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Hamilton, Ontario

May 17, 2020 - 6th Sunday of Easter

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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



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- **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!**

DON'T HOLD BACK THAT COUGH OR SNEEZE!

God gave us the wonderful ability to cough and to sneeze as a big help for our immune systems to expel germs from getting into our bodies through our nose, mouth, or throat. Coughing or sneezing is often our first line of defense to get

rid of germs. Our immune systems are usually on alert if these mechanisms are working well. However, when we cough or sneeze, we have the potential to spray viral or bacterial germs in saliva/secretion droplets from our nose, throat,

or mouth up to six feet into the air. Do not squelch a cough or a sneeze, however, **PLEASE COVER YOUR MOUTH** with a clean facial tissue or the inner bend of your elbow, to diminish the distance into the air that these germs end up going. If you need to, cover your mouth with your hand to control the droplet distance, **PLEASE WASH YOUR HANDS** as soon as possible after sneezing/coughing!!!



WHAT
HAPPENS
HERE

BEYOND THE WALLS

DOESN'T
STAY
HERE

Our Outreach Ministry (Cont'd from Last Week's "Beyond the Walls")

It was decided along with Public Health, the City of Hamilton and our local Police Services that our De Mazenod Door Outreach ministry would be deemed essential and remain open, running status quo, serving two meals daily. There is never a challenge too big and armed with God behind us, we masked and gloved up and got ourselves organized and prepared. A few of our staff set up a spot in our Chapel for making masks. They were not seamstresses, but office and youth ministry staff, and they rose to the challenge.

We re-thought the how this would work, allowing us to follow all public health and social-distancing measures and guidelines put in place and we forged ahead. Staff and volunteers now needed a 6' radius, personal protective equipment, including masks, gloves and all the hand sanitizer we could muster up in order to continue serving the 450+ meals a day. The world was on break, but those experiencing extreme poverty, homelessness, addiction, mental health and marginalization, were not. They were still outside and hungry, only now in much greater need. And they were afraid, worried and anxious.

Not only were they in need of something to eat, but the Province of Ontario had declared a State of Emergency and closed all non-essential businesses. Coffee shops and restaurants were allowed to continue, but with restrictions. They were closed and could only take phone or online orders for curbside pickup or delivery. To our Homeless and precariously housed population, that meant nowhere to even use a bathroom.

St. Patrick Parish's De Mazenod Door Outreach, is a fully registered charitable organization and in Hamilton it's pretty well known, so it was only a matter of a couple of days before Fr. Tony received a call from a local doctor looking to see how we could help our homeless population. The world was screaming 'WASH YOUR HANDS' but they weren't taking into account that many of our most vulnerable, had no where to wash them! Between Fr. Tony, Dr. Jill, the City of Hamilton, Public Health, and the Social Navigator Program team made up of police officers and paramedics for the Hamilton Police Service, it was decided that St. Patrick Parish would very quickly have hot water tanks installed and open up our Church doors, not for mass, but to those homeless folks who needed a place to just 'be'. A place to get washed and use the washroom. To have a cup of coffee and a snack and just find a few moments peace. To pray. Pews have been sectioned off for a place to rest. Art stations have been set up for something to do to relieve stress. Those who entered the church found a little bit of normal and a whole lot of care.

This new endeavour, our resting/hygiene station continues every day – 7 days a week from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM, staffed by both staff and volunteers, armed with masks, gloves and face shields, offering respite and a reprieve from the outside world. Here they can follow all of the new rules - washing their hands, social distancing and staying inside, if only for a little while.

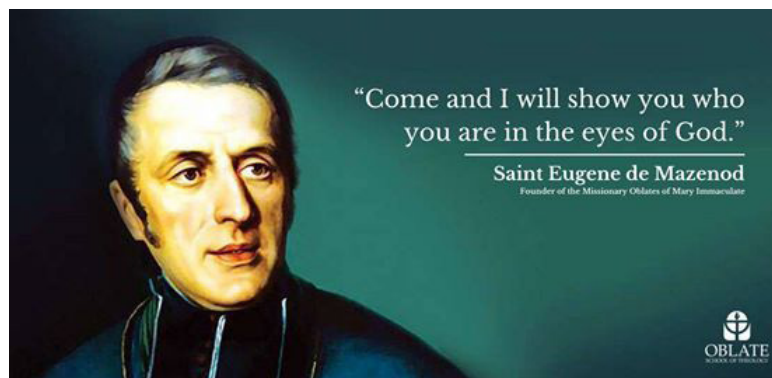
Our Pastoral Team has faced every challenge put in front of us and we have done it with the grace of God and the spirit of the Holy Spirit. We have received no government funding, but only donations from our parishioners and our community who continue to follow us every day and who believe that with their help, we can help many. They are the ones who offer us hope and who help to carry us onward, because we really are all in this together.

Diane Downey

FEAST OF ST. EUGENE DE MAZENOD - THURSDAY, MAY 21

Oblate Superior General, Fr. Louis Lougen, OMI wrote in his letter on the occasion of the Feast of St. Eugene de Mazenod May 21, 2020:

"Two years ago, one of our prenovices expressed this thought: "The Oblates are not a congregation of the past; it's one of the present and future, and even more so, considering the world today. We were born for times like this." Isn't there a spark of St. Eugene de Mazenod in these words? We were born for times like this: a period of fear, anxiety, confusion, and uncertainty, in which the most abandoned, the poorest, suffer the greatest hardship. And at the same time, a period offering new insights, new possibilities, new challenges, calling us drastically to wake up and care for our common home and its peoples."



Oblates around the world, including the Oblates ministering in this parish: Fr. Tony, Fr. Jarek, Br. Dan, as well Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, and all the faithful, mark May 21 as the celebration of the life and legacy of St. Eugene de Mazenod the founder of the OMI Congregation and the patron on our De Mazenod Door Outreach ministry here at St. Patrick.

Please join the Oblates for the LIVE streamed Mass of Thanksgiving on Thursday, May 21 at 12:15 pm
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VICTORIA DAY WEEKEND

Wikipedia states "Victoria Day is a federal Canadian public holiday celebrated on the last Monday preceding May 25, initially in honour of Queen Victoria's birthday it is now celebrated as the official birthday of the current Queen of Canada."



This holiday, like almost every other event for the rest of this year, will be very different. As most of us have been on hiatus since the middle of March, this weekend, often referred to as the unofficial first week of summer, may not seem like a holiday. People are being discouraged from going to their cottages and here in the City of Hamilton, fireworks of any kind (even sparklers!) are not allowed. People with anxious pets and young children may be some of the only people relieved! Large gatherings are still verboten, as social distancing is still very much the order of the day.

So what's good about this holiday weekend? Lots!! People are now able to go to garden centres and pick out their own vegetable plants and flowers. The weather is expected to be warmer and people can more readily get outside. Blossoms are appearing everywhere and lawnmowers are being pulled from their space in the shed to cut the lovely lush green grass, that looks so much better than snow on the ground. You can hear the joyous sound of kids in their yards playing in the sun. The barbeque may be getting its first workout of this year, and the smell of hamburgers and hot dogs wafting in the air, will tantalize everyone's taste buds.

Things have changed for the time being, and hopefully next year on the Victoria Day Weekend, we can do things as we are used to doing them. But for now, let's enjoy the things we can and not lament the things we currently can't. If you are lucky enough to enjoy good health, you are amongst the blessed. For those of you not quite as lucky, please know we at St. Patrick pray for you and your families! Have a great weekend!

OBLATE NOVENA PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS 2020

A number of years ago, along with some of the members of St. Patrick Pastoral Team, I had an opportunity to participate in the Amazing Parish Conference. We learned lots of practical ideas of how to be relevant Church in the modern world. The purpose of this movement is described as; “The Amazing Parish exists to revitalize the Church by equipping her pastors and leaders with the training, resources and support they need to create vibrant and thriving parishes. Although every parish is unique, we’ve found that there are three common “building blocks” that form the foundation of an amazing parish.” Those blocks are: Prayer, Healthy Teamwork and Active Discipleship. And prayer is truly foundational for all strategies, vision and action.



We, as the Mazenodian Family, are often being reminded of the principal of prayer in our mission: “Oblate spirituality calls us to daily periods of silent prayer to rest in the Mystery of God. This experience makes us more generous in our vocational journey, in the way we relate to the poor and in apostolic community.” (Fr. Louis Lougen OMI: Letter to the Congregation on the Year of Oblate Vocations, December 8, 2017.)

It has become a tradition that the Oblate family unite in prayer for vocations during the Oblate Novena Prayer beginning on **May 21, the feast of St. Eugene de Mazenod, through May 29.** This year we’ll be LIVE streaming the novena prayer from St. Patrick Parish, in the inner-city of Hamilton, ON, every day at 11:00 am EDT. Tune in www.facebook.com/stpatrickshamilton or www.stpatrickshamilton.ca. Following the LIVE stream, the novena prayer will be also available on OMI Lacombe Canada Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/missionaryoblates

We will welcome some special guests though the week who will do some readings and reflection. You will also have a chance to “meet” the rest of the OMI Lacombe Canada Vocation Team.

- Day 1: Fr. Cornelius Ngoka – Assistant General for Formation
- Day 2: Fr. Susai Jesu – Oblate Vocation Team - West
- Day 3: Fr. Ken Thorson – Provincial of OMI Lacombe Canada
- Day 4: Fr. Arokia Vijay Deivanayagam – Oblate Vocation Team - Central
- Day 5: Serena Shaw – Oblate Vocation Team – Oblate Associate
- Day 6: Fr. Richard Beaudette – Oblate Vocation Team - East
- Day 7: Fr. Tony O’Dell – Pastor of St. Patrick Parish Hamilton, ON
- Day 8: Fr. Louis Lougen – Superior General
- Day 9: Bp. Douglas Crosby – Hamilton Diocese

Let’s unite in prayer and boldly ask for new vocations to the Oblate religious life and priesthood. Let’s “leave nothing undared”!

Fr. M Courvoisier wrote: “Nil linquendum est inausum ut proferatur imperium Christi...”, states the text of the Preface of our Constitutions and Rules of 1826. As a literal translation, I suggest: “We must overlook nothing, leaving nothing undared, to advance, to extend the reign of Christ”. This apothegm has sustained and presently sustains the missionary thrust of the Congregation.”

Novena Prayer (text): <https://frjarek.files.wordpress.com/2020/05/novena-prayer-2020.pdf>

Invitation Video: <https://youtu.be/IQdSNNLKXQg>

Grateful for all your prayers,
Fr. Jarek Pachocki OMI
Vocation Director



**ALL MASSES WILL BE LIVE STREAMED ON OUR
ST. PATRICK FACEBOOK PAGE:**

**stpatrickshamilton
AND OUR WEBSITE:
stpatrickshamilton.ca**

TUESDAY, May 19

12:15 PM Fr. Bill O'Brien

WEDNESDAY, May 20

St. Mary's High School Mass

12:15 PM All Souls in Purgatory especially
Deceased Members of FOSS

THURSDAY, May 21

Feast of St. Eugene de Mazenod

12:15 PM Manuel & Maria Medeiros dos Santos

FRIDAY, May 22

12:15 PM Special Int. Tom & Carol Kowalczyk
Marion Gallant

SUNDAY, MAY 24

11:30 AM & 7:15 PM
St. Patrick Parishioners and Friends

WEEKEND READINGS

FIRST READING:

Acts 8.5-8, 14-17

SECOND READING:

1 Peter 3.15-18

GOSPEL:

John 14.15-21

**"I will ask the Father, and he will give you
another Advocate."**

COLLECTION REPORT FOR

April 26, 2020

Collected from Envelopes	\$1,187
E-transfers	--
Pre-Authorized Collection	2,557
TOTAL	\$3,744

**"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:

- Patricia Budd

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

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DE MAZENOD DOOR OUTREACH

The Poor - The Marginalized - The Inner-City Youth

DeMazenod Door Sponsors



Since De Mazenod Door Outreach was deemed essential at the onset of the Corona-virus Covid-19 outbreak, we have remained open, 7 days a week. While a number of volunteers expressed their desire to take some time off, a great deal of folks stepped up and for that we are grateful. Two of our staff remain on-site as well, ensuring daily coverage inside the Door, constant security outside, always ensuring all principles and protocols are followed. It has been a constant emotional state of alertness and vigi-lance. Staying watchful and being prepared. Everyone remains on their toes, with both eyes open. There's no room for surprises. No room for error. A global pandemic calls for heightened awareness and cognizance at all times. Working at the Door is very humbling, but can also be exhausting, especially during such mentally challenging times.



YOU GOTTA
NOURISH
TO FLOURISH

One thing we have had to continually preach to our volunteers and each other, be-cause it's so easy to forget, is 'self-care'. Self-care has been extremely important over the past couple of months. Making sure to take care of our mental, emotional and physical health is absolutely vital. You can quite easily let your guard down, relax and forget to put your mask on, forget to stay six feet away from the person or persons you are working with, while practicing social distancing. Yet on the other hand, it's easy to stay in a heightened state of alert, which can be exhausting. There is so much to be mindful of.

Some of the things we need to remember are the importance of pacing yourself, getting exercise and trying your best not to excessively worry or be anxious. Ensuring you get enough sleep and eating right. The importance of taking a break - walk away for a few minutes when you need to clear your mind. Remembering to rely on your teammates. We might be putting in longer hours but making time for these activities can also help reduce the potential for burnout, which puts us at greater risk for getting sick. It's so important to keep your mind healthy. We cannot neglect our mental health during these times. This is a new experience for most of us and, understandably so, fear and anxiety for some are at an all-time high. Feelings of fear and anxiety are normal, making it important that we recognize our emotions. There are so many stressors that test our flexibility and adaptability. If we run on empty, how do we care for others let alone ourselves? We are happy to say that we at De Mazenod Door Outreach try to practice what we preach. At the end of the day, albeit very tired, we are well and ready for tomorrow when once again, we will open up to who knock at our Door.

A Prayer for Self-Care

Dear God and Archangel Raphael,
Thank you for giving me the courage, motivation,
and determination to take excellent care of myself.
Thank you for helping me to follow-through
on my intentions to enjoy wonderful health, fitness,
and happiness.

Angel Detox



Please remember to practice self-care. It's more than okay to reach out and ask for help if you're feeling overwhelmed by all of this new 'normal'. Remember to ask for support, evaluate, modify and then move forward.



MOST WANTED ITEM THIS WEEK:

EGGS, MARGARINE

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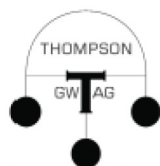
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