



2nd SUNDAY OF LENT
*"This is my Son, the Beloved;
 Listen to him"*

Today's reading: Genesis 22.1-2; 9-13, 15-18; Romans 8.31b-35, 37; Mark 9.2-
 Next week reading: Exodus 20.1-17; 1 Corinthians 1.18, 22-25; John 2.13-25

This Week

Saturday, February 24 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

1:30 p.m. Bytown Voices
 5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, February 25 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 a.m. Mass
 10:00 a.m. 1st Communion Session 4
 10:00 a.m. Confirmation Prep.
 11:00 a.m. Mass for Paula Morency † req. by David & Vivian Scollard

Monday, February 26

9:00 a.m. Mass
 6:00 p.m. OCSB Children Choir
 8:00 p.m. AA-Westboro

Tuesday, February 27

10:00 a.m. Liturgy Meeting
 10:30 a.m. Mass at MEDEX
 7:00 p.m. Bytown Voices

Wednesday, February 28

9:00 a.m. Mass
 1:00 p.m. Retirees
 7:00 p.m. St. Basil's Choir
 7:00 p.m. K of C Round Table

Thursday, March 1

9:00 a.m. Mass
 7:00 p.m. RCIA

Friday, March 2

9:00 a.m. Mass for Marcel Desormeaux † req. by Mary & John Audcent
 7:00 p.m. Station of the Cross (Social Justice Comm.)
 8:00 p.m. A.A. By the Book

Saturday, March 3 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 a.m. OCSB Children Choir
 5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, March 4 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 a.m. Mass
 10:00 a.m. Confirmation Prep.
 11:00 a.m. Mass for Jack Sammon † req. by Marion & Fam.



From the desk of Fr. James

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TAKE LOTS OF "BEER" DURING LENT

One of my friends sent me this following "Lenten advice". I thought it is nice to share with you.

A Priest in India gave a simple advice on what to do during 40 days of Lent. He said we should take lots of beer.

Now do not let your minds go wondering.

***B* = Bible** - Read your Bible. This is God's given time to be spiritually enriched with the word of God.

***E* = Empathy** - Feel empathy for the poor and neglected and do something about it.

***E* = Eucharist** - Go for mass frequently besides Sunday's. If possible every day.

***R* = Reconciliation** - This is the best time to reconcile with those we have hurt, not talking, seek forgiveness. Restore our relationship with God and one another.

Have a wonderful and joyful Lent and do not forget your ***BEER.***

BE BLESSED WITH BEER

God Bless,
 Fr. James Raphael

Parish News

2017 TAX RECEIPTS

2017 Tax Receipts are available at the Narthex next to the offertory envelopes. Fr. James would like to thank each and every one of you for your generosity to the Parish in the year 2017.

2018 PARISH LENTEN MISSION

Parish Lenten Mission with Reconciliation Service will be on March **19th and 20th** at 7 p.m.

The Preacher is Fr. Lester Mendonsa.



FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATIONS

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sunday, Feb. 25 after 9 am Mass Session 4: Reconciliation

Tues, Mar 6 (6:30 pm) Family Reconciliation Service
Sunday, March 18 after 9 am Mass Session 5: Do!

CWL



We're cleaning out the cupboards and shelves in the Conference Room (room under the Sacristy). Over the years a variety of items have accumulated there and it's time to clean it out. From **February 19 to 25** the contents of the cupboard will be out on tables. If your committee has material stored in that room please identify and consolidate items you want to continue to store. On **February 26/27** remaining items will be removed. Identified material will be stored in the cupboards, labelled according to committee.

"Whatsoever you do..."

Challenging injustice is an essential part of evangelization (Catholic Social Thought)



How did you do?

THE GREENING OF SACRED SPACES

(experiences from St. Geneviève's)

Presentation by Richard Pommainville. Preceded by a Light, Lenten Lunch 12 noon on **Sunday, March 4th, 2018**. Sponsored by The Green Team and the Mission and Social Justice Committee.



The Mission and Social Justice Committee in collaboration with Development and Peace invites you all to a liturgy of **the Way of the Cross** on **Friday, March 2nd** in the church at **7:00 p.m.** The focus of our prayer will be Making Peace.

CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY 2018



The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual St. Patrick's Roast Beef Dinner with lively Irish music provided by D.J. 'Peter the Music Man' on **Saturday March 17th** in our Parish Hall starting at 6:00 pm. This popular event, which sold out last year, is the social highlight of our calendar year. Tickets are \$22.50 per person and will be available after all

Masses starting February 24th as well as from the Parish Office. Come and celebrate the Irish spirit on St. Patrick's Day!!

From the Diocese and Community

MESSAGE BY POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2018

The 2018 Message of Pope Francis for Lent is titled "Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold" (Matthew 24:12). In his message, the Holy Father invites the entire Church to

experience this time of grace anew, with joy and in truth. "Above all, I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting and prayer. If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew."

STEUBENVILLE TORONTO 2018

Registration is now open for youth Grades 9-12, chaperones, and clergy interested in attending Steubenville Toronto with the Archdiocese of Ottawa, **July 13-15**. This is Canada's largest conference for Catholic Youth. Cost including bus: \$390. Registration and non-refundable deposit of \$100 due by Feb 28. Priests only pay bus fee. More info: www.fymottawa.com/youth or contact Sophia Korban (skorban@archottawa.ca).

CATHOLIC PARENTING CHALLENGE

Take the Catholic Parenting Challenge presented by Evango and The Family & Youth Ministry Office! Step 1: Connect with other Parents, **March 1, 6:00 – 8:00 pm**, at St. Augustine Parish, 1060 Baseline Road. Step 2: Take the 5 Day Challenge consisting of short videos and simple actions to try at home each day. Step 3: Join the Facebook Live Chat, March 8, 8:00 – 9:00 pm, on the Family & Youth Ministry Ottawa Page to continue the conversation. Info & Registration: www.fymottawa.com. Contact Sophia: skorban@archottawa.ca, 613-738-5025 x 222.

DYING HEALED WORKSHOPS

Comprehensive education on palliative care/end of life issues and preliminary training for palliative and hospice care volunteers. For those wishing to provide compassionate love and support to those in need, particularly at end of life. **April 7 & 14, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** St. John the Apostle Parish, 2340 Baseline Rd. Cost for both sessions: \$35; incl. lunch. Registration required: Anastasia Bowles (613-722-1552); (info@lifecanada.org); (www.maketimeforlife.ca).

MONTHLY PRO-LIFE MASS

A continuation of the pilgrimage of Masses to pray for the establishment of a Pro-life Centre in Ottawa. Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, 320 Olmstead St., Vanier, **Sat., Feb. 24, 10:00 am**. Sponsored by Pro-life Doctors. Info: wandawoj@rogers.com or 613-831-2515.

INFO MEETING - CAMPAIGN LIFE COALITION

There has been a significant amount of action in Ottawa, Ontario and Canada with the implementation of the bubble zone law, PC Leadership race, and the Summer Jobs program. Find out more information on all of these issues and hear about the National March for Life. Jim Hughes, CLC President will attend. St. Patrick Basilica Scavi, **Feb. 20, 6:30 - 8:30 pm**. Info: debbie@clife.ca; 613-729-0379.

LENT
Pray + Fast + Give

IN YOUR GENEROSITY, PLEASE CONSIDER A DONATION OR BEQUEST TO ST. BASIL PARISH