

SCRIPTURES FOR NEXT WEEKEND**5TH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A****First Reading: Ezekiel 37.12 – 14***I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live.***Second Reading: Romans 8.8 – 11***The Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you.***Gospel: John 11.1 – 45***I am the resurrection and the life.*

This Week

Saturday, March 25 **4th Sunday of Lent**4:15 p.m. Individual Reconciliation
5:00 p.m. Mass for Larry Berrigan req. by Dawn & Family**Sunday, March 26** **4th Sunday of Lent**9:00 a.m. Mass for the Special Intentions of Cecilia Kalva
10:00 a.m. Family Lenten Gathering
10:00 a.m. Social Action Committee Meeting
11:00 a.m. Mass for Donald McIsaac req. by his Family
12:00 p.m. Mission & Social Justice Solidarity Luncheon**Monday, March 27**9:00 a.m. Mass for the People of the Parish
6:00 p.m. OCSB Children's Choir
8:00 p.m. AA – Westboro Step**Tuesday March 28**10:30 a.m. Mass at Medex
7:00 p.m. NCCB Practice**Wednesday March 29**9:00 a.m. Mass
1:00 p.m. Retirees Cards & Games
7:15 p.m. Choir Practice**Thursday, March 30**9:00 a.m. Mass
7:00 p.m. Altar Server Training**Friday, March 31**9:00 a.m. Mass
7:00 p.m. CWL – Mary's Way of the Cross
8:00 p.m. AA – By the Book**Saturday, April 1** **5th Sunday of Lent**9:00 a.m. OCSB Children's Choir
10:00 a.m. Counter Training
3:30 p.m. Children's Icon Workshop
4:15 p.m. Individual Reconciliation
5:00 p.m. Mass for the People of the Parish**Sunday, April 2** **5th Sunday of Lent**9:00 a.m. Mass
11:00 a.m. Mass
1:30 p.m. Restored Foundations Concert

Parish News

ICON PAINTING WORKSHOP FOR YOUTH

The children's liturgy team is hosting an icon painting workshop for children ages 5 years plus. Next session will be **April 1st 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.

RENOVATION CAMPAIGN - BENEFIT CONCERT

Next **Sunday, April 2, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.**, the National Capital Concert Band under the direction of Rocco Romeo, will be performing a concert in support of St Basil's Renovation Campaign, featuring select songs performed by the up and coming new vocalist, Tzietel Abrego. Tickets are on sale after each Mass on *March 25th* and will be available for purchase at the door, proceeds to the renovation.

Adults \$15 Children 12 and under- free Family \$50

PASTORAL CARE

The Ottawa Pastoral Care Training Program will offer a Continuing Education Event on **Tuesday, April 4 at 1.00 - 3.00 p.m. or 7.00 - 9.00 p.m.** at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 371 Woodroffe Ave. The title is "Pastoral Care for Caregivers of People with Dementia". The presenter will be Ian Henderson, president of the Bereavement Support and Education -Ottawa. Registration is not required. For more information call Maureen Ramsay, 726-1767.

BELL TOWER UPATE

Our design team and structural engineer have prepared the plans required to repair the wooden slats on the bell tower. They found that it is not possible to duplicate the present design due to the unsafe heavy rusted steel plates which support the wooden slats and the costly maintenance. Two designs have been prepared and photos are in the narthex. **OPTION 1** is constructed with flat new PCV board maintaining a vertical configuration with relatively low construction cost and maintance. **OPTION 2** is constructed with angled new PCV board to maintain the vertical configuration giving a new dynamic view. It gives increased PCV board stiffness and is cost efficient. The committee recommends **OPTION 2**. Please provide any comments you may have to the church office by the end of March 2017.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The next Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting will be on **Monday, April 3, at 9.30** in the sacristy. New members are welcome.

SOLIDARITY LUNCHEON

This Sunday on **March 26th** after the 11 o'clock Mass there will be a simple soup lunch and a chance to reflect on our solidarity with the poor in our city.

A Note from Fr. Ross

Fr. Normand Bonneau selected next weekend for his ministry in our parish so it will give me an extra weekend off. My final selection from *Amoris Lætitia* (The Joy of Love) the apostolic exhortation of Pope Francis deals with growing from the difficulties of life:

A word should also be said about those whose love, like a fine wine, has come into its own. Just as a good wine begins to "breathe" with time, so too the daily experience of fidelity gives married life richness and "body". Fidelity has to do with patience and expectation. Its joys and sacrifices bear fruit as the years go by and the couple rejoices to see their children's children.

The love present from the beginning becomes more conscious, settled and mature as the couple discover each other anew day after day, year after year. Saint John of the Cross tells us that "old lovers are tried and true". They "are outwardly no longer afire with powerful emotions and impulses, but now taste the sweetness of the wine of love, well-aged and stored deep within their hearts".

Such couples have successfully overcome crises and hardships without fleeing from challenges or concealing problems.

The challenge of crises the life of every family is marked by all kinds of crises, yet these are also part of its dramatic beauty.

Couples should be helped to realize that surmounting a crisis need not weaken their relationship; instead, it can improve, settle and mature the wine of their union. Life together should not diminish but increase their contentment; every new step along the way can help couples find new ways to happiness. Each crisis becomes an apprenticeship in growing closer together or learning a little more about what it means to be married. There is no need for couples to resign themselves to an inevitable downward spiral or a tolerable mediocrity. On the contrary, when marriage is seen as a challenge that involves overcoming obstacles, each crisis becomes an opportunity to let the wine of their relationship age and improve. Couples will gain from receiving help in facing crises, meeting challenges and acknowledging them as part of family life.

Experienced and trained couples should be open to offering guidance, so the couples will not be unnerved by these crises or tempted to hasty decisions. Each crisis has a lesson to teach us; we need to learn how to listen for it with the ear of the heart.

J. Ross

RESERVE THE DATE

Fri., 31 Mar., 7:00 p.m. CWL – Mary's Way of the Cross
Sun., 02 Apr., 1:30 p.m. Renovation Campaign Benefit Concert with the National Capital Concert Band and Tzietel Abrego
Wed., 05 Apr., 7:00 p.m. Parish Lenten reconciliation service; 6 priests available.
Thu., 13 Apr., 7:30 p.m. Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper with adoration until 10:00 pm
Fri., 14 Apr., 10:00 a.m. Good Friday service for families with young children;
3:00 pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
Sat., 15 Apr., 8:30 p.m. Solemn Easter Vigil, the highlight of our year (note: no 5:00 pm Mass this evening)
Sun., 16 Apr., 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Easter Masses

MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS

The CWL will be hosting Mary's Way of the Cross on **Friday, March 31st, 2017** in the Church at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to join us as we follow the Way of the Cross from an interesting perspective.

THE KNIGHTS

Another hit right out of the park by the Knights on Friday Mar 17th as they hosted a wonderful St. Patrick's Day Roast Beef Dinner and dance in our church hall. A hit on every level, the food was great, beautifully served by teenaged volunteers, aided by spouses and families of the Knights of Columbus of St. Basil's Parish.

Dancing shoes were donned after dinner to wrap the evening in a perfect green bow. Thank you to these capable, caring men and their spouses who work so hard on behalf of all the parishioners of St. Basil's.

Liturgy Corner

Why aren't eulogies/ words of remembrance done from the ambo?

The lectern from which the Scriptures are proclaimed is properly called the AMBO. The Liturgy of the Word usually takes place at the ambo. As Catholics we believe that Jesus is present to us in the Word proclaimed. So, usually only Scripture is to be proclaimed from the ambo. The responsorial psalm, which is scripture, is also sung from the ambo. Any announcements, or words of remembrance at funerals are always done from a different place. In the General Instruction of the Roman Missal we find: "*From the ambo only the readings, the Responsorial Psalm and the Easter Proclamation (Exsultet) are to be proclaimed; likewise it may be used for giving the Homily and for announcing the intentions of the Universal Prayer.*" # 309

From the Diocese

WILLS, POWERS OF ATTORNEY, PROBATE TAX TIPS FOR SENIORS, CATHOLIC CEMETERY SERVICES, PLANNED GIVING

On **Sunday, April 2, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.**, a presentation covering the foregoing topics will be given at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall, 194 Fourth Ave., Ottawa, in the Glebe. The presentation will be given by professionals in their field and will take about 1 ½ hours. Refreshments will be served. Please indicate your attendance with Aisha Poitevien of the Archdiocese of Ottawa at (613-738-5025 x202; dev@ArchOttawa.ca).

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ MARCH 26TH ~ *That like the man born blind, we will allow Jesus to open our eyes and hearts to His will and bring more men and women to respond to His call to serve Him and His Church as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life.*

"Whatsoever you do..."

Development and Peace collaborates with its partners in the Global South as well as with national and global coalitions and networks. Four ADVOCACY issues for this year's campaign: Ecological Justice; Mining Justice; Food Security; Peace and Reconciliation.