

SCRIPTURES FOR NEXT WEEKEND

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A**First Reading: Acts 6.1 – 7***They chose seven men who were full of the Holy Spirit.***Second Reading: 1 Peter 2.4 – 9***You are called to be a chosen race, a royal priesthood.***Gospel: John 14.1 – 12***I am the way the truth and the life.***This Week****Saturday, May 6****4th Sunday of Easter**

- 4:15 p.m. Individual Reconciliation
 5:00 p.m. Mass for Deceased Members of the Chartier & Hurtubise Families
 6:00 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, May 7**4th Sunday of Easter**

- 9:00 a.m. Mass for Jeanette Ranger req. by her Family
 11:00 a.m. Mass for Bob Baker req. by Retiree's Group
 3:00 p.m. Bytown Voices Spring Concert

Monday, May 8

- 9:00 a.m. Mass for the People of the Parish
 9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting
 6:00 p.m. OCSB Children's Choir
 8:00 p.m. AA – Westboro Step

Tuesday May 9

- 10:30 a.m. Mass at Medex

Wednesday May 10

- 10:00 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 11

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

Friday, May 12

- 9:00 a.m. Mass for Geraldine Plunkett req. by John & Mary Audcent
 8:00 p.m. AA – By the Book

Saturday, May 13 **4th Sunday of Easter**

- 9:00 a.m. OCSB Children's Choir
 11:00 a.m. CWL Meeting
 4:15 p.m. Individual Reconciliation
 5:00 p.m. Mass for a special intention

Sunday, May 14 **4th Sunday of Easter**

- 9:00 a.m. Mass with First Communions
 10:00 a.m. Confirmation Candidates & Sponsors
 11:00 a.m. Mass for the People of the Parish

YOU ARE INVITED

To the regular meeting of St. Basil's Catholic Women's League scheduled on Saturday, **13 May 2017 at 11:00 a.m.** in the Conference Room. All women of the Parish are invited to attend.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPECIAL OLYMPICS RAFFLE

After all Masses on **May 6th and 7th** St. Basil's Knights of Columbus will be selling raffle tickets for the Special Olympics. Please support this worthwhile initiative.

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

IMAGINE ST BASIL'S RECOMMENDATIONS

The final report and its recommendations are available at the back of the Church and on our website www.stbasilparish.ca.

PRAYER SHAWL MEETING

The next Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting will be on **Monday, May 8th, at 9.30** in the sacristy. New members are welcome.

"Whatsoever you do..."

We must recognize our responsibility to prevent suffering and death associated with environmental degradation and climate change.

MISSION & SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Liturgy Corner**Communion under Both Kinds**

In the General Instruction of the Roman Missal we read, "Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it takes place under both kinds. For in this form the sign of the Eucharistic banquet is more clearly evident ..." (# 281) At St. Basil's Communion is always presented in both forms of bread and wine; the decision to receive both is the choice of the communicant. However, it is stated in the Pastoral Notes for the Canadian church that, 'anyone who has been admitted to communion is free to receive from the cup. Age is not a factor in the general admission for communion from the cup.' (284)

A Note from Fr Ross

After consulting with members of our Pastoral and Finance Councils and our Liturgy Committee and its ministry heads and doing a bit of research, I found that the reduction to one mass at 1000 during the months of July and August was introduced by Fr. Dan Hawkins three years ago. A survey was done of parishioners and a 2 to 1 vote recommended the reduction to one mass. During the summer many are away at cottages or travelling and our numbers are greatly reduced. There is difficulty in scheduling sufficient lectors, trustees, communion ministers and music ministers as they are also taking vacation time away. I am told that the worship space is also very warm by 1100. A concern we have is the drop in revenue when we reduce the number of masses. I will continue the practice of the last three years so that 25 June will be the last Sunday for two morning masses. The two masses will return on Labour Day weekend, 03 September. I would encourage those of you who are going away to continue your financial support of your parish, as our expenses do not take a vacation. You might wish to consider a one-time donation prior to your vacation or signing up for our pre-authorized debit program (PAD).

Last Wednesday we hosted the students and staff of St. Daniel School who gathered here to celebrate Catholic Education Week. We thank all those who are engaged in the ministry of educating our youth in Catholic values. This is primarily the task of parents who are assisted by teachers and staff in our Catholic school system. The parish absorbs the cost of bussing the students to the church twice a year. Thank you to those who prepared and served a wonderful spaghetti supper for our confirmation candidates and their parents on 28 April and then a pancake breakfast for the young people the next day as part of their confirmation retreat.

Congratulations to Abigail and Cara who joined us in receiving communion last Sunday, for them their first time. As I observed at the 0900 mass, the gospel reading of the disciples recognizing Jesus in the scriptures and breaking of the bread was a reminder to all of us of this gift given to us by the Risen Lord.

Our parish celebrated the funeral masses of Joe McEvoy and Anita Haché on 28 and 29 April, respectively. I am very grateful to Fr. Bosco Wong and Fr. Normand Bonneau for presiding and preaching at these funerals as I was preoccupied with my mother's final days. Please continue to support these families in your prayers. Fr. Bonneau will preside at the three parish masses next weekend.

Fr. Ross

From the Diocese

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MAY 7TH WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS ~ On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, and we pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially for our diocese.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS OF THANKSGIVING

Notre Dame Cathedral, **Sun., May 14, 2:30 p.m.** For couples celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 + years of marriage in 2017. Families & friends are most welcome. Registration details now available in parishes or on our website <https://www.catholicottawa.ca/pastoral-services-forms>.

SYNOD ON YOUNG PEOPLE INPUT SESSION

In 2018, the Vatican is holding a Synod on young people and has asked all dioceses to seek input from parishes, groups and movements who are involved with the faith development and vocational discernment of our youth and young adults. The Archdiocese of Ottawa will be hosting input sessions on **May 10 & May 16**. If you would like to provide input, please consider coming to one of the sessions. Locations will be posted in the Friday Facts. Info: Ted Hurley thurley@archottawa.ca; 613-738-5025 x 23).

From the Community

TULIPATHON

Please join / support some of us from St. Basil's for the annual Tulipathon, **May 7th**, in support of Multifaith Housing Initiative, raising funds to house Ottawa's homeless and those in risk of homelessness. Location: Dow's Lake at Commissioner's Park. Registration at 2:30, speeches at 3:00, and walk begins at 3:15. No entrance fee. Pledge forms: <http://www.multifaithhousing.ca/>

"THE PASS SYSTEM"

A documentary film about the Canadian government's treatment of First Nations, with guest speakers. **Tuesday, May 9, 7 p.m.** First Unitarian Congregation, 30 Cleary Ave. Info: 613-820-2892, anitamaclean855@gmail.com

NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT 2017

Featuring 8 world-class Catholic speakers (both live & remote broadcasting) including Bishop Robert Barron, Patrick Sullivan & Tom Corcoran. **May 12 & 13** at Infinity Conference Centre, Ottawa with live-stream video to host sites across Canada & USA. Limited seating. Register online <https://www.newevangelization.ca/>

STAMP SALE FOR MIRIAM CENTRE

Miriam Centre invites you to its stamp sale Saturday **13 May 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** and Monday **15 May 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.** at the Centre, 2742 St. Joseph Blvd. Orléans. Wide selection, excellent condition! NH/used worldwide stamps, such as Canada (plate blocks, souvenir sheets), British Commonwealth, U.S., Europe, Asia as well as revenue stamps. 50% or less off Scott catalogue! For information, 613-830-8623 or info@miriamottawa.org