

Sunday, April 28, 2024



“Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.” - Jn 15:4-5

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 29, 2024

8:15am: + Gisele Marie Belanger

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

8:15am: + Donald Sexton

7:00pm: Shawn Tauro

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

8:15am: Special Intention-Mary Bajus

Thursday, May 2, 2024

8:15am: + Joaquim Soares

Friday, May 3, 2024

8:15am: + Martin Kuevers

7:00pm: For the intentions of: Rosemarie Rosales

+ Michael Troy

+ Joseph Phong, Maria Binh, Mai Le, Anna Ngoc Hoa

+ Gioan Baotxita Ty

+ All Souls

Saturday, May 4, 2024

8:15am: Roger & Diosdada Villa (Birthday)

5:00pm: + Nancy Pevcevicius

Sunday, May 5, 2024

8:30am: + Antonetta Fernandes

10:00am: + Ivan Medeiros

12:00pm: St. Patrick's Parishioners & Youth

7:00pm: + Grace & Harold Gouldby



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Fifth Sunday of Easter

My friend and fellow pastor, Father Paul, noticed unsightly, overgrown trees near his parish church. He asked the maintenance crew to cut back the growth, which they happily did, telling him the trees would be much healthier and even fuller after a good pruning. A few days later, Father Paul received a letter from an irate man in the neighborhood who wrote, “Jesus would never prune trees like that. He loves trees, unlike you.” I suspect that the neighbor was not familiar with this week’s Gospel in which Jesus says of his Father, “**He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit**” (John 15:2) I don’t mean to pick too much on that fellow. He was perhaps ignorant of arboriculture. But I’d wager his main confusion was the pruning and removing quality of God’s love. That confusion afflicts us all to some degree, doesn’t it? It is just so darn easy to react negatively when God cuts something out of our lives and assume it’s not his work at all. In the moment, all we see is the loss, and not the loving desire for future flourishing. The cross is the great pruning of Christ’s body. Jesus’ rising is the brand-new growth. It is God’s promise to us that all the painful pruning in life is leading us somewhere beautiful. What has been cut back or out in your life? A friend, an opportunity, a sense of certainty, a job, health, a relationship? This week, offer those dry branches to the one who lovingly prunes us in order to make our lives burst with verdant growth. — *Father John Muir*

Bundle Up Weekend

Bring your gently used clothing, shoes and linens to share with others on the weekend of **May 18-19, 2024**. A St. Vincent de Paul bin will be in the church parking lot so please share what you can with those less fortunate. We will donate or sell these donations to support our outreach efforts. We accept: All clothing, all footwear, bedding, drapery/towels, toys (new only). We **DO NOT** accept: baby items, construction material, dishes, furniture, books/audio/video cassettes. Thank you for your continued support!

Pray the Rosary with us!

May is the month of Mary – pray the rosary. Everyone is invited to pray the rosary immediately following every weekday morning Mass. Members of the Legion of Mary will lead the prayers. Start date is **Wednesday May 1**. All are welcome to participate.

Thank you!

We have donated over **5,074 lbs of food** during our food drive!

Please Pray for the Sick...

Please pray for our parishioners, family and friends who have requested our prayers: Alessia & Tony Commisso, Tina MacPherson, Damien Chaytor, Humberto Casimiro, Charmaine Menezes, Maria Biz-zaro, Thomas Chircop, George

Blanchette, Sonia Miranda, Suzy Zahra, Marcelle Caruana, Maria Bowman, Paul Celia, Alix Meikle, Raul Soriano, Arnold De Castro, Rosa Santos, Virginia Sevilla, Carole Melbourne, Royston Guilford, Irene Lesniak, Jacintha Fernandes, Andre & Tamara Boaden, Anna Iafate, Dominic Alvia, Manuel Bienvenido Locsin, Theresa Boutilier, John Ngoc Truong, Maureen Tierney, Bill Cranor, Jocelyn Heydorn, Jose Valle, John Fermin, Jonathan Pinto, Gatsby & Ryen Lung, Eleonora Marchese, Fruto Relator, Virginia Torrefranca, Carole Bullock, Russell Hussey, Josie Timko, Pat Mooney, Rhea O'Hara, Sybrea O'Hara, Maria Maddelena, Chris Troughton, Lina Siconolfi, Andre Cartier, Nikola Brodar, Pepito De Souza, Rita Pinto, Luigina Catalli, Henryka Zebrowska, Brian Pinto, Mary Jane Elder, Theresa Torrefranca, Benedict De Castro



SHARE LIFE

The Parish gave \$151,356.55 to the campaign, which I believe is a very tangible way of saying that we care, and that we support this campaign. I hope that this year we will be able to do the same.

The second collection is this weekend, APRIL 28 and another on JUNE 2, but donations can be given at any time either directly through the Parish or through the Share Life Office.

So far, you have donated \$51,388.00. Please make sure that donations are allocated to "Share Life - St. Patrick's Parish." There are envelopes for the collections in your Parish box of envelopes, as well as on the tables in the church, and in the letter from Archbishop Leo. Thank you for your support and generosity.

—Fr. John



Our parish children will be receiving their First Holy Communion this weekend.

Please pray for the candidates as they receive the Eucharist for the first time.

March for Life 2024

"Christ needs you to enlighten the world and to show it the "path to life" (Psalm 16:11). The challenge is to make the Church's "yes" to Life concrete and effective. The struggle will be long, and it needs each one of you. Place...your compassion and your fortitude at the service of life!" (St. John Paul II, Homily on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 1993)

On Thursday, May 9 join with thousands of Canadians who will gather in Ottawa for the National March for Life. A bus will be leaving from Sts. Peter and Paul Church at 6:30am. The cost is \$40. Sign-ups and information at the back of the Church.

Special Needs Liturgy

Our next special needs liturgy this **Sunday, April 28th at 2pm** in the Parish Hall. If you or anyone you know would benefit from attending this liturgy, please join us! This liturgy will be an opportunity for those who are differently abled to learn about our faith in a meaningful and simplified way. This will also be a time for parents and guardians to make new connections and have support from each other. For more information or questions, please contact the office.

Pickleball!

We invite all parishioners to join us in the parish hall for PICKLE BALL – every Saturday, starting **May 4 from 9am-12pm**. More information to follow. See you there!

Squires Annual Car Wash

Join us for our highly anticipated Squires Annual Car Wash event! Get your vehicles sparkling clean while supporting a great cause. Car wash tickets will be available **starting from May 11th, 2024, after all masses**. Don't miss this opportunity to support our community and enjoy a shiny ride! Tickets are \$10.00 for standard vehicles, and SUVs and \$20.00 for larger trucks.

First Friday

May 3rd is the First Friday of the month. Join us for Mass. Join us for Mass at 7:00pm followed by Holy Hour with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.