



St. Patrick Parish

HAMILTON, ONTARIO

News From The Pews

“He also said, with what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nest in its shade.”(Mark 4:30-34)



Love Others As Christ Loves Us!

June 13, 2021 - 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

CELEBRATE OUR FAITH

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Website:

www.stpatrickshamilton.ca

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fb.me/stpatrickshamilton

Mass Schedule

The church is OPEN for in-person masses to a 15% capacity. Seating is on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Weekend

Sat | 5 PM

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

Weekday

Tues to Fri | 12:15 PM*

*Live streamed via our Facebook page and website.

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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Fr. Tony O'Dell, OMI (todell@hamiltondiocese.com)

Sherri Ramirez | De Mazenod Door Outreach Coordinator

Christina Crawford | Music Director

JC Asuncion | EA to Fr. Tony, Youth Ministry, RCIA

Pastoral Team

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Arthur Kara | Facilities Operator

Br. Dan Dionne, OMI | Music Ministry

Diana Quildon | Volunteer Coordinator

Diane Downey | De Mazenod Door Outreach - Administrative Assistant

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BEYOND THE WALLS

What Happens Here Doesn't Stay Here

MOVING THROUGH AND TRUE, TOGETHER!

I'm petrified to say it, but there's a possibility that the worst of what we have experienced over the last year and a half might truly be behind us. Just maybe. This-can't-be-real-life...

While research continues about the psychological effect of this pandemic, many have talked about the difficulty of managing the stress, despair and trauma that have resulted from facing COVID-19 while being isolated from loved ones and their loss of regular routines. Now, after months of lockdown, some people are struggling with a different kind of anxiety: the fear of going back outside and those who may have worked remotely over that same time period have found a new comfort zone and are not ready to be pulled out of that. As our country opens up and quarantines ease up, how do we move forward, mentally? When infection rate, hospitalization numbers, and other key factors allow for a safe reopening, that's an irrefutable cause for celebration. YES! But the idea of eating beside people in restaurants or going to the hair salon or sitting in a pew next to someone at Mass might make you anxious.

There is a lot of uncertainty about what's safe and what's not right now. Despite the inconsistent information, three steadfast medical recommendations have remained constant for several months - maintain at least six feet of physical distance from others, wear a face covering, mask or face-shield in public, and wash your hands regularly. Now, using your sleeve to open a door and avoiding touching surfaces is common practice or pushing an elevator button with your

key. We are going to have to figure out strategies for living in this grey area. I don't think it's going to be clear-cut that a certain activity is absolutely safe or way too dangerous, either. A lot of the path forward is going to be figuring out what risks you're willing to take because they make your life better, and what risks feel too unsafe. Fear of infection isn't the only type of re-entry anxiety. While some people are eager to resume get-togethers, those with a history of social anxieties are experiencing a particularly difficult time readjusting. We sort of adapted to a version of social life through Zoom, but a lot of us are out of practice just being with people.

I think what we need to remember most is that we're all in this together and that it's absolutely okay to take baby steps. To ask for support. We've been through the mill - all of us and it's going to take some time to find our way back to our comfortable place. Go easy on yourself and on each other. Have patience. Be kind. Pray. Breathe. You can see a smile even behind someone's mask. Look at their eyes.

By Diane Downey





De Mazenod Door Outreach

The Poor • The Marginalized • The Inner-City Youth



BBQ Sponsorships have been going so well this past year that we are actually now booking into December and soon into 2022! This isn't a bad thing at all!! We are very grateful to those who continue to support this 'favourite day of the week' for our guests. Due to the pandemic we didn't have the opportunity to increase the BBQ sponsorship cost in order to cover the actual expenses, so we're extremely grateful to those who help fund our BBQ's to cover the extra expenses.

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

Friday BBQ

June 18, 2021

- Catherine Peters, in honor of Uncle & Godfather, Henry Kaszuba
- Lisa Cheeseman, in memory of her husband Randy & in honor of their 40th Wedding Anniversary



As well, we continue to seek out 'Pizza Day' sponsors to enable us to purchase another dozen pizzas to add to the dozen we already receive from Dominos every single Tuesday. This helps to ensure that everyone gets a slice, which makes a big difference to those waiting their turn in line.

Ways to Help



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



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

Most Wanted Items

Large containers of Mayonnaise & Mustard



Thank You To Our Sponsors!



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Faith in people.



PX DERMODY FUNERAL HOMES



Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board
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VOCATIONS REFLECTION

I HAVE A MUSTARD SEED AND I'M NOT AFRAID TO USE IT

In the spring this year, our parish of St. Patrick here in Hamilton, ON launched the De Mazenod Farm, yet another outreach initiative to help the poor and marginalized in the inner-city. The farm grows produce, houses bee hives and raises egg-laying chickens to provide food for Hamilton's hungry who visit the De Mazenod Door, 365 days a year. The goal is to create a sustainable source of healthy, locally-grown food for our guests, to produce a whole bounty of goodness and cultivate a community of love and compassion.



The farm is my favorite place to spend time, to escape physically and mentally, to find hope in the times of "bad news", and the overwhelming experience of the pandemic.

It's amazing to witness first-hand how nature can bring hope. The last couple of weeks I spent with Father Tony and other volunteers, planting seeds. So far, we planted squash, zucchinis, melons, cucumbers, turnip and, of course, Newfoundland's cousin turnip greens! A variety of seeds were "buried" under the earth with the hope of a fruitful harvest.

Every time I visit the farm, the first thing I do is check on the fields to see if the plants, initially hidden under the ground, are coming to life. It's a beautiful miracle of nature to watch! Just like today's Gospel describes

it: "someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head." (Mark 4:26b-28)

Jesus uses this image to teach us a powerful message of hope, resilience and transformation through little acts of kindness. "It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." (Mark 4:31-32)

Pope Benedict XVI once said, "I have a mustard seed and I'm not afraid to use it."

We all have those small seeds of goodness in our hands and our hearts. It might be a simple word of kindness, a listening ear of empathy, a tear shared with the broken and hurt. It might be a shared gift of talent, time or treasure with those in need. It might be a heartfelt apology and also forgiveness to those who hurt us. It might be a prayer offered for others or a small sacrifice for the intention of another. It might be many things - there are a lot of seeds of goodness that should be planted to bring truth, healing and reconciliation. We have a mustard seed - let's not be afraid to use it!

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WEEKEND READINGS



June 13, 2021

1st Reading: Ezekiel 17: 22-24

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10

Gospel: Mark 4: 26-34

"It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth."

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 | Jun 15
12:15 PM

- May McTiernan

Wednesday | Jun 16
12:15 PM

- Special Int: Alicia Amaranto (89th Birthday)
- Living and Deceased Relatives of the Felician Sisters

Thursday | Jun 17
12:15 PM

- Special Int: For the poor, hungry and homeless

Friday | Jun 18
12:15 PM

- Michael Kowalczyk

Saturday | Jun 19
5:00 PM

- Ann Adams

Sunday | Jun 20
9:00 AM

- St. Patrick Parishioners
- Special Int: Nathaniel Chow

11:30 AM

- Manuel Roque
- Mariano Pereira

7:15 PM

- Walter Lopata
- Noel Wickrama

"I am not capable of doing big things, but I want to do everything, even the smallest things, for the greater glory of God."

- St. Dominic Savio

WEEKEND STATS: ATTENDANCE



Jun 6, 2021

| MASS | In-Person | Facebook | Website |
|---------------|-----------|----------|---------|
| Sat, 5 PM | - | - | - |
| Sun, 9 AM | - | - | - |
| Sun, 11:30 AM | - | 109 | 71 |
| Sun, 7:15 PM | - | 64 | 45 |

WEEKEND STATS: COLLECTION



Please check back next week for a 2 week summary of Collection Stats. Thank you!



IN OTHER NEWS



We continue to be amazed at the generosity and support of parishioners and friends for the One Heart, One Soul Campaign here at St. Patrick Parish! There surely is no shortage of blessings and goodness around here!

Here are our stats to date:

- Target: \$500,000
- Total Pledged to date: \$647,365 (129.5% of target)
- 154 pledges to date, 1 new this past week
- 37% parishioner participation

God is good! If you are contemplating supporting the campaign here at the parish, we encourage you prayerfully take the leap! We build a stronger parish and community if we build it together.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: AN APPEAL FOR SUPPORT

Do you want to help people in need? Do you want to put your Faith into Action?

The Society of Saint Vincent De Paul needs your support!

You can help by volunteering, providing financial assistance or by starting a conference in your Parish.

Please see our newsletter here:

<https://www.ssvphamiltonpc.org/SSVP-HAM-Newsletter1.pdf>

God bless you!



A UNIQUE FATHER'S DAY GIFT IDEA



We began a fundraising campaign this past week in honour of Father's Day; asking the question "What do you give the guy who has everything? How about something for the guy who has nothing". If you're interested in donating or purchasing a Father's Day Card, please visit our Facebook page or Website for more information.

DE MAZENOD FARM PLANT SHARE



Thank you to the CWL of St. Augustine who donated 3 car loads of plants, flowers, succulents and vegetables that were left over from their plant sale! Your generosity to the Farm is much appreciated!



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BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Parenting Tip 130:

June is a good time to help your children reflect on the successes and challenges of the past school year. God provides every person with gifts to use in the world and it is good to remind your children that we are called to use our God-given gifts. Ask them to reflect on the gifts they see in themselves and share the gifts you see in them. Help them realize that they are indeed special and have good things to offer to others in their lives.



MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH



Marriage Tip 110:

Marriages that have lasted over many years give gifts to future generations since it allows them to both look back and grow forward. Long-lasting marriages are a living example of what it means to have enduring love; they hope. Marriage is at the heart of family, so celebrate your marriage milestones – tell stories of the good times, the times you persevered and the joy of older love. These are important

legacies to leave your children and grandchildren!

Marriage Support



Is your marriage experiencing more trouble than joy, feeling stagnant or disconnected and/or Causing you worries? The solution is Retrouvaille - a program for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. Retrouvaille has one purpose: to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving partnership. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves, designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It also works well for couples who may be considering separation or divorce. Retrouvaille is offering their weekends by zoom offering more possibilities for engagement. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com.

Do you need support after an abortion?

Either your own, or someone else's? Do you feel alone, emotional, or angry? Project Rachel is available to help. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings on an individual basis, with a trained counsellor, to find hope and healing. Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.



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Peace starts here

HEART TO HEART

*Excerpts for Bishop Douglas Crosby's Newsletter
Published on June 4, 2021*



THE SHOCKING DISCOVERY OF 215 UN-MARKED CHILDREN'S GRAVES at the former Kamloops Residential School has shaken and upset the country. Wounds are reopened and we suffer with our Indigenous brothers and sisters who experienced this dark chapter in our history. Silent memorials have sprung up across the country, including at some of our churches. They remind us to pray for rest for those who were lost, and for healing for those who remain. Statements from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate are included on the Diocesan website. Statements from Cardinal Thomas Collins (Toronto) and Archbishop Michael Miller (Vancouver) are included here.

THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE has been "travelling" virtually during these pandemic months, thanks to the good work of Bridget Ker, Coordinator. She has presented to 15,000 to 17,000 students "providing an inspiring message of hope and transformation. Her presentations are engaging, lively and allow the student's voice to be heard through her ability to engage with their questions. Many parents and grandparents, at home with the students, were also able to share in the message by hearing and seeing what was happening". A good news story indeed!

CONGRATULATIONS TO BISHOP ANTHONY TONNOS who celebrated the 60th anniversary of his priestly ordination on May 27th. The Diocese of Hamilton has benefitted from more than half of those years, most of them served as Bishop of the Diocese. May God grant good health and much happiness to this good and faithful servant!

THE PERMANENT DIACONATE FORMATION PROGRAM continues this weekend "virtually". Mr. David Dayler is speaking to 1st Year Candidates on Adult Faith Formation. Father Adrian Lee, Judicial Vicar, will speak about the Canonical Norms on Marriage. Despite the challenges of the pandemic restrictions, the year of preparation continued successfully. All look forward to resuming formation "in person" in September.

STUDENTS IN THE FIRST YOUTH MINISTRY CERTIFICATE PROGRAM offered by the Diocese, in conjunction with Dayton University, concludes its two year program this week with their final course. Thank you for your dedication to this experience and for your service to the young people in the Diocese. Congratulations on the successful completion of the program!

**OUR LADY OF THE ANNUNCIATION,
PRAY FOR US!**

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