

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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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. Andy Bento
Chairperson
300-5555

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
535-0002

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

Mr. Andy Bento
Stewardship Chairperson
300-5555

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

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

6th January 2019
Epiphany of the Lord
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Introduction

Today's feast is filled with ironies for us. It celebrates those from afar who early acknowledged the Christ child and reminds us of those nearby who were threatened by him. Living in a current political climate that debunks globalism and challenges the meaning of Christianity, we must ask: "How do we make Christ's presence known?" Who do we accept into our communities and our lives regardless of their origins? Christ's coming has always turned things upside down.

Mass Intentions

Sat. 5 6:00 p.m. † Denis McGuinness
Sun. 6 9:00 a.m. † Daniel Calouro
† Mary DeSilva
11:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Mon. 7 8:00 a.m. † Jim Scharwark
Tues. 8 8:00 a.m. † Mary & Manuel DeMello
† Eddy DeMello
† John & Connie Correia
Wed. 9 8:00 a.m. † Ben DeSilva
Thurs. 10 8:00 a.m. Intentions of Sr. Judith Rollo, SC
Fri. 11 8:00 a.m. † Mariano Simas
Sat. 12 6:00 p.m. Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Sun. 13 9:00 a.m. † Manuel & Maria José Pacheco
† Mary Vieira
† Natalie Sousa
11:00 a.m. † José Cabral Rodrigues

Stewardship Treasure

Sunday Offering last weekend:	\$4,816.00
Sunday Offering to date:	\$188,071.75
Target Offerings (Week 52):	\$182,000.00
Poor Box:	\$223.00



Weekly Stewardship Thought

The Magi brought the child Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. What gifts do I place before Jesus? My time in prayer? My participation in my parish community? My generosity?

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

Have you 'liked' us on Facebook yet? Also check out www.romancatholicbermuda.bm for up-to-date Diocesan information from the Chancery, Parish churches, and Religious Education office and follow Bishop Wes' Liturgical activities for the month.

St. Theresa's Gift Shop

The St. Theresa's Gift Shop on Laffan Street will **REOPEN** on Tuesday, January 8, 2019. Thank you for your continued patronage.

Pastor's Reflection

We live during a time both of risk and of opportunity. This is readily evident in the many millions who go hungry, the widening gap between the rich and poor, and the pollution of the environment, which can threaten life itself. Despite such problems, technological and scientific innovation have brought great advances. There are new medical treatments that have helped stop the spread of many contagious diseases, and have extended the human life span in many countries. Other technological advances have made it possible for people to communicate from all corners of the planet.

So, the question is: What does the future hold and what are the best ways to address the problems before us? Though what the future holds is shrouded in mystery, we can be confident there are solutions to the problems that confront us. These solutions, however, may require a different approach; a different way of thinking and living. Many of the solutions to today's problems are spiritual in nature. They are based on trust in God and His love for us. Believing that God continually helps us and provides for our needs is one reason we celebrate the Solemnity of Epiphany. We celebrate and give thanks to God for revealing the coming of His Son among us by the guidance of a star. He is the world's true Saviour and Light.

The Magi we heard about in today's Gospel are traditionally referred to as the Wise Men from the East. They saw a star in the sky that they had not seen before. They believed this star signalled that a very important person, a great king, had been born. So, they set out on a long journey, following this star, to find him and pay him homage.

King Herod, on the other hand, was not so gracious. Upon hearing of the birth of someone who was to be king of the Jews, he was startled and felt threatened.

In a sense, the Magi and King Herod can remind us of a basic choice that is presented to each of us: Are we going to seek the truth, seek God, and open ourselves to Jesus, or choose to go it alone? Let us pray that we will each open our hearts more fully to Christ. Let us seek His light and love, so that they may shine more brightly through us and touch the lives of others. In this way, we will know the joy and peace found in Jesus, while also helping humankind to live in greater harmony with God and one another.

Sunday Offering Envelopes 2019

The parish encourages the use of Sunday envelopes to promote the concept of stewardship of treasure – one aspect of caring for and participating in parish life. The new Sunday offering envelopes for 2019 are available at the entrance to the church. Online donations are also appreciated. Direct deposits should be made payable to 'St. Patrick's Church' at Butterfield Bank. Please include "Sunday offering" in the memo field.

We need

YOU!



Is Volunteering in the Church one of YOUR New Year's Resolutions?

The beginning of a new year is a great time to reflect on the past year and to plan to do things differently in

the months ahead. Have you remembered to include your church in your plans for this year? There are many opportunities for the young and the young-at-heart to assist in the parish. For only a couple of hours a month, you could:

- ♦ Volunteer to help with Mass ministries as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Altar Server or Hospitality Minister.
- ♦ Help organize or contribute to Morning Socials after the 9 and 11 a.m. Masses or assist at the various social events throughout the year.
- ♦ Assist with the CCD program as a Catechist or Aide;
- ♦ Volunteer for our outreach programs: The Salvation Army Soup Run and the Prison Fellowship Back-to-School and Angel Tree programs.
- ♦ Join the St. Patrick's Parish Council.

All it takes is a quick phone call or an e-mail to **Andy Bento (300-5555)** at mrandmrsbento@gmail.com) or fill in and return the Stewardship Form (at the entrance to the church) and drop it off at the Rectory. It's that easy. Please volunteer today.



Volunteers Needed for Salvation Army 'Soup Run'

The Diocese assists with the Salvation Army 'Soup Run' on Monday, Tuesday and Saturday evenings between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. New volunteers are needed to help make

sandwiches and deliver soup to the needy and homeless around Hamilton. If you would like to assist or need more information, please call Joe Kelly at 236-4613 or e-mail: joekelly@logic.bm.

SVDP – Sunshades for Haiti Programme

To date, the parishioners of St. Patrick's Parish have donated 102 sunglasses towards this worthy cause. The appeal for used/new sunglasses is ongoing and anyone wishing to contribute should leave their sunglasses in the designated box at the entrance to the church. The St. Vincent de Paul Society, Lucy Willits and Maureen Moore thank you for your stewardship.



Sign-Up / Renew for 100 Club 2019



Subscriptions are now being accepted for the 100 Club 2019 and anyone interested in signing up or renewing their membership in this church fundraising initiative should pay the \$100 fee online to St. Patrick's Church at the Bank of Butterfield A/C #20006060102074100 (please indicate "100 Club" in the memo field) or contact David Mutch at 293-5506 or davidgamutch@gmail.com for an application or for more information.

Caritas House of Prayer (236-5877)

♦ **'Quiet Wednesday'** – at Caritas House of Prayer will resume on **Wednesday, January 9**. Recitation of the Rosary will take place at 10:30 a.m. followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:40 a.m. **Evening Prayer** will take place at 5:30 p.m. The theme will be the Baptism of Jesus and the meaning behind our own baptismal commitment. As we begin the New Year, you are invited to look at ways in which you can deepen your relationship with Christ. The Sisters of Charity welcome and encourage you to join them in prayer each Wednesday evening at Caritas. All are invited!

♦ **Lectio Divina** – This study of Scripture will take place on **Monday, January 7 at 7 p.m.** in St. Theresa's Hall. All are welcome

♦ **Looking Ahead:** The Spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius will resume on **Sunday, January 20**, with presentations 7 and 8 to be shown at Caritas either from 2 – 4 p.m. or 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Presentation #7 is entitled, *"This Man Plunged into the Waters of Life"* and Presentation #8 is *"It's Not about YOU."* It is not essential to have viewed the earlier presentations as each one – seen independently - holds an important message for all of us. Everyone is invited with a special invitation to the Associates of the Sisters of Charity and the women who made the retreat last February.

2000 Hail Mary Devotion

For the third year in a row, the Couples for Christ and Family Ministries Bermuda (CFCFM Bermuda) invite you to join with them in a special Marian devotion on **Sunday, January 20, between 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. in St. Theresa's Hall.** Flyers are available at the entrance to the church with more information regarding this day of prayer. All are welcome.

Ecumenical Friendship Social / Tea

On **Saturday, January 12, Marsden** will host the Friendship Social/Tea from **2 – 5 p.m.** If you haven't yet attended one of these Smith's Parish events, now is the time! All are welcome – seniors and those young-at-heart. So, come along and bring a friend, parent or grandparent.

Happy Birthday, Sr. Judith!



Sr. Judith Rollo, SC, celebrates her birthday on **Thursday, January 10**, and we wish her the best of health, happiness and God's blessings all year.

Smile for the Day! – Three Wise Women

Three Wise Women would have...
Asked directions
Helped deliver the baby
Brought practical gifts
Cleaned the stable
Made a casserole
And there would be Peace on Earth.



The Bishop's Corner – Persecution of Christians

My Dear Fellow-Catholics:

The Epiphany of the Lord that we celebrate this Sunday reminds us about God's desire of the universality of salvation. In this desire is rooted the entire effort of Christians to bring the Good News to the ends of the earth.

In 2018, over 3,000 Christians in the world gave their lives for their faith - more than in 2017. Pope Francis, many times, reminded us that today there are more martyrs than in the first centuries.

The annual report of the Pontifical Association, "*Aid to the Church in Need*", shows that currently approximately 300 million Christians are persecuted and are discriminated against in 38 countries. In the first five months of 2018, almost 500 Christians were killed by radical Islamists in Nigeria alone. Women and children face particularly severe persecution. In a sense, Christian women are persecuted in a double way. In many countries, kidnappings, rapes and forced marriages are the order of the day.

There are two basic sources of persecution: Islamic fundamentalism and religious nationalism. For example, in Pakistan, especially in rural areas, Christians are considered second-class citizens. Very often the victims of this attitude are children who experience various manifestations of intolerance. The Open Doors Association Report states, "In countries such as North Korea, we collect testimonies about what happens to Christian families where the Bible has been discovered or who are privately professing their faith. We know that many of them are placed in special re-education camps. In these places, children live practically like slaves. Because of their faith, between 50,000 and 70,000 Christians are imprisoned in such camps. Children are the first victims there."

May God grant freedom, peace and reconciliation to our world!

Bishop Wes



Responsorial Psalm – The Epiphany of the Lord

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