



# St. Patrick Parish

HAMILTON, ONTARIO

## News From The Pews

**Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" John 20: 17**

**Love Others As Christ Loves Us!**

**April 4, 2021 - Easter Sunday**



# CELEBRATE OUR FAITH

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### Website:

[www.stpatrickshamilton.ca](http://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

### Contact info

Phone: (905) 522-9828

Email: [parishoffice@stpatrickshamilton.ca](mailto:parishoffice@stpatrickshamilton.ca)

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## Parish Leadership Team

**Fr. Tony O'Dell, OMI** ([todell@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:todell@hamiltondiocese.com))

**Sherri Ramirez** | De Mazenod Door Outreach Coordinator

**Christina Crawford** | Music Director

**JC Asuncion** | EA to Fr. Tony - Youth Ministry Coordinator

## Pastoral Team

**Sr. Andrea Kowalczyk** | Liturgy Workshops

**Arthur Kara** | Facilities Operator

**Br. Dan Dionne, OMI** | Music Ministry

**Diana Quildon** | Volunteer Coordinator

**Diane Downey** | De Mazenod Door Outreach - Administrative Assistant

**Evelyn VanFleet** | Assistant Facilities Operator

**Ian Ford** | Director of Technology

**Karen Ford** | Office Assistant

**Katharine Bennett** | De Mazenod Door Outreach

**Louella Lacerna** | Office Assistant

**Rita Kara** | Office Administrator

**Lynne Pollard** | Sacristan

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Vocation Director

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# BEYOND THE WALLS

What Happens Here Doesn't Stay Here

## JESUS CHRIST IS OUR HOPE AND OUR JOY



HE IS  
RISEN

Easter 2020 will be remembered around here as the Easter that wasn't since we were forced to lockdown our beautiful 140+ year old wooden doors to the public for Masses for the first time ever. This was the case not just in our community of inner-city Hamilton, but throughout the entire Province. Since then, we have been praying and praying that Easter 2021 would not see history repeat itself.

It had been several weeks that we had been in the 'Red Zone', which allowed us to open to 30% of the church's capacity, when we received news on Monday of Holy Week that we are slipping back into the 'Grey Zone'. It was such a blessing to learn that this time around, 'Grey Zone' meant that churches are allowed to open to 15% capacity, rather than being completely locked down as before. We can celebrate Easter, the most important time in the Liturgical Calendar. Granted, it will be a smaller and simpler celebration, but a celebration, nonetheless. Perhaps the simplicity of this year's celebration is an invitation to us all to share in the suffering of Jesus during His Passion and Death.

There's a feeling of panic around the possibility of a second full lockdown. Our fingers are crossed. Prayers are being lifted up. All that remains is hope. Hope is what

Easter is all about. It isn't about the Easter Bunny or hunting for brightly coloured eggs. It's not about getting together with family and friends to enjoy a big turkey or ham dinner (although these are wonderful parts of our western traditions). Easter is about the death of Jesus on Good Friday and His triumphant resurrection on Easter Sunday.

We're worried or concerned about our doors being locked or mass being missed, but if we let our mind's wander back to the Last Supper and Good Friday, imagine what the 11 disciples and our Blessed Mother were feeling seeing Christ hanging on the cross. Total devastation. Many of us will find Easter to be yet another reminder of being asked to stay home, away from family and friends – the complete opposite of our traditions. What we really need to focus on is the joy that is promised through the resurrection of Christ – no matter how we end up celebrating this joy. That's what Easter is about. He made the ultimate sacrifice, all those years ago. Regardless of what colour zone we find ourselves in: whether we're open or locked up tighter than a drum, Jesus Christ has risen so that WE may have eternal life!

By Diane Downey



# De Mazenod Door Outreach

The Poor • The Marginalized • The Inner-City Youth



Organizing any kind of event lunch starts early at De Mazenod Door – months early! Fridays are very typical around here with BBQ being served – every Friday, but Good Friday! We began organizing months ago, working with Ken John, DMDO Board Chair & VP at Cathedral High School, ordering fish through their cafeteria program. Volunteers came in and made up a vat of tartar sauce and made sure we got all of the fish delivered so that they could be ready to go. We were also busy making up a huge container of coleslaw to go with it. We didn't stop there: What's Good Friday without hot cross buns for dessert? We coordinated with Grand Knight Dave Rogerson from KOC Council 1454 and chef extraordinaire at the Columbus Club of Hamilton, as well as Kate & Troy at Rebel's Rock Irish Pub who offered to fry up all of our French fries (home-made of course)! Dave ensured that all of our fish was fried to golden, delicious perfection! We aren't sure where we'd be without all of our community partners and volunteers. EVERYONE ensured that Good Friday was a GREAT success. Our guests are just as thankful as we are!



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

## Friday BBQ

April 9, 2021

- Patricia Amos, in memory of Doris Goodwin
- Dr. John Fabrizio, in service to the least of our brothers
- Lynne & Bill Di Francesco



## Ways to Help



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



**Donate:** To support this program, go to our website: [www.stpatrickshamilton.ca](http://www.stpatrickshamilton.ca) and click GIVE

## Most Wanted Items



Ziploc Bags

## Thank You To Our Sponsors!





## WEEKEND READINGS



**April 4, 2021**

**1st Reading:** Acts 10: 34a, 37-43

**2nd Reading:** Colossians 3: 1-4

**Gospel:** John 20: 1-18

*"According to the Scripture: Jesus must rise from the dead."*

## 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](http://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](mailto: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 6

12:15 PM

- May McTiernan
- Halina Tymrakiewicz
- Mary Jazvac

Wednesday | Apr 7

12:15 PM

- Steven Settle
- Frank Multan

Thursday | Apr 8

12:15 PM

- Special Int: Ryan & Louella
- Henry & Stanislawe Roguski

Friday | Apr 9

12:15 PM

- All Souls in Purgatory
- Marie Himmen

Saturday | Apr 10

5:00 PM

- Special Int: Paula Alexis

Sunday | Apr 11

9:00 AM

- St. Patrick Parishioners

11:30 AM

- Special Int: Paula Alexis
- Special Int: Marcel Guite
- Steve Settle

7:15 PM

- Deceased members of Belanovic and Butovic Families
- Peter Reilly

*"For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith." - Ephesians 14-17a*

## WEEKEND STATS: LIVE STREAM



Mar 27-28, 2021

MASS	In-Person	Facebook	Website
Sat, 5 PM	77	-	-
Sun, 9 AM	65	-	-
Sun, 11:30 AM	114	125	98
Sun, 7:15 PM	131	68	41

## WEEKEND STATS: COLLECTION



Mar 27-28, 2021

Collected from Envelopes	\$3,985
Easter & Easter Flowers	\$1,415
E-Transfer	\$230
Canada Helps	\$456
Pre-Authorized Giving	\$2,562
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,648</b>

## IN OTHER NEWS

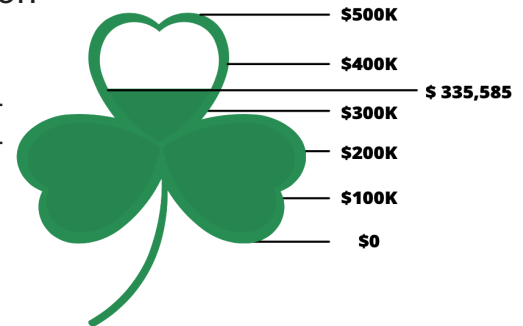


Here are the updates for the One Heart, One Soul Campaign as of Fri, Apr 2:

- Target: \$500,000
- Total pledged to date: \$335,585 (67% of target)
- 84 pledges to date, 12 New this past Week
- 20% parishioners participation

Any funds raised above the target means the parish gets 85% re-  
turn! We hope that you prayerfully consider supporting this cam-  
paign and we thank those who already have!

Please continue to pray for the success of this campaign!



## UPDATES FROM THE REST & HYGIENE STATION

We have begun to see an increase in the numbers of guests that visit the station. We are so blessed to have received so many donations and are, for the most part, fully stocked and have no storage space left! If, however, you are interested in supporting the station, we are happy to accept donations of pre-packaged snacks, NEW underwear (men's and women's) and NEW socks. Alternatively, you could volunteer your time – please contact the office if you are interested.

There will be a change in our operating schedule. We will no longer be open on the week-ends until further notice. So our operating schedule, effective immediately, is Mon-Fri, 2-5 PM.

As you know, the Station seeks to serve those in our community, but it isn't uncommon for us to see those same guests giving back to the church! Meet, Tony, a regular at our station. Two weeks ago, he so graciously offered to clean up the grounds and collect trash. By the end of the day, he was able to fill a whole garbage bag. Thank you, Tony! You are a blessing to our parish and our community!



## FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

For students of St. Patrick Catholic Elementary school and any parishioners who are of age to receive their First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation, the special masses have been planned for them here at the parish. First Reconciliations and First Communions will be offered in the Fall of 2021, however, you can call in to the office to register your child(ren) as early as now. Registration entails filling in a registration form and submitting a copy of their baptismal certificate. Once registered, you will be contacted in late summer/early fall with the specific dates.

The sacrament of Confirmation is scheduled to happen here at a parish on 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.

## SOMETHING NEW IS HAPPENING



Once more we've come to the high point of the church year in the midst of a pandemic. While churches in many parts will be open this Easter, most of us won't gather in person. Those of us who do will gather at a distance, our faces shrouded by protective masks. As they have been for so long now, our celebrations will be muted due to the necessary restrictions meant to keep us safe. There will be no processions, or communal singing. There will be no shared cup, no handshakes or hugs at the sign of peace. There'll be no blessing of Easter breads, and no post-mass brunches with friends and family.

Even more troubling, by the time we gather on Sunday more than 23,000 Canadians will have died from Covid-19; this in addition to more than 2.8 million of our brothers and sisters, world-wide. Moreover, while we're not always conscious of it, most of us are living with an undercurrent of anxiety about our own health and that of our loved ones. We tamp down fears about our finances, we worry about our elder sisters and brothers, and the other vulnerable people in our lives. In Kenya, many of our brother Oblates, along with the majority of the country, have gone into lockdown once again due to a severe spike in cases. On top of this, it is likely that the majority of Kenyans (along with most people in the Global South) won't have access to the vaccine until sometime in 2022 or even 2023. Just today, new lockdowns have been announced for parts of Quebec and all of Ontario. Significant restrictions remain in place in most other provinces and territories.

The past year has been filled with pain and loss, and at times I'm aware of a persistent weariness and sadness within me. I know it's tied to frustration and grief, and in the absence of the communal gatherings where ritual and stories can be shared, tears shed and hugs given, I'm not always sure what to do with it. I'm not alone in this; it's our shared experience. Many, if not most of us are tired and numb after a year of quarantines and lockdowns, and perhaps unsure of our resilience for the months ahead.

Our concerns extend beyond the pandemic: to racial divi-

sion and violence, the climate crisis and economic disparity. Recently, many of you expressed your anger and sadness at the recent pronouncements from the CDF about the blessing of same sex unions. It is sadly ironic that a statement about blessing was experienced almost universally by LGBTQ Catholics, their families and allies, and by many others, as a curse. A community already marginalized are left feeling more alienated than ever.

We worry too about our Oblate future. Throughout our Forward Together process many of you have expressed your anxiety at our aging Oblate membership, the lack of new, younger members (be they Oblates or Associates) and declining numbers in general, and what this means for the legacy of our Oblate presence in Canada.

With all that we've experienced and all we carry, I'm grateful that at the Easter Vigil this year we're given Mark's account of the resurrection. I find it instructive and comforting. With Mary Magdalene, Salome, and Mary the Mother of James, we hear the angel's words from inside the empty tomb; "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here." But in Mark's gospel, this good news of the resurrection isn't met with joy and belief, but with fear: "So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid." This is why I'm grateful for this story. The response of these three women seems so real. Confusion, fear and doubt drive them from the place where salvation just happened. Eventually, these first witnesses to the resurrection will come to faith and share their stories with others, but it will take time; this is the point of the story. An instinctive human response to uncertainty and change more often than not, is fear and withdrawal. In the midst of a wounded world, it's only with time spent in quiet and in sharing our stories with others, that we begin to see that something new is happening.



Farmers and gardeners know something of this. A few months back in the dead of winter just after Christmas,



# IN OTHER NEWS

(“SOMETHING NEW IS HAPPENING” CONTINUED)

Richard began to plant his seeds, and today once again, the windowsills at our house are filled with seedlings. In its time, from beneath the surface and slowly in the dark, new life emerges. Similarly, about two thousand years ago, the singular event in all history happened in a darkened tomb. Jesus rose from the dead. God brought life from death.

A recent e-meditation from Henri Nouwen (March 27 – <https://henrinouwen.org/1/>), expands on the theme. “We can deny the reality of life, or we can face it. When we face it not in despair, but with the eyes of Jesus, we discover that where we least expect it, something is hidden that holds a promise stronger than death itself. Jesus lived his life with the trust that God’s love is stronger than death

and that death, therefore, does not have the last word. He invites us to face the painful reality of our existence with the same trust.”

As we move through the Triduum into the early days of Easter, still in the midst of the pandemic, may we remember the resurrection is both a promise and an invitation: a promise that suffering and death are not the last word, and an invitation to be patiently present, to our own pain and that of the world; for it’s here that healing happens, and hope is born.

Happy Easter to you all!

By Fr. Ken Thorson, OMI  
Provincial – OMI Lacombe Canada

## FAITH AND SERVICE: CWL AT ST. PATRICK PARISH

Last summer Sherri Ramirez approached the CWL asking if we would be interested and able to crochet sleeping mats for the homeless of Hamilton. The need is there, especially during the pandemic, so we agreed to try our hand at it. Well, after much searching on YouTube, we were off and running workshops for the executive to get started.



The monthly collection of milk bags started, encouraging parishioners to participate in the project by saving their milk bags and bringing them in on collection weekend. It truly is a community project.

Members started to request individual workshops to jump on board the project as the summer moved on. Donna Robinson, Fioretta Marrancone, Evelyn Shoemaker and Marsha O’Connor launched into the first step, which is to wash the bags.

Marsha O’Connor, Andrea Fackelmann, Diane Durney and Mary Crawford stepped up to cut strips and loop them together, creating mountains of plarn for the crochet team.



Finally, Donna Robinson, Fioretta Marrancone, Christina Babcock and Evelyn Shoemaker started putting the plarn to work crocheting the sleeping mats. Donna and Fioretta completed a mat each and they were presented to the Hamilton Social Navigator team for distribution on St Patrick’s Day.



Work continues on all fronts as our crocheters have already begun another mat. After all, 2 mats will only put a dent in the current need within the homeless community.

If you are interested in joining in this worthwhile project, please email [cwlstpatrickhamilton@gmail.com](mailto:cwlstpatrickhamilton@gmail.com).



A huge THANK YOU to everyone involved in making this project a huge success!



## BISHOP CROSBY'S EASTER MESSAGE



DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

Easter 2021

My dear friends,

*"He is not here; He has been raised!"*

What a breathtaking message the young man dressed in a white robe imparted to the women who had come to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus! At that moment everything changed – for them – for us! At that moment Jesus' teaching took on a new authority, a new power. Because of this event the followers of Jesus, at that time and throughout the past 2000+ years, have witnessed reassuring miracle upon miracle proving that He lives – and truly helps us to "live fully"!

Mary Magdalene – the Apostle of the Apostles – was the first to announce the Good News to his followers. Certainly, the lives of Peter and the closest disciples of Jesus were changed immediately. And when filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, they set out to proclaim that Good News "to the ends of the earth"!

Because "He has been raised", He is still doing awesome healing works, lifting us up, freeing us, saving us! The miracle of new life is always a blessing – the promise of a future filled with hope. The dedication and commitment of health-care workers during these pandemic days, even in the midst of suffering and death, has been inspirational – and life-giving! My brother tells me that my niece is planning to study epidemiology! I hope she does – I hope other young people are so inspired!

I am always astounded by the outreach of so many to assure the well-being of people who are challenged in many ways. The Good Shepherd Ministries, the DeMazenod Door, Wayside House, the Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton, Catholic Family Services, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, The Bridge, Rygiel Supports, the Catholic Youth Organization – and there are so many other good works – all providing supports for people who reach out for a helping hand. Filled with the Spirit of Jesus, they go about "lifting up", providing opportunities for a fresh start.

The pandemic has shone the spotlight on the importance of care for our senior sisters and brothers – those who have provided us with the blessings we experience in our lives. We understand that we have a responsibility to assure their well-being no matter their age. Migrant farm workers leave their homes and families to work on farms in our communities to assure that the "food chain" is safe so we can enjoy nourishing meals. They, too, must be supported by our caring outreach. His rising from the dead provides us the grace and courage to do so joyfully!

My dear friends, we are only too aware of the misery and suffering of our world – of our lives. The message of the young man at Easter assures us that "there is something happening here" which makes life worth living. That, precisely, is our HOPE – life does not end – rather it goes on; because we are His sisters and brothers, we are His heirs! Alleluia!

Sincerely in the Risen Christ and Mary Immaculate,

*+Douglas Crosby*, OMI

(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI  
Bishop of Hamilton