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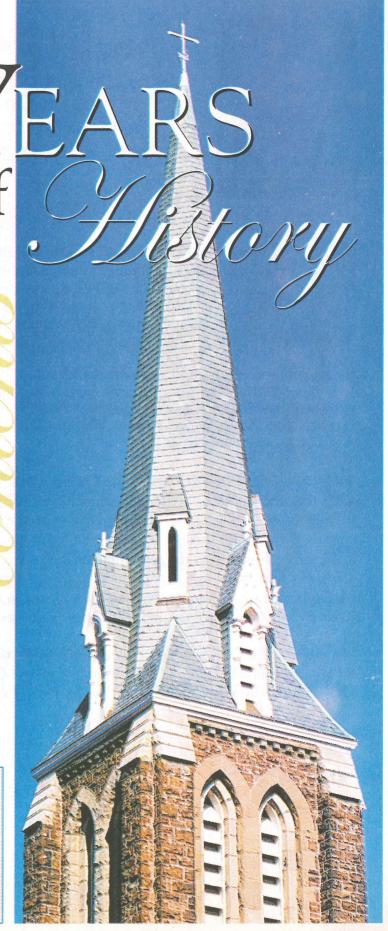
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Office of the Pastor St. Patrick Parish

June 1, 2008

Dear Friends,

Much water has cascaded over the Horseshoe Falls since the day The Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of the Diocese of Toronto acquired two lots at the corner of Victoria and Maple, and replaced a wooden shed, built by Fr. Edward Gordon, pastor of Our Lady of Peace. A small structure was built . . . and the people of God came . . . and the people have been worshipping as a community here ever since. It's been 150 Years that the people of St. Patrick's have been praising God and serving God's people in Niagara Falls. The Carmelites have been here for 133 of those years, since 1875!

On this milestone in the life of our parish, it provides me the occasion to express my gratitude to the people of Niagara Falls and surrounding towns for your unswerving support and dedication to St. Patrick's over the years.

When I was approached by Lee-Anne Cudney of the Niagara Shopping News, about publishing a magazine to commemorate this monumental anniversary, I was excited to have the opportunity. I thought, maybe a little history to refresh the people, as we have had many historical publications over the years. I also thought it would be a great opportunity to celebrate the parish today! So our focus will be primarily on the people and on the present. We had an anniversary celebration in 1945, 1985 and also in 1995 to commemorate the building of the current church structure in 1895. Let's celebrate who we are today as a parish . . . and as the People of God, spreading the Good News to a new generation!

My prayer is that God will bless the people of St. Patrick's with many more years of presence, faithful ministry and humble service. And may the people of Niagara, no matter what creed or tradition, always find a warm, welcoming place like St. Pat's to worship and pray. May God bless you all!

In Christ and in Carmel,

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Rev. Gerard J. Power, O. Carm.,

Pastor



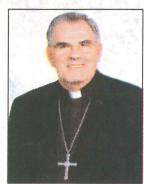
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June 2008

Dear Father Gerard Power and dear parishioners of St. Patrick's Parish,

With deep gratitude to God, I join you in marking the 150th Anniversary of the founding of St. Patrick's Parish. When we pause to reflect on the significance of this milestone that you have reached, we find an almost countless number of reasons to rejoice. In 1858 when the parish was established, Canada was not yet in existence as a country. The city of Niagara Falls was still a fledgling community.



In those early years, St. Patrick's was founded on the strong faith of a few families and individuals who longed to have a spiritual home where they could come together to express and be nourished in their Catholic faith. As you gather today, you realize that you stand on that solid foundation of faith that still prevails in a vibrant parish where the celebration of the Eucharist is the centre and source of your life in the Lord.

Since 1875, the Carmelite Order has faithfully served the parish of St. Patrick by providing priests to lead the community in prayer and in witness to the Gospel. That witness of a living faith continues to this day.

As I wish you well on this wonderful anniversary, I pray that all the members of the parish renew their commitment to live the faith they have received to the full. A living faith is evidenced by the way it is expressed in daily life, by a consistent practice of prayer, by educating children in the Catholic faith and way of life, by regularly taking part in Sunday Mass and the sacraments, by serving the needs of others with generosity - especially those most disadvantaged.

Congratulations on your 150th Anniversary! As your Bishop and Pastor, I pray that God will bless each and every one of you with His abundant graces now and in the years to come. Inspired by the example of the Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel and of St. Patrick, may you be ardent witnesses of the Gospel.

+ James M. Wingle

Most Reverend James. M. Wingle

Bishop of St. Catharines



ORDER OF CARMELITES

April 24, 2008

To the Pastor and Parishioners of St. Patrick's Parish:

Our Most Pure Heart of Mary Province of the Order of Carmelites congratulates the parishioners and your pastor, Fr. Gerard Power, O. Carm. on this wonderful occasion of celebrating 150 years of parish life.

The Carmelites are proud to have served your parish community since 1875. We have celebrated significant moments in the faith of countless individuals and families. While Carmelites have served your parish, you in turn have formed Carmelites to be more effective ministers of the Gospel. We are grateful!

May God continue to bless your community with a lively faith, a joyful spirit, and hearts filled with gratitude.

Sincerely in Christ,

John Welch, O. Carm.

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GREETINGS

On behalf of the Niagara Falls City Council, I extend warm greetings and sincere congratulations to Pastor Gerard Power and members of the congregation at St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church on their milestone 150th Anniversary.

It gives me great pleasure to offer best wishes on this momentous occasion. The commitment of the people of St. Patrick's to their faith and to their fellow citizens in Niagara Falls has been a great benefit to our community for many years.

This is truly a wonderful opportunity to offer congratulations to a group of dedicated parishioners who have consistently been involved in their church and their community for so many years. You have welcomed friends and family into your parish, you have created opportunities for fellowship and friendship, and you have shared your faith with those around you.

I am pleased to offer best wishes on this joyous and monumental anniversary. Each of you are to be congratulated for your part in continuing to live faithful lives. Your devotion, and that of your friends and family before you, has helped St. Patrick's endure and thrive in our community for 150 years.

Warmest regards,

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Hon. Rob Nicholson, M.P. Niagara Falls

May 1, 2008

St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church 4673 Victoria Avenue Niagara Falls, ON L2E 4B8



To the Reverend Gerard Power and the Parishioners of St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church:

As the Member of Parliament for the Niagara Falls riding it gives me great pleasure to extend my sincere congratulations to St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church on the occasion of your 150th Anniversary.

St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church has been a valuable asset to our community since its establishment in 1858. It has long been a cornerstone of the local community, touching the lives of Niagara residents with the blessing of spiritual well-being. I wish you all the very best for the future.

Yours very truly,

Hon. Rob Nicholson, M.P.

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Kim Craitor, MPP Fort Erie Niagara Falls Niagara-on-the-Lake

April 24th, 2008

Reverend Gerard Power, O.Carm., Pastor St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church 4673 Victoria Avenue Niagara Falls, ON L2E 4B8

Re: 150th Anniversary of St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church

Dear Reverend Power and Parishioners of St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church:

It is with great pride and honour that I write this congratulatory letter. Your parish has been serving the needs of your parishioners since 1858! One hundred and fifty years of service is quite a milestone and quite a tribute to the church.



St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church is a cornerstone of Niagara Falls. Your parishioners have always been active in our community and always ready to lend a hand when called upon. I have heard it said that "when ordinary people come together, extraordinary results follow". This phrase describes this parish perfectly. You are an extraordinary parish and our city is truly blessed.

On behalf of the Province of Ontario congratulations and best wishes for another 150 years of success.

With very warm regards,

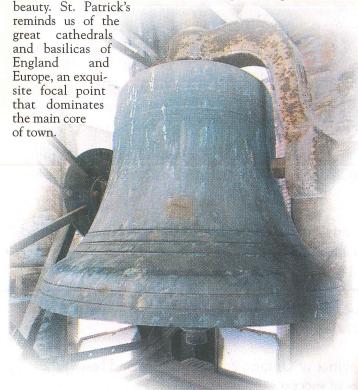
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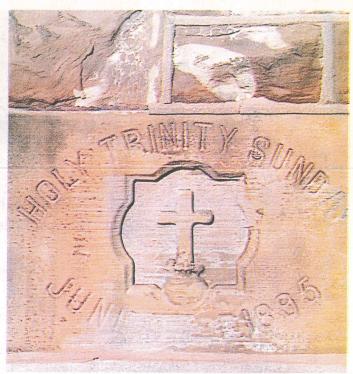
It all began back in 1858, with the establishment of St. Patrick's Church parish community. For more than 150 years, the church and its community have continued to evolve. Let us take you on a walk through time - to appreciate the history, significance and ongoing appeal of this beautiful structure called St. Patrick's.

He Turn of the 20th Century
Thoughtful planning was in evidence throughout this project from the selection of the original St. Patrick's site to the design and construction of this Medieval-inspired English Gothic



Eleven Remarkable Months

Toronto-based architects Post and Holmes produced the original drawings for the church. The November 1894 groundbreaking marked the beginning of this sizable project, which took only 11 months to fully complete. Just imagine the magnitude of this construction. Without machinery, 1,000 men toiled to build the 64' x 147' structure, with its 26' high stone walls and 145' high steeple. Many contractors were involved. The Newman Brothers of St. Catharines were the stone masons; George Seals did the cut-stone work; carpentry was



done by the Stokes Brothers from Buffalo; William Mullen did the painting; and Cole and McMurray, the furnace and plumbing. Materials arrived from near and far. Slate came from the East Coast, mottled stone from quarries in nearby Beamsville, Jordan and St. David's, and glass from various locations. The Williams Company of Oshawa supplied the grand organ; and the Valley City Seating Company of Dundas, the original oak pews and altar. An imposing bell, which weighed 4,000 lbs., was hung in the steeple. Cast at the McShane foundry in Baltimore, the bell bore the inscription, 'The gift of the people of Niagara Falls', symbolizing cooperation among different faiths. During a lengthy ceremony on December 8, 1895, Archbishop Walsh of Toronto consecrated the building to the service of God, blessing the church and all its different portions.



glass panes later replaced these win-

In Imposing Presence
The church boasts a striking, gabled east front.

Rock-faced, gray-mottled red sandstone, dressings of local limestone and smooth-tooled Ohio freestone emphasize the grand opening. A strong, reinforced tower and octagonal spire flank the Gothic entrance. This together with the arched south wing forms the focus of the present-day Queen Street view, balancing this amazing architectural tableau. In addition to the fascinating stone work, the Gothic details of the window openings are remarkable - from the very tall, narrow lancets in the tower to the magnificent rose form window at the east. The upper tower is still home to the original two-ton bell. Patterned slate adorns the roof. It is an uncommonly memorable example of fine cityscape.

Changing Details

The inside of the original building featured three exquisitely hand-carved shrines, which rose above the

altar table. An ornamental border of fine oak surrounded the church walls. Lighting came from clusters of incandescent lights and four high windows filled with plain glass on the north side and south side of for a fine of the church walls. Lighting came from clusters of incandescent lights and four high windows filled with plain glass on the north side of the church walls. Lighting came from clusters of incandescent lights and four high windows filled with plain glass on the north side and south side and south

To prepare for St. Patrick's fiftieth anniversary, redecoration of the church's interior began in 1944, in keeping with the original architecture of the building. More changes took place as a result of the second Vatican Council (1963-1965). The Council brought changes to the Catholic Liturgy, which in turn had a direct impact on the interior layout and décor of Catholic churches. Priests now faced the congregation, while celebrating Mass. In the case of St. Patrick's, the enormous 3-shrined, carved oak altar was removed. A smaller marble altar, positioned closer to the people, replaced the large oak one. Behind the marble altar, an oak grill screen was added, suggesting a style found in many older European cathedrals. The tabernacle and the red votive candle, marking the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, were moved to the side altar from the high altar. Since Vatican II discouraged the elaborate rococo style decoration of the 18th century, previously ornate murals were covered over.

dows.

The patterned slate roof was renewed in 1989, at more than eight times the cost of the original entire church construction. The ranges of pipe from a Casavant organ donated just before the centennial now frame the splendid rose window, reputed to have been the gift of Archbishop Walsh. In 1995, a smaller hand-carved wooden altar, which was the original baptismal font, also replaced the circa 1966 marble altar.

The present day interior layout is magnificent, despite its remarkable simplicity. Pews are arranged in two banks with centre and side passages. In total, the church can seat around 700 people. We find the baptismal font located southwest of the nave in a high, shallow alcove. In the northwest alcove, there are two elevated corner statues and a grand piano for alternative church music. Two smaller arches leading to shallow, side chapels are found beyond the wide arch of the sanctuary.



150th Anniversary Prayer

God of all that is good, we thank you for calling us to be your people.

We thank you for the many blessings you have bestowed upon us over the past 150 years, as a parish community, serving the people of Niagara.

Through the intercession of St. Patrick,
Our Lady of Mount Carmel,
and all the Carmelite Saints,
strengthen us in faith, hope, love and justice.

Empower us with your Holy Spirit, so that we can meet the needs of our times and bring your Son's love to the lives of others.

Fill our church, our community, and our homes with your divine presence.

Dwell in us, so that all who enter our Church may have the experience of meeting you.

Continue to sustain us on our journey as you sustained and strengthened St. Patrick.

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me.

Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, and in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(prayer and all photos by Father Gerard)

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Best Regards
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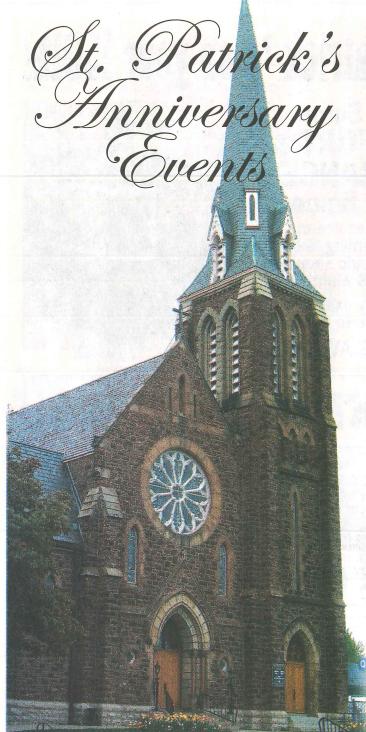
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Weekend after Canada Day
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following the 11:30 AM Mass
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Thanksgiving Day Weekend
150th Anniversary Mass
St. Patrick's Church
Sunday, October 12, 2008 at 11:30 AM
150th Anniversary Mass with
His Excellency, Bishop James Wingle, D.D.,
Bishop of St. Catharines
Reception to follow in the Parish Hall
(Coordinated by the Staff and our CWL)

All Saint's Night
St. Pat's Adult Talent Show
St. Patrick's Gymnasium
November 1, 2008 at 8:00 PM
Featuring entertainment from
every corner of the Parish
and the country (including Newfoundland)
(Coordinated by the Atkinson Brothers)

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In honour of both sacred anniversaries, St. Patrick Parish will have Eucharistic Adoration on each Friday during the month of October from 8:30 AM to 12 NOON.

The Rosary will be prayed at 7:45 AM followed by Holy
Mass at 8:00 AM. Sacred Benediction and the Angelus will begin with the Angelus Bell at Noon. Praise
God from whom all blessings flow! May God bless us, and Mary keep us.

Christmas Ornament Commemorating our Anniversary

Earlier this year some of our faithful parishioners from the Hockton Family, who owns and operates Niagara River Trading Co., approached us and offered to help in any way! Knowing that the family is in the souvenir business, we began to look at some ideas. Hugh, Jan and William Hockton, through their international counterparts and designers, helped us create an Ornament. It will be available for sale at St. Patrick's during the late summer and fall. Pictured here is the front of the ornament, depicting the parish church, on the reverse will be the Horseshoe Falls. Each ornament will be individually hand-painted from the inside, so no two will be identical!



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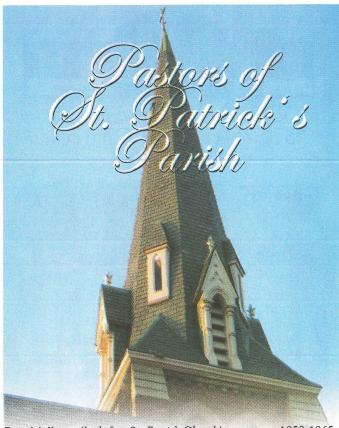
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Rev. Frances McSpirit (built addition to church)	1872-1875
Very Rev. Ignatius Beerhorst, O.Carm	1875-1887
Very Rev. Dr. Pius Mayer, O.Carm	
Rev. J. Cyril Feehan, O.Carm. (first Carmelite Pastor)	1887-1889
Rev. Dominic O'Malley (built new church and school) .	1889-1897
Rev. John Cyril Feehan, O.Carm. (built rectory)	
Rev. Otto Weidermann, O.Carm	
Rev. Bernard Fink, O.Carm. (built addition to school).	
Rev. Stephen McDonald, O.Carm. (enlarged rectory) .	
Rev. Fidelis Paulding, O.Carm. (built parish hall)	
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Rev. Anthony McNamara, O.Carm.	
Rev. Bruce L. Taggart, O.Carm.	
Rev. Gerard J. Power, O.Carm	to Present

Voices from the Pastors

ongratulations on your anniversary celebration! It was a privilege for me to come to St. Patrick's in 2003 to serve as your pastor—and also to get in touch with my Canadian roots. I was amazed when I saw your beautiful church building looming large on Victoria Ave! Your welcome was great, your faith was outstanding, and your generosity wonderful. I really appreciated your patient support during our building projects and in all the renovations. I was happy to celebrate Eucharist with you every Sunday—and also to be with you during happy as well as during sorrowful times. All the best wishes for the future!

(Fr. Bruce Taggart, O.Carm., Pastor 2003-2007)

Did you know?

Rev. Wilfred Smith. O Carmiconverted a welding shop on Thorold Stone Read and opened a mission church of St. Patrick's in Fobruary 1951. The mission was named Our Ludy of the Scapular! spent four years as a student at Mount Carmel College... then three years there as vocation director. I served 12 years in total at St. Patrick Parish! My years at St. Pat's as associate and pastor were absolutely wonderful. The people could not have been nicer. I made many great friends. I baptized their children, married hundreds of couples over the years and sadly, presided over hundreds of their

relatives' funerals. I count all of those years as a blessing in my years as a priest. Tell the people of St. Pat's that I love them all!

(Fr. Bart Larkin, O.Carm., Pastor 1984-1993;

Fr. Bart is celebrating his 50th Anniversary as a priest this year!)

I served as Pastor of St. Patrick Parish for a total of 12 years. They were wonderful years and I always felt at home! I will never forget the goodness and the kindness of the people... who creates still, after all these decades, a vibrant and caring Catholic community.

(Fr. Joe O'Brien, O.Carm., Pastor 1975-1984; 1999-2002)

Fr. Tony McNamara, O.Carm.

I was baptized in St. Patrick's Church on October 9, 1943. It was at St. Patrick Parish and School that my vocation to the priesthood was first seeded and nourished. It was very appropriate that I celebrated my first Mass at St. Patrick's on May 25, 1969. I was privileged to return here for good several years ago.

My dad was baptized in and buried from St. Patrick's.

My grandparents were married in St. Patrick's and buried from there. My great grandparents (on my grandmother's side) were part of the building committee for the church in 1895. So, St. Patrick's is definitely in my blood. Both my grandfather and my father were on the Niagara Catholic School Board—when St. Patrick's was the only Catholic elementary school. It was under the leadership of St. Patrick's parishioners that the number of Catholic schools started

St. Patrick's parishioners that the number of Catholic schools started growing quickly in the 1950's and 1960's. I think it was the influence of those pioneers that led to my life long

involvement in education.

As we celebrate the 150th anniversary of our parish I am flooded with memories of growing up here and all the people past and present who have been so influential in my life and vocation. I am truly blessed that St. Patrick's has been a vital part of my life.



Did you know? tev. Telesphor Zazza, O.Carm. aid the cornerstone of

laid the cornerstone of St. Ann's Church on May 25, 1913 and on August 10th of that same year, Archbishop McNeill blessed the new church. The Carmelites served St. Ann's until 1946.



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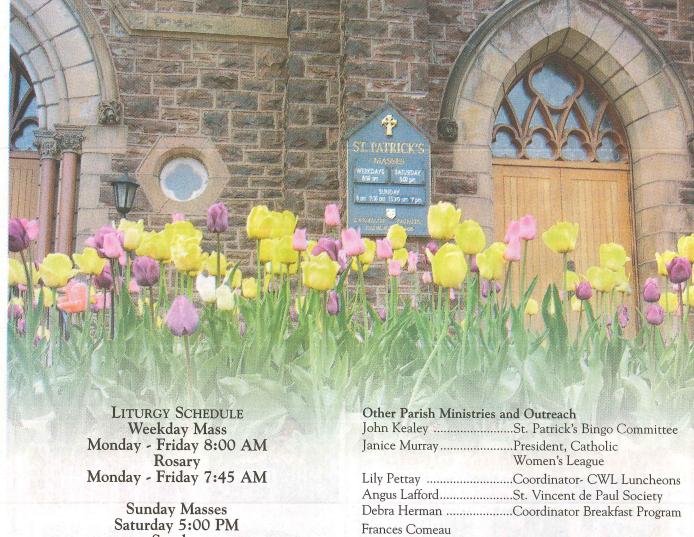
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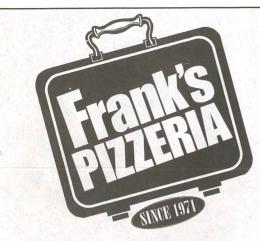
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Did you know?

...that the foundation stone of the current St. Patrick's Church was laid on Trinity Sunday, June 9, 1895, and the opening Mass was on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 1895?



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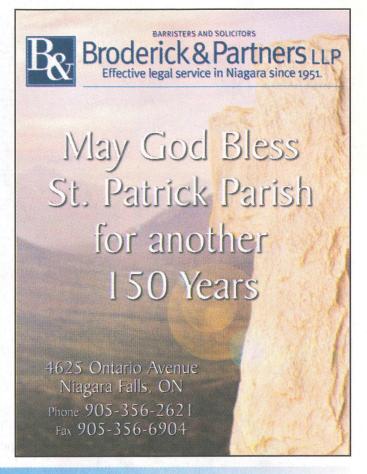
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St. Patrick's Secretarial Staff
Pictured here are the three
secretaries at St. Patrick Parish
on the steps of the new parish office.
Left to right are Debra Herman,
Ann Brazeau
(retired April 30, 2008),

and Alanna Hockton.



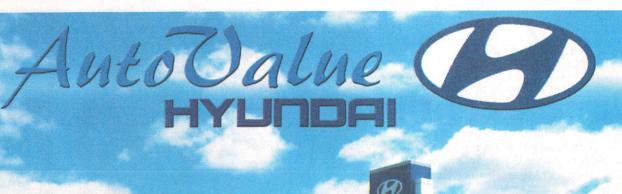
Did you know? ...that in 1918-1919 there was a world wide pandemic of the Spanish Flu. The killer flu hit Niagara Falls in 1919 and St. Patrick's lost several parishioners?



St. Pat's has a long history of employing students to work around the property on Saturdays and during the summer. Pictured here is Chris Simonetti.



Cook and Housekeeper
Pictured above is Mary Jo O'Kell.
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Choir

ver the past 150 years, St. Patrick's has been graced with the talents of many dedicated musicians.

Mrs. Gertrude Bradley, who lived just steps from the church, served as organist for many years while Mrs. Annie O'Rourke-Drago, Miss Margaret Drago and Mrs. Helen Foy also filled in during that time.

From the early 1940's Mr. Paul Morey directed the choir while serving as organist, and it was during this time as a "new" used pipe organ replaced the original.

During the many years students lived at Mount Carmel, Holy Week was a special time for the parishioners of St. Patrick's. The young men dressed in the Carmelite habit would add to the ceremony, with their beautiful songs and chants. During the recitation of the Tenebrae, a huge candelabra, fully lit, would be extinguished one candle at a time, as each musical section ended. One candle would remain and be removed by one of the Fraters to signify Christ's death. The young priest-to-be would then, in the darkened church, bang their prayer books on the pews to simulate the earthquake following Christ's death. Many in the church looked forward to this event each year. In the early 1960's, Mr. Morey moved away and Miss Eunice Leahev took over the duties of music director. Father Bruce Lardie and Father Emeric Carmody helped lead the choir in songs from Gregorian Chants to more modern works.

After a short stay by Nancy Jemarco, Maureen Chamberlain took over as organist with Carol Martin as music director. Many hours of practice produced selections from Handel's Messiah as special music for Christmas and Easter celebrations.

Colleen Brazeau took over the duties of a children's choir director and in time, an ensemble of teens were responsible for leading the music at Mass each week.

It was during this time the newest organ was built around the rose window. Jim Lawrence, along with Joe Futino from Mount Carmel, built the woodwork around the present organ. A choir member at this time also presented the church with a beautiful ebony-finish grand piano, which was used during Christmas and spring concerts.

May the next 150 years finds the congregation joining in to "Sing the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things." (Psalm 78)

Carol Martin



St. Patrick's Adult Choir Carol Martin (front center) has been the director of our Adult Choir for many years. She has been served in music ministry at St. Patrick Church since the 1970's. Pictured here are some members of our current Adult Choir, Our organist, Mrs. Sandra DiCienzo is in the back row to the far right. May God bless our choir for their faithful ministry to their parish.



St. Patrick's Children's Choir Pictured here is Carol Martin, Sandra DiCienzo and some members of the children's choir



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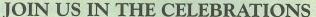


HAIRWIEW (EMETER) ting 125 years of service in the community

A Bit of History....Fairview Cemetery was established in 1883 - 125 years ago. The first burial, Thomas Whittaker, took place July 20th of that year. Morton Buckley was instrumental in the establishment of Niagara Falls' first cemetery. He chaired the newly created cemetery committee with members. A. Carnochan, JJ Jackson, H. Biggar and Peter Flynn, Mayor of the Town of Niagara Falls. Prior to Fairview, all burials took place in churchyards and family homesteads.

The committee arranged for the purchase of 23 acres from Adam Shugg at the top of Bridge Street. The cemetery continued to expand over the years and now represents over 77 acres.

Morton Buckley personally planted the many majestic trees in the old part of the cemetery which we now enjoy today. Many people enjoy walking at Fairview because of the winding roadways and the beautiful canopy of trees. The original entrance at Bridge Street was adorned with attractive iron and stone ornamental gates - a gift from Mr. Buckley. Mr Buckley was very interested in making this cemetery one of the country's finest and the cemetery stewardship that followed over the next 125 years have made that dream a reality.



There will be several activities, events and projects to commemorate Fairview's 125th Anniversary throughout 2008. They

• Fairview Family History Book - a book of family histories from genealogists, family historians, etc. was compiled and is now available for sale. Copies of the finished book will be available to purchase at the Fairview Cemetery Office.

• Tree Inventory - several dozen trees (some are rare species) were planted by Morton Buckley when the cemetery was first developed. These majestic trees, now over 100 feet tall and located in the oldest sections of the cemetery, will be identified, with the assistance of the Niagara Falls Nature Club, and a name plate will be placed on the trees for easy identification.

• Walking Tours - Sunday, September 21st at 1:30 p.m. - City Historian Sherman Zavitz will conduct a walking tour in the older sections of Fairview, highlighting the many pioneers, former Mayors and other noteworthy individuals who are interred

• School Participation - Teachers and students will learn more about the history of Fairview Cemetery through field tours, gravestone rubbings and research assignments. The rubbings and histories will be displayed at City Hall and the Niagara

• 125 Memorial Tree Planting - One generation plants the trees and the next generation enjoys the shade. Morton Buckley planted the many trees we enjoy today. Now it is our turn. 125 trees will be planted at Fairview in the Fall of '08 with the assistance of the public donations and through sponsorships.

• Remembrance Day - Tuesday, November 11th - a small memorial service will take place at 11 a.m. in Section 4 where many of the veterans from World War II are interred. Of noteworthy interest is a program taking place this year through the Commonwealth War Graves Commission whereby all war veteran's graves will be inventoried in Fairview Cemetery and placed on the national registry.

 Candlelight Ceremony - 125 ice candles will be displayed at the front entrance flower bed on Christmas Eve night to celebrate the Christmas week as well as commemorate the last week of Fairview Cemetery's 125 Anniversary. The public will be encouraged to make their own ice candles and display them at their family grave sites throughout the cemetery.

For more information on these events and projects please contact Staff at Fairview Cemetery, 905-354-4721

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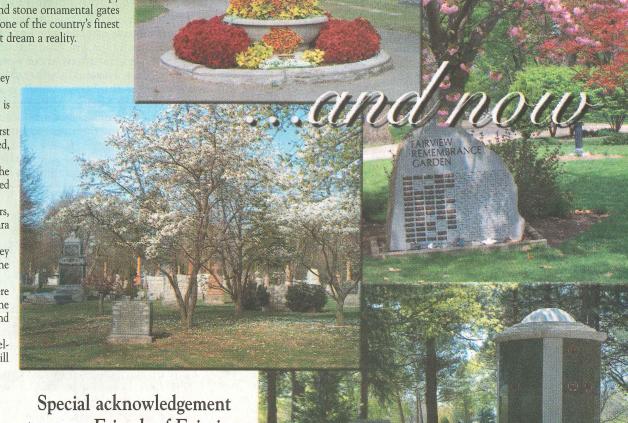
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ly involved in the life of the Church. My mother sang in the choir for over 50 years. I vividly remember as a little girl seeing my grand-

mother and great

aunts kneeling in the

church with their

rosary beads. And the

men of the family also

were men of strong moral fiber. They pos-

sessed a simple, uncluttered sort of faith which

was a great example to me

whose mother was Lena (Lococo)

he history of the Lococo family begins in a small town called Termini Immerse with the sea at the foot of the town and Mount Etna above it. Four Lococo brothers, Anthony, Philip, James and Michael and one sister, Mrs. Mary Pusateri and her husband Frank immigrated at various dates to Niagara Falls. Their uncle, Anthony Bova and wife Cosima, grandparents of Betty Dargie of this parish, had come first to Pittsburg and then on to Niagara Falls around 1880.

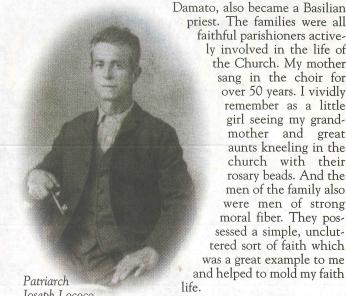
Sicily was a very depressed area and so, to have a better future, the Lococo brothers came to Niagara Falls with their aunt and uncle sponsoring them. The Lococo family was one of the first Italian families in St. Patrick's Church. Anthony, my grandfather was the first to arrive as a very young man in about 1890 with the other brothers and sisters following him. As they saved enough money, they went back to Italy marrying and bringing their brides back. The records at St. Pat's show the first born of the next generation, Margaret (Pusateri)

Campagna being baptized at St. Patrick's Church in 1894. The brothers and their brother-in-law, Frank Pusateri, set up their own produce business. Each man had his own area to cover with Philip Lococo taking care of the managing of the business and travelling to Buffalo to buy the produce.

The four families bought two houses on Park Street which at the time was a bustling area of town. Two families lived together in each house. My mother, Rose (Lococo) Campagna was born in one of these houses in 1898. In time, as they began to prosper, they moved and opened up their own businesses. My grandfather, Anthony Lococo and his wife Anna, opened a store on Queen Street, James and his wife, parents of Mary Brenchley and Mickey Lococo of this parish, moved to Victoria Avenue opening up a store, Philip and his wife Loretta, remained on Park Street and Michael and his wife, Loretta, parents of Mary Harwood of this parish, moved to Victoria Avenue at the Centre, opening their own business. The Lococo's were the first Italian people in the City in the produce business. It has spanned three generations with Danny Lococo running the family business.

The offspring from the Lococo family numbered 27 children. All of these children attended St. Patrick's School and Church. Many of the boys became altar servers and

the girls marched in the processions through the Church. One of these children, became a priest, Fr. Anthony Lococo of the Basilian order and into the next generation, Fr. John Damato



life. Joseph Lococo As I stood with my husband and

family during the Mass at the Homecoming Day in July, I envisioned my grandfather and his brothers and sister who undoubtedly attended the first Mass in 1895. It was a moving experience for me, knowing that my fam-

ily spans five generations in our wonderful church. Mary Harwood's father, Michael, told her that the Lococo family watched this great edifice being built - I wonder at the stories they must have told. My mother often spoke of their amazement at the size and grandeur of this new structure for a relatively small community. She marvelled at the foresight of the pastor.

Sometimes when I am in church, the realization hits me that most of us have been held over the baptismal font, walked up that long familiar aisle for First Communion, Confirmation, and Marriage, and the sobering fact that our loved ones have taken their final procession up the aisle with the rest of us following behind.

I have often thought how hard it must have been to come thousands of miles to another country, having no knowledge of the language. My ancestors were respected people and merchants who had a great many friend in the English community but there are always bigots in the world. I remember hearing a story about my grandmother going to the store to buy shoes for her children and some of the customers laughed at her broken English. Grandma was a feisty woman and the lack of english did not stop her from vocalizing her frustration, spitting out the only swear word

she undoubtedly knew, "Ma Solla ma beech."

The Anthony Lococo Family

Father Anthony seated, wife Anna

holding baby Philip,

Rose (Campagna) standing,

Lena (Damato) seated and Joe

circa 1905

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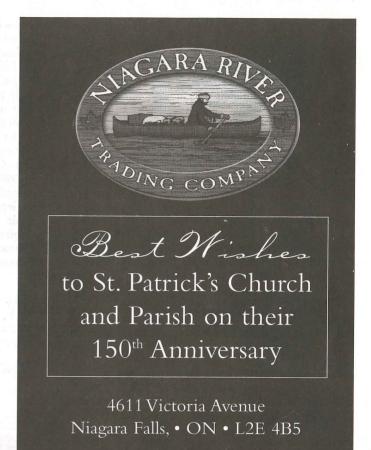


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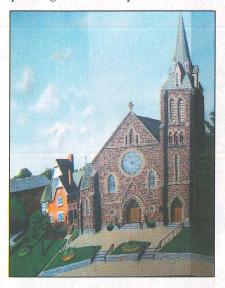
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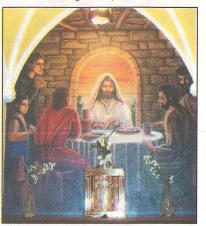
Murals St. Pats

This painting is located at the entrance to the new Parish Offices. Through the generosity of the late, Mrs. Ruth McQuade, we were able to move the tiny parish office out of the Rectory into a large space in the Parish Hall. This had been discussed and dreamed about for years... but it wasn't until November 2006 that we were finally able to make the move! Artist Sean J. O'Neill painted this 77 sq. foot rendition of the parish property from a series of photographs taken from the roof of Mr. Cappachinos across the street! The painting was done mainly by tedious hand-work, and only the sky could be painted using the air-brush technique. As we continue to add new sidewalks, gardens, trees and hedges, so too does the painting need to be updated!



This 80 square-foot painting is entitled, In the Breaking of the Bread. It is located behind the tabernacle in St. Patrick Church. It was designed by Fr. Gerard and

painted by Sean J. O'Neill during the Easter Season 2007. It was unveiled on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. This was made possible through the generosity of two faithful parishioners and it is dedicated to all those in St. Patrick Parish who minister to the sick. The painting is based on Luke's account of the appearance of the Risen Christ on the Road to Emmaus. The two disciples failed to recognize Christ until he broke bread at their family table. Depicted in the painting with the two disciples, are a mother, a daughter and a son, representing all of us to whom the Risen Christ makes Himself known! May we continue to BE Christ for others!



This 96 square-foot rendition of The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan, was painted by local artist, Sean J. O'Neill during the Season of Lent in 2007. It is located in the alcove behind St. Patrick's new Baptismal Font. The painting was unveiled at the Easter Vigil immediately preceding the baptism of



several adults who journeyed through the RCIA Formation Process. The painting was designed by our own Fr. Gerard, and it was made possible through the generosity of Barbara and Josephine Sacco, in memory of their daughter and sister, Anna Marie. Above Jesus and John the Baptist are the hands of the Father, and a dove, symbolizing the Holy Spirit. "And he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, ... and a voice from the heavens saying, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.'" The Baptismal Font was carved in India and finished in Canada. It weighs 2200 lbs. It has an octagon base and is shaped like a chalice, with a gold inlay of the Celtic Cross. The Font was generously donated by Ms. Dorothy Doyle in memory of her parents, John and Helen Doyle. It was blessed and dedicated by Fr. Bruce Taggart, O.Carm. in 2006.

This is a 50 sq. foot painting of the patron of our Parish, St. Patrick of Ireland. It is located at the side entrance of our Parish Hall and Gymnasium. Located in the background of the painting are the Horseshoe Falls and St. Patrick Church. It was painted by Sean J. O'Neill, and was made possible by the generosity of Mrs. Vilma Gallina and Family, in memory of their dear friend, Mrs. Bridget Mundier. Bridget was a dear friend of many, and a faithful servant at St. Patrick's who spent untold hours serving the needs of God's people... with zeal and joy!



Did you know? ... that in 1993, Fr. Ben Hogan, O.Cann., Pastor of St. Paunck's, spoke out at a City Council Meeting and joined the voices of the neighbours against the opening of a strip club on Bridge Street? The reople won the light! Fr. Ben was quoted as saying, "The downtown trea needs a grocery store not an adult ententainment parlour!"



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Our Lady of Mount Carmel

his is the new statue of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, adorning St. Patrick Church. It was purchased in Spain and donated anonymously in thanksgiving to Mary! It was blessed on the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, July 16, 2006 by Fr. Bruce Taggart, O.Carm. The Carmelites have been serving at St. Patrick Parish since 1875. Mary is the Patroness of their Order.

The history of the Carmelites tell us that the first hermits on Mount Carmel built a chapel in the middle of their cells. This was the center of their lives where they converged each day to celebrate Mass together. This little chapel they named in honour of Our Lady. By this fact the first group of Carmelites took her as their patroness, promising her their faithful service and expecting her protection and favour. They were proud to bear the title of "Brothers of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel." For the Carmelites, Mary is a constant presence in their lives, guiding them and protecting them as they seek to follow Christ.

The brown scapular has for many centuries summed up the Carmelite's relationship with Our Lady. The scapular is a piece of cloth based on the traditional Carmelite friar's garb. Wearing the scapular is a sign of consecration to Mary, the Mother of God, and is a symbol showing that the person is putting on the virtues of Mary and is being protected by her. Mary symbolizes for the Carmelite everything that we hope for - to enter into an intimate relationship with Christ, being totally open to God's will and having our lives transformed by the Word of God. Carmelites have always thought of Mary as the Patroness of the Order, its Mother and Splendour. They seek to live in spiritual intimacy with Mary so that they can learn from her how to live as God's children.

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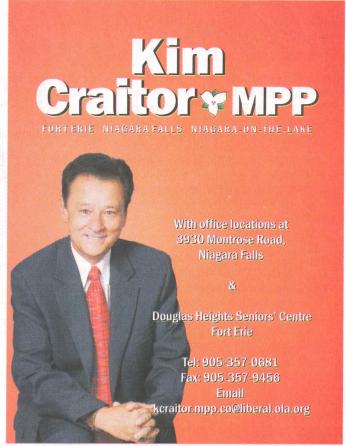
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From the Pews

I've been a parishioner at St. Pat's for 78 years! I love the Gothic church, the people and the priests. The Carmelites are wonderful men.

Florrie Heimbigner (CWL)

I came to St. Pat's when I was 5-Days old back in 1929! The Parish Church is my home. The Parish Hall is my home. My children celebrated all their sacraments here. It's a big part of the family.

Dolores Hlady (CWL)

My first memories of St. Pat's dates back to the early 1920's, when my father enrolled me in Catholic education. I remember the impressive main altar, the priests in heavy vestments with his back to the people, the Mass in Latin, the ornate wooden communion rail stretched from side to side where people knelt to receive. There's been many changes over the years but all in all, St. Pat's has kept up with the changes. Our current pastor is carrying a big load on young shoulders, and God bless him, as he is doing a great job!

Wilf Manual (Lector and avid volunteer)

I moved to Niagara Falls over 20 years ago. When I first saw the church, I fell in love with it, I had to buy a house that was close as possible to the church. Now that I am retired, St. Patrick's Church draws me to get up in the morning to come and minister and worship God. It's a big part of my daily life. I love the Carmelites, their spirituality, and their devotion to the Blessed Mother. The priests mean a great deal to me. The people here are wonderful. Friendships here are very special. I look forward to saying hello to the parishioners every day!

Frances Comeau (Sacristan)

I was baptized here in 1942. I like the sincerity and friendliness of the people. They are always complimentary and supportive of me. I always speak highly of St. Patrick's Parish and the priests.

John Buckner (Lector)

I have been at St. Pat's over 20 years. The church always feels like home. The priests are wonderful men... and they draw me back. It's a familiar place to me and has been a big part of my family.

Hugh Hockton, Jr.

I was baptized here in 1926. I love the Carmelite priests. I like the fellowship in the parish. I have many lifelong friends here.

Dan Morrison (Bingo Committee)

I have been at St. Pats since 1945... and I love everything about this parish. When I worked in Toronto for 20 years, I came home every weekend just to attend Mass here. The Carmelites have always been very good priests.

Carm Trevison (CWL)

St. Patrick's is a very caring and compassionate parish with great people. It's a very friendly place. People always smile! It's great to see the parishioners every week. Generations of families are still coming here! We've had great friendly priests here over the years, past and present. The Carmelites have always been wonderful leaders.

Moira Cooper (Breakfast Program)

I have been worshipping at St. Patrick's since 1951. The Pastors have all been great men. They have always been and still are, devoted to the people. The magnificent homilies we receive week after week are far superior to other places I have visited in the U.S., Canada and other parts of the world. The people in St. Pat's are particularly charitable and friendly... and constantly concerned about their parish.

John Broderick (Lector)



I have been a parishioner here for some 20 years. I like the look and the feel of the old church. I love the people in the parish, and the priests have been wonderful. I love ministering here!

Belle Liberty (Sacristan)



I love receiving my Communion here every Sunday. I love lighting a candle at Mary's Altar every week. I always come with my dad and my Nan and my brothers, Kyle and Ryan. I want to be an altar server with my brother. The priests are very nice and the people around me are friendly.

Quinn Burke (Age 7)



We love St. Patrick's Church and Parish.
The church is beautiful and gorgeous. We
love coming here. The priests are great.
They are very personable and most caring.
Juliana Horth (97) and son Jack

I started coming to St. Patrick's with my family in 1992. The atmosphere here is superb, prayerful, friendly. The priests and the people are great. The church has character and the people have character!

Michael Carroll (Lector and Parish Accountant)

We have been coming to St. Pat's since 1955. We were married here.... (and no doubt, we will be buried from here) St. Patrick's looks the way a church should look! There's always been something about St. Pat's that's special. We feel at home here!

Joe and Bunny McMahon

Humour from the Pastor

here's never a day without a smile or a good laugh at St. Pat's! Fr. Gerard is known to be true to his heritage, being from the Far East! He loves a practical joke, yet things happen to him that seem to be in keeping with his culture.

ne cold winter's night Fr. Gerard received a call at 3:00 AM to anoint an elderly lady at GNGH. Up he jumped, got dressed in his clerics, grabbed his kit... and ran for the garage. When he reached the hospital he remembered his Holy Water was in the glove compartment of the car. He grabbed it and ran for the ICU. Upon arrival he greeted the family, prayed all the sacred prayers... anointed the lady, then reached for his Holy Water to give her a blessing. He shook the bottle, "May the blessings..." ... and nothing came out! He tried again, shook it and squeezed it... then realized it was frozen solid! He turned to the family and said, "Well, I 'spose 'tis only a Newfie priest would come to a hospital with Holy Ice!" They all laughed, including the ailing woman... and she lived for four more years!

ne day Fr. Gerard ran into a young couple and the bride's mom at Home Depot. He had recently celebrated their wed-

ding. When he met them, he asked, "So, any little babies on the way yet!" "Not yet Father, we're trying." He said, "Boy, you should give me a call... I've gotten 3 new brides pregnant already!" After the gasps from the Italian mother... and Fr. Gerard turning all colours, he had to correct himself... "Well... uh... I mean, I lit candles for them at Mary's Altar, and Our Lady of Mount Carmel interceded for them!"

t. Patrick's Rectory is known to get many calls for help, many wayward people looking for money and food and hand-outs. One evening some guy kept ringing the doorbell, but no answer... then he began knocking on the front door. Fr. Gerard had enough of that! So he went to the front door and asked, "Can I help you?" The man said, "I need money to get gas I have to get back to Toronto. Knowing full well what the guy was up to, Fr. Gerard informed him that they didn't keep money in the house. And there was no way he could help him. He kept hounding him in a very irate fashion. Fr. Gerard, knowing the guy wasn't going to give up, said with a puppy dog look on his face, "Sir, you don't understand... do you realize I've taken a vow of poverty!" "Well, what the hell does that mean?" he asked. "It means I have no money!" The guy look bedazzled... and Fr. Gerard shut the door ever so gently.

The priests at St. Pat's often get called upon to bless houses, businesses, cars, warehouses, etc. They also preside over many funerals. One day Fr. Gerard had just finished a funeral, and upon returning to the parish, realized he had scheduled a house blessing in about 20 minutes. He grabbed his Holy Water and Book of Blessings and headed to the other side of town. When he entered the house and greeted the nice Italian family, he opened the book and began in the usual way, "In the name of the ..." When he glanced at the page, he quickly discovered he had the wrong book... it was the Order of Christian Funerals. So as not to disturb the family, or arouse any superstitions in them... he continued unbeknownst to them, with the most prayerful and eloquent of house blessings. He assumes they have had "restful" nights ever since!

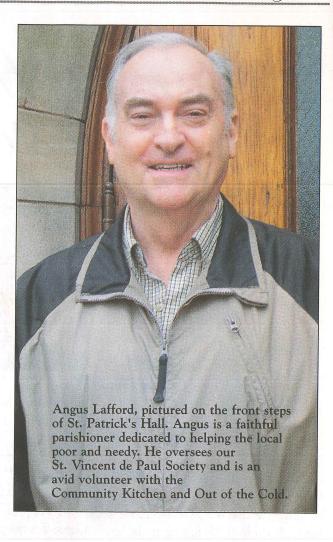
Did you know?

... that at the 100th
Anniversary Mass
commemorating the building of
the church, in December 1995,
Brother Gerard Power, now
Fr. Gerard, Pastor of St. Pat's,
carried the Processional Cross?

Faithful & Hetive Parishioners

St. Patrick Parish is filled with so many dedicated people. Besides our regular parish ministries, and visitations to the sick and hospitalized by groups coordinated by Ms. Pat Hudson, Mr. Patrick O'Brien and Valerie Watson, there's many activities and opportunities to GET INVOLVED. It has been this way from the onset in 1858! Currently, there's a large group involved in the Bingo Committee, under the direction of John and Maureen Kealey; an active group in our local St. Vincent de Paul Society, lead by Angus and Muriel Lafford; quite a large group with our Catholic Women's League, under the leadership of Mrs. Janice Murray; many volunteers with the School Breakfast Program, coordinated by Mrs. Debra Herman; a dedicated group coordinated by Wayne and Betty Sargeson, and Ray Sexton, who organize the St. Patrick's Annual Dance. Many of our parishioners volunteer with Out of the Cold, Hannah House, Community Kitchen and Project Share. Wherever there's a need around the town, you'll find St. Pat's people there. We have a food drive year-round for Project Share, Canadian Food for Children; and our parishioners are very supportive of the Hannah House Baby Bottle Campaign and Roses for Life.







John McDonnell recently found this ticket stub in the wall of his home during renovation. It is from a Charity Drawing in 1945 at St. Patrick's Parish Hall

Did you know? ... that back in the 1940's and following, St. Patrick's Hall had Friday Night Dances with live bands? During 1958 and 1959 some 33 couples who met at the Shamrock Club, were married.



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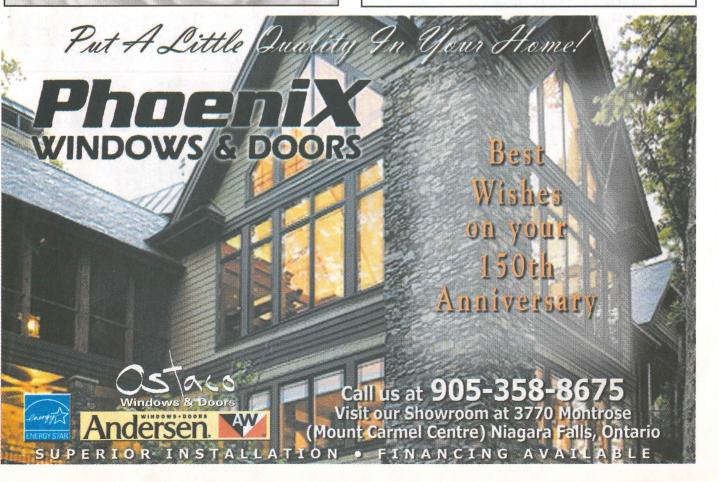
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The Society has 48 conferences in the St. Catharines Diocese. Members try to serve the poor in any way they can.

Food is collected and distributed, and project food vouchers are also given to the needy. Clothing is collected and distributed at the clothing room in the parish hall. Surplus is sent overseas through the Warehouse of Hope, based in St. Catharines. The sick are also visited and taken communion by society mem-

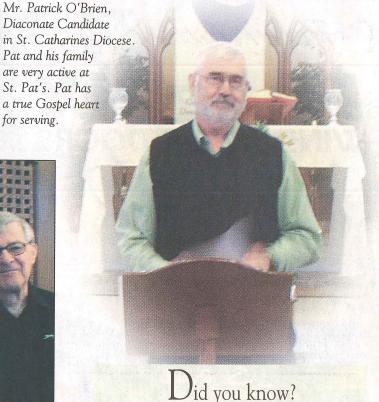
In a quiet way members try to serve the poor with dignity and with financial assistance, as much as possible. The financing depends on the parishioners, who generously give each Sunday through the poor boxes at the church doors, and through private donations by our friends. Through the generous donations of parishioners, members of the Society can carry out the corporal works of mercy within the parish by feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless, visiting



Pictured here are Wilf Manuel and Dan Morrison, two faithful and active parishioners. They are still quite active with our Bingo Commitee, St. Vincent de Paul and Canadian Food for Children. At the age of 92, Wilf is still ministering as lector! May God bless them both for their years of ministry and service!



Pictured above are 3 faithful parishioners who assist with St. Patrick's Bingo. Reno Martin; John and Maureen Kealey.



...that St. Patrick's Rectory was built in 1897 and enlarged in 1924?



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Catholic Women's League St. Patrick's Parish

As we celebrate the 150th anniversary of St. Patrick's Church, women throughout the country are also celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Catholic Women's League of Canada.

St. Patrick's joined the CWL of Canada April 2, 1952, when the Altar Society dissolved. His Excellency, Bishop Weaver, was the principal speaker and a motion to form a new division was made by Mrs. Foy and seconded by Mrs. William Brozon. A motion was also made that the officers of the Altar Society carry on as the first executive.

The first president was Angela Kelly, the first vice president Ethel Collier, second vice president Regis White, third vice president Catharine Blakely and treasurer Doreen Rose. Secretaries were Marie Dawson and Ann Corcoran.

Bishop Webster congratulated the new president and presented her with her official pin and gavel. Director Fr. Angelus Oborne added his congratulations. Mrs. Collier informed the membership that dues should be set at \$1.30 a year from April to March. Thirty cents was the per capita tax. In all, 213 names were entered into the charter membership in 1952.

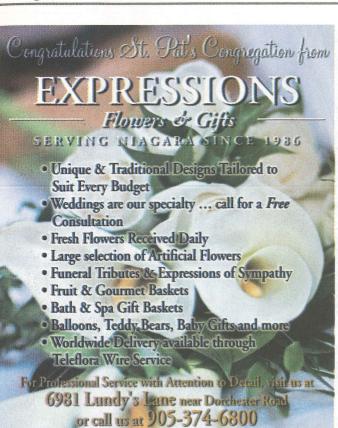
Fund-raising projects over the years have included the annual bazaar, penny bingo, flea markets, Valentine Card parties, fashion shows, spaghetti dinners and sale of cook books, among other events. These successful events enabled the CWL to generously donate six scholarships to the Catholic schools within the parish. The league also donates to 20 charities and missions.

The CWL is justifiably proud of its work. During the Year of the Handicapped, an elevator was installed in the parish hall. Following that, a complete new kitchen was also donated. The beautiful statue of the risen Christ was presented another year. Financial donations towards the Bishop's taxes, the new organ and the roof were also included.

The CWL also does much volunteer work in the community, such as visiting the sick, acting as Eucharistic ministers, choir members and preparing funeral luncheons. Receptions following confirmation and reconciliation celebrations are also on the agenda, along with Easter Bread blessing after Holy Saturday and delivering cookies to shut-ins at Christmas and Easter. The CWL also participates in the World Day of Prayer, the Day of Recollection, Retreat and Spring Conference.

Did you know?

... that Archbishop Walsh of Toronto could not make the ceremony to lay the foundation stone in June 1895... and he promised a gift to the church? His gift was the Rose Window behind the choir loft.

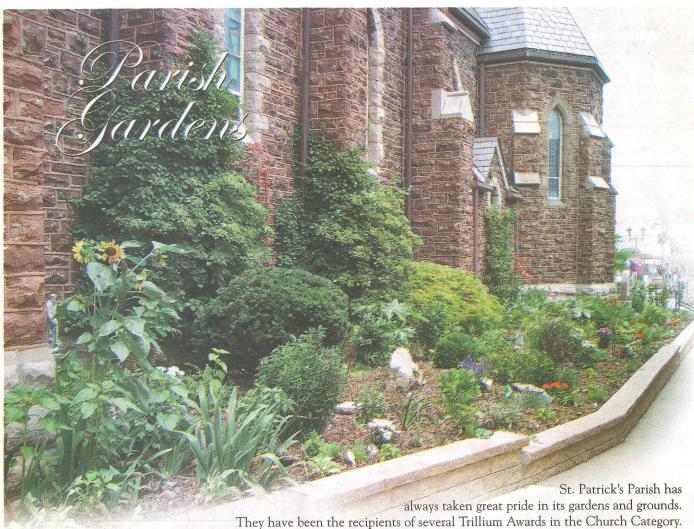


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In 2006, it was suggested that we beautify the side of the church next to the Rectory. A donor stepped in and provided the funds for a brick garden wall, which was constructed by Mr. Rob Cahill. Then the fun began. A notice was placed in the parish bulletin and a list of perennial plants was posted at the back of the church. Parishioners were asked to bring the plant from their home garden to be transplanted at the church. They responded with gusto by signing up and we







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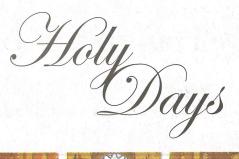
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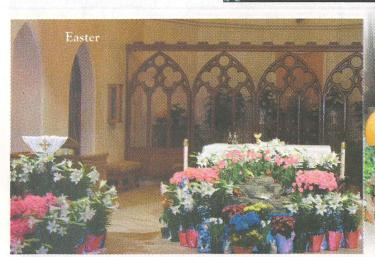


Christmas Scenes at St. Patrick's

St. Pat's is well known throughout town for its elaborate decorations on Solemnities and Feasts and Holidays. In preparation for Christmas, all the parishioners are invited to come out, bring their children and decorate the church. It's always a fun-affair. Stefanie and Peter Maiuri usually coordinate the decorations.

Thanksgiving and Harvest

Each October, St. Patrick's Parish likes to celebrate their many blessings by highlighting Thanksgiving Day and Harvest. The altar was decorated by Mr. Peter Feltrin and other volunteers in the parish. May we never fail to praise and thank God for the abundance of good things in our lives.







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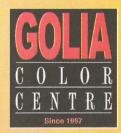
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Many thanks to Luciano and to our many parishioners who so generously donate their skilled labour to the upkeep of the parish buildings: lawyers, accountants, welders, electricians, brick layers, carpenters, gardeners, plumbers, line-painters!

When we each put our gifts to use, we can keep this ship sailing for another 150 years!

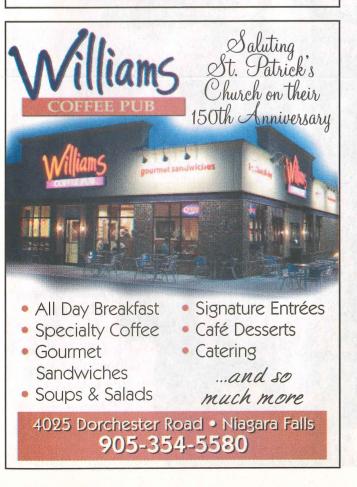


Holy War at St. Pat's

The parishioners at St. Pat's know all too well the real colours of their priests! There is always a holy war between Fr. Gerard and Fr. Tony, the latter being a life-long Habs fan. Fr. Gerard, of course, is always loyal to his Maple Leafs! This past Ascension Sunday, the morning after the Habs got knocked out of the playoffs, Fr. Tony was confronted by the following scene when he came into the rectory after the 8 AM Mass. May they rest in peace!

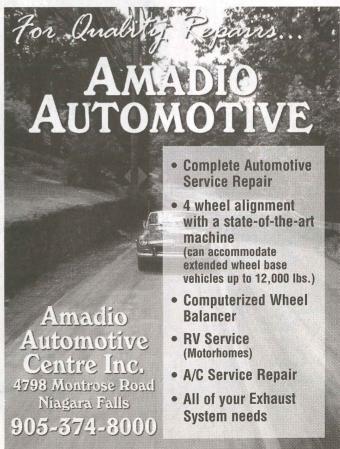


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Fr. Gerard blessing the Easter Fire during the Easter Vigil 2008. Left to Right is Fr. Tony, and Osama & Shareef Bakir, two faithful

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Auditorium and Hall was built beginning in the Summer of 1927 and completed February 8, 1928 ... and that a fire broke out in 1943, causing great damage?

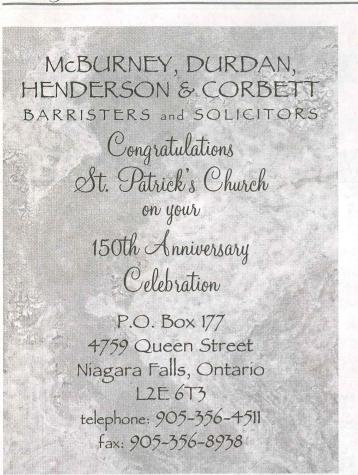
And Baby Makes Six! This past May 6th, Jack and Ann Marie Muraco came to St. Patrick's with their entire family to prepare for the baptism of their fourth child, Alexander Jack Muraco!

Did you know?

...that one time there were big New Year's Eve Parties at St. Patrick's Hall? During the 1950's the parties would go on so late, that the Carmelites would celebrate Mass in the church at 4 AM so everyone could go home and not worry about having to get up and go to Mass.



Three Generations: Richard Burke is pictured here with his mom and his two sons Kyle and Quinn, and his nephew Aaron Pullia



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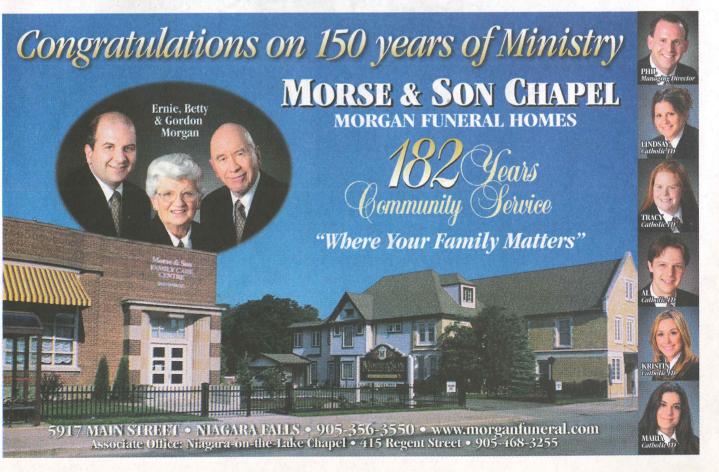
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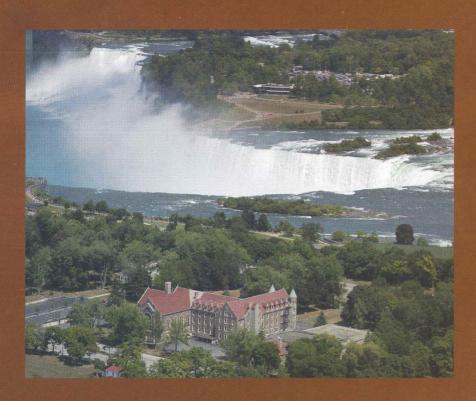
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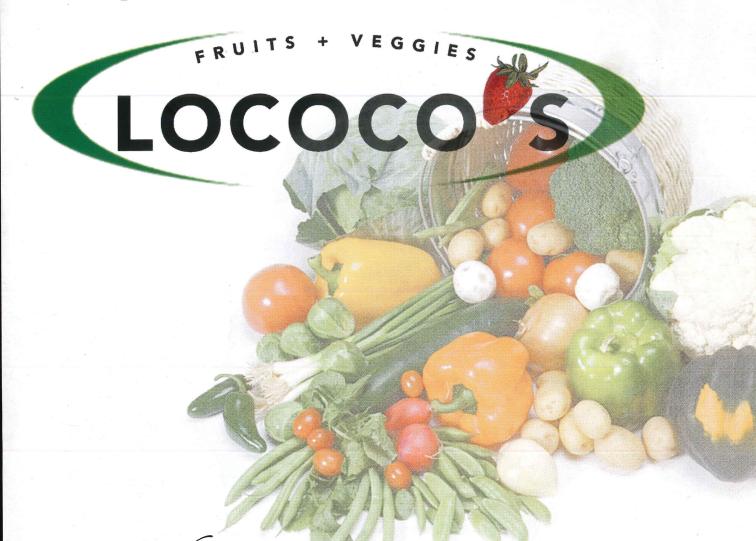
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