

ANNUAL REPORT PASTORAL COUNCIL JUNE 2017

At our opening day of reflection we adopted a theme of Collaboration and Communication and the importance of Imagine St. Basil's conclusion and our involvement of the implementation of the recommendations

We said goodbye to Father Dan who left on sabbatical on December 31, 2016 and welcomed Father Ross who settled in quickly and has done an amazing job for our parish in the short span of 7 months he has been with us. We say goodbye to Father Ross on July 31st and welcome Father James Raphael.

The parish web page now includes minutes of monthly meetings of Pastor Council, Finance Council and CWL. Our webpage has expanded to include a description of most of our ministries. With a view to better organization of scheduling of the Church, Hall and meeting rooms, a google calendar has been added to our webpage

Imagine St. Basil's report was presented to Pastoral Council and Finance Council on April 6, 2017. It is a brilliant synopsis of the thinking of parishioners to aid both councils in planning for the future of St. Basil's parish. The initial steps of name changing and minor adjustments of groupings have been achieved, some of the ministries have met with each other and initial planning for next year has been implemented.

Pastoral Council has adopted the Green Church as our theme for the coming year; we feel it is a way that all ministries can embrace new ways to better preserve our environment.

Pastoral Council welcomes Ellis-Lynn Duschenes as our new Chair for 2017-2018 and Mary Ross as a new member for Pastoral Council. Jeannine Gougeon has resigned as she is moving away from our parish. We are still lacking members for Pastoral Council to truly represent our congregation, ongoing recruitment is encouraged.

Our bulletin boards for the narthex have been received but are damaged so other options are being evaluated.

Liturgy Ministry. Most of the committees included in the ministry have descriptions online.

The members of Liturgy ministry continue to do an amazing job of preparing, contributing and organizing the ongoing requirements of our liturgical calendar. We are still trying to recruit a chair for the Trustee Committee

Children's Corner – There have been amazing strides in educating and utilizing the younger altar servers at 9:00 a.m. mass. The children's liturgy is offered in their own space in the hall at three 9:00 a.m. Sunday masses, the last Sunday 9:00 a.m. mass is a family mass each month. More information is available under Children's Liturgy on our web page.

Music – our music director Heather Reid is retiring, a new director is being recruited.

RCIC - Tyler, Lyla and Ada celebrated the initiation sacraments- baptism, confirmation and Eucharist- on Easter Sunday.

Outreach Ministry

Mission and Social Justice will be working closely with Pastoral Council and all of the ministries as we move forward with the Green Church Theme.

We are still awaiting details of our new refugee family's arrival in Canada.

Social Action supported the following organizations during the past 12 months:

Ottawa West End Community Chaplaincy

Ottawa West Community Support

Carlington Community Chaplaincy

Pinecrest Queensway Community Health Centre

Britannia Woods Food Centre

Britannia Woods Community House

The Food Cupboard is presently helping 12 to 14 clients a month and helped 19 families and 26 other households with Christmas Baskets.

Faith Formation Ministry

In 2016-2017, we had 3 engaged couples that took the For Better and Ever Program offered by St Basil's.

17 youths were confirmed by Bishop Riesbek. During the Easter season 29 children received the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion.

We celebrated 16 infant Baptisms and a couple of multiple Baptisms. We have tentative bookings for two more baptisms during the summer.

Parish Vitality Ministry

Coffee Sundays

Parishioners enjoyed coffee and Tim Bits on 38 Sundays this past year. A dedicated group of volunteers man the coffee urns on a rotational basis. Many thanks to Tim Hortons on Carling and Bridgehead for supplies.

Youth Group

is off to a great start on their own or helping with other committees, more help always needed and welcomed.

Wednesday afternoon social gathering around cards is well attended and enjoyed by retirees and others.

Caring Ministry

This Ministry that cares in special ways for our parishioner has given 15 prayer shawls made by 12 ministry members and others who donated. They keep the Tuesday Mass at Medex active, home visit shut-in parishioners, and send bereavement cards to parishioners who have lost loved ones.

Catholic Womens League

attracted more members this year with good recruitment, enjoyed joint interaction with Knights of Columbus. Such collaboration is a portent of good things for our parish. Elizabeth Bala has retired after many long years as treasurer and Catherine Casserly is the new treasurer.

Knights of Columbus continues to work behind the scenes to facilitate and create new ways for us to enjoy parishioner time together in a social manner. They are masters at Breakfasts, Brunches and St. Patrick's Day festivities/ they assisted Father Ross and Father Corben in countless ways to make the rectory more hospitable.

Ladies Bridge Group

This year we were 12 teams, 24 women. We kicked off the season with a luncheon in September 2016 and ended with a closing banquet in mid June 2017. We held in November the annual remembrance mass in honour of deceased women of the club. This was followed by a light social in the basement of the church. At the closing banquet the financial summary is presented. This year the ladies will be making a donation of \$700 to the building fund. We will be starting back up again in early September.

Webmaster – Now that we have an active web page, all the of information posted must be kept current