The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses this Week

Tuesday, February 2 - The Presentation of the Lord
5:00 p.m. + Cecilia Karas - *Rosemary Astley*
+ Norberto & Odilia Branco - *Maria Branco*
+ Jim Delahunty – *Kay Normore*
+ Antonio Moura – *Emilia Moura*
Wednesday, February 3 - St. Blaise
8:00 a.m. + Jim Delahunty – *May Ryan*
Thursday, February 4
5:00 p.m. + Tom Cummings – *The Family*
Friday, February 5 - St. Agatha
8:00 a.m. + Lawrence Hammond – *Mary Hammond*
Saturday, February 6
5:00 p.m. - Sung Mass
+ Mary Catherine Delane - *The Family*
+ Lorne Cooper - *Joe Delorezis*
+ Joseph Murphy – *Ann Sims*
+ John Sousa – *Maria Sousa*
+ William & Catherine Tremblett – *The Family*
Sunday, February 7 – 5th 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, February 2
5:00 p.m. - Blessing of Candles (Church)
5:30 p.m. - Holy Spirit Prayer Community (Church)
Wednesday, February 3
8:00 a.m. - Blessing of Throats (Church)
Friday, February 5
8:30 a.m. – Adoration (Benediction 9:30 a.m.)
Saturday, February 6
4:00 – 4:30 p.m. – Confessions
Sunday, February 7
10:00 a.m. - Coffee Social (Parish Hall)
7:00 p.m. - Euchre (Parish Hall)

Offertory

Envelope Contributions Last Week	$4,175.35
Loose Collection	$ 958.75
Total Collection – Thank you	$5,134.10

Liturgical Ministers - February 6th & 7th

	5:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Greeters	G. Mercier H. Lombardi	T. Moniz *Vol Needed*	D. Kennedy S. Bolger
Lectors L1 **L2**	N. Applebee M. Applebee	D. Fitzgerald C. Parry	B. O'Brien R. O'Brien
Communion	C. McArthur B. Raghubar	S. Braga A. Sousa	R. St. Cartier J. St. Cartier

In giving us his Son, his only and definitive Word,
God spoke everything to us at once in this sole Word,
and he has no more to say.
(Saint John of the Cross)

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.

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.

Can You Help?

Volunteers are needed to help with the March Supper and Movie Night on **Saturday, March 12**. A light supper, themed "Soup Night," will follow the 5 pm Mass. We need volunteers who would be willing to prepare and share their favourite homemade soup recipe. If you would like more information or are interested in volunteering, please call Alison Kelly at 519-740-7791.

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Mon. Feb. 1	Rev. Peter Ciallella, C.S.
Tues., Feb. 2	Rev. James Link, C.R.
Wed., Feb. 3	Soeurs du Sacre-Coeur de Jesus (S.S.C.J.)
Thurs., Feb. 4	Rev. Michael McHugh
Fri., Feb. 5	Rev. Michael Sullivan
Sat., Feb. 6	Rev. Jerry Punnassery, C.M.I.

2016 Offering Envelopes

2016 Offering Envelopes are available for pick-up in the narthex of the church until the weekend of February 7, after which those parishioners who still need to pick their offering envelopes up will be able to do so at the parish office.

Hearing The Call To A Vocation To Serve The Church

No prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering religious life or priesthood. If you feel God's call to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit www.HamiltonVocations.com

Seminary Education Collection February 7

The Gospel of John records Christ's first call to men to become His disciples and the important role they will play in both leading and serving mankind. Seminaries are places where young men are awakened to and generously heed Christ's call to follow Him. The Seminary Education Collection supports the educational needs of seminarians. Please pray for the seminarians who are in formation for the priesthood and plan to give generously to the seminary collection.

Coffee Social

All are welcome to join us. We invite you to stay after the 9 a.m. mass on ***Sunday, February 7th*** for our coffee social in the Parish Hall. This is an ideal time to come together to renew existing friendships and to form new ones. A special invitation is extended to new parishioners who would like to get better acquainted with St. Patrick's Parish community.

Canadian Food for Children

Throughout the month of **February** the CWL will be collecting rice and canned meats for Canadian Food for Children. All donations may be placed in the Canadian Food for Children box located in the narthex of the church.

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.

Electronic Funds Transfer

St. Patrick's Parish now has an Electronic Funds Transfer donation option. EFT registration forms are located in the narthex for those persons currently not registered for this option and who may wish to do so.

St. Jerome's University Anniversary Lectures "Illuminating Hearts and Minds"

On **Friday, February 12 at 7:30 pm** St. Jerome's University will be hosting its next Anniversary Lecture, "*Laudato Si'*: A New Call for Catholic Social Action." Guest speaker Dr. Margaret Archer, President of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences, will examine the impact of Pope Francis' call to all members of the Church, including those working at the Vatican, to become more directly involved with, and for, the poorest in our world. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. No registration is required. For more information visit www.sju.ca

The Ambo

"Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden pulpit which they had made for the purpose. . . . and Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people" (Nehemiah 8:4-5). The ambo is the stationary reading desk used for the proclamation of the Word of God. Somewhat elevated, it is designed with care and nobly crafted. The ambo should reflect the dignity and sacredness of the Word proclaimed from it. In some places the ambo is covered with a veil of the appropriate liturgical color. On occasions of festive solemnity, it is fitting to decorate the ambo with a simplicity that respects its purpose.

The ambo is reserved for the readings, the responsorial psalm, the Gospel, and the *Exultet* or Easter Proclamation. It may also be used for the homily and the Prayer of the Faithful. Commentaries and announcements are made from another suitable place.

During the Liturgy of the Word, look toward the ambo. For one who listens to it with reverent attention the Word becomes prayer burning in the heart and desire for the Eucharist. The Word announced from the ambo is fulfilled and given in the Eucharist. Taken from the *Archdiocese of Philadelphia*.

Please Observe a Reverent Silence in Church

Talk to God before Mass – and talk to each other after Mass – and please ensure that all mobile devices are switched off to avoid distracting others who are in prayer. Children are most welcome. The narthex or the parish hall should be used as a crying room if needed. *Thank you*.

Using the Door by the Choir

It's gonna be a long, cold winter…In consideration of our musicians and choir, please do not exit by the choir door if you are leaving mass before the end of the final hymn. Should you find it necessary to leave the church before the final hymn has concluded, please exit through the main doors of the church. *Many thanks*.

Christ did not die for men because they were intrinsically worth dying for, but because He is intrinsically love, and therefore loves infinitely.

— C.S. Lewis: Miracles, 53