sup>th</sup>+ Anniversary in the year 2025. To receive a certificate, please complete a registration form available at the parish Office by January 28th.

**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).



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