



St. Patrick Parish

HAMILTON, ONTARIO

News From The Pews



"Bless young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call. Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things."

~Pope Francis

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Love Others As Christ Loves Us.

April 30, 2023 - Good Shepherd Sunday

CELEBRATE OUR FAITH

MASS SCHEDULE

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

Website:

www.stpatrickshamilton.ca

SACRAMENTS

The sacrament of reconciliation is available from 4 to 4:45 PM, prior to the Saturday 5 PM mass.

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

Contact info

Phone: (905) 522-9828
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WEEKEND READINGS



Sunday, April 30, 2023

1st Reading: Acts 2.14a, 36b-41

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2.20b-25

Gospel: John 10.1-10

WAYS TO GIVE



1. Parish Envelopes

Please mail your donation envelopes to the Parish Office: 20 Emerald St. S., Hamilton ON L8N 2V2

2. E-Transfer

Please send an e-transfer to:
parishoffice@stppatrickshamilton.ca
Your donation will be auto deposited

3. Parish Website (via Canada Helps)

You can donate online via the secure Canada Helps form on the "Give" section of our website below:
<https://www.stpatrickshamilton.ca/why-we-give/>

4. Pre-Authorized Giving

This is the easiest method. Your chosen donation amount will automatically be withdrawn from your bank account at your chosen frequency. To set this up, pick up a form at the church, at the Parish Office: 20 Emerald St. S. or call 905-522-9828.

5. Donation Kiosk at the Church

The donation kiosk is set up at the back of the church for onsite debit or credit card donations.

COLLECTION REPORT



April 16 & 23, 2023

Collected from Offertory Envelopes	\$7,771.00
E-transfers	\$ 255.00
Canada Helps	\$ 521.00
Pre-Authorized Collection	\$5,099.00
TOTAL \$13,646.00	

"What shall I return to the Lord for all His bounty to me?"

Contact us for sponsorship opportunities - hello@stppatrickshamilton.ca or 905-522-9828

MASS INTENTIONS



Tues, May 2 | 12:15 PM

- All Souls in Purgatory
- Anthony Tiersma
- Douglas Abbott

Sat, May 6 | 5:00 PM

- Deceased Members of the Balenovic & Butkovic Families
- Special Int: Sr. Eileen Brunton

Wed, May 3 | 12:15 PM

- Shirley Alexander
- Special Int: Robert & Josie Lombardi
- Pamela Ramirez

Sun, May 7 | 9:00 AM

- St. Patrick Parishioners

11:30 AM

Thurs, May 4 | 12:15 PM

- Joaquim Matias
- Artur & Dionizia Melo
- Fred Runes

- Gianfranco Piro
- Cheryl Quiros Pascua

7:15 PM

Fri, May 5 | 12:15 PM

- Deceased Members of the Ferroni, Toole & Mahler Families
- Special Int: Rosita Suryadi & Family
- Linda Isley

- Artur & Maria Pereira
- Debbie Curto
- Emilio Dinoi
- Spec Int.: Debbie & Angelo Mattina - 50th Wedding Anniversary

ST. PATRICK'S PASTORAL TEAM



Fr. Tony O'Dell, OMI | Pastor
todell@hamiltondiocese.com

Sr. Andrea Kowalczyk | Communications Team
Arthur Kara | Facilities Operator
Bridget Saulnier | Director of Communications
Christina Crawford | Music Director
Br. Dan Dionne, OMI | Music Ministry
Diana Qildon | Volunteer Coordinator
Diane Downey | DMDO Administration & Program Support
Evelyn VanFleet | Assistant Facilities Operator
Ian Ford | Director of Technology
Joseph Glassbourg | De Mazenod Door Kitchen Manager
Katarzyna Dymkowski | De Mazenod Door Outreach
Leon Blais | De Mazenod Door Outreach
Lynne Pollard | Sacristan
Rita Kara | Office Administrator
Sherri Ramirez | DMDO Community & Outreach
Steve Brennan | De Mazenod Door Outreach

Oblate Vocation Office

Fr. Jarek Pachocki, OMI

Vocation Director

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De Mazenod Door Outreach

The Poor • The Marginalized • The Inner-City Youth



St. Mary's Secondary School Presentations at Mount Mary



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DIocese of Hamilton



De Mazenod Door Outreach is certainly on the radar of St. Mary's High School. Over the years, students have raised much-needed funds through various initiatives to support our guests, and we greatly appreciate St. Mary's and their dedicated support.

This past week, I (Sherri Ramirez, Director of Social Action, Outreach & Guest Relations), met with almost 200 grade 9 students over 3 days at Mount Mary Retreat Centre to share more in depth information about De Mazenod Door Outreach and our programs. Each day was filled with youthful energy and a willingness to learn about both the De Mazenod Door and the social teaching of the church being the hands and feet of Christ! We talked about the importance of both charity and justice and how they must work together to provide a more just society. We asked the students what kind of world they would like to live in. They responded by identifying many of the same adjectives each day: safe, free, peaceful, inclusive. However, on the third day, the students gave 15 incredible answers to this question. They clearly described the kind of world they would like to live in. We challenged them to be critical thinkers, to ask questions and analyze the systems that create poverty, and how important it is for all of us to use our voices to speak out against injustice. After the students listened to the two guests in our videos and heard directly from them about their daily struggles with food insecurity, and the most basic of needs like "having to steal toilet paper because you don't have money to buy some", you could have heard a pin drop. No one had any questions or comments: only the look of gratitude, that this was not their story.

My dog Jax was with me for each of the presentations. While still a 125 pound puppy, he is training to be a certified Emotional Support animal. His presence and demeanor was very calming and his involvement played an integral part, considering the number of students attending daily. Jax has become well known in the St. Mary's school community, and was welcomed by all of the staff & students. ~Sherri Ramirez

FRIDAY BBQ

BBQ Sponsors - May 5
Alice & Mitch Szrajber
in celebration of their
50th Wedding Anniversary



MOST WANTED ITEMS

Deli meats for
sandwiches

WAYS TO HELP

Volunteer: volunteer@stppatrickshamilton.ca
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If you would like to participate in a Famous
Friday BBQ, please contact us:
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BEYOND THE WALLS



Faith in Action

EARTH DAY 2023



Earth Day is a worldwide environmental movement, established in 1970 to mobilize people to take action in their communities.

Saturday April 22 was Earth Day 2023.

Leon Blais organized a volunteer community clean up with Cassandra and Ted that started in the St. Patrick's neighbourhood. They ended up at an encampment where some of our regular guests of De Mazenod Door Outreach are taking shelter. They collected many garbage bags and created an improved environment for people who are living without housing.

This was a tremendous effort of faith in action on a rainy day! Thank you all!

FROM THE DIOCESE

Serra Club Vocation Seeds

Fourth Sunday of Easter - April 30, 2023

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

The Good Shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them. Is He asking you to help others to find Him? Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, religious and consecrated life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or vocations@hamiltondiocese.com hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK BEGINS SUNDAY, APRIL 30th!

Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board (HWCDSB) kicks off the week with a Pilgrimage Mass at Cathedral High School at 11:00 a.m. The Mass is followed by the popular Pilgrimage Walk up the escarpment! The entire week is packed with many activities sponsored by the seven Catholic District School Boards serving the Diocese of Hamilton that celebrate the gift of publicly funded Catholic Education in Ontario. Watch for exciting celebratory messages from students on social media throughout the week!

ST. JEROME'S UNIVERSITY RECOGNIZES ONGOING CONTRIBUTIONS of Catholic Institutions, leaders and educators through the annual granting of the John R. and Kay Sweeney Award for Catholic Leadership.

The award is given to exemplary leaders who publicly live out the gospel values and who understand the need to demonstrate these values to future generations of leaders. The University is accepting submissions for the prestigious award and invites community members to submit nominations to awards@sju.ca.

THE CANADIAN CATHOLIC BIOETHICS INSTITUTE NEWSLETTER of April 14, 2023, focuses on Access to Palliative Care.

"CCBI has always advocated for good quality palliative care, seeing it as a human need and as an aid to maintaining dignity and morale at end-of-life as people move into the liminal stage before death. It is often an important aspect of our spiritual as well as physical journey, and it needs to be well done and available to all who can benefit from it. ... We do not come into this world alone and we are not meant to leave it that way either, although circumstances vary." The entire text, which is well worth the read, is available on their website: www.ccbi-utoronto.ca

VOCATION REFLECTION

In Defense of Sheep

The scripture passages for the Fourth Sunday of Easter have always left me with mixed feelings. Don't get me wrong, I can get behind the concept of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. I mean, really, let's be honest, it's a serene and picturesque image at first, isn't it? Jesus, benevolently wandering a peaceful meadow, staff in hand, looking after a flock of docile, fluffy white animals, calling them by name. Pretty adorable if you ask me. (So adorable, in fact, that there are enough plastic shepherds and plush sheep in Catholic toy boxes to make me wonder just how long Fisher-Price's marketing team has actually been around.)

First comes the image, then comes the exegesis – the critical interpretation of the biblical text to discover its intended meaning – and the scene shifts from tranquil to semi-chaotic. More often than not, it's rather amusing. Always in a mess of some sort, always under threat, always in some sort of ridiculous bind of their own creation (and usually stuck head first), the explanations we hear typically bring us to the conclusion that the sheep need a shepherd to rely on because they're infinitely stupid.

The image is still cute. And now funny, too.
Until I remember that the sheep are a metaphor.
Hahaha! That's so adorab— heyyyyy....

Convinced that the sheep and I both are getting a bad rap, I did what any reasonable person would do: I went hunting on Google to find whatever I needed to vindicate us. It wasn't hard. I typed in, "are sheep stupid?" and legions of people stood united to defend their honour and reputation. (And therefore, by metaphorical extension, mine.)

It turns out that sheep are remarkably intelligent. (Why, thank you.) They learn quickly, they have impressive memories and excellent recognition skills, they are part of complex social structures, and they are capable of delivering a painful kick to anyone who annoys them. (Yeah... that tracks...) In fact, my favourite line came from an animal scientist who said "sheep are smarter than you think they are. You just have to be smart enough to recognize it."

There. Off the hook.

But in my quest to transcend the 'stupid' stereotype, I learned that part of the reason sheep tend to get into trouble is because they are sometimes too smart for their own good. They're actually remarkable escape artists. If you're trying to maneuver them in a particular direction, and they don't want to go that way, they'll head the other way. If you want one sheep in particular, and try to single it out, it'll head for someplace where it figures you can't reach it. And that's when they get into trouble.

I'd love to say that this doesn't apply to me, but deep down, I know that it applies far too well to plausibly deny it, especially when it comes to my vocation. Over the course of my life, it seems that more often than not, when I'm summoned by my Shepherd to a particular field, I'm inclined to head in the other direction. And I assure you, it's not because I'm too dumb to follow directions: my decisions are calculated ones. Sometimes, I don't want to go where he's calling me because I know it's a long and difficult road to get there. Sometimes I don't want to be in the field he's standing in because it's unfamiliar or uncomfortable. Sometimes I don't want to stay where he tells me to, because the grass looks much greener on the other side. And every time, I decide I'm going to go my way, not his.

And that's precisely why I need a shepherd. When I make a break for it, someone needs to bring me back in line. When I get in trouble because I've escaped and managed to end up where I shouldn't be, someone needs to bail me out. And when I march off in search of greener pastures, my shepherd guides me home (again, and again, and again) and reminds me, 'No, I need you here. In this field. With me.'

And so, this year, on Good Shepherd Sunday, it's actually the smart sheep who remind me again of my need to heed my Shepherd's voice. It's not because I'm dumb. It's because I've learned that when my Shepherd calls me by name, it's likely because I've gotten too smart for my own good and have decided to do things my way. I've been called to a particular field for a reason, and when I hear my Shepherd's voice, I remember that my place is by his side.

By Darcie Lich
Vocation Team
Oblate Associate



NEWS AND REMINDERS

May is the Month of Mary

May devotions highlight the special sharing of the Blessed Virgin in the Paschal Mystery of Christ her Son, including the Pentecost event in which she joined with the Apostles awaiting the gift of the Holy Spirit.



Hail, Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women
and blessed is the fruit of thy
womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our
death.
Amen

Prayer for Vocations

Loving God, You called St. Eugene to send forth missionaries to proclaim and live the Gospel among the poor. Increase our love, we pray, for those who are most abandoned. Extend your loving call to many young people in our community and grant them the desire to give of themselves, their lives and talents to the service of Jesus Christ and the Church. May our young people answer your call as Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate to serve those who are in need. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen



It's that time of year again! We are in need of volunteers during both the Spring and Summer months, including anyone with knowledge & experience with building and repair as well as with equipment servicing i.e. lawnmowers, tillers, bush hogs etc. If you are able to assist with any of the items listed, please contact the office at demazenod@stpatrickshamilton.ca. Thank you!

Volunteers Needed: Children's Liturgy

The Children's Liturgy is held during the 11:30 am Mass on Sundays. There are two groups: kindergarten/pre-school and grade 1 and up. Training is provided for volunteer leaders. Please contact parishoffice@stpatrickshamilton.ca for more information.

REMINDERS - Save These Dates!

St. Vincent de Paul Collection - As this is the last Sunday of the month, the St. Vincent de Paul Collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend. These funds go directly to supporting people in need in the St. Patrick Parish community.

CWL Meeting - The St Patrick Catholic Women's League invites women of the parish to join us for our monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 9 at 6:30 PM in the chapel. You do not need to be a member to attend. If you would like to be added to our email list, please send a note to cwlstpatrickhamilton@gmail.com.

First Holy Communion - will be held next Sun., May 7 at 2:00PM.

Confirmation - will be held on Tues., May 30 at 6:00 PM. For more info, please contact the parish office at 905-522-9828.

Wearing of the Green

On St. Patrick's Day, Rob McGowan was named Irishman of the Year at the Wearing of the Green luncheon. Rob chose De Mazenod Door Outreach for a \$1,000 donation that comes with this great honour. Thank you so very much for your support, Rob!

Any plans for Mother's Day weekend?

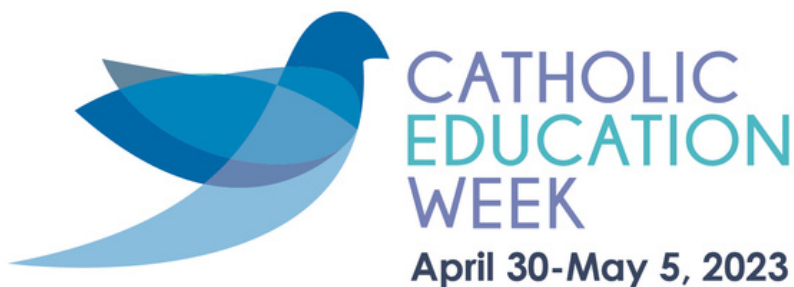
Prayer Warriors has got you covered! They are hosting a Pasta Dinner/Gala Fundraiser, with all proceeds going to Young Adult World Youth Day Pilgrims!

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CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK



Catholic Education Week 2023 begins on Sunday, April 30, 2023. The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to learn about the various celebrations that are happening in your children's school, and are welcome to attend, if possible. Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. The current generation of students in our publicly funded Catholic schools will serve with the same spirit and generosity as their previous generations.

This year's Catholic Education Week theme is, "We are Many, We are One."

The theme for Catholic Education Week 2023 was inspired by the following considerations:

The Church worldwide has embarked on a synodal process, "a synod on synodality," which centres on intentional listening: listening to each other and listening to the Holy Spirit. We have each been asked to actively reach out and listen to the voices and experiences of people where they are at and consider what steps the Holy Spirit is inviting us to take as we walk together. As the Catholic Bishops of Ontario highlighted in *Renewing the Promise*, "It is about taking the time to walk alongside one another, to listen and to teach, and in doing so, to transform."

Ongoing recognition of the Truth & Reconciliation Commission and the importance of Indigenous culture and spirituality as we move forward together.

The Ministry of Education's focus on Inclusion and Equity resonates with all educators and administrators as we desire to serve all of God's children and Pope Francis' encyclical entitled, *Fratelli Tutti*, will guide us in this good work.

The challenges to personal and spiritual well-being posed by the uncertainty of the current global crisis makes the timing and the concerns of Mental Health Week, which takes place during the same week as Catholic Education Week, all the more relevant.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION:

**WE ARE
MANY,
WE ARE
ONE**



"We, who are many, are one body
in Christ, and individually we are
members, one of another."

(Romans 12:5)

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Sponsorship is \$500 per issue, which includes customized recognition in both the printed copy and in the digital version, which is distributed by email, on our website and via our social media.

Would you like to be our next sponsor?

Please call the Parish Office at 905-522-9828, or email us at hello@stppatrickshamilton.ca

Volunteer Spotlight

Today we shine our spotlight on Mike Peters. Mike is husband to Debbie, a father and grandfather. He is the owner of Murray Peters Electric, a skilled electrician who is now retired. Mike has been a volunteer of St. Patrick's for several years as a Eucharistic Minister and is a member of the De Mazenod Door's weekly 'Monday Crew', a fill in driver when needed, as well as a volunteer at the De Mazenod Farm. Mike is extremely generous with his time and talents. He is a mentor to many young people, especially around the electrical trade. He is a great community supporter, at home and abroad, and has visited numerous countries such as Haiti and Guatemala, carrying out missionary work. Mike is humorous, creative and immensely kind-hearted. He truly lives his faith. Thank you Mike for all that you do!



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