

**SCRIPTURES FOR NEXT SUNDAY 20 DECEMBER 2015**

(Liturgical Year C)

**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT****First Reading: Micah 5.2 – 5***From you O Bethlehem will come the ruler of Israel.***Second Reading: Hebrews 10.5 – 10***I come to do your will.***Gospel: Luke 1.39 – 45***Why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me?*

**I Baptize With Water  
But One Mightier  
Is Coming**

**Parish News****BULLETIN ARTICLE DEADLINES**

Because of holidays the deadlines for the next few bulletins have changed. The deadlines are:

**9 a.m. December 14** for bulletin **December 20th**,

**Noon December 17** for bulletin **December 27**,

**Noon December 22** for bulletin **January 3rd**

**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 **before Mass**. 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, Margo Latimer (613-225-8553) or Karen Zappia (613-727- 5251)

**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 15th, and Tuesday, December 22nd**. It is essential that your child come to at least three practices. They will be better prepared and more confident the more we sing together. Please email Maria Amadio at maria.amadio@ocsb.ca if your child is interested in participating.

**PARISH CELEBRATION FOR RECONCILIATION**

St Basil's will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation this **Thursday December 17 from 7 – 8 p.m.** As part of the Year of Mercy; this Advent we will have **OPEN** reconciliation. You may come anytime between 7-8 p.m. and go to any of the three priests and celebrate the sacrament; and leave whenever you are ready.

**CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES**

Contribution Envelopes for 2016 are available in the Narthex. Please pick up your envelopes. If you do not have and would like Contribution Envelopes for 2016 (tax receipts are issued for contributions made using envelopes) please contact the Parish Office 613-729-5149 ext 200.

**This Week****Saturday, December 12 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

9:00 a.m. OCSB Children's Choir

5:00 p.m. Daniel Janigan on the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death requested by Anna Janigan

5:00 p.m. Annie Perry req. by Anna Janigan

**Sunday, December 13 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

9:00 a.m. People of the Parish

11:00 a.m. Alma Doyle req. by Rory &amp; Bonnie MacDiarmid &amp; Family

**6:00 p.m. Turkey Dinner****Monday, December 14**

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

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

8:00 p.m. AA meeting – Westboro Step

**Tuesday December 15**

10:00 a.m. Mass for St Daniel's School

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

**Wednesday December 16 Mass at NDHS**

9:00 a.m. Mass

12:00 p.m. Retirees Christmas Luncheon

7:15 p.m. Choir

**Thursday, December 17**

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

7:00 p.m. Advent Penance Service

**Friday, December 18**

9:00 a.m. Mass for Muriel Hart req. by her Family

8:00 p.m. AA meeting – By the Book

**Saturday, December 19 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

5:00 p.m. Paul Boire, Lois &amp; Lorne Ryan req by Patricia Boire &amp; Family

**Sunday, December 20 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

9:00 a.m. Jane Knox req. by Ruth Jenkins

11:00 a.m. Members of the Halstead Family req. by Vi Halstead

**TODAY'S QUOTE**

*"Fundamental relationships are being called into question, as is the very basis of marriage and the family. I can only reiterate the importance and, above all, the richness and the beauty of family life..."*

*Pope Francis*




**ST BASIL'S CHRISTMAS EXCHANGE**

We are assembling the Christmas Hampers this **Tuesday December 15<sup>th</sup>** (Volunteers needed and welcome!) Next weekend December 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> we will put the Hampers out to be picked up by Parish Families for delivery. Please feel free to add some Christmas baking, small ornaments or other handmade items to make Christmas for these families more enjoyable. Thank you very much for your generosity.

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

Masses for Christmas and New Years are as follows:

Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m.	<b>Family Mass</b>	
7:30 p.m.	<b>Evening Mass</b>	
10:00 p.m.	<b>Late Mass</b>	
Christmas Day 11:00 a.m.	<b>Nativity of the Lord</b>	
New Year's Eve 5 p.m.	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Day of the Nativity of the Lord</b>	
New Year's Day 11 a.m.	<b>Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God</b>	

**NO MASS ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26TH  
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY,**

**Please Note:** There will be no 5:00 p.m. Mass on **Saturday, December 26.** 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.**

**YEAR END DONATIONS**

In past years there has been some confusion around the year end donations and which year's tax receipt they will show on. Please note that this year any donations received in the office before **Monday December 27<sup>th</sup>** will show on the tax receipt for 2015. Any donations received on or after Monday December 27<sup>th</sup> will show on the tax receipt for 2016.

**CHRISTMAS MASS**

For Parishioners requiring the Body and Blood of Christ to be brought to you in your pew please remember to advise the Ushers when you arrive for the Christmas Masses. For logistical reasons, the Eucharistic Ministers will serve the Body and Blood of Christ to the main congregation first. Then, they will be happy to serve those requesting it at their pew.

**OFFICE CLOSURE**

Please note the parish office will be closed at noon on **Thursday December 24<sup>th</sup> to 9 a.m. Monday January 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**CODE OF PASTORAL CONDUCT**

The Archdiocese of Ottawa has issued a Code of Pastoral Conduct for Priests, Deacons, Seminarians, Employees and Volunteers to provide clear directives in order to protect clergy and volunteers and those they interact with. Our Volunteers are requested to read the document and return the signed last page to the office to be kept on file. We have ordered copies of the booklets and will distribute them to all Ministries as soon as they are received.

**FIRST COMMUNION**

Here are the important dates for those who wish to prepare for First Communion at St Basil's.

Welcoming Mass for the children on **Sunday January 10<sup>th</sup>** at 9 a.m. followed by a short Parents meeting in the Narthex. You are then invited to attend the Knights of Columbus Welcome Back Brunch in the Church Hall. There will be 4 preparation sessions in the Church Hall: **Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, Mar. 6<sup>th</sup>, and Mar. 20<sup>th</sup>.** The children are to attend Children's Liturgy at the 9 am Mass followed by a half hour preparation session in the Church Hall (10 – 10:30 a.m.) on these dates. First Reconciliation will in the evening on Tuesday March 8<sup>th</sup>. First Communion will be at the 9 a.m. Mass on Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup>. The two workbooks can be purchased for a total of \$25.00. If your child does not attend St Daniel's please contact the Parish Office to arrange for receipt and payment for these books. Please contact Maria Amadio [maria.amadio@ocsb.ca](mailto:maria.amadio@ocsb.ca) to have your child registered for this program.

**SOCIAL ACTION CORNER**

A family in the Morrison Gardens area is in need of furniture, such as a dining table, couch, and curtains. A complete list is posted in the Narthex. This request has come through St. Basil's participation on the Ottawa Westend Interfaith Committee, which parishioners support through your Social Action donations. Information: Susan Wheatley, 613-724-6225, [susan.wheatley@gmail.com](mailto:susan.wheatley@gmail.com)

*From the Diocese*

**PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DECEMBER 3RD ~** For men and women called by the Lord to be priests, deacons and consecrated religious, that the peace of Christ will guard their hearts and minds as they proclaim the good news of salvation to His people.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT & RECEPTION AT NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL**

Choral Celebration presented by the choirs of Notre Dame Cathedral on **Sun., Dec. 20, 2:30 p.m.** Archbishop Prendergast will be present at the Reception in the Cathedral Hall following the Concert. Everyone is welcome. Info: (613-241-7496).

**ANNUAL HOMELANDS MASS**

The annual Homelands Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral will take place on Sunday, January 24, 2016 at 2:30 p.m.

*A Thought*

*Too often the world we live in is cynical and skeptical and filled with negative humor, but among people of all faith, and even among those of no faith, the mood in our culture warms in these weeks leading up to Christmas. Somewhere deep inside, we all hope. The world sends us messages like, "hope is for fools," or "don't hope and you won't be disappointed." But hope is central to the Christian life.*

*"Hope is a good thing, maybe the best of things. Hope is one of those things that you can't buy, but that will be freely given to you if you ask. Hope is the one thing people cannot live without. Hope is a thing of beauty."*

*Matthew Kelly December Newsletter from Dynamic Catholic*

