

Saint Patrick's Church

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Mass: 6:00 p.m.



Sunday Masses: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses: Monday – Friday: 8:00 a.m.



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under the guidance of the
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DIOCESE OF HAMILTON IN BERMUDA
Most Reverend Bishop: Wieslaw (Wesley) Spiewak, CR DD
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PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Mr. Bruce Fox
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Rev. Dr. Matthew Arnold
Deacon
236-3171

Mr. José Amaral
St. Vincent de Paul Society
Representative

Mrs. Kimberley Güntl
Office Administrator
Hrs: Tues/ Wed/ Fri: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Confirmation Class
Wednesdays in hall
starting mid-November
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

MAMA
Fridays in Hall
9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. or by appointment

BAPTISMS

By appointment five weeks in advance

WEDDINGS

By appointment one year in advance

BIBLE STUDY

Postponed until further notice

PORTUGUESE MASS

Each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Church preceded by the Rosary

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.
in St. Patrick's Church

CCD – Commencement in November

Every Saturday morning during the school year
8:45 a.m. – 10 a.m. in the Church Hall
(Grades 1, 2 (FHC), 6, 7 & 8 only)

1 October 2023
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A

Introduction

My dear friends, in today's readings, we focus once again on God's constant love and forgiveness, even though it may not appear fair to us. We are called to be responsible for our own actions and to regard others before ourselves. But for those who have failed in this, God always awaits a change of heart, and God's forgiveness is always available.

Mass Intentions

- Sat. 30 **6:15 p.m.** ✠ Frank & Josephine Cabral
Sun. 1 9:00 a.m. ✠ Mary DeSilva
✠ Jeremiah Horgan
11:15 a.m. Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Mon. 2 8:00 a.m. ✠
Tues. 3 8:00 a.m. ✠ Manuel & Mary DeMello
✠ Eddy DeMello
✠ John & Connie Correia
✠ William DeMello
Wed. 4 8:00 a.m. ✠ Theresa, Joseph & Fatima R. Madeiros
✠ Jeffrey Castro
Thurs. 5 8:00 a.m. ✠ Antonio DaPonte Terceira
✠ Diamantina DaCosta Ribeiro
Fri. 6 8:00 a.m. ✠ Christopher Aaron Madeiros
Sat. 7 6:00 p.m. ✠ José DePaiva Carolo
Sun. 8 9:00 a.m. ✠ Anne Margaret Plowman
✠ Connie Cabral
11:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Patrick's

Stewardship Treasure

Offerings Last Weekend:	\$2,706.00
Sunday Offerings to Date:	\$147,999.00
Target Offerings (Week 39):	\$136,500.00
Poor Box:	\$147.00



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

Stewardship Thought

Pride and ego are hard things to control. We see how others act or dress and think we are superior to them. We idolize our own self-image. But, if we truly believe everything is a gift from God, we recognize all the people that God has put in our lives as gifts! We are grateful for how they enrich our lives. Pray every day for the people in your life: your family, your friends and those who make you angry.

Sunday and Special Offerings with Online Banking

Please make direct online payments to Butterfield Bank Account #20006060102074100 and include "Sunday Offering" in the memo field. Thank you.



St. Patrick's Facebook & Diocesan Website

Have you 'liked' us on Facebook yet? Also visit www.romancatholicbermuda.bm for up-to date information from the Diocese, the Parish churches, and to hear Bishop Wes' Daily Reflections, Bishop's Corner and live-streamed Masses.

Deacon Matthew Attends Safeguarding Conference

Deacon Matthew Arnold will be leaving the Island on Sunday, October 1, to attend the Clergy Safeguarding Conference in the UK and returning to Bermuda on Sunday evening, October 8. We wish him safe travels and an enlightening experience.

Thank you from Fr. George

Fr. George Nowak would like to thank the parishioners of St. Patrick's Church for the warm welcome he received, for the kind hospitality and for the opportunity to celebrate the Mass with us over the last several weeks. He returned to the Resurrection Manor House in Waterloo, ON, on Tuesday where he has resumed his duties in assisting at Sacred Heart Parish in Kitchener.

Excerpt from Bishop Wes' Letter to St. Patrick's

Dear Friends of St. Patrick's Parish,

The arrival of the new priest for St. Patrick's has been delayed and hopefully will occur at the end of October. In the meantime, there will be another priest to fill in; Fr. Paul Szymanowski who is a young Polish-Canadian Resurrectionist, and who will be ministering in your parish from the 7th of October to the 6th of November.

Fr. Dandy and myself will take care of the weekday masses until Fr. Paul arrives.

I count on your understanding and good will. Please be assured that I am doing everything possible to have a stable priest for you as soon as possible.

*Peace and blessings,
Bishop Wes*



Bishop Wes Celebrates 8th Anniversary of Ordination

On Sunday, October 1, Bishop Wieslaw (Wes) Spiewak, CR DD, will celebrate his 8th Anniversary of Ordination as Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton Bermuda. We pray that

God will continue to bless him with good health and grace him with the guidance he needs for his ministry.



On Oct. 4 We Welcome, Fr. Paul!

Fr. Pawel (Paul) Szymanowski, CR, is presently serving as a part-time archivist for the Congregation of the Resurrection in Rome where he is pursuing a doctorate in moral theology. With his in-person classes behind him, he is temporarily residing at the Resurrection Manor House in Waterloo, ON, in order to put the finishing touches towards the completion of his PhD dissertation. Fr. Paul will be celebrating the Mass and assuming the pastoral duties for St. Patrick's Parish from October 7 until his departure on November 6.



Volunteers Needed for CCD Program

St. Patrick's CCD Program is looking for CCD teachers and Aides for a November start for Grade 1, Grade 2 (First Holy Communion), and Grades 6 – 8. Please contact Mrs. Nelia Pimentel (236-9481 or orcc@northrock.bm) and offer your help. We need you! No special teacher training is necessary.

Children's Liturgy Resumes

St. Patrick's Parish invites children aged 3 - 6 years whose families attend the Sunday Mass at 11:00 a.m. to follow the Cross Bearer to the hall where they will be led by **Ms. Tawana Roque** in the Children's Liturgy. The children will rejoin their families during the Offertory of the Mass.

Update on the Start of Confirmation Classes

Dear Friends,

I would like to let you know that Confirmation preparation classes will commence in the second half of November. There will be two options as usual; St. Theresa's on Mondays and St. Patrick's on Wednesdays. Detailed information will be provided in due course to candidates.

The Confirmation ceremony will take place on Pentecost Sunday, 19th of May 2024 at 2:00pm at St. Theresa's Cathedral.

Those candidates who were not baptised in our Diocese must submit a copy of their baptism certificate at registration.

*Peace and blessings,
Bishop Wes*

Thursday Night Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament resumes this **Thursday, October 5, at 7 p.m.** in the Church. All are invited to experience this quiet devotion.

St. Patrick's Meal Program Needs Drivers!

Thank you very much to the parishioners who stepped forward and offered their assistance to drive or package produce for the St. Patrick's Meal Program each Tuesday morning. Volunteers are always appreciated! Please contact David Mutch at 293-5506 or e-mail him at: davidgamutch@gmail.com or speak to Deacon Matthew at 236-3171 or doc.marnold@gmail.com if you would like to offer your services.



Volunteers Needed: Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels is urgently seeking volunteers to assist with meal preparation, meal delivery and various other duties. If you can spare some time, please contact their volunteer coordinator at 236-1815 or via e-mail at mowvolunteers@logic.bm or fill in a volunteer form found on their website: www.mealsonwheels.bm.

Congratulations, 100 Club Winners!



The lucky winners of cash prizes for September are:

- ★ **A. McCudden**
- ★ **L. DaPonte**
- ★ **E. Güntl**

There's still time for you to be a winner before the end of the 2023 membership year! Contact **David Mutch** at e-mail: davidgamutch@gmail.com or telephone: 293-5506 for more information.

Parish Administrator Position Available

St. Patrick's Parish is looking for an Office Administrator to work part-time. The position will be for 15-20 hours per week and will commence December 15, 2023. Applicants need to have computer skills for bookkeeping (Quickbooks Pro), Microsoft Office, parish data entry (ParishSoft) and social media, or have a background which would make learning these programs easy.

Compensation will be commensurate with experience and expertise. If interested, contact Deacon Matthew Arnold at 236-3171 or e-mail: doc.marnold@gmail.com. Letters of reference will be required as well as a resume of professional experience. Knowledge of the teachings and practices of the Roman Catholic Church will put the applicant in a good position to adapt quickly to the position.



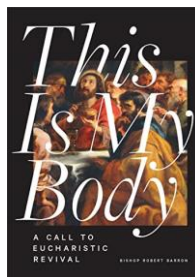
Afternoon Tea at St. Joseph's Church – October 15

This is your last chance...buy your tickets today! For St. Joseph's 95th Anniversary Tea and Raffle at St. James Church Hall, Somerset, on **Sunday, October 15 from 2 – 4:30 p.m.** Tickets are \$40 and available from Elizabeth Card at 234-0872 or e-mail: lizatstjosephs@gmail.com. There will be live entertainment. Ticket sales will close this weekend and there will be no walk-ins.



40 Days for Life Campaign until November 5

Visit: www.40daysforlife.com for more information on this grassroots campaign to end abortion.



"This Is My Body: A Call to Eucharistic Revival"

Join Fr. Attilio Morelli in reading together the book by Bishop Robert Barron: *This is My Body: A Call to Eucharistic Revival* on **Tuesdays, October 3, 31 and November 14 from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. at St. Anthony's Church, Warwick.**

Smile for the Day!

When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.

The Bishop's Corner – St. Theresa's Vocation of Love

Dear Fellow-Catholics:

This weekend belongs to celebrating Saint Thérèse, so my usual column needs to belong to her as well. In her writings I found this text:

"To be your Spouse, O Jesus, to be a Carmelite, by my union with you, to be the mother of souls should content me...yet it does not. Without doubt, these three privileges are indeed my vocation: Carmelite, spouse and mother, yet I feel in myself other vocations. I feel myself called to be a soldier, priest, apostle, doctor of the church and a martyr. Finally, I feel the need, the desire to perform all the most heroic deeds for you, Jesus. I feel in my soul the courage of a crusader, a soldier for the Church, and I wish to die on the battle field in defense of the Church. At prayer these desires make me suffer a true martyrdom. I opened the Epistles of St. Paul to seek some relief and at last I had found rest. Considering the mystical Body of the Church, I had not recognized myself in any of the members described by St. Paul, or rather, I wanted to recognize myself in all of them. Love gave me the key to my vocation. I understood that the Church has a heart, and that this heart burns with Love. I understood that Love alone makes its members act, that if this Love were to be extinguished, the Apostles would no longer preach the Gospel, the Martyrs would refuse to shed their blood. I understood that Love embraces all vocations, that Love is all things, that it embraces all times and all places; in a word, that it is eternal! I cried out: "O Jesus, my Love, at last I have found my vocation, my vocation is Love! Yes, I have found my place in the Church, and it is you, O my God, who has given me this place, in the heart of the Church, my Mother, I will be Love! Thus I shall be all things; thus my dream shall be realized."

Perhaps one may find this text somehow exalted, if not exaggerated. However, it reminded me of an inaugural address by a certain American President, "My fellow Americans; ask not what your country can do for you but ask what you can do for your country."

In light of both these texts, I dare to say, My fellow Catholics: What is your vocation in the Church? Let's ask this today and perhaps we will see what each of us can do for our Church...

Saint Thérèse, pray for us!

Bishop Wes



Responsorial Psalm – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Capo 3: (Bm) (G) (Em) (D) (G) (Bm7) (Em) (Bm)
Dm Bb Gm F Bb Dm7 Gm Dm

Re - mem - ber your __ mer - cies, O __ Lord.

Santo (by José Paulo Abreu) 9:00 a.m. Mass only

Santo, Santo, Santo é o Senhor, Deus do Universo.

Cheios estão os céus e a terra,

Da Tua glória, Hossana!

Hossana, Hossana, Hossana nos céus. (2x)

Bendito o que vem em nome do Senhor.

Hossana nas alturas, Hossana!

Hossana, Hossana, Hossana nos céus. (2x)

Cordeiro de Deus (Lamb of God)

Cordeiro de Deus, que tirais o pecado do mundo.

Tende piedade de nós!

Cordeiro de Deus, que tirais o pecado do mundo.

Tende piedade de nós!

Cordeiro de Deus, que tirais o pecado do mundo.

Dai-nos a paz, dai-nos a paz, dai-nos a vossa paz!

Next Weekend's Ministry Schedule

7th & 8th October 2023 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	6:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<u>Communion Min(s)</u>	Mi DeSilva	VOLUNTEER	K. Garcia
<u>Lector(s)</u>	K. Wicks	H. Tavares D. Gaspar	N. Pedro
<u>Song Leader(s)</u>	J. Mathias	R. Lopes	D. Mutch
<u>Mass Server(s)</u>	J. Every	VOLUNTEER	C. Easton C. Easton
<u>Hospitality Min(s)</u>	J. Lutkin A. Bento	D. Rego T. Botelho	A. Tomaz
<u>Gift Bearers</u>	Sinclair Family	G. & J. Blee	J. & L. Amaral
<u>Flower Ministry</u>	Connie Frias		