

Saint Patrick's Church

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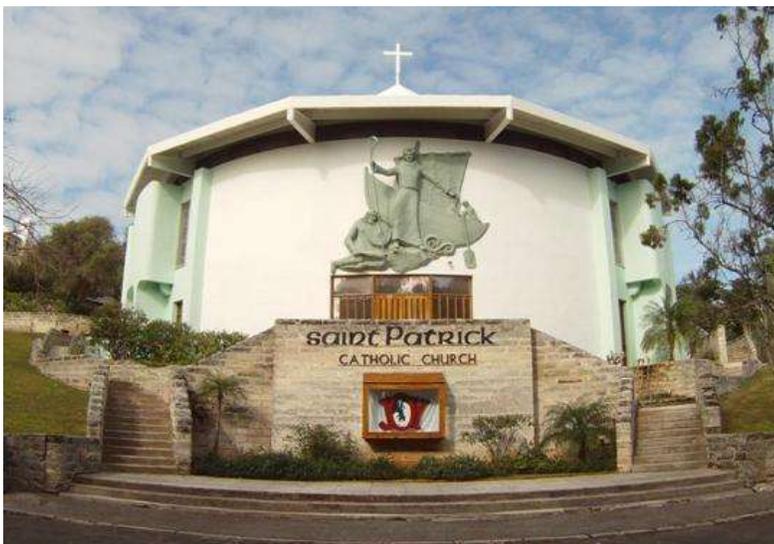
SCHEDULE OF MASSES

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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Rev. Vladimir Sobolewski, CR
Pastor

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

Mr. Bruce Fox
Music Director, Organist
236-8196

Mr. William DaCosta
Chairperson
232-0086

Mrs. Nelia Pimentel
Parish Catechetical Leader
236-9481

Mr. David Mutch
Parish Finance Chairperson
293-5506

Rev. Dr. Matthew Arnold
Deacon
236-3171

Mr. José Amaral
St. Vincent de Paul Society

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

Stewardship Chairperson

Brownies
Tuesdays in hall
4:30 – 5:45 p.m.

Frontier Girls
Wednesdays in hall
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

MAMA
Fridays in hall
9:00 – 11:00 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

Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. in Church hall

PORTUGUESE MASS

Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

CCD

Every Saturday during the school year
From 8:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Church hall

6th September 2020
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A

Introduction

My friends, today we hear that the early Christian community sometimes struggled with difficult members. The Gospel suggests a simple disciplinary process for the community to use in dealing with these problems. Let us pray for guidance and compassion in our own handling of conflict among us.

Mass Intentions

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| Sat. | 5 | 6:00 p.m. | ✠ John & Rosa Rocha ✠ Ernest Mello ✠ Christopher Alves ✠ John Rocha, Jr. |
| Sun. | 6 | 9:00 a.m. | ✠ Antonio Maduro ✠ Daniel & Evelina Leonardo ✠ Victor Leonardo ✠ Mary DeSilva ✠ Christopher Aaron Madeiros |
| | | 11:00 a.m. | Parishioners of St. Patrick's |
| Mon. | 7 | 9:00 a.m. | ✠ Luis & Octavia Rombeiro |
| Tues. | 8 | 8:00 a.m. | ✠ Manuel Simas |
| Wed. | 9 | 8:00 a.m. | ✠ Mary & Manuel DeMello ✠ Eddy DeMello ✠ William DeMello ✠ John & Connie Correia |
| Thur. | 10 | 8:00 a.m. | ✠ Luis DaPonte, Jr. |
| Fri. | 11 | 8:00 a.m. | ✠ Maria deJesus Furtado |
| Sat. | 12 | 6:00 p.m. | ✠ Paul Fortuna |
| Sun. | 13 | 9:00 a.m. | ✠ Eugene Cabral ✠ Lorraine Cabral Olivieri ✠ Deceased Members of the Piriquito Family ✠ Damien Parry ✠ Olivia Frias Simas |
| | | 11:00 a.m. | Parishioners of St. Patrick's |

Stewardship Treasure

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| Sunday Offerings last weekend: | \$6,714.50 |
| Sunday Offerings to date: | \$95,003.50 |
| Target Offerings (Week 35): | \$122,500.00 |
| Poor Box: | \$180.00 |



Weekly Stewardship Thought

"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel ..." (Ezekiel 33:7)

The Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts He has given us, especially the one that means the most to us.

Sunday Offerings Online

Please make direct payments to St. Patrick's Church at the Bank of Butterfield A/C #20006060102074100 and include "Sunday Offering" in the memo field.



St. Patrick's Facebook

'Like' us on Facebook or hear Bishop Wes' daily reflections at: www.romancatholicbermuda.bm.

Pastor's Reflection

In today's Gospel of Matthew, Jesus gives simple and concrete norms how to proceed in case of conflict in the community. If a brother or sister sins, that is, behaves contrary to the life of the community, you must not denounce them publicly before the community. First you must speak to them alone. Try to find out why they acted in that way. If you get no result, then call two or three members of the community to see whether you can get some result.

In extreme cases and after trying everything possible, the unrepentant brother or sister has to be brought before the community. And if that person will not listen to the advice of the community, then he or she has to be considered "as a publican or pagan", that is, as a person not belonging to the community and who much less wishes to be part of the community. Thus you are not excluding anyone, but the persons themselves are excluding themselves from the common life of the community.

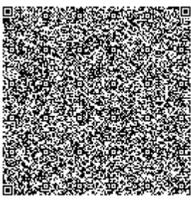
In Mt 16:19, the power to forgive is given to Peter, in Jn 20:23, this same power is given to the apostles. Now, in today's Gospel, the power to forgive is given to the community: "whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven". Here we see the importance of reconciliation and the enormous responsibility of the community in dealing with its members. The community does not excommunicate the person, but simply ratifies the exclusion that the person had already assumed publicly by leaving the community.

This exclusion does not mean that the persons are abandoned to their fate. Rather, they may be separated from the community, but will not be separated from God. Thus if talking to the community has not borne results and if the person no longer wishes to be part of the life of the community, we still have the obligation to pray together to the Father to achieve reconciliation. And Jesus guarantees that the Father will listen.

The reason for the certainty of being heard is Jesus' promise: "Where two or three meet in my name, I am there among them!" Jesus says that He is the centre, the axle of the community and, as such, prays to the Father together with the community that He may grant the gift of the return of the brother or sister who has left.

Holy Land Collection Next Weekend – Sept 12/13

Due to the disruption caused by the coronavirus and the lockdown of the church over Easter, the Apostolic Nunciature has requested that the collection normally taken for the Holy Land during the Good Friday service be moved to next weekend, September 12 and 13. This special collection will support Christians in the Holy Land and help provide upkeep of the sacred places. Donation envelopes are available. Please be generous.



QR Code for This Weekend

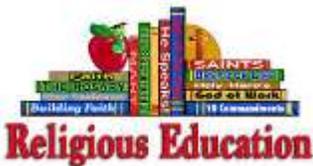
Each week, Bruce posts a QR Code at the entrance to the church. Please scan the code to download the hymns or visit the St. Patrick's Facebook page and scan the Code from there. See Bruce after Mass if you wish to take home a hymnbook to use for future Masses.

Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina will be cancelled on Monday, September 7, due to the Labour Day holiday but will resume via zoom on September 14.

Welcome!

We are happy to have welcomed little **Gregory Mateo Isaac Fox**, son of Gregory and Jannette, in the sacrament of Baptism this weekend. Please remember this family in your prayers this week.



CCD News

St. Patrick's Church plans to welcome back our CCD students at **8:45 a.m., Saturday, October 10.** It is hoped that the students will

have settled into their school routines by this point and will have adjusted to the 'new normal' protocol. More information will be forthcoming in the coming weeks regarding St. Patrick's Parish and the Diocesan plans to keep your children safe at CCD classes.

Registration for the CCD Program – Grades 1 - 9

Registration will only be necessary for new students who plan to enter Grade 1 (P2/Year 2) through to Grade 9 (Senior 1/Year 10). Please see Fr. Vladimir or contact Mrs. Nelia Pimentel (benn@northrock.bm) or the Rectory Office (stpats@logic.bm or 236-9866) for a Registration Form.

Volunteers Needed!

Can you donate one hour on Saturday mornings? Help is needed with setting up tables and chairs for the CCD classes. If you can assist, please contact Mrs. Nelia Pimentel at benn@northrock.bm or 236-9481.



Back-to-School Program - Extended

Many thanks to the parishioners who have

contributed **\$2,305.00** to date which will help families of incarcerated prisoners in Bermuda to outfit about 19 children with school supplies. However, the organizers have informed us that, due to the greater need this year and the later start to classes, they will be **extending the deadline until the end of September.** Specially-labelled donation envelopes will remain available at the entrance to the church for your contribution. Thank you for your stewardship.

Caritas House of Prayer (236-5877)

♦ **“Quiet Wednesday”** on **September 9**, begins with the recitation of the Rosary and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 10:30 a.m. Please join the Sisters of Charity as they continue to pray for the needs of our diocese and the world. Social distancing and hand sanitation is observed.

♦ **Yard Sale: Saturday, Sept. 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Caritas.** As the Sisters continue to downsize in preparation for their Island departure, they invite you to come and browse the many items they have accumulated over the years. Masks, sanitizing and social-distancing will be followed.

♦ **Star Needs a Home:** Can you help? As the Sisters prepare to leave, they must say ‘good-bye’ to their loving dog, Star. She is an 8 ¾ year-old pure bred German Shepherd who needs a good home – possibly as soon as October. If you, or someone you know, would like to adopt Star, please contact the Sisters at 236-5877 or e-mail: bcaritas@northrock.bm.

♦ **Reflection:** This Sunday our Gospel ends with a promise from Jesus that wherever two or three are gathered in His name, He is present in their midst. Whether it is a family seated around the dinner table, a few gathered for the recitation of the Rosary, a couple standing in awe of a magnificent sunset or grandparents beaming love as they hover over their new born grandchild, the Christ is present. Many times one experiences a deeper sense of God's presence at a time other than at formal prayer. However, for this to be experienced, a daily awareness of God is necessary, He must be an active player in our daily lives. Pray this week for that grace to accompany you always.

--Sisters Judith and Dolores

100 Club Winners for August

Congratulations to the lucky winners in the August draw for the 100 Club:

- ★ Elaine Kelly
- ★ Janet & Raymond Lutkin
- ★ Barbara & Mickey Johnson
- ★ Lori Davis



Draws will continue until the end of December. You could be a lucky 100 Club winner! Contact David Mutch at 293-5506 or e-mail: davidgamutch@gmail.com and either pay your dues online to St. Patrick's Church at Butterfield A/C #20006060102074100 or pop your \$100 membership fee into a labelled envelope and give to Fr. Vladimir or David. New subscriptions are always welcome! Renew today!

Quote for the Day!

The only preparation for tomorrow is the right use of today.

Take therefore no thought for the morrow; for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.
–Matthew 6:34

The Bishop's Corner – Children and Internet

My Dear Fellow-Catholics:

Younger and younger children are starting to use devices such as smartphones and tablets. The problem is considerable because frequent use of these devices can be detrimental to the proper development of a child's brain.

Psychologist Marta Wojtas from the We Empower Children Foundation said, "From the experience of our Foundation, we can see that parents make new technologies available to their children earlier and earlier. As a result, up to seventy five percent of six-year-olds are proficient in new technologies, while only nine percent know how to lace up their shoes well. It illustrates a bit what the reality may look like if we do not deal with the area of balance between children's offline lives and their online lives." She pointed out that the problem of Internet addiction affects more and more young people. Wojtas also pointed out that, "Research conducted by our Foundation a few years ago proves that twelve percent of our youth already show at least some symptoms of Internet abuse."

The expert emphasized that excessive use of these electronic devices may lead to weaker development of cognitive skills, problems with concentration, difficulties in social contact and coping with emotions. It also affects the health and development of the nervous system, causing overstimulation, which can lead to problematic use of devices and addiction.

It is very important that parents monitor their child's use of the Internet, not only to supervise the content watched, but also to explain and teach them how to use this medium. "We encourage people to set aside time for family, for example, so that the moments when we eat dinner together, play or go for a walk, are free from these electronic devices. It is also important to ensure proper rejuvenation, i.e. healthy sleep. We encourage people not to come into contact with devices an hour before going to bed, because they emit blue light that can affect the quality of sleep. We also encourage them not to keep their phone or tablet in the bedroom and not to check the phone upon waking. Parents should focus on spending time actively with their children. Various forms of physical movement are very important for brain development and regeneration. It should be noted that a phone should also not be treated as the only means of relaxation when people get bored," added Wojtas.

Perhaps I am an old timer but I will never trade meeting people in person for even the best virtual chat.

Have a restful long weekend and a good shorter week!

Bishop Wes



The 'New Normal' Requirements at Church

The 'new normal' requirements mandated by the Bermuda Government when you come to church require you to wear a face mask, sanitize your hands and respect social distancing (3 ft away from each other).

Other changes you can expect are:

- Hospitality Ministers who will take your temperature and spray your hands with disinfectant
- No hymn books or Mass missals in the pews. Books are available upon request from Bruce Fox
- No collection during Mass. Collection baskets will be located at each exit for the Sunday offering. Please drop your envelope into the basket before Mass or on the way out or plan to donate online
- The side doors will be opened at the end of Mass in addition to the main glass doors to exit the church
- Bulletins are available but once read, do not leave them in the pew or at the entrance. Please take them home

What everyone will be required to do:

- Wear a mask at all times
- Space yourselves at least 3 ft apart in the pews (unless you are members of the same family) and when you walk down the aisle
- When you approach the Pastor, Deacon or Communion Minister, stretch out your arms to receive the Eucharist in your hands and keep as much social distance as possible
- If you use the bathroom, please sanitize the toilet handle and tap handles before leaving. Use a hand towel to open the bathroom door. Thank you
- Please don't congregate after Mass

Next Weekend's Ministry Schedule

12th & 13th September 2020 **24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

| | <u>6:00 p.m.</u> | | <u>9:00 a.m.</u> | | <u>11:00 a.m.</u> | |
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| <u>Communion Min.</u> | G. Zanol | | L. Cabral | | M. Falção | |
| <u>Lector(s)</u> | Sr. Judith | | A. Rodrigues | C. Frias | N. Pimentel | |
| <u>Mass Server(s)</u> | S. DaPonte | | N. daSilva | Z. daSilva | Z. Moniz | C. Easton |
| <u>Hospitality Mins.</u> | J. Lutkin | A. Bento | D. DeFrias | J. Smith | Z. Moniz | B. Pimentel |