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St. Patrick Parish

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May 10, 2020 - 5th Sunday of Easter
MOTHER'S DAY

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happy MOTHER'S day

A very happy Mother's Day to everyone with the title of Mom. How blessed you are! This year may be a very different Mother's Day from those in the past, but know that we at St. Patrick remember you and pray for you! Have a wonderful day and know that you are loved!

A Mother's Day Prayer for Blessing By Debbie McDaniel

"Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come." Proverbs 31:25

*A message of hope for moms, for those who still wait to be moms, and for
the many dear women who nurture and lead...*

Sunday is a special day to honor and celebrate moms everywhere.

Yet sometimes this day reminds us of other thoughts too, hard struggles, grief, longing, and loss.

It carries more than just joy-filled thoughts.

*If you find yourself somewhere there today, still wrestling through a struggling relationship,
grieving deep loss, walking through a season of waiting, battling loneliness or fear, praying for healing
to come, or for a loved one to return home...don't ever doubt that He's working on your behalf.*

*He knows all. He understands and cares. He can see clearly what we cannot see. He holds all the
pieces and fits them perfectly together one by one. And maybe His work and timing is not
all about you, and me, but also about another soul and the importance of the journey they're
walking through. Often, He does His greatest, most powerful work, during our seasons of
waiting and loss; and what we have prayed for through so much struggle and pain, becomes the
greatest blessings of this life. In whatever we face, we can be confident, God will not
waste our pain. Not ever. Praying for God to cover and be close to so many who need
to hear a message of hope for this day.*

*May He help us to lovingly encourage one another in all of our unique stories and journeys.
Be assured, He has good in store, great blessings still await, on the other side of the struggle.*

THE IMPORTANCE OF DRINKING WATER

Our bodies are made up of more than 70% water. The cells in our body just love water. Drinking enough water is good for:



- Keeping moisture in our skin, in our eyes
- Keeping our kidneys functioning (fact: a light, almost clear color of our urine is a sign that we are drinking enough water; the more yellow or orange our urine, the more we need to drink)
- Keeping our digestive/intestinal system in good working order
- Preventing constipation
- Helping our immune system to prevent infection or clearing infection at a faster rate

During this time of heightened infection, please remember to drink water. Please choose water over a sugary drink or an artificially sweetened drink. It is healthier; bad germs love sugar— don't help feed them!!!

DONATIONS TO ST. PATRICK CHURCH AND DE MAZENOD DOOR OUTREACH



It seems like everyone is asking for your money these days, and for good reason. This Covid-19 pandemic has flipped the lives of everyone and everything upside down and inside out. The fact remains for all of us however, that bills still need to be paid, and that includes our bills at St. Patrick.

If you are able to still support St. Patrick, (and we completely understand many will not be able to at this time), here are the ways you can do it:

CanadaHelps - on our website, stpatrickshamilton.ca, at the “donate” button. Below is the drop down menu you will find when you go to CanadaHelps on the website:

- General
- St. Patrick Heritage Fund
- St. Patrick Window Campaign
- Beyond the Walls” Renovation
- De Mazenod Door Outreach - General
- De Mazenod Door Outreach - Mission with Youth
- De Mazenod Door Outreach - Friday Barbeque



Other ways to donate are:

- **Pre-Authorized Giving**
- **Etransfer** - parishoffice@stpatrickshamilton.ca
- **Mail** - 20 Emerald Street South, Hamilton, L8N 2V2
- **Mail Box** - 440 King Street East (mail slot to the right of the De Mazenod Door Outreach door or 20 Emerald Street South (secure mailbox). If you have an issue with stairs please use the option at 440 King Street East.

We are grateful to everyone that has been able to donate to St. Patrick. **THANK YOU!**

CANADA HEALTH DAY - MONDAY, MAY 12

Especially this year in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic, let's celebrate Canada Health Day in our health care facilities and community services across the country.

This day reminds us that health and healing are essential aspects of our baptismal vocation. We are called to take responsibility for our personal health in order to prevent illness and to seek a healthy lifestyle. Good health concerns the physical, emotional, social and spiritual health of our communities, respect for God's creatures and the nurturing of the whole earth.



**LET'S CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER
IN PRAYER, KINDNESS AND HOPE**

WHAT
HAPPENS
HERE

BEYOND THE WALLS

DOESN'T
STAY
HERE

Reflection by Diane Downey on ministry at St Patrick Parish in time of Pandemic... (Part 1 of 2)

Since the arrival of Fr. Tony O'Dell, OMI & Fr. Jarek Pachocki, OMI at St. Patrick Parish - set in the heart of inner-city Hamilton 8 years ago, there hasn't been a time that any of us can think of that we as a Parish stepped back or shied away, from anything. They knew back in 2012 that their life at St. Pat's would be challenging, but as Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, they were in the best place possible, where they could offer hope to so many who had been forgotten and were ready to take on the challenge. So, on March 16th, when it was announced that Churches across the country and quite specifically in our own Diocese of Hamilton were closing immediately and completely to the public due to the Covid-19 Global Pandemic, we put on our Sunday best and got ready to shine.



Both Fr. Tony & Fr. Jarek took deep breaths and sent all of the staff home and quickly set up a Zoom Meeting to both communicate and coordinate with the Pastoral Team, just how we would face this, and it was decided that just like anything else we have faced, we would face it head on.

First up, was masses. There was no 'woe is me' moment. There wasn't a 'we could not do anything about it' moment. There wasn't time! The following day was St. Patrick's Day and we were... St. Patrick's! We couldn't just 'not have mass'! Fr. Tony rallied the troops, made a few phone calls and headed out to get the equipment necessary to stream our masses online. It took a team of audio/visual experts all that day, all night and part of the next, but by 12:15 EST, we streamed our very first ever, online Mass and all without missing a beat! That first mass wasn't the prettiest, we actually streamed it using an iPhone, but it certainly had the most heart. We have not missed a weekday mass or a Sunday mass (twice on Sunday!) since.

NO more iPhones for us! On Palm Sunday, Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, Bishop of Hamilton presided along with Fr. Tony and those who tuned in were thankful for the comfort of prayer.

Next up was our Outreach ministry. (Next Week's bulletin)...



Mrs. Jones got a little too used to watching online worship from home.

MUSINGS OF A MOTHER - MOTHER'S DAY 2020

I've been a mother for a very long time - almost 45 years. I'm the mother of four and grandmother of four. The eldest, a son, lives in Toronto (he has a son and daughter) The next eldest, also a son, lives in Hamilton. A daughter, lives in Hamilton (she has a daughter and son), and the youngest, another son, lives in Fredericton.

How quickly the years went by and it's now as it has been for a while, just the two of us again. We have been so blessed - none of our children has to date had any major health issues. Our grandchildren are also healthy! We had the usual chicken pox, mumps, bruised, cut and bandaged arms and legs, sore throats, ear infections, mosquito bites. The eldest in his teens, was knocked off his bike by a car coming down the Ancaster hill. Some nasty scrapes and a knee injury that from time to time is an issue, were the outcome. The youngest son, because of his interest in martial arts and his line of work, has had two knee operations. Our daughter, when playing basketball, would also have knee issues on occasion. Our second son has a knee that often locks on him. Knees seem to be the Achilles heel of our family. Not bad considering we had four very active kids. You don't have look very far to realize how very, very lucky you are to have a family with no major health issues. God has spared us, and we are grateful!

Now that I have more time, especially during quarantine, I've often reflected back to when the kids were small. Our house was interesting in that when the youngest was born, the oldest was 14. We listened to music from nursery rhymes to acid rock and everything in between, all at the same time. We dealt with diapers to teen angst in the course of an hour. It was a busy house! Both my husband and I would be flying out the door - trips to the grocery store non-stop, sport practices and games, doctor's appointments, school interviews, not to mention working, cleaning, yard work, etc., etc. It was never dull for sure. I cherished the quiet moments with a cup of coffee or a glass of wine, even if I had to lock the bathroom door to enjoy them. Now I still enjoy a cup of coffee or glass of wine, but in the quiet of our living room, with a good book or movie. I now worry, but with much less responsibility and accountability, about my children and grandchildren. Are they doing OK - healthwise, financially, are they stressed to the nines, are they eating properly? All the same things I used to worry about as a young mother, but now I only get to look in when allowed, and am not always able to come out and ask the questions I would really like to know the answers to.

Do I wish I could do it all over again? Oh yes and oh no! Yes - I would like to be able to change my over-the-top reactions to some of the situations I was presented with and I would forget about the things I thought oh so important at the time. A sparkling house, which I now realize was just a lovely ad on TV. Laundry - washed, dried and put away, in the proper place, all on the same day (doesn't even happen today!). I know I cooked decent meals, as each one reminisces about their favourite dinners, but on top of the list of my many shortcomings, I wasn't a good listener and I thought speaking very loudly with great emphasis would make them listen. It didn't! I would definitely change that!

No, I wouldn't like to go back for lots of reasons, the main one being they've all turned out to be very fine people. Each one is good and sometimes not so good, just like each one of us. They are kind, funny, loving, thoughtful, generous, and genuinely nice people. I usually like them all, depending on the day, and I love them with all my heart each and every day. I'm not sure it gets better than that!

To young mothers with new babies, mothers with toddlers or teens, and mothers of all those in between. I think this time of quarantine (for those of you not on the front-lines), will have you encountering a newly-found sense of serenity. A chance to be able to sit and actually have time to play with your young child, or interact with your teenager, without all the pressing issues of our pre-pandemic hustle and bustle, day-to-day existence. I know you think you will never have time to yourself ever again, but you will. When you do you'll wish as I'm now doing, that you had spent the time just being with your kids and not worrying about what's for supper. A peanut butter sandwich will suffice every once in a while. A shirt worn twice will never damage anyone's psyche. Please take it from someone who's been there x's 4. Enjoy your kids, write down the things they say (you think you'll remember but you probably won't), crayon on the floor with them, play basketball in the driveway. Just say the hell with whatever you're doing that you think is so important, and be there with them and for them. They may remember the meals you cooked, and they will certainly remember the duck that didn't turn out anywhere near like the cookbook said it would. They will remember when you went to their basketball or hockey practices, took them to their music lessons, played in the yard or skipped rope with them, but they will also remember when you didn't come but you could have - but you were just too busy!

Happy Mother's Day to each and everyone bearing the title of Mother. It's not an easy thing to be. The pay is poor and the hours long, but it's the most important thing you will ever be lucky enough to do.

One Very Grateful Mom



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TUESDAY, May 12

12:15 pm Frank Logan & Mitosinka Family
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WEDNESDAY, May 13

12:15 pm Palmira & Manuel Neves
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THURSDAY, May 14

12:15 PM Alexandria & Manuel Afonso
Special Int: Sionnie Villanueva & Family

FRIDAY, May 15

12:15 pm Pasquale & Rosie D'Ambrosio & Mollie
Antonio DiPaolo

SUNDAY, MAY 17

11:30 am & 7:15pm
St. Patrick Parishioners and Friends

WEEKEND READINGS

FIRST READING:

Acts 6.1-7

SECOND READING:

1 Peter 2,4-9

GOSPEL:

John 14.1-12

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life."

COLLECTION REPORT FOR

April 26, 2020

Collected from Envelopes	\$3,056
E-transfers	575
Pre-Authorized Collection	<u>2,557</u>
TOTAL	\$6,188

*"What shall I return to the Lord for all His
bounty to me?"*

DE MAZENOD DOOR FRIDAY BARBEQUE

This Friday's Barbeque in support of De Mazenod
Door Outreach is sponsored by:

- BusiWomen Entrepreneur Community

***Please contact the Parish Office for more infor-
mation about sponsoring a Friday Barbeque***

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Well here we are, eight full weeks into the Covid-19 global pandemic. It has been life altering for so many of us. Every day there are new rules or new regulations or changes made. Recently the personal protective equipment (PPE) masks our volunteers and staff wear had to be updated and changed to comply with Public Health protocols. The staff person or volunteer serving at the Door must also wear a face shield. Everyone continues to be cheerful and good-humoured, even behind the mask. Voices and sounds are a little more muffled than without the mask, but it's important to carry on as normal as possible.



One thing that still remains normal is the word 'essential', meaning absolutely necessary and extremely important. We've heard it every day since March 16. At De Mazenod Door, our food supply continues to be essential, our volunteers are absolutely essential, the daily opening of our Door is incredibly essential. Having somewhere for our guests to go for something to eat, extremely essential. Offering a kind word, a smile, an offer of prayer, some laughter, a friendly face, completely essential, and just as essential as the sustenance their bodies need to stay strong and healthy and to keep moving forward. Our donors and supporters and our community partners and sponsors are so essential, and they are never failing or faltering in their support of this vital ministry. They are champions of compassion, humanity and faith. Those words alone too are essential.



Last Thursday, Cynthia Martino, Principal at St. Clare of Assisi Elementary School collected upwards of \$2,100 from her staff and colleagues and used that to purchase 250 Pita Pit sandwiches from a local franchise, to not only support a local business during a time of crisis, but to ensure our guests had an amazing lunch! If you've never had a huge and delicious sandwich from Pita Pit, you don't know what you're missing! Thank you to everyone who participated, including the three teachers who came out to do prep and serve!

We have welcomed a new community partner this week with Nestle Canada! Nestle provided 600, 1.5 Litre size bottles of water for those who are homeless and are self-isolating. The water is not only necessary for drinking, but also for hygiene. We remain hopeful that this will lead to other Nestle products as well. Thank you!



Special treat days, such as the one on Thursday, made possible with the help of our supporters, is more essential than we can explain. We are grateful for the forethought of those with empathy enough to know what a difficult time this must be for those we serve.



MOST WANTED ITEM THIS WEEK:

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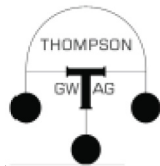
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