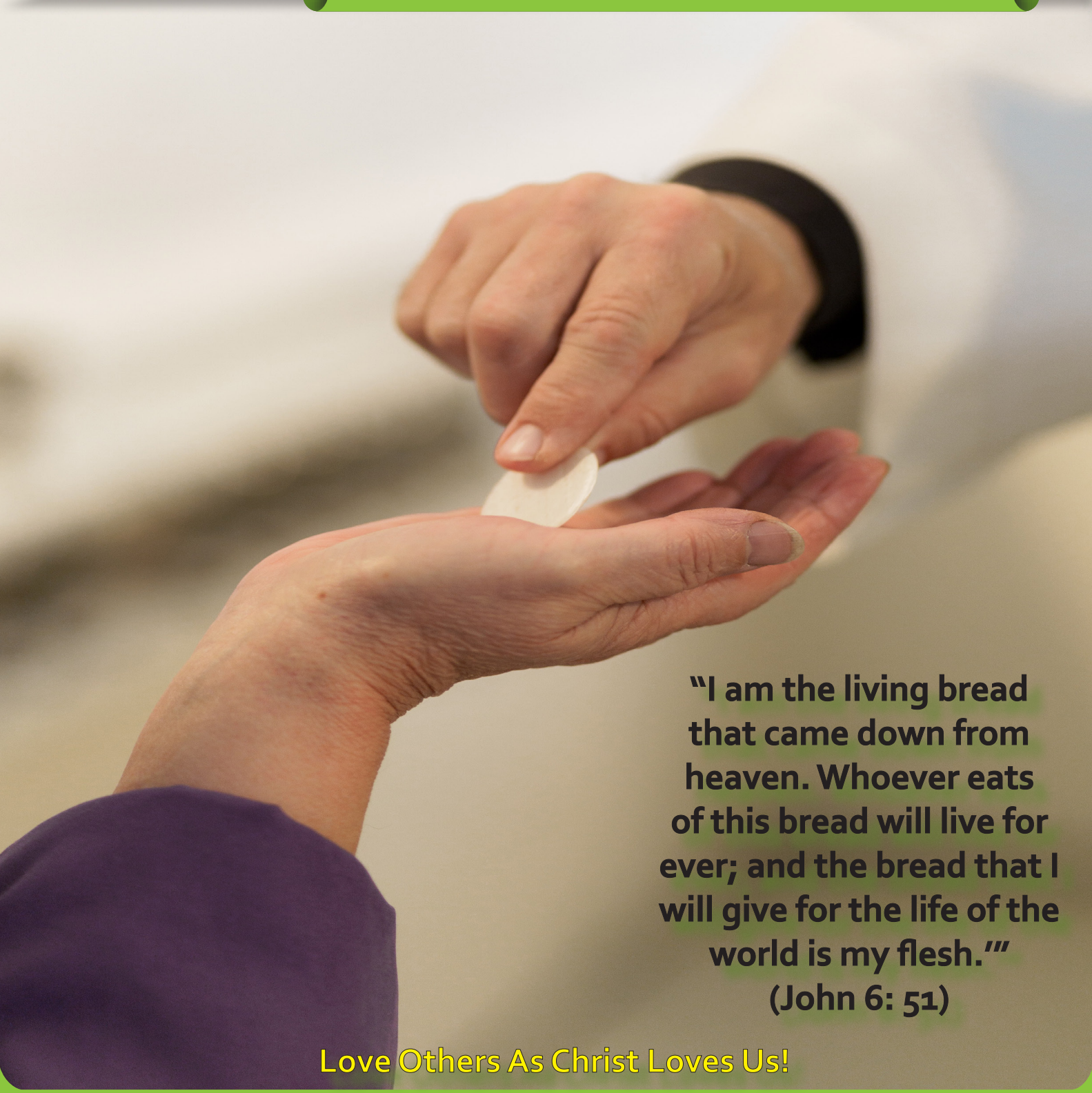




St. Patrick Parish

HAMILTON, ONTARIO

News From The Pews



**"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."
(John 6: 51)**

Love Others As Christ Loves Us!

August 8, 2021 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

CELEBRATE OUR FAITH

Connect With Us

Website:

www.stpatrickshamilton.ca

Facebook:

fb.me/stpatrickshamilton

LIVE-Stream Mass Schedule

The church is OPEN for in-person masses. Social distancing and safety precautions remain in effect. Seating is first-come-first-serve.

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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BEYOND THE WALLS

What Happens Here Doesn't Stay Here

LET GOD.

It almost seems silly to now be writing on the importance of self care when we've all just endured 16 months of stress and anxiety over something none of us could control, however here we are.

Although our physical health might seem to be withstanding and weathering the storm we've come through, our mental health hasn't been as tolerable. As human beings, we aren't built to sustain months and months of fear and trepidation. While we have proven that we can do it and get through it, that doesn't mean we made it unscathed. There are definitely some scars that require empathy, understanding and a whole lot of compassion.

Taking time for self care isn't selfish or indulgent or superficial. It's an important part of our overall health and well-being. This isn't the time to be hearing 'get over it' or 'why aren't you smiling'. Life's hard as it is. Not everyone sees what people are dealing with behind the scenes in life or the struggles that people carry day to day - this is all on top of the unfathomable anxiety that the global pandemic has given us.

So how do we go forward from here? How do we adapt to this new tension laden life we're all living? Faith. It's the one thing that we all have collectively and mutually. I can hear the words echoing in my head - 'let go and let God'. So simply said, but it takes strong will and determination and a whole lot of grace.

One of the hashtags that came from the pandemic, or at least I don't remember seeing it prior, was #faithoverfear. We said it. We preached it. We used it all over social media and we even adorned the masks we wore with it emblazoned on them, but sometimes feeling it took great effort. Remember the really old Christmas movie, *Miracle on 34th Street*? There was a line in that movie that said 'faith is believing in something when common sense tells you not to'. Well common sense was telling us all to stay home and hide under our beds for a year and a half to ensure our safety, while scientists were saying

'wear your mask, social distance, wash your hands' but faith was quietly saying 'breathe and we will get through this together'.

Faith helps us to recharge and refuel and one of the best ways to do that is through daily prayer. A few minutes of quiet time alone spent talking to Jesus grounds us. Especially when we're overthinking, dissecting and over-analyzing the things that bring us anxiety and angst. It isn't just our body and our mind that needs self care. Our spirit can become overwhelmed as well. We need to become advocates for our own personal health because if we have nothing of ourselves to give to others, then we won't be able to fulfil our life's purpose.

Whether it's serving God and others through our job or other efforts, we first need to make sure our well has water so we can serve it to others. Faith will help us to fill that cup, when the worries of the world seem to drain it. So today let your faith be bigger than your fear. Let go and let God.



By Diane Downey



De Mazenod Door Outreach

The Poor • The Marginalized • The Inner-City Youth



What an incredibly exciting week it was at the De Mazenod Door last week! First off, Pizza Tuesday was made better because it was sponsored, meaning that double the usual amount of pizza was available and everyone was able to have a slice! It is such a big hit and a treat for our guests. Thank you to Rita & Paul Leonard for their generosity! We are on the lookout for more Pizza Tuesday sponsors!

On July 28th we hosted the World Hepatitis Day event with Care Haven & Liver Care Canada, Public Health & The Aids Network. Folks were on hand with tons of information about liver disease and did on site testing for Hep C and AIDS. Mental health & addiction support and referrals were also provided. It was a great event!



On July 29th we held the first Pet Pantry with VCA Canada East Side Animal Hospital since the pandemic began. Veterinarians, vet assistants & folks from Purina were here handing out pet food, providing consults and giving

nail trims – all free for our furry guests! They were an awesome help to our guests & neighbours and their beloved pets.

Thank you to all for walking the walk!

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

Friday BBQ

August 13, 2021

- Hailey, McKenna & Hannah Guilbeault
- Priyanka Comfort

August 20, 2021

- Terry Wallace & Stella Curtis in memory of James Curtis



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



Hot Chocolate

Thank You To Our Sponsors!



DIocese of HAMILTON



NO FREE BREAD!

“Sir, give us bread always.” John 6:34

NOTE: This is a reflection on last weekend's mass readings for the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (1st Reading: Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15, 31a; 2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; Gospel: John 6: 24-35).

We continue the Bread of Life cycle of readings and today's passages from Exodus and the Gospel of John illustrate our best and our most tragic potential.

Rather than rejoicing in their freedom from slavery and looking ahead to a brighter future, the people of Israel grumble and complain against God and Moses. There is no bright light at the end of the tunnel of this treacherous desert journey; they can only grumble about the wonderful menus of their slave days, forgetting the harshness of their lives under forced labour. They are ready to revolt and return to slavery in Egypt. God holds out the promise of life in a “land of milk and honey”, guides and protects them along the way, provides for all their needs and they refuse to grasp the promise and do the necessary work



to realize that promise in their lives. There is no freedom without the journey, but they don't want to make the journey.

So too, the people in Jesus' day focus on the free lunch and hope that this “bread”, this free gift will continue. No more need to work for the bread they eat! What could be better? Their focus is on what Jesus can give them, not what Jesus is calling them to become. They are unable to see beyond the gift of physical food that they received and respond to the call to conversion, to receive the food that will nourish this new way of living.

The story of the feeding of the crowd and its subsequent events calls us to reflect on the gifts God gives us and how we are called to use those gifts if we truly want to live as disciples. Just as Jesus takes the humble gift of a few loaves and a couple of fish, transforming the generosity of the person who shared that small gift into something that is nourishing for so many, so are we called to do likewise. As we celebrate and receive the Eucharist we are given the gift of God's care, love, compassion, mercy and to share those gifts generously in our daily living. This is our call, our vocation – to do what Jesus did when he fed the crowd with that small gift.

We pray that the Body of Christ in the Eucharist feeds the Body of Christ, the Church and that we in turn will feed the world in its hunger for the gifts of God.

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WEEKEND READINGS



August 8, 2021

1st Reading: 1 Kings

19: 4-8

2nd Reading:

Ephesians 4:30 - 5:2

Gospel: John 6: 41-51

August 15, 2021

1st Reading: 1

Chronicles 15: 3-4,15-16; 16:1-2

2nd Reading: 1

Corinthians 15: 54-57

Gospel: Luke 11: 27-28

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 stpattickshamilton.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@stpattickshamilton.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



Tues, Aug 10 | 12:15 PM

- Special Int: Robert & Josie Lombardi
- Artur Melo
- Lorenzo & Adela De Venecia

Wed, Aug 11 | 12:15 PM

- Special Int: Donna & Heinz
- Special Int: Dale & Family

Thurs, Aug 12 | 12:15 PM

- Special Int: Sister Eileen Brunton, CSSF
- Maria & Pasquale Cosco

Fri, Aug 13 | 12:15 PM

- Aniello & Anita Lombardi
- Leanne & Christopher Thompson

Sat, Aug 14 | 5:00 PM

- Joseph Vamos
- Deceased Members of the Castonquay Family
- Jaime and Leonor Manrique

Sun, Aug 15

9:00 AM

- St. Patrick's Parishioners

11:30 AM

- Teresa Di Sipio
- Joseph Nakazi

7:15 PM

- Special Int: Anne & Jim Brideau
- Jane De Koning

- Richard Mallais
- Ernie Soriano

Tues, Aug 17 | 12:15 PM

- Conceicao Pereira
- Sandro Ragona & Vivien Massotti

Wed, Aug 18 | 12:15 PM

- Josip Rataic
- Mark Ajandi & Cathy Louise Baldwin

Thurs, Aug 19 | 12:15 PM

- Gord Downey & Rino Pirro
- Joanne Devlin & Salvatrice Greco

Fri, Aug 20 | 12:15 PM

- John Joseph Morneau

Sat, Aug 21 | 5:00 PM

- Stanislawe & Henry K. Roguski
- Natividad Salapare
- Manuel Antonio Valentim

Sun, Aug 22

9:00 AM

- St. Patrick's Parishioners

11:30 AM

- Domenico Versace & DeLeonardo Family
- Teresa Di Sipio
- John & Emilia Moniz and the Moniz Family

7:15 PM

- Walter Lopata
- Frank Vardy

WEEKEND STATS: COLLECTION



Jul 26 & Aug 1, 2021

Collected from Envelopes	\$7,340
E-transfer	\$590
Canada Helps	\$825
Pre-Authorized Collection	\$5,763
TOTAL	\$14,518

IN OTHER NEWS



We continue to see support come in for the One Heart, One Soul Campaign here at St. Patrick Parish! Here are the new starts as of this Fri, Aug 6, 2021:

- Target Goal: \$500,000
- Amount Pledged: \$665,815 (133.2% of target)
- 160 pledges received to date (38.5% parishioner participation)

It is such a blessing to have generous parishioners and friends such as yourselves who are so ready to support a great cause such as this. These efforts are for building a strong parish and a strong Diocese.

CALLING ALL MOMS!

We are so happy to introduce a new ministry here at St. Patrick Parish: a Catholic Mom's Group! Led by Teresa Wight and Christina Crawford, this group promises to walk in faith with moms of the parish. The group will meet every 2nd Sunday of the month at 2 PM in the chapel starting in September 2021. If you are seeking to experience community, support, growth, prayer, joy and laughter, please join us!



For inquiries or more information, please email momsgroup@st-patrickshamilton.ca

WEEKEND STATS: ATTENDANCE

Jul 24-25 & Jul 31-Aug 1, 2021

MASS	In-Person	Facebook	Website
Sat, Jul 24, 5 PM	67	-	-
Sun, Jul 25, 9 AM	58	-	-
Sun, Jul 25, 11:30 AM	120	60	40
Sun, Jul 25, 7:15 PM	101	50	24
Sat, Jul 31, 5 PM	87	-	-
Sun, Aug 1, 9 AM	73	-	-
Sun, Aug 1, 11:30 AM	61	70	41
Sun, Aug 1, 9 AM	127	57	20

TO INFORM, TO ENCOURAGE, TO HEAL

His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, OMI has written and released a Pastoral Letter titled: To Inform, To Encourage, To Heal. You can find this letter, along with other resources, such as a brief history of Residential Schools in Canada, Expressions of Apology and Actions and Commitments towards reconciliation at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/residential-schools/>

Please note that these materials are constantly being updated to reflect the reality of the situation.

