



DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

To Be Read at all Masses on Saturday, February 5, and Sunday, February 6, 2022

Dear Parishioners of St. Benedict Parish,

Last Sunday your Pastor, **Father Jim Petrie**, was rushed to the Oakville Hospital with diabetes-related symptoms. Because of a serious blood clot, it was decided to amputate a portion of his leg. He is currently recovering and will require significant time for healing and rehabilitation. Please hold him in your prayers.

For now, I have appointed **Father Patrick Ohl** to be Parish Administrator. With characteristic generosity and courage, he accepted the appointment. With the professional support of the Parish Secretary and Parish Bookkeeper, and with the helpful counsel of his Priest/Pastor-friends, Father Ohl is up to the challenge. With him, I count on the *Parish Finance Council* to support him in his ministry. United with us, you can be assured that your parish will continue to move forward in faith.

Please know of my prayers for Father Jim, Father Patrick, and for you, parishioners at St. Benedict Parish. May the Lord watch over you and bless you during these challenging times. We know that he is close to you and walks with you every step of the way.

St. Benedict, pray for us!

Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,

(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI
Bishop of Hamilton

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