

Easter Observances and Spring Hetivities





St. Patrick Parish Holy Week Worship Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 18 7:00 p.m.

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Washing of the Feet

Good Friday, April 19

Solemn Liturgy of the Passion 10:30 a.m.

Solemn Liturgy of the Passion 3:00 p.m.

Evening Prayer and Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 20
Easter Vigil
7:00 p.m.

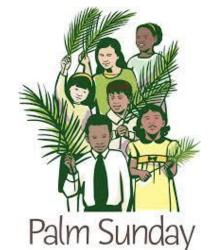
Easter Sunday, April 21
Mass of the Resurrection

8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.

Passion (Palm Sunday) – Sunday, April 14th

On Palm Sunday Catholics celebrate the triumphant entry of Jesus Christ into

Jerusalem, the week before His death and resurrection. The Bible reveals that when Jesus entered Jerusalem, the crowds greeted Him by waving palm branches and covering His path with palm branches. Immediately following this great time of celebration in the ministry of Jesus, He begins His journey to the cross. Please join our community in commemorating this day. Children's Liturgy is offered at all Masses. Saturday at 5 p.m. Sunday at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.



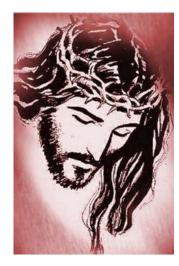
Mass of the Lord's Last Supper - Thursday, April 18th at 7 p.m.



Holy Thursday is the day on which Christ celebrated the Last Supper with His disciples. On this special night, Jesus washed the feet of the disciples. For Jesus, it was the display of His humility and His servanthood. We invite you to attend the Mass of the Lord's Last Supper to observe the ritual of the washing of the feet and to commemorate the sacred night of the Lord's Last Supper.

<u>Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion</u> Friday, April 19th 10:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

On Good Friday we remember the day Jesus willingly suffered and died by crucifixion as the ultimate sacrifice for our sins (1 John 1:10). It is followed by Easter, the glorious celebration of the day Jesus was raised from the dead, heralding His victory over sin and death and pointing ahead to a future resurrection for all who are united to Him by faith (Romans 6:5). Please join the St. Patrick Parish community in observing Good Friday by attending the Good Friday Liturgy.





Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 20th at 7 p.m.

The Easter Vigil liturgy is the most beautiful liturgy in the Catholic Church. All Catholics should try to attend this beautiful service. The vigil is divided into four parts:

1) Service of Light - The atmosphere in the church is different: the holy water fonts are drained, all the lights are out, the tabernacle is empty. The service begins in the church hall. A new fire is lit and

blessed. The Paschal Candle, representing the Light of Christ, is lit, as are the candles held by the congregation. The new light of the Risen Lord is brought into the church.

- 2) Liturgy of the Word During the Easter vigil, readings are selected that help us meditate on the wonderful works of God for His people since the beginning of time.
- 3) Liturgy of Baptism During this time the Easter water is blessed, and new members are brought into the Church through baptism. Afterwards the faithful are blessed with water and all renew their baptismal promises.
- 4) Liturgy of Eucharist So resumes the Mass, with the special prayers inserted during the Eucharist Prayer. The whole church is called to join at the sacrificial table that Christ prepared for us through his death and resurrection. The Mass ends with the glorious Alleluia.

Easter Sunday - Mass of Lord's Resurrection April 21st, 2019

8:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

11:15 a.m.

Easter is a day of celebration because it represents the fulfillment of

our faith as Christians. St. Paul wrote that, unless Christ rose from the dead, our faith is in vain (1 Corinthians 15:17). Through His death, Christ saved mankind from bondage to sin, and He destroyed the hold that death has on all of us; but it is His Resurrection that gives us the promise of new life, both in this world and the next.



Divine Mercy Sunday - Sunday, April 28

This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.



The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, he wants us to

recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

Divine Mercy Sunday has been established as the Sunday after Easter.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE



Please join us for *The Crowning of Mary on* Wednesday, May 8th at will begin in the followed by and a general hall.

In addition, we

<u>6:30 pm.</u> We church refreshments meeting in the

welcome all

ladies of the Parish to join us for our annual Communion Brunch taking place on Sunday, June 9, following the 11 a.m. Mass. This year, the brunch will take place at:

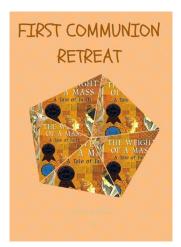
> The Ruby, Tansley Wood Retirement Centre. Speaker to be announced. Tickets will be on sale in May.

May our Lady of Good Counsel continue to guide us in all that we do.

First Eucharist Retreat Days

St. Patrick School – April 24

Ascension School – April 25



Grade 2 children will participate in a retreat day at the church, which will include a Church Tour, Drama, Bread Baking and much more to prepare for their First Communion Day.

First Eucharist

The children of St. Patrick Parish will receive their First Communion at the following Masses:

Saturday, April 27, 2019 5 p.m.
Sunday, April 28, 2019 11 a.m.
Saturday, May 4, 2019 5 p.m.
Sunday, May 5, 2019 11 a.m.
Saturday, May 11, 2019 5 p.m.
Sunday, May 12, 2019 11 a.m.



<u>Catholic Education Week –</u> May 5 -10, 2019



During the week of May 5 to May 10, 2019, the Halton Catholic District School Board will celebrate the significant contribution that Catholic Education has made to the community, the province and to Canada. Our Catholic Graduate Expectations challenge students to articulate in society those fundamental values that underpin Catholic education. The theme for this year's Catholic Education Week is: Catholic Education: Living as Joyful Disciples. The 2019 CEW theme was inspired by three sources: Renewing the Promise, The Pastoral Letter on Catholic Education from the Bishops of Ontario; Gaudete et exsultate, the Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis on the Call to Holiness; and Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment, the October 2018 Synod of Bishops. Mindful of the Synod on Youth, the theme and sub-themes are very much directed to the young people in our schools, especially in their growth in holiness and their formation as disciples of Christ through the discernment of their vocational pathways. In the section of Renewing the Promise entitled, "A Community that Forms Joyful Disciples," we read, "Our Catholic schools help to form joyful disciples as hearts and minds are opened to the transforming love of God and to the flame of faith in action. On a daily basis, Catholic schools demonstrate the joy of believing and witness the Good News to the communities that they serve."

Join us for our celebration of Catholic Education during our liturgies:

Catholic Education Week Liturgies

St. Patrick School - Thursday, May 9 9:45 am. – at the Church

Ascension School - Wednesday, May 8 11:00 am. – at the School

Game Night for Youth Saturday, May 4th Mass at 5 pm., Pizza and Games from 6 – 8pm

We invite the youth of the parish (Grade 6, 7 and 8) to join us for a



Game Night and Pizza. Come for Mass at 5 pm. Pizza and games to follow 6-8 pm. There is a small cost of \$5.00 per student to cover the cost of pizza and snacks. Please contact Mary at

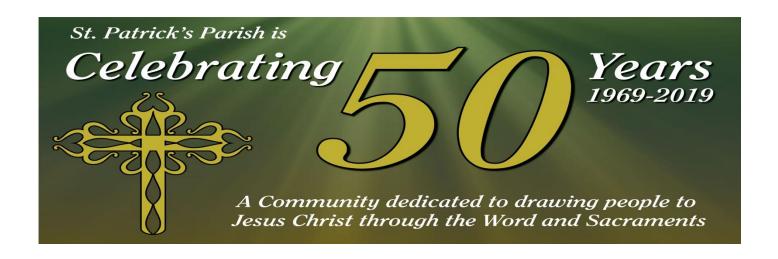
mtessari@hamiltondiocese.com to register for this event.

Altar Server & Children's Choir Party Thursday, June 20, 2019 5:30 pm, Movie and Pizza A Dog's Way Home

We invite our Altar Servers and Children's Choir members to a movie

and pizza party featuring the film, "A Dog's Way Home". Please indicate your attendance by contacting Mrs. Tessari at mtessari@hamiltondiocese.com.





St. Patrick Church 50th Anniversary Celebration

Get your tickets early!!!!

Tickets are on sale weekend of April 27/28 & May 4/5



In Support of our 50th Anniversary Special Collection

An additional collection will be held during the weekend of May 4/5 to support our 50th Anniversary celebrations. Monies raised will assist in flowers, decorations for church, the 50th Anniversary Receptions following Masses on June 16^{th.} Also, it is the 50th Anniversary Committee's hope to host a BBQ for everyone in the early Fall, if enough funds collected.

End of School Year Masses

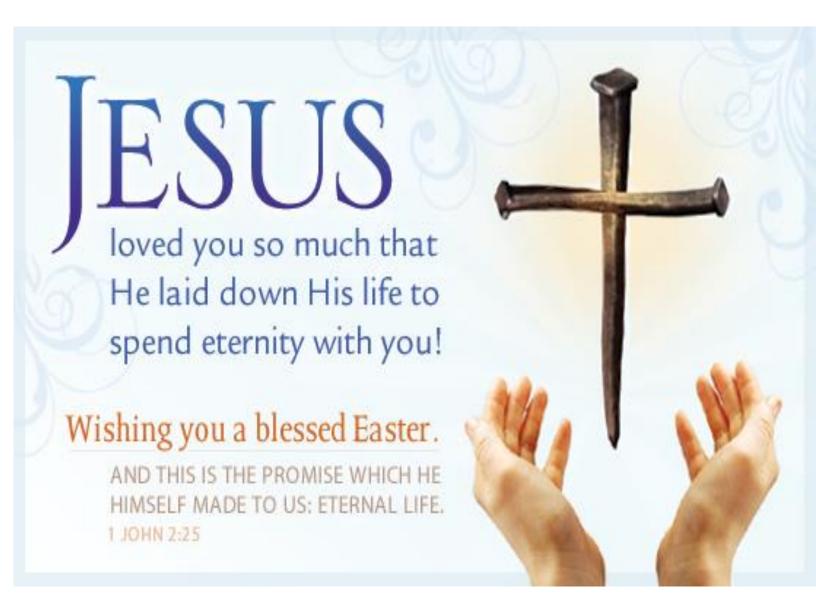
Please join us for the End of School Year Masses with a special tribute to our Grade 8 Graduating Classes.

St. Patrick School – Tuesday, June 25, 2019 9:45 a.m.

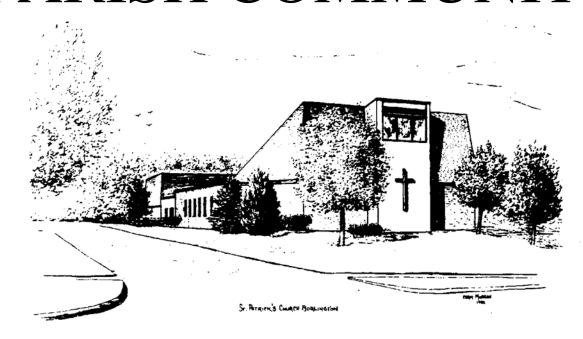
Ascension School – Wednesday, June 26, 2019 10:30 a.m.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR GRADUATES FROM ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS!



ST. PATRICK'S PARISH COMMUNITY



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Sunday Mass Times:

Saturdays 5:00 p.m.

Sundays 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.