



St. Patrick Parish
HAMILTON, ONTARIO

News From The Pews

Love Others As Christ Loves Us



*"Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them,
and whose sins you retain are retained." John 20.19-23*

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

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May 28, 2023 - Pentecost Sunday

WEEKEND READINGS



Sunday, MAY 28, 2023

1st Reading: Acts 2.1-11
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.3b-7,12-13
Gospel: John 20.19-23

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@stpatrickshamilton.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 Your chosen donation amount will automatically be withdrawn from your bank account at your chosen frequency.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.

MASS INTENTIONS



Tues, May 30 | 12:15 PM

- Cathy Louise Baldwin & Rino Pirro
- Special Int: Dartaignien Jovaine Casas
- Anne Joachim and All Souls in Purgatory

Sat, June 3 | 5:00 PM

- Special Intention: William

Sun, June 4 | 9:00 AM

- St. Patrick Parishioners
- Special Int: Rob Pearce

11:30 AM

- Joaquim Matias
- Lori McCormick
- Ardri Bubba

Wed, May 31 | 12:15 PM

- Special Int: John & David
- Theresa Ostrowski

Thurs, June 1 | 12:15 PM

- Duarte Costa
- Jeremy Prieur & All Souls In Purgatory

7:15 PM

- Margo Wotta
- Maria Madalena-Shevalier
- Robert Johnston (aka Georgie Fab)
- Pauline LeBlanc
- Special Int: Priyanka Comfort

Fri, June 2 | 12:15 PM

- Douglas Abbott
- Deceased Members of the Ferroni, Toole & Mahler Families

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 Quildon | 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
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COLLECTION REPORT



May 20 & 21, 2023

Collected from Offertory Envelopes	\$3,219.00
E-transfers	\$0.00
Canada Helps	\$318.00
Pre-Authorized Collection	\$2,549.00

TOTAL \$6,086.00

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

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De Mazenod Door Outreach

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A Day On The Farm with Cathedral High School



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On the past two Wednesdays, students from Cathedral High School came to the De Mazenod Farm in big yellow school busses. The students came ready to farm the land, prepare the soil and begin planting vegetables to be grown for the De Mazenod Door. This week, they planted potatoes.

Fr. Jarek eagerly joined the students at the farm, working alongside them. These are always full days, where everyone does the work necessary, and they have a blast while doing it. There is lots of laughter and fun to be had, while still accomplishing these necessary tasks to begin the growing season. What a great learning experience it is!

TJ and Sutton, the pygmy goats, enjoy the extra love they get from everyone on these days. Thank you CHS! We look forward to your return!



FRIDAY BBQ

BBQ Sponsors - June 2

Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School and
In Celebration of
Alice & Mitch Szrajber



Cereal
Salty Snacks
Sandwich Bags

MOST WANTED ITEMS

WAYS TO HELP

Volunteer: volunteer@stpatrikshamilton.ca
Donate:
<https://demazenod-door.ca/make-a-donation>

If you would like to participate in a Famous Friday BBQ, please contact us:
demazenod@stpatrikshamilton.ca or
905-522-9828

BEYOND THE WALLS



It's so hard to fathom that it's already been almost eight years since I received an invitation to volunteer here at St. Patrick's. Actually, it was to help out with a Friday BBQ at De Mazenod Door. Back then, in it's humble beginnings, the weekly BBQ was on - what seems now to be - a much smaller scale. At the time, it seemed to be crazy busy. I was 'needed', Sherri said!

I remember how cold it was that Friday. I donned my parka, ready to serve the many guests of the De Mazenod Door who had lined up outside for what is still the favourite day of the week. That cold winter day led to another, and then another, and before I knew it I was a regular, volunteering with other ministries, like the Administrative Office, helping fold bulletins and serving at the big sit-down dinners on special occasions. And then De Mazenod Door Outreach truly called my name.

That first Friday BBQ experience didn't end on that Friday. I now know that it wasn't the only intention, but rather a sign from God that there was more in store for me. After a 25 year hiatus away from the Church, suddenly I was back in the pews whenever I was on site and on the weekend, listening with new ears and hearing what I truly had never heard before. Maybe for the very first time in my life I was listening with my heart. Not just hearing, but really listening.

My own personal growth has been an amazing journey and I sincerely believe that credit needs to be given to my time spent here. It continues to brighten my path every day helping me to become more and more confident each day. I am a quiet, almost introverted woman. Coming out of my shell has taken work, but has been so much easier because of the 'come as you are' attitude that St. Patrick's is known for. They took me as I was and still take me today, as I am. I didn't need to be molded into someone I wasn't. It's okay that I am me!

Now, all of these years later, there are more and more opportunities and ministries for others like me who just need a push - or a pull. That invitation to come to help out and lend a hand added more to my life than I ever thought possible. Certainly more than I ever expected.

What started as one day for me became a career. Somewhere that I wanted to call my home away from home, at least 5 days a week. I couldn't imagine this not being my life. I'm forever grateful for that phone call 8 years ago, for that extended hand. I'm grateful every day that I put my faith into action - and my actions into faith.

~Diane Downey



Do you want to get involved?

Join one of the many volunteer ministries at St. Patrick Church!

Contact us to sign-up or for more information.

Please email volunteer@stpatricksparishhamilton.ca or call the Parish Office at 905-522-9828

VOCATION REFLECTION

PEACE BE WITH YOU

I still find it hard to wrap my head around all the ways in which God has made each of us so different. While our differences can be exhilarating, it can also be challenging to deal with others' differences; wouldn't things be much easier if we all thought the same? What if we all had the same political views or even religious views? I mean, it may not be very interesting, but at least we would be able to agree. Everything in our world seems so divided; a Provincial election here in Alberta can attest to that. It is so easy to hurt one another because of our differences. Knowing that God could have created us to be more alike to avoid all the uncomfortableness but didn't should tell us something. In the First Reading on Sunday, the story is about the tongues that came and rested on each of the disciples. Isn't this interesting; the Holy Spirit could have rested on the ears of humankind and had everyone understand the same language yet choose to work with the diversity already in place.

I believe fully, as with all things of God, that it was intentional. Again, what is this supposed to tell us? I think that God is trying to tell us that not only does our strength lie in being in community, but that we are at our best when we embrace our individuality and all our differences. We need to have struggles in order to get the best outcome. In John's Gospel account, Jesus actually prepares us for it. He shares peace with the disciples and then instructs them to go and do the same. He then speaks to forgiveness; why would he do that? Because God knows how difficult it is to be ourselves, use our unique gifts and talents, and be different; however, it is also necessary. As we try to understand each other's perspectives, like trying to understand a new language, we may not always get it right. We will misunderstand, we may misinterpret, and another person's words may not translate as intended. And so Jesus reminds the disciples and us to forgive each other and to share peace, even with those that mean us harm. Being a Christian isn't easy; it is not for the faint of heart. We must share peace, not just by shaking hands at mass, but by creating an atmosphere of welcome, mercy and love. We will hurt each other as we try to live in community, and we will need to forgive each other. However, we must remember that this is necessary. We are called to be different; this is how we will be the best community we can be.

Peace be with you.

By Serena Shaw
Vocation Team – Oblate Associate



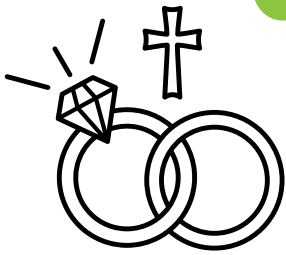
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NEWS AND REMINDERS



VOLUNTEERS FOR WEDDINGS

We are seeking volunteers to assist at upcoming Weddings and Wedding Rehearsals. For rehearsals, the volunteers will welcome and receive the wedding party into the Church. The Presider will review the Liturgy of the Ceremony, verify the readings, and instruct the order of service. Volunteers assist the wedding couples, the wedding party and the guests.

On the wedding day, volunteers greet people at the door and help in any way possible without intruding on the guests and families. Every interaction is a positive one. The little things make the biggest impact. Training will be provided. Please consider this wonderful ministry opportunity! For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 905-522-9828, or email us at volunteer@stpatrickshamilton.ca



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. Please give generously!

Confirmation

Next Tuesday May 30th, there will be Confirmation at 6.00 pm in the evening. Pray for the children receiving this Sacrament.

Annual Spring Memorial Mass

The Spring Memorial Mass at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Burlington will take place on Saturday, June 17, at 11:00. Light refreshments will be served following the Mass. Everyone is welcome. It is a beautiful way to remember loved ones!



*The CWL invites women of the parish to a
baby shower for Birthright on
Tuesday, June 13
at 6:30 pm
in the chapel
Games! Cake! Fellowship!*

If you are able to bring a gift, items needed include baby bottles, little socks and little shoes, newborn sweaters, summer hats, pants and tops, blankets, receiving blankets, crib sheets, newborn undershirts and sleepers, diapers, baby toiletries, formula.

Hope to see you there!

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FROM THE DIOCESE



BISHOP OF HAMILTON

Let us return with Joy!

May 24, 2023

Dear Friends:

For the past three years, the world has been shaken by the Covid-19 virus, and our lives have been changed as we sought to observe the many protocols which were established for our health and safety. These included frequent periods when we were unable to come together to celebrate our faith and be nourished by the Sacraments. On several occasions our churches were closed, and we were unable to celebrate the Sunday Eucharist, which is so fundamental to our Catholic way of life.

Since we foresaw occasions when we would be prevented from participating in Sunday Mass, and we were fearful of gathering as long as Covid-19 and its variants were spreading and threatening the health of so many people, on March 16, 2020, I dispensed the faithful of our Diocese from the obligation to participate in the Sunday Eucharist.

During the pandemic, several Parishes in our Diocese provided livestreaming, so that even though parishioners could not be physically present and participate fully in the Sunday Mass, they were able to at least hear the Word of God proclaimed and witness the celebration of Mass broadcast from their Parish. I am grateful for all the ways that our Priests sought to provide spiritual support to their parishioners during those difficult years!

In recent months, we have been able to resume most of our former activities. It has been a great joy to gather again with our families and friends, and especially with our Parish communities. At the beginning of this month, the World Health Organization declared that the Covid-19 virus is an on-going health issue; however, it no longer constitutes a public health emergency of international concern. Furthermore, all Covid-related restrictions have been removed in our Province. For this reason, I am removing the dispensation from the obligation to participate at Sunday Mass, effective on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), June 11, 2023.

I understand that some members of the faithful, for reasons of health, may not feel able to return to Mass. However, it has always been the teaching of the Church, that those who are impeded from participating at Sunday Mass because of ill health, or care for the sick, or some other grave reason, are not bound by the obligation to participate in the Sunday Eucharist. Those who are now able to resume their regular activities and enjoy good health are obliged to participate at Sunday Mass. "Virtual Masses" online and on television, while spiritually helpful, do not fulfill the Sunday obligation for those who are able to attend Mass in person.

Today, on this Solemnity of Pentecost, we mark the conclusion of the Easter Season and celebrate the birthday of the Church. From the earliest days of the Church, Christians have come together on Sunday, the Lord's Day, to celebrate the Eucharist. And so, I take this opportunity to invite all the faithful of our Diocese, if they have not already done so, to return with joy to the Sunday Mass.

May our faithful celebration of the Sunday Eucharist and our reception of the Body and Blood of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ in Holy Communion never cease to nourish our faith and strengthen us to be missionary disciples.

Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,
(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI
Bishop of Hamilton

Highlights & Spotlights

Volunteer Spotlight: Jim Galvin

This week we shine the volunteer spotlight on one of our long time Parish and De Mazenod Door Outreach volunteers. Jim Galvin has been a member of the Friday BBQ Crew almost since inception of the program. Jim came here, with a crew of other volunteers, ready and willing to help in any way and he continues to come every Friday morning, rain or shine, getting the BBQs lit and ready to cook up what is now hundreds and hundreds of cheeseburgers and hotdogs. Jim is a Lector and is a member of the Parish Finance Committee. He can be seen, along with his lovely wife Karen, lending their support at many of the De Mazenod and St. Patrick's special events. It doesn't matter what Jim is called upon to do (including BBQing for a hundred students at the Farm), he is the first one there with outstretched hands, ready & willing, with a big smile and his warm, welcoming way. Thank you Jim for your commitment to service and all you bring to the many tables we meet at!






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VOCATIONS CAFE

With Fr. James Martin, SJ
Tuesday - June 6 - 11:00am Eastern

Streamed LIVE
fb.me/missionaryoblates

LIVE STREAM: At the next Vocations Cafe, Jarek Pachocki OMI, OMI Lacombe Canada Vocation Director, is chatting with Fr. James Martin SJ about his vocation as a Jesuit and ministry with LGBTQ Catholics. Fr. Martin is an acclaimed author, editor at large of American Magazine, and was appointed by Pope Francis in 2017 as a consultant for the Vatican's Secretariat for Communications. Fr. Martin has had two private audiences with Pope Francis to discuss his work with 2SLGBTQ+ Catholics.

Join in on June 6:

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