

SCRIPTURES FOR NEXT SUNDAY 06 DECEMBER 2015

(Liturgical Year C)

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**First Reading: Baruch 5.1 - 9***God will show your splendor***Second Reading: Philippians 1.3 – 6, 8 – 11***In the day of Christ, may you be pure and blameless.***Gospel: Luke 3.1 – 6***All flesh shall see the salvation of God.***This Week****Saturday, November 28 1st Sunday of Advent**

5:00 p.m. Joan Lalonde req. by Rita Anderson

Sunday, November 29 1st Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Ludvico Pucci req. by Rosario Pucci

10:00 a.m. Advent Brunch

11:00 a.m. Intentions of Julie Newlands req. by Mary & David Walker

11:00 a.m. William Worswick req. by John & Brenda Worswick

Monday, November 30

9:00 a.m. People of the Parish

6:00 p.m. OCSB Children's Choir

8:00 p.m. AA meeting – Westboro Step

Tuesday December 01

9:00 a.m. Mass for a special intention

6:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Choir Practice

7:00 p.m. Bytown Voices

Wednesday December 02 Mass at NDHS

9:00 a.m. Mass

1:00 p.m. Retirees

7:15 p.m. Choir

Thursday, December 03

9:00 a.m. Mass for a special intention

7:30 p.m. Advent Adoration of the Eucharist

Friday, December 04

9:00 a.m. Mass for a special intention

8:00 p.m. AA meeting – By the Book

Saturday, December 05 2nd Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m. Fred Fletcher req. by his Family

5:00 p.m. Fern Brennan Lenahan req. by her Family

Sunday, December 06 2nd Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Don Taylor req. by Rita Anderson

11:00 a.m. Alma Doyle req. by Bob & Anne-Marie MacDiarmid & Family

12:00 p.m. Confirmation Meeting

3:00 p.m. Bytown Voices Concert

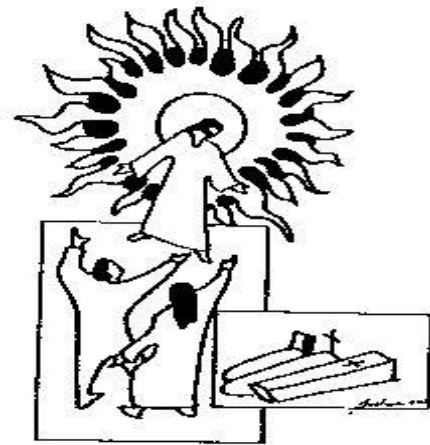
KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Last chance to purchase the beautiful Knights of Columbus spiritual Christmas Cards. Please support this initiative and 'Keep Christ in Christmas'.

TODAY'S QUOTE

"In a word, if we want security, let us give security; if we want life, let us give life; if we want opportunities, let us provide opportunities."

Pope Francis

**Parish News****GLUTEN FREE HOSTS**

If any parishioners wish to receive the Holy Eucharist in a gluten free form, please identify yourself to the Celebrant, a Eucharistic Minister or an Usher. We request that parishioner receive the Host at the end of Communion line, so that the Celebrant can provide the gluten free Host safely. Any questions or concerns may be directed to Father Dan, or the Parish Office 613-729-5149 ext 200.

WALKING WITH POPE FRANCIS: MARCH ON NOV. 29

The Mission and Social Justice Committee invites ALL parishioners to march with Pope Francis and church leaders around the world on **Nov. 29** to show support for *Laudato si'*, the Holy Father's encyclical on the environment. The theme is 100% Possible: **Marching Together for Climate Solutions and Justice**. We will meet at 12:45 on the Plaza on the Laurier Ave. side of City Hall. Look for the St. Basil's banner by the Marion Dewar plaque, left of the main doors. To carpool, please call Parish Office 613-729-5149 ext 200.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR

We invite any and all children and youth to come and sing at the Christmas Eve Mass at St. Basil's Church. The children will learn up to 10 songs and perform in a ½ hour concert before the 4:00 p.m. Mass (from 3:30-4:00). Practices will be held at the church 6:00-7:00 pm on the following evenings: **Tuesday, December 1st, Tuesday, December 8th, Tuesday, December 15th, and Tuesday, December 22nd**. It will be essential that your child come to at least three of these practices and highly recommended that they attend all four practices. They will be more confident and prepared the more we sing together as a group. Please call the Parish Office 613-729-5149 ext. 200 if your child is interested in participating.

**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26TH
5:00 PM MASS IS CANCELLED****Please Note:**

The 5:00 p.m. Mass on **Saturday, December 26** has been *cancelled this year*. This is because the Christmas Masses for the Feast of the Nativity of the Lord on Thursday December 24 at 4:00 pm, 7:30 pm and 10:00 pm along with the Christmas morning Mass, December 25 at 11:00 am are only one day prior. **The Sunday Morning Masses at 9:00 am and 11:00 am for the Feast of the Holy Family on December 27 will be celebrated as usual.**

ADVENT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Join us this **Thurs December 3** at 7:30-8:15 pm. This is an excellent opportunity to welcome in the **Year Of Mercy** and to come out and keep in prayer all the killings that have been happening in Europe, Africa and elsewhere.

ST BASIL'S CHRISTMAS EXCHANGE

Christmas is fast approaching! On the Christmas tree in the Narthex are gift tags for needy children/youth 1 to 16 years old. Please take a tag and donate a gift of approximately \$25.00. Return the wrapped gifts with the gift tags to St Basil's no later than Sunday December 12th to aid assembly of the Christmas Hampers on **Tuesday December 15th** (Volunteers needed and welcome!) Delivery will be December 19th/20th. Additional gifts for the Hampers such as baking and knitting/crocheting are welcome. In past years, thanks to the warm hearts and generosity of St Basil's parishioners, the parish has been able to bring a little joy to over 100 people (families and individuals) at Christmas. Thank you very much for your generosity.

ALTAR SERVER'S GATHERING

Thursday December 10th, 2015, 6:00 p.m. Mark your calendars. We'd like to get all current and interested altar servers together for a refresher, but also to talk about Christmas and scheduling. So join us for some food, refreshments, and fun in the church hall. Hope to see everyone there.

TURKEY DINNER

Our annual Turkey dinner is on **December 13** following the 5:00 p.m. mass. Tickets are available at \$20.00 per person. For more info contact: the Parish Office 613-729-5149.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

See the last two bulletins for the narrative on the financial state of our parish.

Thank you for your continued generosity to St. Basils.

	Year Ended December 31, 2013	Year Ended December 31, 2014
Revenues		
Total collections/Other revenue	\$ 250,151	\$ 251,389
Bequests		194,106
Non-Taxable revenue	18,850	49,311
Diocesan Funds	26,878	15,890
Designated funds	30,126	49,285
Total Revenues	326,005	559,982
Operating Expenses		
HR	120,236	121,886
Liturgical/Pastoral	17,953	17,915
Administrative	21,503	20,261
Operations	35,949	31,698
Diocesan tax	33,322	52,161
Property maintenance	23,213	42,737
Major repairs	12,572	18,965
Total Operating Expenses	264,748	305,623
Diocesan disbursements	26,878	15,890
Designated fund disbursements	30,126	52,407
	57,004	68,297
Total Expenses	321,752	373,920
Surplus for the Year	\$ 4,253	\$ 186,061

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Ottawa Catholic School Board Choirs, and guests St. Basil's Choir present their annual Christmas Concert, "A Light has Come", Mon. Dec. 14, 2015 at 7:30 pm, St. Basil's Church. Regular tickets: \$15, Fundraiser Tickets: \$25. (Funds raised through ticket sales will establish a Children's Choir Scholarship to be inaugurated in June 2016, as part of our 25th Anniversary Celebrations)

UPDATE ON IMAGINE ST BASILS...

On November 3rd almost 70 parishioners discussed how charting a course for St Basils resonated with them. Their responses are displayed in the Church. Everyone's input is important. Please give us your thoughts. Consider why St. Basils needs to chart a course for the future. The 3 ways to contribute are:

- Use one of the post-it notes that are available
- Use our special email imaginestbasils@gmail.com
- Put a note in the collection basket.

Thank you to everyone who participated.

MISSALS

The new missals for the 2015/2016 Liturgical year are available at \$5 each on the table by the east entrance. The green missals will begin on Sunday November 29th.

ST BASIL'S COMMUNITY GARDEN

We began with a successful planting in early May with the help of a number of parishioners including several young children. Throughout the late summer and fall we harvested a variety of vegetables. The potato crop (30 lbs) was delivered to The Shepherds of Good Hope who appreciated our donation. Beans, tomatoes, cherry tomatoes, beets and cabbages were donated to the Ottawa Boys and Girls Club. Many of the children who come to the Club arrive hungry. The children were very excited to enjoy fresh food. Throughout the summer and fall the addition of produce from St. Basil's garden helped the Club serve salads, and other veggies to children in need of nutritious food. Carrots and tomatoes from the garden were also enjoyed by the Al Dabei family. The garden is cleaned up now and we are planning for next year. We will need additional help next year in planning, scheduling, communication and general help. Thank you to many helpful parishioners, the Knights of Columbus, the Pastoral Council and Father Dan for both monetary and general support for this project.

From the Diocese

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ NOVEMBER 29TH ~ *That the hearts and minds of those called to serve the Lord as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life will not be lacking in any spiritual gift, but will continue to be enriched in Christ.*

OPENING OF THE DOOR OF MERCY AT NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL BASILICA

To launch the Jubilee Year of Mercy in the Archdiocese & opening of the Door of Mercy at Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica we will celebrate Mass on **Tues., December 8, 7:30 p.m.** During the celebration the (list in the Friday Fax) individuals will receive Papal Honours for exceptional service to the Church of Ottawa. Our Door of Mercy at Notre Dame Cathedral will open on **Sun., December 13** at the 9:00 a.m. Mass (bilingual). Our Door of Mercy will be the left front door of the Cathedral, the one closest to Guigues St. All are welcome to attend these celebrations at Notre Dame Cathedral.

A Thought

Advent has a twofold nature: it prepares us for Christmas and points us toward Christ's Second coming. Advent is a season of joyful expectation!