

# Saint Patrick Basilica Parish

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**Office Hours** – Monday to Friday 10 am to 12:15 pm | 12:45 pm to 3 pm

**Church Open** – Sunday 7 am to 3 pm & 6 pm to 8 pm | Monday to Saturday 6 am to 6 pm

**Book & Gift Shop** – Please call for hours – 613 233-1125 ext 550 - stpgiftsandbooks.ca

## Parish Clergy

Msgr. Kevin Beach, Rector; Fr. Stephen Amesse, Associate Rector; Fr. Larry McCormick, In Residence; Fr. Joseph Jacob, In Residence; Fr. Daryl Kennedy, Assisting; Fr. Martin Farrell, O.P., Assisting; Fr. Jerry Gauvreau, CC, assisting; Deacon Jim Scheer; Deacon Michel Pilon; Deacon Bob Farmer

## Parish Staff

Irene Kibel, Parish Secretary; Francesca Bailey, Music Director; Andrée O'Donnell, Pastoral Worker; Carol Reaume, Book & Gift Shop Manager; Rob Renaud, Property Superintendent; Shawn Green, Custodian

## Parish Pastoral Council

Alex Ayala, Paul Newcombe (Chair), Alba Pascual, Nathalie Watson, Msgr. Kevin Beach (Rector), Fr. Stephen Amesse (Associate Rector), Deacon Jim Scheer

## Parish Finance Council

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## Parish Pastoral Council Priorities

1. Ensuring our church fully supports parishioners' spiritual journey
2. Offering strong doctrinal knowledge
3. Encouraging the joyful giving of volunteer time
4. Inspiring youth with truth in doctrine and virtues
5. Supporting parents' faith education of their children
6. Leading outreach to the needy
7. Building confidence in Catholic guidance to answer political and cultural issues

## Sunday Eucharists

Saturday Vigil 4:30 pm  
Sunday 8 am, 9:30 am, 11 am, 12:15 pm  
& 7 pm

## Daily Eucharists

Monday to Friday – 7 am, 8 am,  
12:15 pm & 4:30 pm  
Saturday Morning – 7 am & 8 am

## Confessions

Monday to Saturday - 6:45 am & 7:45 am  
Monday to Friday - 11:45 am & 4 pm  
Saturday afternoon - 3:30 pm to 4:25 pm

## Prayer & Devotions

- First Friday - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 12:15 pm Mass until Benediction before the 4:30 pm Mass
- First Saturday - Morning Prayer at 7:30 am
- Miraculous Medal Novena - Tuesday 4:30 pm
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena - Wednesday 4:30 pm

## Lending Library

Consult the hours posted at the entrance in the Scavi

## General Information

- For the celebration of baptisms, marriages and funerals, please contact the Parish Office
- Couples planning to marry should contact the Parish Office at least six months before their proposed date of marriage
- For baptism or marriage, a Catholic must be a registered parishioner or have the consent of their own pastor
- For a list of ministries, services and contacts, please visit the parish web site – www.basilica.ca



## Catholic Cemeteries

### Hope Cemetery

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& Niches – Catholic Chapel –  
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## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday of the Word of God

January 24, 2021

† – For the repose of the soul of the person(s) indicated

#### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January — Livecast

4:30 PM Sunday Vigil Mass: † Roberta Fernandes  
by her husband, Ralph

#### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January — Livecast

4:30 PM Sunday Vigil Mass: † Dr. John M. O'Brien  
by his daughter, Mary E. O'Brien

#### Meditations on Holy Mass 24 January 2021

**First reading:** Jonah 3.1-5, 10

*The people of Nineveh turned from their evil ways.*

**Second reading:** 1 Corinthians 7.29-31 CCC 1619

*The present form of this world is passing away.*

**Gospel:** Mark 1.14-20 CCC 787; 541, 1423, 1427, 2612

*The kingdom of God has come: Repent, and believe in the good news.*

In the *first reading*, we hear that, by God's grace working with human co-operators, even the most unlikely people can come closer to true happiness in God. In his Gospel, St. Mark teaches us that our sharing the good news, that is, the Gospel of Christ Jesus, draws human beings out of their immediate concerns. God invites us to direct our lives towards him. When we respond generously to God's invitation, we bring a meaning into our everyday activities. We begin to use things of this passing world in a way that leads to lasting joy. In the *second reading*, St. Paul teaches that our concerns for this world and its needs find their true foundation in being oriented towards eternity. Far from disdaining the things God has created, we use them for his purpose, which is both his glory and the eternal happiness he wills for us.

**Before Mass:** *Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. "The time has come" he said "and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News." (First Vespers)*

**After Mass:** *"Come, follow me," said the Lord: "I will make you fishers of men." (Lauds)*

**Later in the day:** *They left their nets and followed their Lord and Redeemer, alleluia. (Second Vespers)*

#### SAINT PATRICK'S BOOK & GIFT SHOP CORNER

Please note that the Book and Gift Shop will remain closed until further notice.

The online webstore is accepting and fulfilling orders at <https://www.stpgiftsandbooks.ca/>.

## Parish News

Please pray for the sick, infirm and hospitalized of our parish, especially **Fr. Peter Cody, Pearl Hunnisett, Ambrose Atkins, Stewart Cook, Raul Carvalho, and Zella Burt**, as well as for those recovering from the corona virus and for those who are caring for them.

#### RECENT SAINT PATRICK'S BASILICA CELEBRATIONS:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Roland Weigt**, whose funeral was recently celebrated. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord!



**e-TRANSFERS:** Since the time of last spring's lockdown, a number of parishioners have decided to make their offerings by Interac e-Transfers. e-Transfers can be sent to the email address: [accounts@basilica.ca](mailto:accounts@basilica.ca), the email address of the parish accounting office. Please remember to send the answer to your security question to [accounts@basilica.ca](mailto:accounts@basilica.ca). Data will be recorded for income tax receipts.

**TAX RECEIPTS 2020:** Our plan is to produce tax receipts for donations made during the year 2020, by the end of January or first week in February. Given the limitations imposed by public health orders, we will be mailing tax receipts. To ensure that you receive your receipt, if you moved over the past year, please advise the Parish Office of your new coordinates – [info@basilica.ca](mailto:info@basilica.ca), or by phone to 613 233-1125, extension 519.

**Catholic Resources:** The new FORMED is better than ever with great new features such as new apps, offline playback and enhanced performance. Log into Formed.org. For instructions on creating a new account, visit our parish website, [basilica.ca](http://basilica.ca)

### Seniors Corner

Our goal is to stay connected and create a community where we can share in our thoughts, feelings and experiences when having some fun and learning about important aspects of our lives that are real today.

If you wish to participate, we would ask you to register with the parish. To do so, please register on our parish web site – <https://www.basilica.ca/seniors-corner> – or by calling the Parish Office at 613 233-1125.

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**By My Side:** This diocesan recognized ministry will assist separated and divorced Catholics to reconnect and build on their faith. Both the women's and men's sessions begin on **Saturday, March 27, 2021** and are offered virtually over Zoom.

Further information and registration: [www.bymyside.ca](http://www.bymyside.ca), or [facebook.com/bymysideott](https://facebook.com/bymysideott), or contact Mary Jane Manley at (613) 294-1308.

## Message from the Rector

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Our Parish Pastoral Council met virtually on Wednesday, January 13. After the opening prayer and approval of the agenda, the members approved the minutes from the previous meeting, held in November 2020. With respect to business arising from the minutes, the Council took note of the following: Seniors Program – contact is being made with approximately 20 seniors who have indicated an interest in the program, noting that the ongoing pandemic limitations have prevented meeting face-to-face, which is a primary objective of the group; the livestreaming of Mass has now begun, the first Mass being that of Christmas Eve; even though the sale of the Christmas cakes and cookies sold annually by the Knights of Columbus was limited to availability through the Book & Gift Shop, the Knights were able to earn net proceeds of \$1,000 to be used for their programs; the Rector indicated that a new coordinator has volunteered for the altar servers and coordinators for other ministries will be sought in the coming months. The Rector advised that the current provincial directives and diocesan norms make the celebration of public Masses impractical at Saint Patrick's. Nevertheless, the church is open on a regular basis with the ministry of Confession being provided according to a schedule. The parish is looking for a new representative for the Centertown Christian Churches Social Action Committee. Among other things, the CCCSAC operates the Centertown Emergency Food Bank. The members engaged in a discussion through the Assembly of the Whole, principally dealing with how families are managing the current lockdown challenges. The next meeting of the Council will take place on February 10. The meeting closed with prayer.

This Sunday is the "Sunday of the Word of God" instituted by Pope Francis in 2019, to be observed on the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time. In 2019 when the observation began, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments explained that the Sunday of the Word of God is a means to help people "reawaken an awareness of the importance of Sacred Scripture for our lives as believers, beginning with its resonance in the liturgy which places us in living and permanent dialogue with God." The note points out that "through the proclaimed biblical readings in the liturgy, God speaks to his people and Christ himself proclaims his Gospel." The document specifies that the biblical readings arranged by the Church in the Lectionary should not be replaced or suppressed, and that versions of the Bible approved for liturgical use should be used. "The proclamation of the texts of the Lectionary constitutes a bond of unity between all the faithful who hear them," which also recommends the singing of the Responsorial Psalm. (Source: Vatican News)

In an announcement published on January 11, the Vatican advised that Pope Francis had approved a change to the Code of Canon Law which formally permits the admissibility of women to the instituted ministries of Lector (Reader) and Acolyte (Altar Server). As Vatican News noted, "There is nothing new about women proclaiming the Word of God during liturgical celebrations or carrying out a service at the altar as altar servers or as Eucharistic ministers. In many communities throughout the world these practices are already authorized by local bishops. However, up to this point, this has occurred without a true and proper institutional mandate, as an exception to what Pope St Paul VI had established when, in 1972, even while abolishing the so-called "minor orders", he decided to maintain that access to these ministries be granted only to men because both were considered to be preparatory to the eventual admission to holy orders. Now, in the wake of the discernment which has emerged from the last Synods of Bishops,

Pope Francis wanted to formalize and institutionalize the presence of women at the altar." (Source: Vatican News) For parishioners and others who celebrate Mass at Saint Patrick's, it is important for us to know that, in most parishes of our diocese, women have been serving as Lectors, Altar Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for many years. At Saint Patrick's, we have been blessed by the active Ministry of the Word by several women in our parish for some years. An instructive recent development was the opening of the service of ushering (hospitality) to men and women, a service that was almost exclusively provided by men at Saint Patrick's. Without the involvement of both, we would have been hard pressed to offer the ushering service that was required upon reopening in June. We continue to reserve the service of acolyte (altar server) to boys and men, as well as that of Extraordinary Ministry of Communion. From my personal observation, there is merit in keeping to our parish tradition of altar boys and other ministries reserved to men while remaining open to the need for change. I trust that I will have future opportunity to share some further comments on this issue.

Fr. Kevin



### Sunday of the Word of God January 24, 2021

In the logo for the Sunday of the Word of God, a well-known biblical scene is represented: the journey of the disciples to the village of Emmaus (cf. *Lk 24: 13-35*), Together with the Christ who holds in His hands the Holy Scripture that finds fulfillment in His person, there are the two disciples: Cleopas, as is explicitly written by Luke, and, according to some interpreters, his wife. The left hand of Cleopas indicates the path that the disciples are required to follow in order to bring to all the good news of the Gospel. Next to the disciple is the star, a sign of evangelization that guides their steps. The dynamic of the movement of the feet express that they are on a journey, on their way to the places where they are to bear the proclamation of the risen Christ, which recalls the very heart of the Sunday of the Word of God. *Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization*

#### Stewardship — 2021 Summary For the week ending January 17, 2021

Fund	Operations	Restoration	Poor
<b>Offerings</b>	<b>2,085</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>180</b>
<b>Budget*</b>	<b>15,259</b>	<b>2,681</b>	<b>858</b>
<b>Offerings to Date</b>	<b>14,629</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>1,197</b>
<b>Budget*</b>	<b>37,057</b>	<b>6,948</b>	<b>2,084</b>

\*Budget reflects 2020 figures until adoption of 2021 budget.

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