

SCRIPTURES FOR NEXT WEEKEND

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A**First Reading: Exodus 17.3 – 7***Give us water to drink.***Second Reading: Romans 5.1 – 2, 5 – 8***God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.***Gospel: John 4.5 – 42***The water that I will give will become a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.*

This Week

Saturday, March 11 2nd Sunday of Lent

4:15 p.m. Individual Reconciliation

5:00 p.m. Mass for Healing of a loved one req. by Denise Trottier

Sunday, March 12 2nd Sunday of Lent

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

11:00 a.m. Mass for Donald McIsaac

Monday, March 13

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

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

8:00 p.m. AA – Westboro Step

Tuesday March 14

10:30 a.m. Mass at Medex

7:00 p.m. Bytown Voices

Wednesday March 15

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

1:00 p.m. Retirees Cards & Games

7:15 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, March 16

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

7:00 p.m. Henri Nouwen & the Road to Character

Friday, March 17

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

6:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus St Patrick's Dinner & Music

Saturday, March 18 3rd Sunday of Lent

4:15 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 People of the Parish

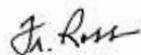
10:00 a.m. Confirmation Class

11:00 a.m. Mass for Arvin Ramstead req. by the Kearn Family

6:00 p.m. First Communion Class

CORRECTION

In the bulletin of February 26th I spoke of the "law of abstinence from meat". I quoted the Canadian norms. At the time I wrote the article I was unaware that Archbishop Prendergast has mandated abstinence from meat across the Archdiocese of Ottawa on all Fridays in Lent. I apologize for any confusion this may have caused.




Parish News

CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY 2017

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 **Friday, March 17** in our Parish Hall starting at 6:00 pm. This popular event is the social highlight of our calendar year. *Advance tickets \$22.50 per person are available after all Masses.* Come and celebrate the Irish spirit on St. Patrick's Day!!

CONFIRMATION

The next Confirmation gathering will be next **Sunday March 19** beginning at 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

SHAMROCKS

Shamrocks will be on sale in the Narthex this weekend **March 11 and 12**. All proceeds go to St. Patrick's Home.

ICON PAINTING WORKSHOP FOR YOUTH

The children's liturgy team will be hosting an icon painting workshop for children ages 5 years plus starting on **Saturday March 25th, and continuing on April 1st, and April 8th 3:30 – 5:30 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 dollars 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.

"HENRI NOUWEN AND THE ROAD TO CHARACTER"

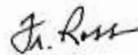
This will be a presentation with Fr. Corbin Eddy and parishioner and author Kevin Burns on **Thursday March 16, 2017, 7:00 p.m.** in St. Basil's Parish Hall. Fr. Corbin Eddy will point out some of the timeless landmarks and inspiring examples that we encounter while on "the road to character" – a journey with no express lanes or shortcuts. Then, Kevin Burns will present his new biography of the acclaimed spiritual writer, Henri Nouwen, and the painful twists and turns of his experiences on that road to character as he describes them in his book "Henri Nouwen - His Life and Spirit". Free Admission and Refreshments.

A Note from Fr. Ross

Again this week I offer for your reflection some thoughts from Pope Francis, taken from *Amoris Lætitia*, (The Joy of Love) the post-synodal apostolic exhortation. This section deals with 'Welcoming New Life':

The family is the setting in which a new life is not only born but also welcomed as a gift of God. Each new life allows us to appreciate the utterly gratuitous dimension of love, which never ceases to amaze us. It is the beauty of being loved first: children are loved even before they arrive". Here we see a reflection of the primacy of the love of God, who always takes the initiative, for children "are loved before having done anything to deserve it. And yet, from the first moments of their lives, many children are rejected, abandoned, and robbed of their childhood and future. There are those who dare to say, as if to justify themselves, that it was a mistake to bring these children into the world. This is shameful! ... How can we issue solemn declarations on human rights and the rights of children, if we then punish children for the errors of adults? If a child comes into this world in unwanted circumstances, the parents and other members of the family must do everything possible to accept that child as a gift from God and assume the responsibility of accepting him or her with openness and affection. For when speaking of children who come into the world, no sacrifice made by adults will be considered too costly or too great, if it means the child never has to feel that he or she is a mistake, or worthless or abandoned to the four winds and the arrogance of man. The gift of a new child, entrusted by the Lord to a father and a mother, begins with acceptance, continues with lifelong protection and has as its final goal the joy of eternal life. By serenely contemplating the ultimate fulfilment of each human person, parents will be even more aware of the precious gift entrusted to them. For God allows parents to choose the name by which he himself will call their child for all eternity.

Enjoy the school break week!



RESERVE THE DATE

Thur., 16 Mar., 7:00 – 9:00 pm Lenten presentation with Fr. Corbin Eddy and Kevin Burns

Fri., 17 Mar., 6:00 pm St. Patrick's Dinner/dance, sponsored by our Knights of Columbus

Sun., 02 Apr., 1:30 pm Renovation Campaign Benefit Concert with the National Capital Concert Band and Tzietel Abrego

Wed., 05 Apr., 7:00 pm Parish Lenten reconciliation service; 6 priests available.

Liturgy Corner

The Eucharistic liturgy is a four-part ritual action:

We GATHER (Introductory rites)

We LISTEN (Liturgy of the Word)

We GIVE THANKS and ARE FED (Liturgy of the Eucharist)

We are MISSIONED FORTH – Concluding rites.

The Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist are the most important parts of the liturgy.

RENOVATION CAMPAIGN - BENEFIT CONCERT

On **April 2, 2017 at 1:30 pm**, the National Capital Concert Band under the direction of Rocco Romeo, will be performing a concert in support of St Basil's Renovation Campaign. Featured during the second act will be some select songs performed by the up and coming new vocalist, Tzietel Abrego. Tickets will be on sale after each mass on *March 18th and March 25th* and will be available for purchase at the door. All proceeds will go towards the renovation. *Adults \$15 Children 12 and under- free Family \$50* What better way to support the capital campaign than to join in for this 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

PERMANENT DIACONATE – INFO

Is the Lord calling you to the Permanent Diaconate? Discover what the diaconate is about. Catholic men in the Archdiocese are invited; married men are encouraged to come with their wives. Next session **Mon., Mar. 13, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.** St. Augustine Parish, 1060 Baseline. To attend, contact Deacon Michael Seath; mseath@archottawa.ca. 613-324-0007

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT ~ MARCH 12TH ~ *For all our priests, who bring us to the mountain of Christ at every Mass and feed us with His transforming love in the sacraments.*

From the Community

SACRED SOUNDS – FROM KYIV TO CANADA

Divine Infant Parish, **Sun., Mar. 26, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.** A celebration of Eastern and Western Christian choral music. Sheptytsky Institute Choir with Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Schola. Free parking. \$20 (adults), \$10 (students), free (children under 13). Tickets & info: Harold Visser online, at the door, reserved at (sheptytsky@ustpaul.ca) or (613-236-1393 x2332).

SEEKING FAMILIES TO HOST CATHOLIC TEENS

Canada International Student Placement Inc. is seeking families with teens to host Catholic teens from France for 3-4 weeks during summer 2017. Info: (paul@cispi.ca) or (pat@cispi.ca).

PILGRIMAGE TO PORTUGAL, FRANCE & SPAIN

Led by Fr. Tadeusz Jordan SDS, Oct. 8-19. Cost: \$2890/person, dble occup. Stan (647-9057); Fr. Tadeusz (613-733-4661). Info meeting: Thurs., Mar. 23, 7:00 p.m. at Resurrection of Our Lord.

"Whatsoever you do..."

"Lent is a favourable season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognizing in them the face of Christ. Each life that we encounter in everyday life is a gift deserving acceptance, respect and love." Pope Francis – Lent 2017