

SCRIPTURES FOR NEXT WEEKEND**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****First Reading: 1 Kings 19.9, 11 – 13***Go and stand on the mountain before the Lord.***Second Reading: Romans 9.1 – 5***I could wish that I myself were cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people.***Gospel: Matthew 14.22 – 33***Lord, command me to come to you on the water.*

This Week

Saturday, August 5 Transfiguration of the Lord

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

Sunday, August 6 Transfiguration of the Lord

10:00 a.m. Mass

Monday, August 7

9:00 a.m. Mass

8:00 p.m. AA – Westboro Step

Tuesday August 8

9:00 a.m. Mass

Wednesday August 9

9:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday, August 10

9:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, August 11

9:00 a.m. Mass

Saturday, August 12 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, August 13 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. Mass

OFFICE CLOSURE**The Parish Office will be closed on Monday August 7th for the Civic holiday****ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PARISH**

The St. Basil Annual Report is now available on line by clicking on the Pastoral Council button. Copies are also available at the back of the Church.

MASS AT MEDEX

There will be no mass at Medex during the month of August. Mass at Medex will resume in September.

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

Beginning the first weekend in July, until September 3rd, there will be two weekend Masses. The Masses will be **Saturday evening 5 p.m. and Sunday morning 10 a.m.** The weekday Masses remain the same at **9 a.m. Monday to Friday**, alternate Tuesdays you are invited to attend Mass at 10:30 a.m. at Medex.

THANK YOU FROM DOREEN CRIPPS

Getting to know you over the last 9 years has been a privilege and a pleasure. You are a true blessing to your community.

The decision to retire was not an easy one. It was made more difficult by the kindness of all of you. After much prayer God made it clear that I was to move on to a new chapter in my journey.

I would like to thank all of you for your kind words and gifts. I would especially like to thank all of you who were able to make it out to my retirement luncheon.

You made it that much more special.

Doreen Cripps

BULLETIN DEADLINES

For the bulletin dated **27 August**, the deadline is **Monday 21 August** at noon.

For the bulletin dated **03 September**, the deadline is **Monday 28 August**.

The deadline will then be every Monday at noon from 03 September to June 2018.

ST BASIL'S LADIES BRIDGE CLUB

The 2016-17 ladies bridge club season ended in June with a lovely banquet held at the Algonquin College International Dining Room. We were 12 teams of women that played some good cards and continued to celebrate each other's friendships. Most of these women have been playing in the St. Basil's Bridge Club for well over 30+ years. This year the club made a \$700.00 contribution for the church building restoration fund. We are always looking for new members. Anybody interested please call Michelle Gleeson at 613-729-5299.

From the Diocese

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

Feast of the Transfiguration – August 6. That just as the apostles saw the glory of the Lord and were strengthened to go out to the world as heralds of what they witnessed, may young men and women be moved to share their experience of Him as a priest or sister.

YOUNG ADULTS - CALLED & GIFTED SPIRITUAL GIFTS SEMINAR - SAVE THE DATE

This seminar, run in conjunction with the *Catherine of Sienna Institute*, is an opportunity to discover God's plan for your life. This discernment process will give you a new perspective on your life and will lead to more fulfillment in work and relationships. **Fri., Sept. 15 & Sat., Sept. 16.** We especially invite young adults 21 years or older to participate. Info at fymottawa.com or contact Krista kwawrykow@archottawa.ca, 613-738-5025 x 222).

"ABOVE AND BEYOND: IGNITING THE FIRE" YOUTH RALLY

Ever wonder how God can accomplish immeasurably more than we can ever imagine? For Youth in grades 9-12. **Sat. Aug 19, 3pm-9pm** at Blessed Sacrament Parish. Music, talks, food and more. Offered by the Diocesan Youth Ministry Team. Info: Krista kwawrykow@archottawa.ca.

From the Community

THE WORD OF GOD IN THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

In Kingston, Sept. 15-16, 2017 at Providence Spirituality Centre. Christian Initiation Committee, Ontario Liturgical Conference. Visit olcinitiation.blogspot.ca or email: olrcia@gmail.com. This conference is for team members- RCIA, Confirmation preparation, First Communion preparation, Pastors and Deacons. Details & registration at www.CatholicOttawa.ca under Pastoral Services/Christian Initiation. The outline of the conference is also posted on the east side bulletin board along with some registration forms. Discounted registration fee before August 15



An Introductory Message from Fr. James

Dear Parishioners of St. Basil,

Warm regards from Fr. James Raphael, your newly appointed pastor! It gives me great pleasure to jot down these introductory notes for you. As I am new to St. Basil's, I think it is important to introduce myself to you a bit.

I hail from the Southern State of Kerala, in India. Though Catholics are very much a minority in India (1.55%) the Catholic Church in Kerala, India dates back to AD 52, due to the Missionary Apostolate of St. Thomas, the Apostle. I joined the Claretian Congregation (Religious Order founded by St. Anthony Claret, Spain) at the age of fifteen and after thirteen years of formation in the various parts of India, ordained as a priest in 1993. As such, I have just entered the silver jubilee year of my priestly ordination and if God wills, I will have the opportunity to celebrate my Jubilee with the parishioners of St. Basil's next year. As a priest, one of my unique experiences was that I served among the patients with leprosy (Bangalore, India) for six years. Though very challenging, it was indeed a rewarding missionary experience for me. In the year 2000, I was sent to Canada to join the Claretian Community here. Upon arrival in Montreal I spent one year learning French and the Canadian way of life. I served in the Archdiocese of Toronto for one year before I moved to Ottawa in 2002. Upon arrival in Ottawa, I was first appointed as the Administrator of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and in 2004 as Pastor of Holy Cross Parish. After twelve years of service at Holy Cross, I moved to Holy Redeemer Parish and now to St. Basil's. I am eagerly looking forward to serving you and to come to know you more and more. I believe together we can continue to build up our faith community. I come from a "small" family of eleven children and my mother is now 94 years old. I hold a post graduate Degree in Psychiatric Social Work. I am a great cricket fan who loves to watch all the games played around the world.