

SCRIPTURES FOR NEXT WEEKEND**4TH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A****First Reading: 1 Samuel 16.1, 6 – 7, 10 – 13***David was anointed king over Israel.***Second Reading: Ephesians 5.8 – 14***Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.***Gospel: John 9.1 – 41***The man who was blind washed his eyes and came back able to see.*

This Week

Saturday, March 18 3rd Sunday of Lent4:15 p.m. Individual Reconciliation
5:00 p.m. Mass for Patrick Kelly req. by Anna & Patricia**Sunday, March 19 3rd Sunday of Lent**9:00 a.m. Mass for the Special Intentions of Cecilia Kalva
10:00 a.m. Confirmation Class
11:00 a.m. Mass for Arvin Ramstead req. by the Kearn Family
6:00 p.m. First Communion Class**Monday, March 20 Saint Joseph – Patron of Canada**9:00 a.m. Mass for the People of the Parish
6:00 p.m. OCSB Children's Choir
8:00 p.m. AA – Westboro Step**Tuesday March 21**9:00 a.m. Mass for the Special Intentions of Cecilia Kalva
7:00 p.m. Bytown Voices
7:00 p.m. RCIC**Wednesday March 22**9:00 a.m. Mass for the Special Intentions of Cecilia Kalva
1:00 p.m. Retirees Cards & Games
7:15 p.m. Choir Practice**Thursday, March 23**9:00 a.m. Mass for the Special Intentions of Cecilia Kalva
7:00 p.m. Marion Dewar Biography presentation**Friday, March 24**9:00 a.m. Mass for the Special Intentions of Cecilia Kalva
8:00 p.m. AA – By the Book**Saturday, March 25 4th Sunday of Lent**3:30 p.m. Children's Icon Painting Workshop
4:15 p.m. Individual Reconciliation
5:00 p.m. Mass for Larry Berrigan req. by Dawn & Family**Sunday, March 26 4th Sunday of Lent**9:00 a.m. Mass for the Special Intentions of Cecilia Kalva
10:00 a.m. Family Lenten Gathering
10:00 a.m. Social Action Committee Meeting
11:00 a.m. Mass for Donald McIsaac req. by his Family
12:00 p.m. Mission & Social Justice Solidarity Luncheon

SOLIDARITY LUNCHEON

Next Sunday on **March 26th** after the 11 o'clock Mass there will be a simple soup lunch and a chance to reflect on our solidarity with the poor in our city.



Parish News

ICON PAINTING WORKSHOP FOR YOUTH

The children's liturgy team will be hosting an icon painting workshop for children ages 5 years plus. Beginning on **Saturday March 25th, and continuing on April 1st, and April 8th 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.** in the conference room. The three session workshop will teach children how to write (paint) an icon on wood panel. The process involves tracing, painting, and applying gold papers. The theological elements we will focus on are as follows: icon as God's heavenly window, the Imago Dei or image of God, and the colours of Christ. Admission is \$5 per child per session. No artistic experience necessary. Younger siblings and parents are welcome to stay in the parish hall for games and chats during the workshop sessions. Please contact Ann-Christina Gamillscheg at 613-400-5685 or ankigam@hotmail.com to register.

RENOVATION CAMPAIGN - BENEFIT CONCERT

On **April 2, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.**, the National Capital Concert Band under the direction of Rocco Romeo, will be performing a concert in support of St Basil's Renovation Campaign, featuring select songs performed by the up and coming new vocalist, Tzietel Abrego. Tickets are on sale after Mass on *March 18th and March 25th* and will be available for purchase at the door, proceeds to the renovation.

Adults \$15 Children 12 and under-free Family \$50

PASTORAL CARE

The Ottawa Pastoral Care Training Program will offer a Continuing Education Event on **Tuesday, April 4 at 1.00 - 3.00 p.m. or 7.00 - 9.00 p.m.** at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 371 Woodroffe Ave. The title is "Pastoral Care for Caregivers of People with Dementia". The presenter will be Ian Henderson, president of the Bereavement Support and Education -Ottawa. Registration is not required. For more information call Maureen Ramsay, 726-1767.

MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS

The CWL will be hosting Mary's Way of the Cross on **Friday, March 31st, 2017** in the Church at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to join us as we follow the Way of the Cross from an interesting perspective.

A Note from Fr. Ross

Because we are celebrating a Sunday in the Lenten season, the Solemnity of St. Joseph is transferred to Monday. I have long lamented that St. Joseph receives so little attention when compared to St. Patrick who is remembered on the 17th. Not a scholar but a carpenter, St Joseph trusted God's call and obeyed. He is a good choice to be patron of the universal Church and of Canada. We honour him also as patron of a happy death. I offer some reflections from Pope Francis on family life as found in *Amoris Lætitia*, (The Joy of Love) the post-synodal apostolic exhortation:

We often hear that ours is "a society without fathers". In Western culture, the father figure is said to be symbolically absent, missing or vanished. Manhood itself seems to be called into question. The result has been an understandable confusion. "At first, this was perceived as a liberation: liberation from the father as master, from the father as the representative of a law imposed from without, from the father as the arbiter of his children's happiness and an obstacle to the emancipation and autonomy of young people. In some homes authoritarianism once reigned and, at times, even oppression". Yet, "as often happens, one goes from one extreme to the other. In our day, the problem no longer seems to be the overbearing presence of the father so much as his absence, his not being there. Fathers are often so caught up in themselves and their work, and at times in their own self-fulfilment, that they neglect their families. They leave the little ones and the young to themselves". The presence of the father, and hence his authority, is also impacted by the amount of time given over to the communications and entertainment media. Nowadays authority is often considered suspect and adults treated with impertinence. They themselves become uncertain and so fail to offer sure and solid guidance to their children.

A reversal of the roles of parents and children is unhealthy, since it hinders the proper process of development that children need to experience, and it denies them the love and guidance needed to mature.

I send my prayerful support to our teachers and students returning to classes after their March Break.

J. Ross

RESERVE THE DATE

Fri., 31 Mar., 7:00 p.m. CWL – Mary's Way of the Cross
Sun., 02 Apr., 1:30 p.m. Renovation Campaign Benefit Concert with the National Capital Concert Band and Tzietel Abrego
Wed., 05 Apr., 7:00 p.m. Parish Lenten reconciliation service; 6 priests available.
Thu., 13 Apr., 7:30 p.m. Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper with adoration until 10:00 pm
Fri., 14 Apr., 10:00 a.m. Good Friday service for families with young children;
3:00 pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
Sat., 15 Apr., 8:30 p.m. Solemn Easter Vigil, the highlight of our year (note: no 5:00 pm mass this evening)
Sun., 16 Apr., 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Easter masses

MARION DEWAR'S LIFE OF ACTION

Join us on **Thursday March 23 at 7 p.m.** as local author Deborah Gorham presents her latest biography "Marion Dewar: A life of Action". The book about one of St Basil's remarkable parishioners describes her life and impact on our city and country. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

Liturgy Corner

Why St. Joseph? Although March 19th is the real feast of St. Joseph, this year it has been moved to March 20th because Sundays always take precedence. Joseph is honoured in Canada as a solemnity with white as the liturgical colour (even during Lent). St. Joseph is the principal patron of Canada, the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the patron of the universal church. For many Catholics too, he was a hard-working carpenter who, as the earthly father of Jesus, set an example of loving commitment and faithfulness. St. Joseph pray for us.

From the Diocese

WHITE MASS IN SUPPORT OF CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS

On the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord on **March 25th**, Archbishop Prendergast invites everyone to join Catholic health care practitioners at a special Mass honouring their work in health care and praying for their freedom of conscience. A bilingual Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. at Notre Dame Cathedral (385 Sussex Drive) with Archbishop Prendergast presiding joined by Archbishop Lépine and his seminarians who are making a special pilgrimage to Ottawa. A reception will follow in the parish hall. All are encouraged to attend this celebration and to pray with and for our Catholic health care practitioners.

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT ~ MARCH 19TH ~ *For all those thirsting to know their vocations in Christ, that they will be open to the waters of prayer and drink fully of the Holy Spirit who leads them*

From the Community

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND THE ISRAEL/PALESTINE FILE SLOW BUT STEADY MOVEMENT TOWARD JUSTICE

You are invited to a free presentation by Carl Hétu, Executive Director, Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA). The Catholic Church is slowly changing its position on the struggle for human rights in Israel and Palestine. Pope Francis has become an advocate for greater Catholic support, especially in the occupied territories. Mr. Hétu will discuss some of the contradictory pressures inside today's Church. **7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 22** at the Churchill Seniors Centre, 345 Richmond Road. For more information, call Catherine Casserly 613-729-4217.

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