

SCRIPTURES FOR NEXT SUNDAY 24 APRIL 2016

(Liturgical Year C)

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**First Reading: Acts 14.21 – 27***They called the Church together and related all that God had done with them.***Second Reading: Revelation 21.1 – 5***God will wipe every tear from their eyes.***Gospel: John 13.1, 31 – 33a, 34 – 35***I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.*

This Week

Saturday, April 16**4th Sunday of Easter**

5:00 p.m. Mass for Larry Berrigan req. by Lisa & Weldon Hannaford

Sunday, April 17**4th Sunday of Easter**9:00 a.m. Confirmation w/ Reception
11:00 a.m. Mass for the People of the Parish**Monday, April 18**9:00 a.m. Mass for a special intention
6:00 p.m. OCSB Children's Choir
8:00 p.m. AA meeting – Westboro Step**Tuesday April 19**9:00 a.m. Mass for a special intention
7:00 p.m. Bytown Voices
7:00 p.m. Finance Council Meeting**Wednesday April 20 Mass at Notre Dame High School**9:00 a.m. Mass
1:00 p.m. Retirees Cards & Social
7:00 p.m. RCIA
7:15 p.m. Choir Practice**Thursday, April 21**9:00 a.m. Mass for a special intention
7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting**Friday, April 22**9:00 a.m. Mass for Gerard & Eileen Audcent req. by John & Mary Audcent
8:00 p.m. AA – By the Book**Saturday, April 23 5th Sunday of Easter**5:00 p.m. Mass for Mary Kelly on the 5th Anniversary of her death req. by Anna & Patricia**Sunday, April 24 5th Sunday of Easter**9:00 a.m. Mass for the People of the Parish
11:00 a.m. Mass**UPDATE**

Fr. Dan is dealing with a prolonged period of swelling in the knee that is preventing advancement with physiotherapy and causing delay in progress. All your cards, meals and prayers are most appreciated!

TODAY'S QUOTE

"The media only writes about the sinners and the scandals, he said, but that's normal, because 'a tree that falls makes more noise than a forest that grows.'"

Pope Francis

Parish News

EYES, HANDS & HEARTS

On **Saturday April 30th** in the morning, there will be a ministry formation session for all liturgical ministers of the parish about the theology of ministry and it will include some practical updating as well. This is also open to all parishioners. More information will be forthcoming from your ministry leader and in the bulletin.

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 at its best?" Visit the two panels and read the key words and inspiring phrases. 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.

EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED SUICIDE

What will legalized euthanasia and assisted dying mean for you and me? New laws are coming this June. What do we hope for? What should we advocate? Join in a parish discussion; hear from an expert panel, share your experience and concerns. **Sunday, May 1st:** light refreshments at 12:15; program 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. If you'd like to help and for more information, call Bob Czerny, 613-728-3850 (czerny@sympatico.ca). Sponsored by the CWL, which is rallying support for increased palliative care, and the Ministry of Care.

TULIPATHON

Please join or support our parishioners who will be walking with people of all faiths in the Tulipathon, **May 1st**, the annual walk in support of MHI, Multifaith Housing Initiative, which works to provide affordable housing for low-income households in Ottawa. Registration at 2:30 Commissioner's Park, Dow's Lake, walk begins at 3 p.m. More info: multifaithhousing.ca



NARTHEX DISPLAY

In the Narthex the image of Divine Mercy and the official icon of the Year of Mercy are displayed along with an explanation of each. Take time to look at the two images and learn about the history of Divine Mercy devotions and become informed about the meaning drawn into the image chosen for the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

FIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations to the students who received their First Communion! We invite those students to take home their First Communion sheet that has been taped to the back wall of the Church.

HAVE YOU LOST?

A piece of jewelry was found in the Church over the Easter weekend. If you have lost a piece of jewelry please call the Parish Office 613-729-5149 ext. 200

ST BASIL'S MEETINGS THIS MONTH

19 April	Finance Council
20 April	RCIA
21 April	Pastoral Council
27 April	Knights of Columbus Round Table

From the Diocese

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER~ APRIL 17TH ~ *That the coming of the new heaven and new earth will be hastened through the holy lives and faithful witness of all those called to serve the Lord as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers,*

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS OF THANKSGIVING

Notre Dame Cathedral, **Sun., May 1, 2:30 p.m.** For couples celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 + years of marriage in 2016. Families & friends are most welcome. Registration details now available in parishes. **Deadline to register: Wed., April 20.**

142ND ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO SAINTE-ANNE-DE-BEAUPRÉ AND CAP-DE-LA-MADELEINE

On August 13-14th 2016, the weekend celebrant: Archbishop Paul-André Durocher, Archdiocese of Gatineau. Pope Francis has encouraged all to make a pilgrimage during the Year of Mercy. This Pilgrimage is one such opportunity. The Archdiocese of Québec has designated a Door of Mercy at the Shrine of Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré. Participate Saturday evening in a "Stations of Mercy" at Ste-Anne. Info: Mike Budge (613-224-8110); (www.ste-anne-de-beaupre.com).

From the Community

ANCOURA

Join us for Dinner and an Evening of Celebration. **Thursday May 5th, 2016, 6:00 p.m.** Reception (cash bar), 7:00 p.m. Dinner. St. Elias Centre, 750 Ridgewood Ave. (near Mooney's Bay) - Silent and Live auction: Tickets: \$100.00 (with a \$50.00 Tax receipt). To reserve tickets contact the Ancoura office at 613-233-8130 or www.ancoura.ca

TRAVEL WITH FR WONG

I will be leading a tour in July 2016 to Russia, including Moscow and St. Petersburg, as well as a cruise of the Baltic State Capitals including Estonia, Sweden and the Norwegian Fjords. Interested parishioners from St. Basil's who would like to obtain further info, please contact Dennis Kam 613-581-5566 at JBC Travels - Fr. Bosco Wong

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Do you know of any young children of Kindergarten age? There are openings for Junior and Senior Kindergarten children at St. Daniel School. Our lovely little school is tucked into the residential neighbourhood near Iris between Woodroffe and Maitland. Busing may be available depending on your address. All children of any age in Grades 1 to 6 are also welcome to attend our school. For more information or a tour of the school, please call 613-225-4603. We look forward to welcoming new families to our school community. Rita Graaskamp, Principal of St. Daniel School.

13TH ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON AND BRIDGE

Hosted by Serenity Renewal for Families here at St. Basil's Fri., **May 6, 12:00 p.m.** Make up a table of 4 and come for lunch with good friends, good cards and door prizes. \$120 a table or \$30 each. Send names & addresses (for tax receipts) with cheque payable to Serenity Renewal for Families, 202-2255 St. Laurent Blvd. Ottawa ON K1G 4K3 or register at (www.serenityrenewal.ca).

Vocations

A Thought

If you are looking for a simple definition of a vocation, the literal meaning of the word is a "call."

But a vocation is more than an ordinary call. A vocation is a call from God, and anyone who has felt God's call knows that the process is anything but simple. While most people think of a vocation as what they are called to do in life, it is important to understand that the first and most important call from God is a call to be - the universal call to holiness...

The universal call to holiness is an ongoing conversion experience. It keeps opening our eyes to new awareness of God's loving presence. It keeps inviting us to turn toward God by aligning our will with God's will...

A willingness to do God's will is built on two convictions. We have to believe that God loves us more than we love ourselves and that God wants our happiness more than we want it...

As Blessed Pope John Paul II wrote, "Love makes us seek what is good; love makes us better persons. It is love that prompts men and women to marry and form a family, to have children. It is love that prompts others to embrace the consecrated life or become priests." Each vocation challenges us to live our faith more deeply and to follow Christ more closely. Each vocation, if it is lived generously and faithfully, will then involve times of lasting happiness and reward but also suffering and sacrifice. Finally, it is important not to compare the value of different vocations but to appreciate the value of each one and to discover which one is right for you.

—Archdiocese of Melbourn Website