



St. Patrick Parish

HAMILTON, ONTARIO

News From The Pews

“I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” (Luke 3: 16)

Love Others As Christ Loves Us!

January 9, 2022 - The Baptism of the Lord

CELEBRATE OUR FAITH

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Website:
www.stpatrickshamilton.ca

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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
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Parish Leadership Team

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

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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

TREASURE BEYOND THE WALLS

As we were reminded again recently; the new king, Jesus, was visited by three kings who brought him gifts fit for a new king. Let the trumpets blow and the angels sing. Bring him your treasure and pay homage to welcome him. In fulfillment of the scriptures, all was as it had been told. Now we are wondering what treasure we could possibly offer to a king such as Jesus. You see, many people have very little to give by way of monetary gifts. We ask, "Is there something else we can offer; something fitting for the king of heaven?" Eventually people will come to understand that the offering Jesus wants most comes from a heart that is willing to give what it can. In a community like the ancient Judeans lived in, a gift was also known as your skill, your time, your labor or your kindness, to name a few. If someone were inclined to offer their giftedness, then the whole community would eventually benefit from it. It's not hard to imagine how it takes a village to survive or raise a child or care for the sick and elderly. These gifts are needed today, and the blessings come from the act of giving. The weight of offering your abilities is a heavy load only to those that will bear it. For a while it is bearable, but eventually, it can become too heavy. Sharing the load is the only way we can grow or hope for change.

Many people live with discomfort or anxiety. These things don't have to be a disability to the community because everyone who shares their gifts does so differently. The yoke is easy and the burden is light, they say about those who give it their best. The same yoke can be heavier for those who can manage more. Altogether we can build a community that does not count the cost but is filled with joy for its combined achievements. We can do this; do it for the King of heaven who said He would share His kingdom with us. We are all equal in his sight and the gifts, if offered, balance the scales in our society.

When the three kings wandered back to their own community, I wonder what they learned from their encounter with Jesus. Did they say: "How young he was and yet held a command of everyone there?" Were they satisfied that their gifts would be fitting for a new king? Or, what would they say to others about their encounter? Turn

these questions around and re-ask them of our situation. Will we respond with pride or joy when we speak of our own little part of the kingdom? Does it reflect the reality we want others to see in us? We have the gifts and we have the people regale the stories like: "Look what they have done in their community. Look how they care for each other and what great things have grown from using their gifts together. They are blessed."



It is true that we are blessed, many of us, though some are in great need. Let us make it our privilege to serve and put our collective talents and skills together. It is truly a beautiful thing to see how easily one person can make a difference to another. Imagine how much more can happen when we live for the betterment of our community and not always in isolation of others. It will surely come around to bless us; and it has. Do not count the cost or stop because of expectations or judgements. Put these things aside and then we will see what happens.

By Br. Dan Dionne, OMI



De Mazenod Door Outreach

The Poor • The Marginalized • The Inner-City Youth



A beautiful Christmas lunch of turkey with all of the trimmings was served to our guests on Christmas Day along with a gift-bag filled with goodies for each to open. Each guest left feeling a true sense of Christmas and community belonging.



As well, New Years Day brought a wonderfully delicious roast beef lunch along with much enthusiasm & optimism for all the good that a new year promises. A special thank you to the anonymous sponsor of this lovely meal! Happy New Year to all!

If you can remember back to pre-pandemic times, the original home of De Mazenod Door was in the old St. Patrick School. In January of 2020, the Pastoral Centre which had been the home of the St. Pat's Administrative Offices was vacated so that 'the Door' could be relocated there, because the School would soon be demolished. However, due to COVID, much of the world was put on hold and that included demolition and construction. A year later the HWCDSB was given approval to finally swing that wrecking ball and begin the process of rebuilding.

Once built, that new school will include a beautiful brand new home for De Mazenod Door Outreach. Seeing the new school come to fruition, literally right before our eyes brings optimism and hopefulness to many and we anxiously await what this new year & new chapter promises to bring us.

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

Friday BBQ

Jan 14, 2022
• Anonymous



Ways to Help



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



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

Most Wanted Items

Salty Snacks



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VOCATIONS REFLECTION

CURIOSITY HAS ITS OWN REASON FOR EXISTING

“The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing.”

Albert Einstein

One day I was walking my black Labrador retriever at Bayfront Park in Hamilton. Sutton was one of those dogs that was full of energy and needed lots of exercise. As we walked, we passed a number of runners who were enjoying a beautiful winter day in the park. Then I had a thought, “Maybe I should try running with Sutton? It would take care of his high energy and give me an opportunity for some exercise...” The next day I visited the Running Room Store, got some advice and gear; and an amazing journey of running began! Everything started with a simple prompt and a thought, “Maybe I should try...”



Have you ever had a movement in your heart when you felt like God was calling you to do something or asking you to change the way you were doing things? If you ever took the steps to embrace it and make it real, amazing things happened in life. We can see this movement in the beginning of the Gospel reading this weekend, “As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts...” (Luke 3:15) That was the first step in their life towards a life-changing encounter with Christ. It started with a prompting of the heart, expecta-

tions and questioning. They were moved by curiosity... After all, “Curiosity has its own reason for existing”.

On June 12, 2005 Steve Jobs, CEO of Apple Computer and of Pixar Animation Studios, gave the commencement address in Stanford University: “You’ve got to find what you love. And that is as true for your work as it is for your lovers. Your work is going to fill a large part of your life, and the only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work. And the only way to do great work is to love what you do. If you haven’t found it yet, keep looking. Don’t settle. As with all matters of the heart, you’ll know when you find it. And, like any great relationship, it just gets better and better as the years roll on. So, keep looking until you find it. Don’t settle.”

The journey of discernment of our purpose, meaning and vocation in life begins with recognizing and answering the prompting of the heart. When God is calling us, it requires our answer with curiosity and courage, to “keep looking until we find it”. Are you ready to take the first step? It will change your life forever!

By Jarek Pachocki OMI
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WEEKEND READINGS



Jan 9, 2021

1st Reading: Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7

2nd Reading: Acts 10: 34-38

Gospel: Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

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, Jan 11 | 12:15 PM

- Rataic, Josip & Janka

Wed, Jan 12 | 12:15 PM

- Katherine Stayshyn Newman

Thurs, Jan 13 | 12:15 PM

- Special Int: Lana Hartson & Family
- Special Int: Fran Lobo & Edna Mathias

Fri, Jan 14 | 12:15 PM

5:00 PM

- Aaron John Clare Tapp

Sat, Jan 15 | 5:00 PM

- Special Int: Dan Scher & Family
- Brian Macartney

Sun, Jan 16

9:00 AM

- St. Patrick Parishioners

11:30 AM

- Special Int: Audrey Fisher & Family
- Fr. Neil Haight
- Mario Rodgers

7:15 PM

- Special Int: Pauline Tompkins
- Hali Carlson
- Jorgina Medeiros

"Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'" (Luke 3: 21-22)

WEEKEND STATS: COLLECTION



Deember 24-26, 2021

Collected from Envelopes	\$7,946
E-transfer	\$1,580
Canada Helps	\$3,222
Pre-Authorized Collection	\$2,366
Christmas Offering & Christmas Flowers	\$4,183
TOTAL	\$19,297

IN OTHER NEWS

"Each of us has our own story. None of us was born magically, with a magic wand. Each of us has our own story and the family is the story from which we originate... We come from a story that was woven with bonds of love, and the person we are today was born not so much out of the material goods that we enjoyed, but from the love that we received, from the love in the heart of the family. We may not have been born into an exceptional family without problems, but this is our story — everyone must think: this is my story — these are our roots: if we cut them off, life dries up! God did not create us to be lone rangers, but to walk together. Let us thank him and pray to him for our families. God thinks about us and wants us to be together: grateful, united, capable of preserving our roots."

Pope Francis
December 22, 2021

WEEKEND STATS

ATTENDANCE

December 24, 2021 - Christmas Eve

MASS	In-Person	Facebook	Website
6 PM	130	-	-
8:30 PM	143	75	73
Midnight	90	39	41

December 25, 2021 - Christmas Day

MASS	In-Person	Facebook	Website
9 AM	79	-	-
11:30 AM	94	54	50

December 26, 2021 - Feast of the Holy Family

MASS	In-Person	Facebook	Website
9 AM	68	-	-
11:30 AM	94	51	54
7:15 PM	125	62	41

December 31, 2021 - Vigil for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

MASS	In-Person	Facebook	Website
5 PM	67	42	22

January 1, 2022 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

MASS	In-Person	Facebook	Website
9 AM	31	-	-
11:30 AM	105	59	29

January 2, 2021 - Epiphany of the Lord

MASS	In-Person	Facebook	Website
9 AM	61	-	-
11:30 AM	110	88	68
7:15 PM	138	-	47

NEW COVID-19 SAFETY RESTRICTIONS

Due to the new COVID restrictions:

- All in-person ministry events are cancelled until further notice. That includes Mom's Group, Youth Group, Young Adults Group and St. Dymphna Mental Health Ministry.
- RCIA will be hosted exclusively online.
- In-person mass is limited to 50% if the church's capacity. Live-streamed masses will continue as usual.
- The administrative office is open at regular hours. However, if we can assist you over the phone or email, please prioritize those avenues before coming to the office building.
- Please call in to book appointments for sacraments (i.e. confession, baptism, matrimony, etc.).

When you are here at the church or the administrative office building, all COVID-19 safety protocols are in effect. We kindly ask that you work with us to maintain the safety of everyone by wearing a mask, social distancing and sanitizing your hands.

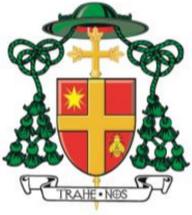


SERRA CLUB: VOCATION SEEDS

Baptism of the Lord - January 9, 2022

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus a voice from heaven said, "You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased." Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon or religious.

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/



BISHOP CROSBY'S HEART TO HEART NEWSLETTER (#455)

STORIES OF A GENERATION WITH POPE FRANCIS is the title of a warm, uplifting and inspirational series on NETFLIX. The series began on December 25th – and is based on the Pope's 2018 book, *Sharing the Wisdom of Time*, published by Loyola Press. The series showcases stories from people over 70 from all quarters of the globe, including the Pope himself, as they impart their life experiences to young filmmakers. Each of its four one-hour episodes is devoted to a central theme: "Love", "Dream", "Struggle", and "Work". There are a few famous names among the stories, including Martin Scorsese and Jane Goodall, but most of those who are presented have never lived in the spotlight! If you subscribe to NETFLIX, it is well worth a watch!

AMANDA GORMAN, THE YOUNG POET who read her now-famous poem, "The Hill We Climb", at the 2021 inauguration of U.S. President Joe Biden, has written another poem to welcome 2022 [which you can find on YouTube]. "New Day's Lyric" includes this beautiful excerpt:

*"This hope is our door, our portal. Even if we never get back to normal,
Someday we can venture beyond it, To leave the known and take the first steps.
So let us not return to what was normal, But reach toward what is next."*

GIVEN THE HIGH TRANSMISSIBILITY OF THE OMICRON VARIANT, and the need to isolate if one is infected, Pastors have been advised that if they or an Associate test positive for COVID-19 and are required to isolate, they are to inform parishioners through the Parish Website and by notices published on doors of the Parish Office and Church that the Parish is closed for the isolation time and will remain closed until a negative result is received. A few of our Parishes, including the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, are closed this weekend as Priests complete the required five-day isolation. Parishioners are reminded that masks are required for church-goers. Following the constant recommendation of medical officers of health, vaccines and booster shots are strongly encouraged!

PLEASE PRAY FOR FATHER JAMES MCSHARRY who is in hospital in St. Catharines with a life-threatening illness (not Covid). It had been hoped that he would be transferred to the hospice in Owen Sound, but his current health status is precarious. Your prayers are appreciated!

THE PILGRIM ICON OF ST. JOSEPH, sponsored by the Ontario State Council of the Knights of Columbus, is beginning a year-long cross-Ontario pilgrimage at our own Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Stoney Creek. It is the Parish of Ontario State Deputy Marcel Lemmen. The Knights of Columbus Councils will sponsor the pilgrimage in their Parishes. Look for it to arrive in your Parish in the coming year.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD CONCLUDES THE CHRISTMAS SEASON. Ordinary Time begins on Monday. From the Ordo: Sunday is the original Christian Feast Day, following the tradition handed down from Apostolic times, for this was the day of the Lord's Resurrection. Today's Christian communities continue this tradition by celebrating every Sunday as the day of the risen Lord.

TODAY (JAN 7) IS THE MEMORIAL OF ST. ANDRE BESSETTE, C.S.C. He was a doorkeeper at a school run by the Holy Cross community. His strong devotion to St. Joseph inspired a generation of Montrealers. The beautiful St. Joseph's Oratory began with his encouragement and continues to be, thanks to the Holy Cross community, a place of prayer and miracles.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us.

Ex corde, *Douglas Crosby*, OMI