

SCRIPTURES FOR NEXT WEEKEND**EASTER SUNDAY YEAR A****First Reading: Acts 10.34, 37 – 43***We ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.***Second Reading: Colossians 3.1 – 4***Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.***Gospel: John 20.1 – 9***According to the Scripture: Jesus must rise from the dead.***This Week****Saturday, April 8****Passion Sunday**

4:15 p.m. Individual Reconciliation

5:00 p.m. Mass for Jackie Bonderski req. by her Family

Sunday, April 9**Passion Sunday**

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

11:00 a.m. Mass

Monday, April 10

9:00 a.m. Mass

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

8:00 p.m. AA – Westboro Step

Tuesday April 11

10:30 a.m. Mass at Medex

7:00 p.m. Bytown Voices

7:00 p.m. RCIC

Wednesday April 12

9:00 a.m. Mass

1:00 p.m. Retirees Cards & Games

Thursday, April 13

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 14

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m. Children's Stations of the Cross

3:00 p.m. Passion of the Lord

8:00 p.m. AA – By the Book

Saturday, April 15**Easter Vigil**

No 5:00 p.m. Mass

8:30 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 16**Easter Sunday**

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

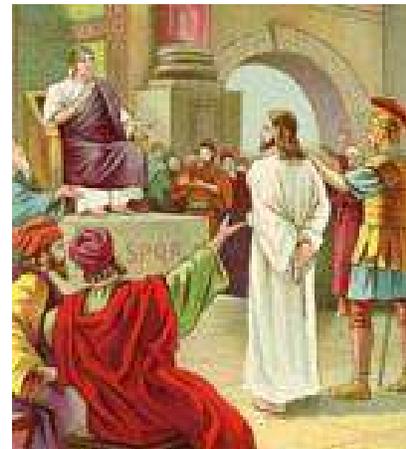
11:00 a.m. Mass for Geoff Murphy req. by Henry & Margaret Imbleau

ICON PAINTING WORKSHOP FOR YOUTH

The children's liturgy team is hosting an icon painting workshop for children ages 5 years plus. The last session will be **April 8th 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.** in the conference room. Please contact Ann-Christina Gamillscheg at 613-400-5685 or ankigam@hotmail.com to register.

GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY PRAYER

All are welcome to join St. Basil's children for an adapted version of the Stations of the Cross at **10 am on Good Friday, April 14** in the church. We will pray, wonder and sing together to better understand Jesus' road to Golgotha. We finish with a related craft in the parish hall

**Parish News****COMMUNION AT YOUR PEW**

At St. Basil's, we take great pride in serving Holy Communion at the pew to those parishioners whom may have difficulty with mobility. On Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday, a larger congregation is anticipated. Please note that Holy Communion will then be served at the pew **AFTER** the main congregation. Please identify yourself to the Ushers as you **ENTER** the Church.

FOOD CUPBOARD

We would like to thank the parishioners of St. Basils for your continuing support of the food cupboard. It is through your assistance we can care for the needs of the less fortunate in our area. Some of the items that we are experiencing a short fall are: coffee, cheese spread, canned fish, meat sauce, fruit juice, cereal and toilet paper.

Anyone wishing to donate any of these would be greatly appreciated. Thank you and Happy Easter.

HELP ST. BASIL'S CWL HELP WOMEN IN NEED!

In the past, the Catholic Women's League of St. Basil's has collected toiletries to be donated to St. Joseph's Women's Center. The CWL is collecting items for donation to the center during the months of April and May. A box, in which you may leave your donations, will be placed in the Narthex. These are greatest needs: shampoo, soap, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, combs and brushes, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Also useful are bus tickets and gift certificates to grocery stores, Giant Tiger and long distance calling cards, new kids' toys such as coloring books, crayons, Lego and puzzles etc. Thank you in advance for your support of this endeavour.

RESERVE THE DATE

Sat. 22 April, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bottle Drive (Special Olympians)

Sat. 29 April & Sun. 30 April, Book Clearance Sale

Sun., 21 May, 9:00 am Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop C. Reisbeck

Sun. 28 May, 10 a.m. Noon First Communion Reception



THE SOUND OF MUSIC - ST BASIL'S STYLE

An absolutely wonderful concert was enjoyed by parishioners and the general public on Sunday, April 2nd at St Basil's. The National Capital Band directed by Rocco Romeo was enhanced by the beautiful voice of Tzietel Abrego as they entertained us through the afternoon. It was a day to remember! Thanks to the Renovation Campaign organizers of this benefit concert aided and abetted by our tireless Knights of Columbus! We are indeed a blest community.

BOOK CLEARANCE SALE

As our parish Resource Centre is no longer a lending library, and the books are no longer being used, there are many books, periodicals, tapes and contemporary videos (movies) to be put into the hands of parishioners. Most of the books from the collection are spiritual books and are still of great reading value and provide opportunities for prayer, spiritual formation and growth. Many were donated by parishioners over the years. Those who are involved in parish ministries and service will find many enlightening texts. Books being retained are our reference materials for children's sacramental preparation, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and other liturgical resources. These materials are valuable and are being used on a regular basis and are not being sold. Books and materials are being sold for an offering of \$1.00 each. The proceeds of the sale will be donated to our parish's Restored Foundations Fund. Please bring your loonies and toonies and your own boxes or shopping bags. Sale dates: **Saturday, April 29** 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. **Sunday April 30** 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Contact John Power 613-723-5977 or Carmel Horan 613-737-3681

A Note from Fr. Ross

Thank you to all who have expressed concern or inquired about my mother since my return to the parish. Your prayers have been much appreciated. She continues to receive excellent care at the May Court Hospice and to enjoy visits and conversations with family and friends. Her positive attitude is truly inspiring.

Included in your bulletin today is an outline of our Holy Week liturgies. I would encourage as many of you as possible to take part in as many of the services as you can. From sunset Thursday to sunset Sunday we commemorate our Solemn Easter Triduum. These three days are the most important in our liturgical calendar. In some ways, they are like three acts in a play or three periods in a hockey game. There is a unity which celebrates the entire Paschal Mystery, the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus, but we take our time, day by day, savoring the meaning of these events in our lives. I invite you to embrace these three days as a kind of parish retreat, a time of grace for us as individuals and as a parish community. On Easter Sunday at the 1100 mass we will celebrate the initiation of our three elect and the baptism of one infant. There is a clear link between baptism and Easter, as Fr. Norm Bonneau reminded us in his homily last weekend when he quoted from St. Paul's letter to the Romans which we will hear at the Vigil: "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his." Have a wonderful Triduum!



BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS

Once again, we encourage all families to join us at the 9 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass for a special Blessing of all Easter baskets. The blessing is borrowed from Polish tradition, in preparation for Easter Sunday breakfast celebrated by Polish members of our community. The basket consists of some hard boiled eggs, coloured or decorated some Kielbasa or Black Forest ham, a small portion of horseradish and salt a stuffed or chocolate lamb may also be included. Bring only the amount of eggs your family will eat We hope many families will bring their colourful baskets and join us for this special way to celebrate Easter!

SUPPORT SPECIAL OLYMPIANS

On **Saturday April 22nd 2017** between 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. your Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a bottle drive for the Special Olympics. Kindly donate your beer, wine and liquor bottles to support a great bunch of young men and women. This is an opportunity for students to complete their volunteer school hours by starting their own drives to support us, or stopping by to help us out. All members of the parish are invited to participate. If you need someone to pick up your bottles please speak to any Knight from Council 485, leave a message in our mail slot or contact John Watters at wattersj@magma.ca for assistance. Thank you for your support. We will be located in the Narthex.

Liturgy Corner

The Triduum, which we will observe this coming week-end is the sacred three days. The timing is similar to how Jewish holy days are calculated from the evening to the following evening: Holy Thursday evening until Good Friday evening; Good Friday evening until the Easter Vigil and then from the Easter Vigil until the end of evening prayer on Easter Sunday. The three services we celebrate are actually one liturgy with three parts. It begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening; there is no concluding blessing at this liturgy. Good Friday begins and ends in silence. The Easter Vigil, called the mother of all vigils, by St. Augustine, is the most solemn liturgy of our church year: with the Easter fire, the stories of salvation history, initiation of new members, and sharing in the Eucharist. Alleluias return and abound for the great fifty days.

From the Diocese

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

PALM SUNDAY ~ APRIL 9TH ~ *For the faithful response of all men and women called to follow Christ and His passion more closely through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life.*

"Whatsoever you do..."

It is vital that we sow the seeds of goodness in order to cultivate justice, foster accord and sustain integration without growing weary.

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