



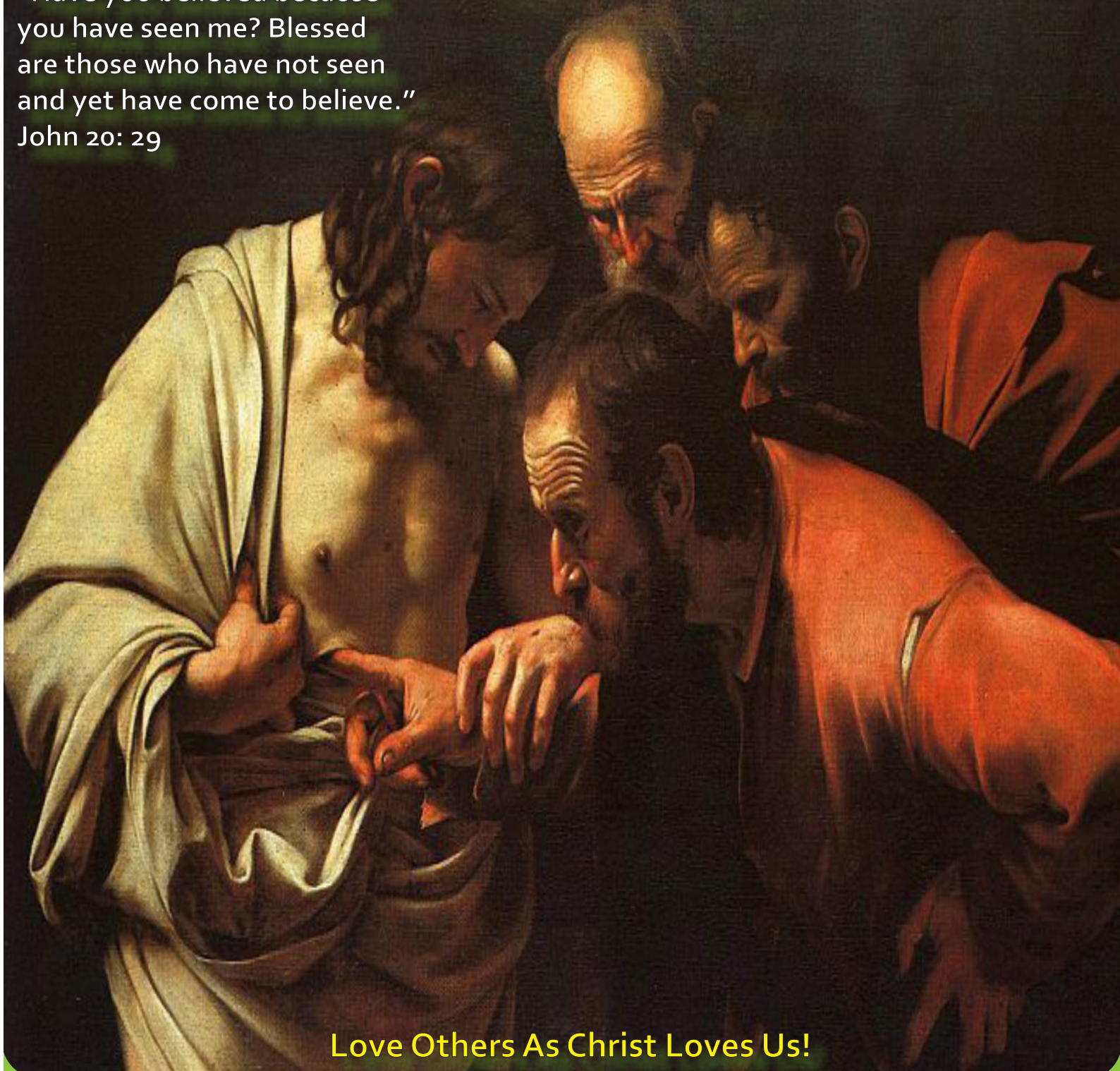
St. Patrick Parish

HAMILTON, ONTARIO

News From The Pews

"Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

John 20: 29



Love Others As Christ Loves Us!

April 11, 2021 - Divine Mercy Sunday

CELEBRATE OUR FAITH

Connect With Us

Website:

www.stpatrickshamilton.ca

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Mass Schedule

Weekend

Saturday | 5 PM

Sunday | 9 AM, 11:30 AM* & 7:15 PM*

Weekday

Tuesday to Friday | 12:15 PM*

The church is open for masses at 15% capacity. Pre-registration is required to attend weekend masses only.

*These masses are also live-streamed.

Sacraments

- The sacrament of reconciliation is available by appointment only.
- For more information about booking baptisms, weddings, marriage preparation, or other inquiries, please contact us.

Connect With Us



Parish Office Hours

Mon - Fri: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Location

Pastoral Centre

440 King St. East, Hamilton, ON L8N 1C6

Administrative Centre

20 Emerald St. South, Hamilton, ON L8N 2V2

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BEYOND THE WALLS

What Happens Here Doesn't Stay Here

CULTIVATING HOPE AT THE DE MAZENOD DOOR FARM

Over the last few weeks leading up to Easter, we have spent a lot of time talking about 'hope' and all of the goodness that Holy Week brings all the way up to Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday. As we make our way through this first week of Eastertide, that feeling of renewal and hope continues to grow.

There's a lot of talk of growth lately around St. Patrick's and De Mazenod Door. Specifically, there has been plenty of talk of growth in the form of ministry. De Mazenod Door grew this past year in the form of housing when we purchased our first home (Eugene's Place) to house six homeless men. It grew again when we housed our first newly arrived immigrant family from the Philippines (Eugene's Pad) and then once again when we were able to house yet another individual who hadn't had housing in more than 20 years (Eugene's Pad #2). This past week we were able to announce another endeavour with the launching of De Mazenod Door Farm. This one has been a year in the making with lots of hard, laborious work already invested into it. Through the generosity of the Diocese of Hamilton, St. Patrick's was afforded this amazing opportunity to cultivate a 19-acre farm in rural Ancaster. The idea has been played around with for a couple of years. These kinds of ideas usually start out with the thoughts of 'wouldn't it be great if' and end up in a pile on the cutting room floor. But not this one. This one had grit, and it stuck.

A year and a global pandemic later and, lo and behold, we have ourselves a farm! This amazing piece of land will enable us to grow fruits and vegetables for our own De Mazenod Door meal program. Those we serve - our brothers and sisters in Christ who are less fortunate than most of us - will be able to enjoy the fruits of our labour, literally.

In addition to fruits and vegetables, we have 36 big, beau-

tiful chickens. These 'ladies' as they've affectionately become known, are already producing delicious big brown eggs to be used for breakfasts for our De Mazenod Door guests. There are plans for a prayer garden, where souls can heal and lots of volunteer opportunities.



While we could have sat back this past year and waited while the world came to a literal standstill, we chose not to rest on our laurels. Instead, we decided to use this time that God gave to us, to gather the knowledge and information necessary to grow - and God willing, maybe even flourish.

Perhaps this was our time to really put to action Jesus' call for us to be fishers of men. If this isn't hope, I don't know what is.

By Diane Downey



De Mazenod Door Outreach

The Poor • The Marginalized • The Inner-City Youth



What a blessed Easter Sunday it was! Once again, Knights of Columbus Grand Knight and rock start volunteer, Dave Rogerson rose to the challenge by preparing all of our meals the entire Easter weekend, including Good Friday's fish & chips, Easter Sunday's magnificent meal of ham and scalloped potatoes and Easter Monday's beautiful chicken lunch. Our Easter luncheon was sponsored by a couple of other amazing volunteers, Jim Galvin & Kevin Kelly from our Friday BBQ crew! Thank you to every one of our volunteers who came out on the long holiday weekend to ensure that everything was taken care of and all meals were prepped and served to perfection. It truly does take a village!!



Also we received the very first fruits of 'their labour' from the 36 chickens who now call De Mazenod Door Farm, home! Several trays of beautiful farm fresh eggs have made their way to the Door to be cooked and served to our guests for hearty, healthy, protein filled eggs-in-a-basket breakfasts. The perfect way to start the day!



We thank everyone for their prayers, time, talents and treasures!

Friday BBQ

April 16, 2021

- Judith & James Sartor, in honor of DMDO guests
- Matthew Piatek
- Sue Hampson Strabac, in memory of Michael Hampson (1 year death anniversary)



Ways to Help



Volunteer: Call the office or email Diana (our Volunteer Coordinator) at dquildon@stpatrickshamilton.ca



Donate: To support this program, go to our website: www.stpatrickshamilton.ca and click GIVE

Most Wanted Items



Ziploc Bags

Yogurt



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VOCATIONS REFLECTION

GOD CALLS, USING MANY VOICES

*Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."
John 20:21*

It would be very simple to put all the focus on Thomas as we reflect on the story of this post-Resurrection appearance of Jesus; but that would do a disservice to the other disciples who were gathered in that house. We would also miss the importance of the need for the support of community in living out one's discipleship.

ALL the disciples were locked away out of fear. They were probably commiserating with each other about their lot, having lost their teacher and master; feeling dejected, alone and perhaps even despairing. Thomas, in a sense, symbolizes the mood, doubt and questioning of all the disciples.

Notice that Jesus chooses to appear to the whole community of disciples. He does not single them out and approach them one by one. Their faith and their discipleship will grow and be lived out in community, not in isolation. Each one will fulfill his or her vocation as a disciple in the context of the community of disciples, with the support, encouragement and care of all the others. It is as a community of disciples that Jesus sends them forth. True, each one will have to do their individual part in living out that vocation and each one will have to make a personal choice to respond to the call of Jesus. But it is done with the care and support, and in the context, of a community of disciples.

Reflecting on my own vocation as an Oblate, I can easily recognize that the call was communicated through the members of a small, rural parish community of which I was a member while living on the farm. The people of that community continually encouraged me to take leadership in the community, to share faith with them, to assist them to pray and celebrate as a small community that did not have a priest present on a regular basis. It was through their encouragement that I eventually (slow at catching on sometimes!) realized that God was calling me to religious life and priesthood.

I believe strongly that our parish communities play a vital role in calling and encouraging each member in their vocation – first of all as disciples of the risen Lord, and then in particular vocations within our Church. Each member of the community, and the community together, is called to listen for the voice of the Spirit and encourage members in their particular vocations.



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WEEKEND READINGS

April 11, 2021

1st Reading: Acts 4: 32-35

2nd Reading: 1 John 5: 1-6

Gospel: John 20: 19-31

"My Lord and my God!"

MORE WAYS TO GIVE

As a parish, we are striving to share Christ and His message of love with everyone. One of the main teachings of the Church is the importance of community - we would not be able to progress in our mission without you. Please consider supporting us financially through the following outlets:

1. Drop off or mail your donation envelopes to the secure mailboxes at the:

- Pastoral Center: 440 King St. East, Hamilton ON, L8N 1C6
- Administration Offices: 20 Emerald St. South, Hamilton ON, L8N 2V2

2. Canada Helps

- Please visit stpatrickshamilton.ca - at the top right hand corner of the page, you will see a tab to "Give." Hover over it and select "Donate Now" - this will take you to the Canada Helps website.
- Choose to give to the "General" fund. This will go towards supporting the parish.

3. E-transfer

- You can transfer your donation right from your bank account to the parish. Please transfer to parishoffice@stpatrickshamilton.ca

4. Pre-Authorized Giving

- This is the easiest method. Your chosen donation amount will automatically be withdrawn from your account at your chosen frequency.
- To set this up, please call our office at 905-522-9828 and ask to speak with Rita or pick up a form at our Administration Office or when you are here for mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday | Apr 13
12:15 PM

- Special Int: Barbara Peters
- Francesco "Frank" Basolini

Wednesday | Apr 14
12:15 PM

- Fedele Vario
- Marie Himmen

Thursday | Apr 15
12:15 PM

- Special Int: Ryan & Louella
- Alessandro & Luigia Marrancone

Friday | Apr 16
12:15 PM

- Theresa Ostrowski
- Lorenzo & Adela De Venecia

Saturday | Apr 17
5:00 PM

- Special Int: Paula Alexis
- Barbara Janicas

Sunday | Apr 18
9:00 AM

- St. Patrick Parishioners
- 11:30 AM
- Special Int: Alexis
- Noel Wickrama
- Joanne Theresa Andrews
- 7:15 PM
- Theresa Morneau
- Patrick Galvin

"All grace flows from mercy, and the last hour abounds with mercy for us. Let no one doubt concerning the goodness of God; even if a person's sins were as dark as night, God's mercy is stronger than our misery. One thing alone is necessary; that the sinner set ajar the door of his heart, be it ever so little, to let in a ray of God's merciful grace, and then God will do the rest." - St. Faustina

WEEKEND STATS: LIVE STREAM

April 1-4, 2021

MASS	In-Person	Facebook	Website
Holy Thursday, 7 PM	80	112	55
Good Friday, 3 PM	96	187	125
Stns. of the Cross, 7 PM	89	65	35
Easter Vigil, 8 PM	77	105	67
Sun, 9 AM	83	-	-
Sun, 11:30 AM	99	137	118
Sun, 7:15 PM	73	94	49

WEEKEND STATS: COLLECTION

Apr 3-4, 2021

Collected from Envelopes	\$3,674
Easter & Easter Flowers	\$1,700
E-Transfer	\$1,108
Canada Helps	\$409
Pre-Authorized Giving	\$3,281
TOTAL	\$10,172

IN OTHER NEWS



The latest updates for the One Heart, One Soul Campaign here at St. Patrick Parish are as follows:

- Target: \$500,000
- Total Pledged to date: \$343,090 (68% of target)
- 98 pledges to date, 14 new this past week
- 23.3% parishioner participation

We are doing well so far! Please continue to join us – as a pledging parishioner or through prayers – as we strive to reach our target!

VOCATIONS CAFE



The next Oblate Vocations Café will take place on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 – 7:00pm Eastern Time. I will have a conversation with Sandy Prather, HOMI, Provincial Animator of Oblate Associates for OMI Lacombe Canada Province, about #OblateVocations as an Oblate Associate. It's

a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the DeMazenodian Family! The conversation will be LIVE streamed on the OMI Lacombe Canada Facebook Page fb.me/missionaryoblates and it will provide an opportunity to ask questions and fully engage in the conversation. Please invite your parishioners to tune in!

BANNS OF ORDINATION

Reverend Mr. Peter Samuel Robinson is scheduled to be ordained to the Priesthood at 11:00 AM on Sunday, May 1, 2021 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton, Ontario. If anyone knows of a serious cause why this ordination should not take place, please notify your Parish Priest.

Let us all pray that Reverend Mr. Peter Robinson will be a good and faithful servant of the Lord and His Church.

FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

For students of St. Patrick Catholic Elementary school and any parishioners who are of age, First Reconciliations and First Communions will be offered in the Fall of 2021. Please call in to the office to register your child(ren) as early as now.

The sacrament of Confirmation is scheduled here at a parish for Sun, Jun 13 and Sun Jun 20, 2021 at 1:30 PM. Those who are prepared to receive this sacrament are asked to call in to the office for more information and to register.



GRANT APPROVAL

We are happy to announce that St. Patrick Parish has been awarded a grant of \$15,000 from the Ex Corde Foundation for further renovations of our church building. We had applied for the grant in Feb 2021 and have just recently received a letter of approval. This grant will allow us to improve the exterior lighting of our church building. More importantly, it will financially alleviate the parish so that focus can be put towards the restoration and preservation of our beautiful stained-glass windows.