

SCRIPTURES FOR NEXT WEEKEND

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**First Reading: Acts 1.1 – 11***As the disciples were watching, Jesus was lifted up.***Second Reading: Ephesians 1.17 – 23***God seated Jesus at his right hand in heaven.***Gospel: Matthew 28.16 – 20***All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.***This Week****Saturday, May 20****6th Sunday of Easter**

4:15 p.m. Individual Reconciliation

5:00 p.m. Mass for the People of the Parish

Sunday, May 21**6th Sunday of Easter**

9:00 a.m. Mass with Confirmation

10:00 a.m. Confirmation Reception

11:00 a.m. Mass for Brian McFall req. by Jeannine Leblanc

Monday, May 22**Victoria Day**

9:00 a.m. Mass for Helen Hughes req. by her Family

8:00 p.m. AA – Westboro Step

Tuesday May 23

10:30 a.m. Mass at Medex

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

Wednesday May 24

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

1:00 p.m. Retirees Cards & Games

7:15 p.m. St Basil's Choir Practice

Thursday, May 25

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

7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting

Friday, May 26

9:00 a.m. Mass for Rick Jenkins req. by John & Mary Audcent

8:00 p.m. AA – By the Book

Saturday, May 27**Ascension of the Lord**

4:15 p.m. Individual Reconciliation

5:00 p.m. Mass for the People of the Parish

Sunday, May 28**Ascension of the Lord**

9:00 a.m. Mass for George Janigan req. by Lucille Janigan

9:00 a.m. Group First Communion

10:00 a.m. 1st Communion Reception

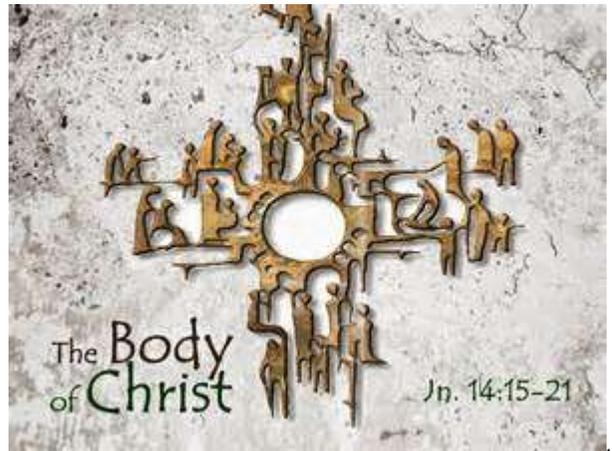
11:00 a.m. Mass for the People of the Parish

OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note that the parish office will be closed **Monday 22nd May**.
We will reopen **Tuesday 23rd May**.

GARDEN TRAILER

Are you downsizing and wondering what to do with your garden trailer? Perhaps you are purchasing a new one and need to find a new home for the old one. Our custodian has need of a garden trailer that will fit on the back of our lawn tractor. If you have a garden trailer that you would like to donate to the church please call the parish office at 613-729-5149.

**Parish News****ATTENTION GARDENERS!**

The flowerbeds and shrubs around the church are in need of spring cleaning and tender loving care on a more regular basis. Anyone interested in helping out over the summer, please contact Pam Casserly 613-829-8094.

RESERVE THE DATE

- Sun., 21 May, 9:00 am** Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Christian Riesbeck
- Sun. 28 May, 9 a.m.** First Communion Group Celebration with Reception
- Sun. 25 June 12:15 p.m.** Reception to thank Heather Reid

BULLETIN DEADLINES

To get your article in the next bulletin it must be in the Parish Office no later than noon every Monday. As you know, summer is quickly approaching. As in previous years we will be publishing one bulletin at the beginning of July and two bulletins in August. Please watch for the summer bulletin deadlines.

CWL APPRECIATION

Thanks to the CWL for honouring our mothers with a flower at the Mother's Day weekend masses!

TOILETRIES

The CWL would like to remind Parishioners that the collection of toiletries for St. Joseph's Centre will end on **Sunday, 28 May 2017**. Thank you to all who have contributed to this endeavour. Four trips will have been made to the Centre with three large bags of items each time. The staff and clients of the Centre have been most grateful for all the items they have received. Thank you to everyone who has donated!

"Whatsoever you do..."

"I would like us all to make a serious commitment to respect and protect creation, to be attentive to every person, to counter the culture of waste and disposables, to protect a culture of solidarity and of encounter."

Pope Francis

MISSION & SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

A Note from Fr Ross

The diocese of Bytown was founded on 25 June 1847 and became the Archdiocese of Ottawa on 08 June 1886. In 1947 a Marian Congress was held in Ottawa to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of our diocese and this year, on Thursday, 08 June, representatives from all parishes are invited to process from the chapel of the Mother House of the Sisters of Charity of Ottawa, 27 Bruyère Street, to the cathedral to celebrate our 170th anniversary with mass at 7:30 pm. If you are interested in attending and carrying our beautiful banner of the icon of St. Basil in the procession, please contact the parish office. All are invited to this celebration of our diocesan feast.

Parishioners are advised that Doreen Cripps now works on Mondays and Tuesdays and Mary-Lou Daze Hakansson on Wednesdays and Thursdays in our parish office. The same email address is shared by both. The office is closed on Fridays.

A reminder that we will reduce to one Sunday morning mass at 10:00 a.m. for the months of July and August.

Congratulations to the candidates for confirmation who will be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit at the nine o'clock mass this weekend. They include: Angela, Angelina, Cayla, Hanna, Julie, Lachlan, Macy, Matthew Collins, Matthew Yankey, Nicholas, Nicole, Paige, Sonny, Tiana and Vincenzo. Thanks to the parents, the first teachers of the faith to their children, and to Jennifer Golanowski who coordinated our parish's support in the preparation for this sacrament

Fr. Ross

From the Diocese

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MAY 21ST ~ For a growing conviction among our young people that they are loved by our Heavenly Father and that Jesus will manifest Himself to them through their vocations.

STUEBENVILLE TORONTO

Canada's largest conference for Catholic youth, taking place July 28-30 for youth currently in grades 8-12. The deadline to register is May 15. Preparatory meeting for all participants, their parents, and all chaperones on **May 25, 7:00 p.m.** at the Diocesan Centre (1247 Kilborn Place). Info: Krista Wawrykow 613-738-5025 ext. 222 kwawrykow@archottawa.ca.

Liturgy Corner

Silence

Although in our fast-paced world we are often uncomfortable with silence, it is actually a mandated part of the Sunday Eucharistic celebration. After each scripture reading and especially after the homily, we are asked to be silent in order to reflect upon what we have just heard. "Brief periods of silence are appropriate... and by means of these, under the action of the Holy Spirit, the Word of God may be grasped by the heart and a response through prayer may be prepared." (General Instruction # 56) You may notice, that at St. Basil's, the lectors remain at the ambo to begin this silence after proclaiming, before returning to their seats. Since the Church encourages all to stand and sing the communion processional hymn together, a period of silence for personal prayer is observed after all have received.

From the Community

RECONCILIATION EVENT

The Mission and Social Justice Committee invites parishioners to mark the 2nd anniversary of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action by attending the Kairos Kitchi ('really big') blanket exercise on Parliament Hill. On **Friday 02 June 2017** cultural events start at 3:30 p.m.; the exercise at 5:30. Details at <https://www.kairoscanada.org/event/kitchi-blanket-exercise>

COUNTRY FUN NATURE CAMP AT TUCKER HOUSE RENEWAL CENTRE

A non-denominational, ecumenical, Christian eco-camp for children aged 5-13. Camps: **July 10-14 & July 17-21**. \$180 registration. Bus pick up points in Ottawa. Register (bit.ly/CountryFun2017). Info: Charlotte Scromeda (902-240-7819); countryfun@tuckerhouse.ca.

EASTER MISSION AT ST. MARY PARISH

Guest speaker is Fr. Marc Montminy, speaking on the fire of the Holy Spirit. **Sun., May 28 – Tues., May 30, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.** All are invited to St. Mary's Parish, 100 Young St., each night of the Easter Mission. Info: (613-728-9811).

WORKSHOP - CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS & CHILDREN

Sr. Sheila Finnerty, gsic, Fr. Bosco Wong and Fr. C. Ross Finlan lead reflections on RCIA and RCIC with a practical focus on the role of the Christian community, sponsors and catechists. **Sat., May 27, 9:40 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**, Our Lady of Fatima. Pre-register: info@fatimaparish.ca; 613-722-7661.

LEGION OF MARY SPRING RETREAT

A silent retreat at La Maison de la Providence in Orleans, **Friday, May 26 – Sunday, May 28**. Father Mark Slatter will be the retreat master and the theme is The Holy Spirit. Registration fee: \$235 incl. two nights lodging, five meals, daily Mass and three conferences. Info & registration: Angela Beimers (613-829-0320).