

St. Patrick's Feast of Dedication

Masses this Week

Tuesday, January 19

5:00 p.m. + Mary Defend - *Brad & Carol Ann Shaw*
 + Norberto & Odilia Branco - *Maria Branco*
 + Maria Sousa & Jason J. Medeiros - *Arminda & Jason Galvao*
 + Kevin George - *Wanda Ostertage*

Wednesday, January 20

8:00 a.m. + Jim Delahunty - *Ed & Clara Young*

Thursday, January 21 - St. Agnes

5:00 p.m. + Cecilia Karas & David Woznuk - *Gail Thompson*

Friday, January 22

8:00 a.m. + Jim Delahunty - *John & Nellie Young*
7:00 p.m. - St. Margaret School Confirmation

Saturday, January 23

5:00 p.m. - Sung Mass
 + Orietta Fabbro - *The People of St. Patrick's Parish*
 + Richard Mauser - *Carna Cortes*
 + Dominico Pisciueneri - *Yolanda Recine*
 + David Borges - *The Borges & Vicente Families*
 + Joan Woodworth - *The Murphy Family*
 + Eleanor Kavanagh - *Ann Dolan*

Sunday, January 24 - 3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. - Said Mass at the Altar of Our Lady
9:00 & 11:00 a.m. - Sung Mass

This Week In Our Parish

Tuesday, January 19

5:30 p.m. - Holy Spirit Prayer Community (Church)
7:00 p.m. - Finance Meeting (2nd. Floor Conf. Room)

Thursday, January 21

7:00 p.m. - SVPD Refugee Meeting (Parish Hall)

Friday, January 22

8:30 a.m. - Adoration (Benediction 9:30 a.m.)
10:00 a.m. - St. Margaret School Confirmation Rehearsal

Saturday, January 23

4:00 - 4:30 p.m. - Confessions

Offertory

Envelope Contributions Last Week	\$3,798.90
Loose Collection	\$ 398.15
Total Collection - Thank you	\$4,197.05

Liturgical Ministers - January 23rd & 24th

	5:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Greeters	R. Bevan G. Ward	B. Sousa A. Sousa	M. Dwyer M. Ryan
Lectors LI L2	P. Cooper M. Sehl	B. Sousa J. Streppel	R. St. Cartier J. St. Cartier
Communion	G. Thompson W. Koluk	S. Braga A. Sousa	H. France R. France

“Therefore be amazed,
 you great and small who fear God.”

(St. Patrick)

If you are visiting today,

St. Patrick's Parish welcomes you.

Please take your bulletins home with you. We request that you do not leave bulletins and other items in the pews.
 Many thanks.

Blessing of Candles

On Tuesday, February 2nd at the 5 pm mass we will bless candles to be used in our liturgical celebrations during the coming year. Additional candles will be blessed and made available for home use. These candles will be available to parishioners at a cost of \$5 per candle.

Blessing of Throats

For centuries it has been a tradition for Catholics to have their throats blessed on or about the Feast of St. Blaise, the patron saint against throat ailments. The Blessing of Throats will take place at St. Patrick's Parish during the 8 am mass on Wednesday, February 3.

Anointing of the Sick

The Anointing of the Sick will take place at St. Patrick's Parish on the weekend of February 6 & 7 during all masses. All those suffering chronic pain, illness or the burden of years are welcome to receive this sacrament.

St. Patrick's Supper & Movie Night



Date: Saturday, February 13
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Parish Hall

A light supper will follow the 5 p.m. Mass. The movie, “**The Good Earth**,” will begin at 6:45 p.m.

Based on Donald Davis and Owen Davis' stage-adaptation of Pearl S. Buck's sprawling novel, Sidney Franklin's *The Good Earth* is the story of a Chinese farming couple whose lives are torn apart by poverty, greed, and nature. Paul Muni stars as Wang Lung, a hardworking but poor farmer who weds freed slave O-Lan (Luise Rainer). It's an engaging story of love and perseverance. Please plan to join us.

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Mon. Jan. 18	Very Rev. Ian Duffy
Tues., Jan. 19	Rev. Joseph Durkacz
Wed., Jan. 20	Srs. Adorers of the Precious Blood (R.P.B)
Thurs., Jan. 21	Rev. Janusz Roginski, S.A.C.
Fri., Jan. 22	Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk
Sat., Jan 23	Rev. Francis Trzupek

January 17, 2016

SVDP Refugee Sponsorship Effort

The Diocese of Hamilton has entered into an agreement with the federal government to act as a "Settlement Agreement Holder", to provide blanket backing to parishes or other groups in the diocese hoping to sponsor refugee families. In the fall of 2015, the **St. Vincent de Paul Particular Council** (made up of the presidents of five Cambridge parish SVDP Conferences, the Thrift Store Manager, and Deacon Terry Osmar) provided \$25,000 toward the sponsorship of a refugee family. The Particular Council gets its funding from the Thrift Store. *No funds donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Conferences within each parish will be used for or diverted to the refugee sponsorship effort.* A small steering committee, composed of members from St. Clement's, St. Ambrose and St. Patrick's parishes, has been working since October to meet the requirements of both the diocese and the government, and we're almost there. Within the next two weeks our application to sponsor a family of 4-5 people will be submitted to the Diocesan Office of Refugees. When approved it will be forwarded to Ottawa, after which we will be allowed to choose the profile of "our family". The committee has received extremely generous support, both cultural and monetary, from the Arabic Social Club, Sham Rose, and the Cambridge Muslim Society of Cambridge.

Many from our parish communities as well have expressed interest in helping with "time, talent or treasure". As soon as our application has been accepted, more information on how parishioners can become involved will be forthcoming. In the meantime, the committee requests your prayers for wisdom as we participate in this decision that will change the lives of one family forever.

The Gospel Of Luke Study Sessions

A series of study sessions will be held at various locations in the Diocese throughout the *Year of Mercy*. These sessions are open to young adults and adults in the Diocese looking to explore the gifts found in Luke's Gospel, often referred to as *The Gospel of Mercy*. Each session will take place in a different Deanery and will include a guest speaker and small group discussions. For more information or to register, please contact Monica Verin in the Discipleship & Parish Life Office at 905.528.7988 x 2238.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in 2016? If so, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 29 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 p.m. Space allows room for anniversary couples only. Those married 60 years or more may bring one guest. Please refer to the poster in the narthex of the church or visit www.hamiltondiocese.com for information on how to register for the celebration.

Catholic Teaching on Cremated Remains

If you or a loved one is interested in cremation at some future date, please see the pamphlet from the Diocese of Hamilton located at all three church doors.

Hearing The Call To A Vocation To Serve The Church

Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities. Could it be He is calling you to consider priesthood or religious life? If you feel God's call to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit www.HamiltonVocations.com

First Holy Communion Parent Information Meeting

This meeting will take place at St. Patrick's Parish on **Thursday, February 18 from 7 – 8 pm** for students of our four parish schools who are expecting to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion during this academic year. At this meeting, the process for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be outlined and registration forms will be distributed and explained. Please note that the meeting takes place in the church. No food or drinks please. Grade 2 students are not required to attend.

A Parent's Guide to Understanding Family Life Education in Catholic Schools

The Health and Physical Education curriculum changes, implemented by the Ontario government, created the need to update the Fully Alive and Family Life Education curriculum in Catholic schools in the province of Ontario. A guide to understanding the revised curriculum is located in the narthex of the church for parents, grandparents or other interested parties who may wish to deepen their knowledge of the new changes.

From the Canadian Council of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB)

This past October 29, the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada (EFC) and the CCCB launched a joint Declaration on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide at the National Press Gallery in Ottawa on Parliament Hill. The CCCB and EFC were assisted in the launching by Rabbi Dr. Reuven P. Bulka from the Congregation *Machzikei Hadas* in Ottawa, and Imam Samy Metwally from the Ottawa Main Mosque/Ottawa Muslim Association. At the time of its release, the Declaration had 56 signatories from Catholic, Orthodox, Evangelical, Jewish and Muslim faith leaders across Canada.

The sponsoring signatories to the Declaration, including the CCCB, would now like to make a concerted effort to obtain signatures from a wide spectrum of Canadians who agree with the principles outlined in the Declaration. The EFC and the Jewish and Muslim partners have agreed to do the same. The number of signatures has already grown to 1,961 as of January 7 of this year. Signatures to the Declaration may be made on line. The Declaration and the signatory option can be accessed at: www.euthanasiadeclaration.ca/sign-the-declaration/

2016 Offering Envelopes

2016 Offering Envelopes are still available for pick-up in the parish hall. Persons registered for the EFT donation option are also assigned a box of offertory envelopes. If you have not already done so, please be sure to take yours home with you today.