

**SCRIPTURES FOR NEXT SUNDAY 03 APRIL 2016**

(Liturgical Year C)

***DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY*****First Reading: Acts 5.12 – 16***Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women.***Second Reading: Revelation 1.9 – 11, 12 – 13, 17 – 19***I was dead, and see, I am alive forever and ever.***Gospel: John 20.19 – 31***A week later Jesus came and stood among them.***This Week****Saturday, March 26 Easter Vigil**

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

**Sunday, March 27 Easter Sunday**

9:00 a.m. Mass People of the Parish

11:00 a.m. Mass for a special intention

**Monday, March 28 Easter Monday**

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

8:00 p.m. AA meeting – Westboro Step

**Tuesday March 29**

9:00 a.m. Mass

10:30 a.m. Mass at Medex

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

7:00 p.m. RCIA

**Wednesday March 30 Mass at Notre Dame High School**

9:00 a.m. Mass

1:00 p.m. Retirees Cards &amp; Social

7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Round Table

7:00 p.m. Orchestra Fund Raiser Practice

**Thursday, March 31**

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

**Friday, April 01**

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

8:00 p.m. AA – By the Book

**Saturday, April 02 Divine Mercy Sunday**

1:30 p.m. Fund Raising Concert

5:00 p.m. Mass for a special intention

**Sunday, April 03 Divine Mercy Sunday**9:00 a.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Communion (Reception following)

11:00 a.m. Mass for the People of the Parish

Noon Appreciative Inquiry

**PRAYERS**

Fr. Dan's knee surgery went well and he is healing as well as can be expected. He will be out of commission for quite a while. He asks that you keep him in your thoughts and prayers for a good recovery.

**TODAY'S QUOTE**

*"I prefer a church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security."*

Pope Francis

*Christ is Risen! Alleluia!*

**Parish News****FIRST COMMUNION**

At the 9 a.m. Mass next weekend we will celebrate 1<sup>st</sup> Communion for the students who have been preparing during Lent. Please pray for them and their families as they prepare for this beautiful Sacrament.

**NOURISHING A STATEMENT OF THE POSITIVE CORE OF ST. BASIL'S**

Parishioners of St. Basil's, please read what participants have shared in recent Parish Dialogues when asked "What is St. Basil's is at its best?" Their feelings for St. Basil's are displayed on the walls on either side of the Nave of the church. Visit the two panels and read the key words and inspiring phrases.

Now it's your turn! Carry the conversation forward! Nourish us with your heartfelt and positive feelings for St. Basil's! Use the Post-it notes on the panels. Write a personal thought about a time when you felt most alive, involved, spiritually touched, or excited about your involvement with St. Basil's. Share in positive words what is in your heart when you think about St. Basil's. We want everyone's input. Chart the future of St. Basil's. Take this step forward.

**VOLUNTEER REQUIRED FOR COMMUNION CLOTH TEAM**

This is an essential volunteer opportunity that can be done at home. The cloths used for Holy Communion are washed after each use. Washing and ironing takes about half an hour a week and each team member covers two months a year. If you are willing to volunteer, please contact Catherine Casserly (613) 729-4217.

**MINISTRIES OF ST. BASIL'S**

St Basil's Parish is blessed to have a large number of parishioners who are active in several different ministries. This year we will be describing the various pastoral ministries in periodic bulletin inserts. Please take time to learn about the varied and valuable contributions made by parishioners in these ministries. If you would like to join one of the ministries, contact information is on the front of the bulletin.

**DIVINE MERCY PICTURE**

The picture representing the Divine Mercy will be on display during the Year of Mercy.

**OFFICE CLOSED**

Please note Parish office will be closed on Easter Monday March 28.

**MISSION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE MEETING**

The next meeting of the Mission and Social Justice Committee will be Thursday, April 7th at 7 p.m. in the Resource Room. All are welcome

**EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED SUICIDE**

The federal government is developing legislation to implement the Supreme Court's decision to legalize euthanasia and assisted suicide. The Mission and Social Justice Committee has prepared a sample letter to the Ministers of Justice and Health calling for reasonable safeguards for vulnerable individuals and health care providers and institutions. You are invited to view the letter on the parish website ([www.stbasilparish.ca](http://www.stbasilparish.ca)) and send your own copy to the Ministers (cc. your Member of Parliament).

**TWO MORE EVENING PARISH DIALOGUES SCHEDULED**

Two more Evening Parish Dialogues are scheduled for **Tuesday, April 5 and Wednesday, April 6** in the Parish Hall. More than sixty parishioners have been pleasantly surprised by the intimate and heartfelt dialogues they enjoyed in sessions held to date. Our goal is to hear from 100 parishioners. To paraphrase what participants have said to us: "I wasn't sure at first. I went anyway. So I told my story to one other person; then they told me theirs. Listening to one another drew us closer. It was all about why we love St. Basil's. That was easy to share. But, most of all, it gave me hope." Plan to attend: 7 – 9 pm, **Tuesday, April 5 or Wednesday, April 6**. Check the parish website for details – [www.stbasilparish.ca](http://www.stbasilparish.ca)

**RENOVATION CAMPAIGN – BENEFIT CONCERT**

On **April 2, 2016 beginning at 1:30** the *National Capital Concert Band* under the direction of Maestro Rocco Romeo, will be performing a concert in support of *St Basil's Renovation Campaign*. Tickets will be on sale after each mass on *March 19th and March 26th* and will be available for purchase at the door. All proceeds will go to the Renovation Fund. Adults \$25, Family \$60. Come support the capital campaign and enjoy a concert event. The repertoire will include music to suit a variety of musical tastes including classical and symphonic works. This musical performance promises to shake us to our foundations with a wall of sound, as the band raises the roof with their bold brass, mellow woodwinds and driving percussion in equal measure.

**From the Diocese****PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS**

**EASTER SUNDAY ~ MARCH 27TH ~** *That the Risen Lord, made known to us through apostolic witness, will grace many more men and women to answer the call to proclaim His life, death and resurrection as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers.*

**NOVENA TO SAINT JOSEPH**

A reminder to pray the Novena to Saint Joseph to aid our politicians to protect life and respect the right of medical professionals to refuse to take part in assisted – dying.

**From the Community****OK CLEAN WATER SPRING FASHION FUNRAISER**

On April 11 at Shepherd's Fashions- Trainyards location. Come on out for a fun-filled evening 6:00- 9:00 and support a water project in Kumbo, Cameroon. [www.okcleanwaterproject.org](http://www.okcleanwaterproject.org). Tickets at \$45 are available form [horanc@sympatico.ca](mailto:horanc@sympatico.ca). 10% of proceeds goes to the charity.

**THE MYSTERY OF THE EMPTY ROOM****A Thought**

*On a trip to London with her daughter, my aunt decided to go back to her hotel room early after a day of sightseeing while my cousin met up with some friends. My aunt got to her room, walked in, and to her surprise the room was empty. All her belongings were gone. She double-checked the room number. Then she walked to the bed, sat down, and tried to process what had happened. All of her valuables, even her medicines, were gone. She felt paralyzed, not sure of her next step: Approach the hotel manager? Go to the police or the pharmacy? Just when she was getting ready to act, the door opened and a maid walked in. "I'm sorry, Madam, but this is not your room." "Excuse me," my aunt replied. "I am sure it is my room. Here is my key. But my things are missing." "Oh, yes," the housekeeper replied, "we switched your room this morning. Your belongings are now in a different room down the hall. The door is open." Incredulous, my aunt slowly walked down the hall to the new room. Sure enough, there were her things all nicely laid out. A short time later, she heard her daughter demanding in a loud voice, "Why is this room empty! Where is my mother? Where are our things! This is simply outrageous!" Shock, despair, or outrage are all typical responses to an empty room—or an empty tomb. Standing within the emptiness, we realize how full our lives were and how great our loss. But our loss also makes us acutely aware that our most precious asset—love—is always with us. That is the Good News of Easter.*

—Patrice J. Tuohy from *Prepare the Word* 27 March 2016

**MERCY KILLING?**

On **Wed., Apr. 13** from 7:00–8:00 pm you are invited to St. John the Apostle Parish hall (2340 Baseline Rd.) to hear Louise Harbour, Executive Director of Action Life, speak on the critical life issues of euthanasia and assisted suicide. Free. Light refreshments. Info. & registration: Deborah (613-820-3580).

**EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE**

Join Deacon Yves Trottier, of St. Monica Parish, for a presentation on the significance of the Holy Door and the Door of Mercy as our European Pilgrimage will journey through Europe visiting the 7 Holy Doors. The presentation will be held on Saturday April 9, 2016 at St Monica Parish Hall, 2080 Merivale Rd, Nepean, ON K2C 3H1 at 3:00 PM followed by mass at 5:00 PM. Pilgrimage is for 15 days, departing October 2, 2016, \$5145 per person/double occupancy includes tours, airfare and taxes. For more information on pilgrimage come to the presentation or contact David Hnatiw at 613-620-1196 or <http://catholictours.ca/>

