

SCRIPTURES FOR NEXT WEEKEND

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A**First Reading: Genesis 12.1 – 4***The calling of Abraham, father of the people of God.***Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1.8 – 10***God called us to be holy and gives us life and immortality through the Gospel***Gospel: Matthew 17.1 – 9***Jesus' face shone like the sun.*

This Week

Saturday, March 04 1st Sunday of Lent

4:15 p.m. Individual Reconciliation

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

Sunday, March 05 1st Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Mass for a Special Intention req. by Madeleine Nadeau

11:00 a.m. Mass for the recovery of Anne Buchan req. by David & Kathy Anderson

Monday, March 06

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

9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Meeting

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

8:00 p.m. AA – Westboro Step

Tuesday March 07

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

7:00 p.m. Bytown Voices

7:00 p.m. Mission & Social Justice Committee Meeting

7:00 p.m. RCIC

Wednesday March 08

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

1:00 p.m. Retirees Cards & Games

7:15 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, March 09

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

Friday, March 10

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

8:00 p.m. AA – By the Book

Saturday, March 11 2nd Sunday of Lent

11:00 a.m. CWL Meeting

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 a special intention

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

PRAYER SHAWL MEETING

The next Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting will be on Monday, March 6th, at 9.30 in the Sacristy. New members are welcome.

SHAMROCKS

Shamrocks will be on sale in the Narthex this weekend **March 4 and 5** as well as **March 11 and 12**. All proceeds go to St. Patrick's Home.



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!!

"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.

CWL

The next meeting of St. Basil's CWL will be held on **Saturday, 11 Mar 2017 at 11:00 am** in the Conference Room (room under the sacristy). All members are encouraged to attend.

MARION DEWAR'S LIFE OF ACTION

Join us on Thursday March 23 at 7 p.m. as local author Deborah Gorham presents her latest biography "Marion Dewar: A life of Action". The book about one of St Basil's remarkable parishioners describes her life and impact on our city and country. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

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 Tziel Abrego

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

A Note from Fr. Ross

While away I thought to share some reflections from Amoris Lætitia, (The Joy of Love) the post-synodal apostolic exhortation of Pope Francis. Paragraphs 21 and 22 reminds us that Jesus was well familiar with the difficulties faced by families. I have omitted the scripture references in the interest of space.

21. Jesus himself was born into a modest family that soon had to flee to a foreign land. He visits the home of Peter, whose mother-in-law is ill and shows sympathy upon hearing of deaths in the homes of Jairus and Lazarus. He hears the desperate wailing of the widow of Nain for her dead son and heeds the plea of the father of an epileptic child in a small country town. He goes to the homes of tax collectors like Matthew and Zacchaeus and speaks to sinners like the woman in the house of Simon the Pharisee. Jesus knows the anxieties and tensions experienced by families and he weaves them into his parables: children who leave home to seek adventure, or who prove troublesome or fall prey to violence. He is also sensitive to the embarrassment caused by the lack of wine at a wedding feast, the failure of guests to come to a banquet, and the anxiety of a poor family over the loss of a coin.

22. In this brief review, we can see that the word of God is not a series of abstract ideas but rather a source of comfort and companionship for every family that experiences difficulties or suffering. For it shows them the goal of their journey, when God "will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more".

J. Ross

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, Tziel 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.

PASTORAL CARE

The Ottawa Pastoral Care Training Program will offer their 10 week Basic Course for people interested in becoming involved in pastoral care. The course begins Mondays, **March 13 to May 15** at 1.00 to 3.30 pm or 7.00 to 9.30 pm at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 971 Woodroffe Ave. Registration is by February 28. For more information call Maureen Ramsay, 726-1767.

ANCOURA

One of our homes is in need of a washing machine. If you have one or have information about one to give, call Ancoura's office at **613-233-8130**. Thank you very much.

Liturgy Corner

Last week, on Ash Wednesday we entered the season of Lent. Lent really has a two-fold purpose: to ask each one of us to consider our baptismal responsibility as we prepare to celebrate the great feast of Easter (50 days long) and to provide the immediate preparation time for those who will be initiated into the Christian family at the Easter Vigil. Lent has three time-honoured practices which help us to do the above: prayer (maybe more personal prayer time or attending daily Mass) fasting (from bad habits, from unkind words or actions or from particular foods or drink) and alms-giving (think Development and Peace collections or donations to charities etc.) In the liturgy the Gloria is not sung and the colour is a sombre purple.

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

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT ~ MARCH 5TH ~ *That prayer, penance and almsgiving will dispose more men and women to follow the Holy Spirit as He leads them to discover their vocations in Christ.*

From the Community

LENTEN FAITH IN ACTION

Citizens for Public Justice, an ecumenical Christian organization, invites participation in their Lenten campaign by signing the Give it up for the Earth! pledge. The pledge supports personal action and advocacy with our government to achieve climate change goals. Info: John Dorner 613-738-5025, ext. 251; jdorner@archottawa.ca.

LENTEN EVENING REFLECTION

"Up from the Waters", a presentation by Rev. Normand Bonneau, OMI, Biblical Scholar, University of Saint Paul, on the Lenten Sunday Readings. **Wed., March 8, 7:00 p.m.** at St. Elizabeth Church, 1303 Leaside Avenue. All are welcome to attend. Info: 613-725-2242.

'HOLY WEEK GUIDED SILENT RETREAT'

At the Galilee Centre in Arnprior with Susan Kehoe, Coordinator for Contemplative Outreach of Eastern Ontario. April 9-10. Info: (www.galileecentre.com); (613-623-4242 x21); (info@galileecentre.com).

"Whatsoever you do..."

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – is a worldwide ecumenical movement of Christian women who come together to observe a common day of prayer. Women of St. Basil's, let us join our sisters in prayer and action for peace and justice.