



St. Patrick Parish

HAMILTON, ONTARIO

News From The Pews

"Today this scripture has been
fulfilled in your hearing."
(Luke 4: 21)

Love Others As Christ Loves Us!

January 23, 2022 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

CELEBRATE OUR FAITH

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Website:

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Mass Schedule

The church is OPEN for in-person masses to 50% capacity. Seating is on a first-come-first-serve basis - there is no need to register.

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.

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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

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Arthur Kara | Facilities Operator

Br. Dan Dionne, OMI | Music Ministry

Diana Quildon | Volunteer Coordinator

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BEYOND THE WALLS

What Happens Here Doesn't Stay Here

INFLUENCES BEYOND THE WALLS

If I listen to, and take as absolute truth everything I was told, I think I'd be a confused person because there are so many exceptions and contradictions. What then should I just filter out? With the speed that information is flying around us these days, it's hard to know what I can safely absorb and process. Experts say that the human brain is a remarkable thing and that we really haven't reached more than 10% of its potential yet. While this may be true, the things we absorb, useless or valid, must be processed and stored. Becoming aware of what we are allowing in demands that we become mindful of information that may influence us.

Mindfulness is simply raising our awareness to a conscious level so we can acknowledge it and either accept it or not. It is a form of therapy that asks us to merely slow down and calmly reflect on what is impacting us daily. Often, it is things that we take for granted; like breathing. It is my belief that by taking some time to do this, I can decrease my anxiety and make better decisions in my life. It is hard to step aside or block the steady flow of information in order to get my bearings straight if I am unaware. The flow of Information feels like a fire hose that is blasting me, but if I remove myself from the stream, I could miss some very valuable information. Without having any real control of the rapid flow, I may eventually feel like I just got drenched and almost everything that was coming at me has gone down the drain. I may retain a few things but seldom will much of any value affect me in a coherent way.

The question I am left with is: Do I stand in the stream hoping for the truth or do I remove myself from the flow of information and come back to it later to decide what was true or not? It is a decision of whether I should seek more information or simply move on. If I had to grade the significance of many things I encounter, I would have to give a hard pass on a great deal of it. This leads me to prioritize what I can choose to spend time on.

From what is said, if we look back at the lifestyle we may have had when we were younger or even at our parent's past, things were better in many ways. Technology has since descended upon us and life has become so full of

unending choices that we can hardly have an appreciation of all our modern conveniences. From what I see, we live in a fast paced, disposable and entitled world. The last 50 years of existence for humanity have left little time to process the impact of what we are doing or have done. Things and people get left behind or discarded, because of the noise we live in, which leads one to wonder if there is any way to discover meaning in this world.



For many, faith is the ticket to take us to the place where we can find shelter or safe haven from the torrent of pain and confusion so many of us are experiencing today. As a musician, I often turn to music as another medium that can help express what I want to say. I offer two songs for enlightenment: "HEAVEN IN THE REAL WORLD" by Stephen Curtis Chapman & "SUBTLE SHIVER" performed by Steve and Sarah Bell. The first song is somewhat self-explanatory by its title. The second is written by a young songwriter who has managed to express a human cry for meaning and real connection. More to come ...

By Brother Dan Dionne, OMI



De Mazenod Door Outreach

The Poor • The Marginalized • The Inner-City Youth



What a storm! Although a few of our volunteers were unable to make it into the Door on Monday - for GOOD reason - there were also some who managed to get in. The De Mazenod Door never closes, so they were able to serve those of our guests who don't have the luxury of staying home during the likes of great snow storms. Thank you to our 'thick and thin' volunteers who, much like the motto of the US Postal Service, 'neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night', came to our rescue!

Yesterday once the Door was closed, one of our DMDO staff called his brother asking if he and his two boys and his daughter wanted to go tobogganing since we'd had an amazing snowfall. They arrived at the sledding hill and geared up, and down they went! Before heading back up the hill, one of the little boys, Porter, who is 9, unzipped his sleeve pocket on his jacket and took out his wallet that contained \$10.75. He handed his Uncle Leon five dollars and asked him 'can I give you something'? He said he wanted to donate it to the church. You can just imagine the pride that Uncle Leon felt for his nephew at that moment. Leon said 'his heart swelled with happiness'.



God works in amazing ways and offers so much hope for our future generations. It is these children who will be running the world and if they all have hearts as big as Porter's, we're going to be okay.

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

Friday BBQ

Jan 30, 2022
• LGB Electric



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

Soup Broth



Hot Chocolate



Salty Snacks

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PRIEST, PROPHET, AND KING

There are so many things going on in the readings for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

If we start with the second reading, we hear one of the most valuable teachings we have as Christians, that we are all members of the body of Christ. If we can start here in all we do, we will be able to work through anything. Yet, being in community - it's hard; there are responsibilities and demands on us that are very real and can be complicated. We can try to avoid being in communities, but it is almost impossible; as humans we need to be in relationships. Our Christian community is no different in what is required of us; in fact, it may be even more stressful than other groups we belong to, yet it can also be much more fruitful. Christianity, and therefore our community, is the motivation behind all we do, or at least it should be. This is something that we must keep bringing ourselves back to repeatedly.

In the first reading, we hear one of the biggest things that community demands of us. "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared," (Nehemiah 8: 10); we must take care of each other. We do this by using our gifts and our talents, and then further, encouraging those we help to do the same. We are able to do this because of what is shared in one of St. Eugene's favorite passages from Luke's Gospel account: "because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free..." (Luke 4:18). We too are anointed; at our baptism, we are anointed into the life of Christ as priest, prophet, and king. We are called as Jesus was, to help heal.

We can only achieve this in community; and often, when we think we are healing another, we are being healed ourselves. Even though this story happens in the temple, Luke will always show us that we need to live out our faith on the road, on our journey with others. It isn't enough to be in church and pray together. It is by being in relationship with others that we can work through our pain and share our joy. It is in relationship with others that we see the face of Christ, and in that face, we will see pain, need,

mercy, compassion and love. How we respond to that face will help us become who God has intended us to be.



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WEEKEND READINGS



Jan 23, 2021

1st Reading: Nehemiah 8: 2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 12-14, 27

Gospel: Luke 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21

And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town.'

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



Tues, Jan 25 | 12:15 PM

- Special Int: Janet Nicholson & Family
- In Honour of Gene Edward Piatek
- Deceased Members of Denis Keane's Family

Wed, Jan 26 | 12:15 PM

- Franco & Marko Pahanic
- Antonia Melatti
- All Souls in Purgatory

Thurs, Jan 27 | 12:15 PM

- Special Int: Denis Patrick Keane
- Jack Maas

Fri, Jan 28 | 12:15 PM

- Special Int: Priests and Religious
- In Honour of Joshua Bluesink

Sat, Jan 29 | 5:00 PM

- Isabella Quildon-Parsons
- Augusto Martines & Auguta Martines

Sun, Jan 30

9:00 AM

- St. Patrick Parishioners

11:30 AM

- Special Intention
- Deceased Members of Denis Keane's Family
- Maria Do Rosario Roque
- Anthony Tiersma

7:15 PM

- Special Int: Carolyn MacDonald
- Mookan Sembulingan

WEEKEND STATS: ATTENDANCE



Jan 15-16, 2022

MASS	In-Person	Facebook	Website
Sat, 5 PM	59	-	-
Sun, 9 AM	60	-	-
Sun, 11:30 AM	89	80	70
Sun, 7:15 PM	91	78	40

WEEKEND STATS: COLLECTION



Jan 15-16, 2022

Collected from Envelopes	\$2,005
E-transfer	\$50
Canada Helps	\$408
Pre-Authorized Collection	\$2,366
New Year & Initial Offerings	\$185
TOTAL	\$5,014

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

We welcome seminarian, Rishi Persaud, to St. Patrick Parish! He comes to us from Spain where he is studying to become a diocesan priest. He will be with us for about a month as part of a diocesan initiative that offers seminarians the opportunity to do outreach work as part of their formation. Below is a Bio of Rishi. May his time here bare much fruit in his vocational journey.



My name is Rishi Persaud and I'm a seminarian for the Diocese of Hamilton. Currently, I'm attending the Royal English College of St. Alban in Valladolid, Spain to become a diocesan priest. It's my first year of seminary and the college concentrates mostly on the human formation of the students. My courses of study are in the Spiritual, Intellectual, Human and Pastoral formation of the seminarian.

My journey has been a long awaited one, but my patience has brought me through a lot of different experiences to this point of my life. For 17 years, I worked as a carpenter and the trade has shown me different aspects of the working life. I was able to work in different areas of construction, but more importantly, it has allowed me to work with different cultures. I was blessed to be in a position to work with a lot of different people and was able to learn their ways of life. It made me more aware that all people are the same, just walk different paths in their life.

In January of 2021, I had to make a choice. The company I was working for was moving to Nova Scotia. After some time discerning what to do, I decided to follow God's path and become a priest. My discernment really struck me when my brother-in-law's cousin had passed away from cancer. God rest his soul. We weren't able to physically attend the funeral because of the pandemic, but I noticed that there wasn't a priest present at his funeral and he was Catholic. This really bothered me. I went to pray for his soul to be with the Lord after the funeral proceedings. In my prayer/meditation, I heard a voice saying, "Take care of my sheep, take care of my sheep!" I was shocked to hear these words, and from that point I knew I had to make a change, not only in my life, but to help others as well. I decided to stop working in carpentry and go into the priesthood. It was a calling that, for the first time in my life, made me completely happy.

As part of my propaedeutic year in seminary, I was to come back to my home diocese and proceed in a pastoral placement. This is where I'd stay with a pastor and work in an outreach program for about one month, before I go back to Spain for my 2nd and 3rd term. I'm staying with Father David Avilla at the rectory in St. Mary's Parish Church for my pastoral placement and working at my outreach program at the De Mazenod Door Outreach Center, affiliated with St. Patrick's Parish Church, both in Hamilton. My experience at the outreach center is a blessing. Meeting Father Tony O'Dell and the staff at De Mazenod Door Outreach Center, has been a wonderful and enlightening experience so far. Working and serving food for the less fortunate has shown me the value of every person in this world and the importance of helping God's children, like He would, with care and love. The volunteers at De Mazenod Door Outreach Center, exhibit this through their dedication to help those in need and through their hard work. The staff portray that love everyday. I really praise them for their generosity. I also can see the gratitude in the less fortunate eyes, when they receive a meal. It makes me feel enlightened, to see a smile on their face. I'm grateful to be put in a position to help the needy at this outreach center and I think God sent me here for a reason. It has been an eye-opening experience.

I want to thank Father Tony and the De Mazenod Outreach Door team for the great work they are doing. Having the heart to help others is God's will and blessing. I'm so glad to be a part of the De Mazenod Outreach Center for my pastoral placement. I will continue to be here for the rest of the month and I'm looking forward to working with the volunteers, to serve for God. I will take this experience with me, to help with my own vocation as a diocesan priest. It affirms what is really important - God's children. Thank you for the opportunity and God bless.



SERRA CLUB: VOCATION SEEDS

Third in Ordinary Time - January 23, 2022

You are the body of Christ; every one of you is a member of it. As a member of the body, we serve different roles. Are you willing to do your part? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton: 905-528-7988; Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com; Website: www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

DO YOU WANT TO JOIN THE TEAM?

Our parish and ministry team continues to grow! If you are interested in sharing your time and talents with the mission and ministry of St. Patrick Parish and De Mazenod Door Outreach, there are a few opportunities available for you.

EMPLOYMENT - OUTREACH KITCHEN TEAM LEAD

De Mazenod Door Outreach, a registered charitable non-profit organization and ministry of St. Patrick Catholic Church located in Inner-City Hamilton is currently seeking a skilled and confident individual for the position of Outreach Kitchen Team Lead. This position is to provide support to staff and volunteers working within a fast paced commercial kitchen setting, preparing meals for marginalized and impoverished individuals. If you have experience in the food industry, we urge you to apply.



Description of Position

- To work along side staff, volunteers and students as well as to oversee the daily running of the De Mazenod Door Kitchen

Structure

- Reports to Outreach Coordinator and Executive Director/CEO

Responsibilities

- Understanding the importance of processing times, customer service, organization & flexibility
- Preparation and overseeing of meals twice daily
- Daily set up of Outreach kitchen
- Weekly purchasing and pick-up of supplies
- Clean outreach room at end of day, daily
- Acts as staff lead
- Collaborates with Outreach Coordinator to ensure efficiency
- Coordinates schools, groups, individuals
- Food Handlers Certification

- Ensuring meals are prepared and ready for large groups of people
- Ability to work with vulnerable people
- Non-profit background - preferable
- First Aid
- Class G Driver's License
- Clean Driving Record

Qualifications

- Excellent leadership skills
- Ability to lift up to 50 lbs
- Excellent verbal and communication skills including E-Mail program
- Ability to work with diverse groups of individuals
- Ability to delegate all required tasks to volunteers
- Ability to interact with clients and de-escalate situations
- Culinary experience is an asset
- Working in a non-profit setting
- Able to work in and see over a fast paced program
- Education
- College Certificate is preferred, but not mandatory

Hours

- Full Time Position – 40 hours per week
- Work hours – 7:00-3:00 Monday to Friday and/or occasional weekends

Compensation

- Hourly wage to be determined
- Compensation is established as part of annual performance review

Deadline for submission is January 28, 2022.

Please submit resume with cover letter to demazenod@stpatrickshamilton.ca

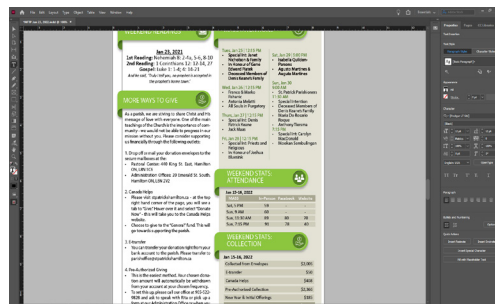
We thank all applicants in advance, however only successful candidates will be contacted.

VOLUNTEER - LIVE-STREAM TEAM MEMBER

We are looking for several volunteers to add to our roster as our live-stream ministry continues to flourish. As a member of the live-stream team, you will either be working the cameras or creating and operating the slides for the responses/songs during our daily and/or Sunday masses. If you have experience, are technically savvy and, most importantly, have a good understanding of the mass, please contact us. Experience would be an asset, but training will be offered to those who are willing and committed to learn. Streaming the mass has offered many an opportunity to know Christ more, especially during this time of pandemic, and your sharing of your time and talents will only add to that blessing! If you are interested or have any questions, please contact JC (905-522-9828 or jasuncion@stpatrickshamilton.ca).



VOLUNTEER - DIGITAL MEDIA CREATOR & EDITOR (PARISH BULLETIN)



Our parish bulletin is published weekly and it is always packed with new information and happenings around our parish. We are looking for those who would be interested in helping with creating these weekly bulletins. This would entail adding content to our set bulletin template, editing bulletin entries and ensuring that the overall formatting is consistent and aesthetically pleasing. The bulletin shares the life of the parish with our parishioners and friends, so your role would be an important one. Experience with Adobe InDesign would be an asset, but training will be offered to those who are willing and committed to learning. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact JC (905-522-9828 or jasuncion@stpatrickshamilton.ca).



EXCERPTS FROM BISHOP CROSBY'S *HEART TO HEART* NEWSLETTER (#457)

THE REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL IS BACK! Join us January 27, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. for the screening of "There is Something in the Water", with special guest speaker Dr. Ingrid Waldron, the HOPE Chair in Peace and Health with the Global Peace and Social Justice Program at McMaster University. The film documents environmental racism as Indigenous and African Nova Scotian women fight to protect their communities, land and future. Dr. Waldron co-produced the film, which is based on her book of the same title about the environmental and health impacts of inequality. The Reel Justice Film Festival is a partnership between Development and Peace – Hamilton Diocesan Council and the Bishop Farrell Library and Archives. Register at <https://reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/>

THE BIBLE SUNDAY BOOKMARKS were sent out to Parishes in preparation for the celebration of Bible Sunday this year. Digital versions in 9 different languages are available on our Diocesan webpage for Bible Sunday. There are also a wide variety of resources for the Liturgical Year of Luke including an exegetical presentation by Father David Perrin for adults and a wonderful Bible Adventure Passport for children. Our thanks to Father Perrin for his contribution!

THE DIOCESAN OFFICE FOR REFUGEES celebrates their first arrival of 2022! On January 19th a woman arrived safely from Turkey and reunited with her mother, father, and siblings in Kitchener. Thanks to Father Pawel Jamroz and the refugee committee at St. Michael Parish, Waterloo, for their support and hard work. The Parish continues their care by supporting this young woman during her settlement journey!

THE YEAR OF AMORIS LAETITIA FAMILY SPEAKER SERIES has registered about 200 people for the January sessions studying Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation. The final session on January 26th, is on Pope Francis' definition of love. Register here. Register also for the February 16th speaker, Connie Clark, whose talk is titled "The Witness of Faith in the Home". All talks are free of charge and run from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

OUR SYMPATHY TO THE KERIGAN FAMILY on the recent death of the illustrious Dr. Tony Kerigan, founding member of the Catholic Physicians Guild of Hamilton. He was also a volunteer with L'Arche and he and his wife were active members in Marriage Encounter over the years. He actively promoted Catholic teaching on life and love. May he obtain the reward promised to good and faithful servants!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, *† Douglas Crosby, OMI*

BIBLE SUNDAY: #THEBIBLESPEAKS

The inspiration for #TheBibleSpeaks comes from Pope Francis' letter for the conclusion of the Year of Mercy, *Misericordia et misera*, #7, in which he states, "It would be beneficial if every Christian community, on one Sunday of the liturgical year, could renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and more widely diffused. It would be a Sunday given over entirely to the word of God, so as to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people."

Bishop Crosby and the Diocese of Hamilton has chosen the third Sunday of Ordinary Time each year as our day to emphasize how #TheBibleSpeaks and how #WeListen.

(From: Diocese of Hamilton Website)

PRAYER

Blessed are you, Lord God, creator of heaven and earth, for your Word made flesh: Jesus Christ.

We praise and thank you for your Word recorded in the Bible and faithfully proclaimed in the assembly of your holy people. May our hearts and minds be always open to welcome your life-giving Word.

May your Word nourish our faith, enliven our hope, and strengthen us in the bond of love. May we carry your word with us each day as we seek to serve you in our brothers and sisters.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.