



St. Patrick Parish

HAMILTON, ONTARIO

News From The Pews

**"I will follow you
wherever you go."
(Luke 9: 57)**

Love Others As Christ Loves Us.

June 26, 2022 - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 full capacity.

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 from 4:00 to 4:45, prior to the Saturday 5:00 PM mass.
- 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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BEYOND THE WALLS

What Happens Here Doesn't Stay Here

COMPASSION

Compassion... To empathize with someone who is suffering and to feel compelled to reduce their suffering. It is defined as the feeling that arises when you are confronted with another's suffering and feel motivated to relieve that suffering. To share in it. A sympathetic conscious concern for the sufferings or misfortunes of others and a desire to alleviate them.



Sometimes it seems that we have much greater difficulty practicing that same compassion when it comes to those that we spend our lives with, more so than we do for strangers we don't even know. We hear and read about tragic stories or situations and we're easily moved or saddened. We've all thought that same thought 'what can we do to help' or 'what can we do to make the situation better'? We boldly talk about being good to the broken, but there are many who are broken within our midst - within our families, within our friendship circles, even within

our own walls. However, sometimes we don't seem to show that same level of compassion to those who are so close to us. It can be so easy to just let it be someone else's problem.

It shouldn't be so difficult to remember that compassion is rooted in love and if we truly love those who are struggling, then wouldn't we want to try harder to take on the pain of the person who is suffering? We must have the hope that some positive good will emerge from sharing in their suffering. If we truly love others as Christ loves us, then we need to see beyond what we WANT to see in people and meet them where they are at. To do that we need to be compassionate. We need to see each other with the same set of eyes that Jesus sees us, even the difficult ones. He loves us for who we are, because He is a compassionate God.

We can talk about it and we can preach about it until we're blue in the face, but if we aren't going to act upon it and sincerely do something to help, showing each other the love and compassion that Jesus says we are worthy of, then we need to stop talking and start looking within and start praying hard about it, asking ourselves why.

As good people, good Christians, good Catholics we should all feel and practice compassion. Not just thinking about it, but getting in the muck of it.

Compassion is the greatest form of love that humans have to offer.

By Diane Downey



De Mazenod Door Outreach

The Poor • The Marginalized • The Inner-City Youth



Please welcome the first three of our new Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) students who have been hired through the CSJ youth program both at the Parish and at De Mazenod Door Outreach. These 3 amazing students will be with us for 12 weeks with Isabel at the De Mazenod Door, Joshua at De Mazenod Farm and Alex at St. Patrick Parish.



Isabel Melchiorre graduated from St. Thomas More Catholic Secondary School and will begin the Social Service Worker Program at Mohawk in September. She did her co-op placement at the DMDO and continued to volunteer even after her placement ended. She is one of our student "Rock Stars"

Joshua Bellavia is a student at the University of Western Ontario and is pursuing an honours specialization in psychology with honours in business administration. He comes with landscaping experience, experience as a volunteer at the DMDO and as president of his student council. Josh is an amazing asset to the Farm team.



You may be familiar with Alex Vastano as he was one of our 12- week summer students in 2021. Alex has more than proven himself as a reliable, hard-working and mature young man who assists with the upkeep of the grounds around the church and 20 Emerald. Alex is heading into his third year at Brock University, with his heart set on becoming a teacher! Keep your eye on this young man, by God's grace he will do amazing things. Welcome, CSJ youth!

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

Friday BBQ

July 1
Michael Weir & Danielle Wright, in thanksgiving for blessings received



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



Coffee



Coffee Whitener

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I WILL FOLLOW YOU... BUT

"No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God." Luke 9:62

Discerning our vocation can be a challenging task. When we focus on listening for God's call in our lives, we have to step out of our "comfort zone" and stop giving excuses – which is not easy... Today's Gospel story presents to us the tension between the call and the wholehearted answer: "I will follow you, but...". There are many factors that can hold us back such as fear, uncertainty, uncomfortableness of letting go or simply a lack of a clear vision and direction. Even the saints struggled with this!

In his early twenties, young Eugene de Mazenod experienced a significant internal crisis. We could say he "hit the wall". It seems like everything that he intended to do in order to bring some peace and stability into his life was falling apart. He deeply missed his father and uncles, who remained in Palermo, while he returned to Aix. At the same time the atmosphere within the Joannis family "suffocated" him. After failing a couple of opportunities for marriage, he had no other prospects at hand. The unsuccessful trip to Paris, where he hoped to obtain a passport, crushed all his dreams about a military career and a splendid life of nobility in Sicily. This time of crisis, disappointment and lack of direction was an opening for a moment of grace from God to fill the emptiness of Eugene's life.



The experience of Good Friday was a breakthrough when his heart's deepest desires were fulfilled. Eugene had a personal encounter with God, who is very real. This was the moment when Eugene was called to let go his own ideas of a "comfort zone" and enter into the uncertainty with trust. "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head... Follow me." (Luke 9:58-59). Unlike the men from today's Gospel, Eugene answered the call. He turned from being self-focused into God-focused, and his life became an oblation to God and His calling. This refocusing of Eugene's life is confirmed by the conscious decision he made and that was followed by a strong commitment to make God a priority from that day forward. "What more glorious occupation than to act in everything and for everything only for God, to love him above all else, to love him all the more as one who has loved him too late." (Retreat Notes, December 1814)

Our vocation can only be fulfilled if we have the courage to answer the call. Maybe today you hear a call from God to a particular way of life, to make a change, to do something more. Maybe today Jesus says to you, "Follow me." Have the courage to answer the call!

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WEEKEND READINGS



June 26, 2022

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19: 16b, 19-21

2nd Reading: Galatians 5: 1, 13-18

Gospel: Luke 9: 51-62

"When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.

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, June 28 | 12:15 PM

- Special Int: Luciano Di Giacomo
- Dianne Keasey

Wed, June 29 | 12:15 PM

- Jan Antoniak
- Orsini Casalena Filippo

Thurs, June 30 | 12:15 PM

- Special Int: M.J. Di Giacomo
- Duarte Costa

Fri, July 1 | 12:15 PM

- Special Int: Chansing Yat Cua

Sat, July 2 | 5:00 PM

- Rose & Tony Abdo

Sun, July 3

9:00 AM

- St. Patrick's Parishioners

11:30 AM

- Special Int: Sean Borthwick
- Special Int.: Priyanka Comfort
- Special Intention

7:15 PM

- Special Int: John Kulchycky
- Ressel Greg
- Bernadette Gora
- Rosa La Posta
- Sonia Matthews

WEEKEND STATS: COLLECTION



June 18/19, 2022

Collected from Envelopes	\$4,063
Canada Helps	\$196
Pre-Authorized Collection	\$2,156
TOTAL	\$6,775

CWL BIRTHRIGHT BABY SHOWER



At their June meeting, St Patrick's CWL hosted a baby shower for Birthright. Two volunteers from Birthright attended, and told us about the work they do to support pregnant women and those with young children. We sent them away with plenty of supplies. With that, the CWL meetings have ended for the season. We look forward to having you join us in September. Information on Birthright can be found on their website at birthright.org/hamilton.

PASTORAL EMERGENCY CALLS AT HAMILTON HEALTH SCIENCES

Effective June 29, a new system for contacting a Catholic Priest to attend the dying for each HHS site comes into effect. HHS switchboard will no longer contact the Priest on-call in case of pastoral urgency at General, McMaster or Juravinski Hospitals. Instead, a self-governed call-forwarding system has been established by the Hamilton Deanery. Each HHS site will have a telephone number that can be accessed through the nurses' station and used by Hospital staff, or patient families, to call for a Priest to offer the Anointing for the sick and dying in urgent need. For all other spiritual needs while in hospital – counseling, reception of Holy Communion, or other needs – please contact your own Parish. NOTE: this change does not impact Saint Joseph Hospital. It's always a good idea to let the Parish know if you anticipate a hospital stay so that arrangements can be made for a pastoral visit.



WORLD YOUTH DAY: LISBON 2023

His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, has given his blessing for a delegation of young adult pilgrims (aged 18-35) from the Diocese of Hamilton to attend the World Youth Day Celebration in Lisbon, Portugal 2023!

If you are interested and would like further details, there will be an Information Night:

Date: Wednesday, July 6, 2022

Time: 7 to 9 pm

Place: St. Andrew Parish, 47 Reynolds St, Oakville, ON, L6J 3J9 in the Parish Hall

This event is being held in person and virtually by zoom for those unable to make it to Oakville. Registration is required for either session and can be completed on the Diocesan WYD Website: <https://wyd.hamiltondiocese.com/>

The agenda for the evening will include itinerary details, costs, and a presentation by Tour Design the travel agent hosting the Hamilton Diocese event. You will also have an opportunity to meet with the WYD Lisbon 2023 Planning Team and Spiritual Advisors.

We ask that if you or someone you know might be interested in attending WYD 2023, or the local celebrations, that you also complete a Declaration of Intent also found on our Diocesan WYD Website.

A vibrant flyer for World Youth Day Lisbon 2023. The top section is red and white, with the text "WORLD YOUTH DAY Lisbon" and the dates "JULY 28 - AUGUST 7, 2023". Below this, there are three circular icons: a person walking with a backpack, a person sitting at a desk, and a person speaking into a microphone. The bottom section is yellow and red, with the text "SPREAD THE WORD AND JOIN US IN LISBON 2023!" and the website "wyd.hamiltondiocese.com". The flyer also features several photos of young people and a large crowd.

SERRA CLUB: VOCATION SEEDS



13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Jun 26, 2022
Jesus still speaks the invitation " Follow Me." Pray for the strength and the grace of discernment if you feel He is calling you to be an ordained or consecrated person. 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 | vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
- Website: www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

BISHOP CROSBY'S HEART TO HEART NEWSLETTER (#477 - EXCERPTS)



THE VATICAN HAS CONFIRMED the program of the Papal Visit to Canada, July 24-29, 2022! The Holy Father will travel within Alberta (based in Edmonton) from July 24-27, followed by a visit to Quebec City and Ste. Anne-de-Beaupre, July 27-29. Pope Francis will visit Iqaluit, Nunavut, the afternoon of July 29th, before returning to Rome. Drawing on the theme, "Walking Together", the Holy Father's journey of reconciliation, healing and hope includes visits to a former residential school, Indigenous pilgrimage sites, two public Masses and mix of public and private events. Free tickets will be available for a limited number of events, all of which will be broadcast and accessible via livestream. For ticket information, to volunteer, donate, or learn more, visit www.papalvisit.ca. Please pray for the health of Pope Francis and for a safe and blessed journey in Canada.

NEXT WEDNESDAY (JUNE 29th) is moving day for Priests who have been appointed to new pastoral responsibilities in the Diocese. Parishioners are well-advised to "stay off the roads on Wednesday"! Please pray for your Priests – outgoing and incoming!

Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us.

Ex corde, *+Douglas Crosby*, OMI

VOLUNTEER CORNER

This is the last installment of this series on the many different ministries that you can be involved in here at the parish. Although this series comes to an end, the need for volunteers does not. Please consider getting involved!

DE MAZENOD OUTREACH

This is a 24/7 x 365 Program. Jesus said to His disciples "You give them something to eat."

The Guests at the Door need to eat every day. The "Door" serves breakfast from Sunday to Thursday between 10:00 - 11:00 AM. Lunch is served on those day between 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. On Fridays, breakfast is 10:00 - 11:00 AM and the BBQ is from 12:45 PM - 2:30 PM. At these BBQs, there is lively music and there are other good available for free. This busy ministry is in need of volunteers daily.

To volunteer at the Door, you must be able to function within a team & fast paced environment. Being able to follow instructions, do menial tasks, stand for fairly long periods of time are also expected. As a volunteer you must be polite to other volunteers and staff, but especially to the guests who come to the Door for a meal and some non-judgmental human contact.

All volunteers at the Door must be 18-years and older and must provide a Criminal Records & Judicial Matters police check screening. In addition, the contact information of 3 non-family members are required for a Reference Check. This is to follow Diocesan mandated rules, but also for everyone's safety.

Detailed training (i.e. safe food handling) will be given, as well as hands on training to participate in this ministry. De Mazenod Farm is a part of this Ministry and many of the same requirements apply.

Previously mentioned ministires include: youth ministry, altar serving, WrapAround, wedding ministry, funeral ministry, maintenance, live streaming,

You can be a part of the volunteer ministries at St. Patrick Church. Contact us to sign-up or for more information. Please email dquildon@stpatricksparishhamilton.ca or parishoffice@stpatrickshamilton.ca or call 905-522-9828 during office hours (Mon-Fri, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM).