

CHRISTMAS



“Let us go to Bethlehem...they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.”

This Week

- Saturday, December 23** 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT
5:00 p.m. Mass
- Sunday, December 24** 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT
9:00 a.m. Mass
11:00 a.m. NO MASS
- Sunday, December 24** CHRISTMAS EVE MASS
4:30 p.m. Mass
7:30 p.m. Mass for Brennan, Des Roches & Walsh Families
Mass for Jane Knox req. by Ruth Jenkins
10:00 p.m. Mass
- Monday, December 25** CHRISTMAS DAY
10:00 a.m. Mass
8:00 p.m. AA - Westboro
- Tuesday, December 26**
9:00 a.m. NO MASS
- Wednesday, December 27**
9:00 a.m. NO MASS
7:00 p.m. St. Basil's Choir
- Thursday, December 28**
9:00 a.m. NO MASS
- Friday, December 29**
9:00 a.m. Mass
7:00 p.m. A.A. By the Book
- Saturday, December 30**
5:00 p.m. Mass
- Sunday, December 31** SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY FAMILY
9:00 a.m. Mass for Nick Costantini † req. by his family
11:00 a.m. NO MASS
- Sunday, December 31** SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY FAMILY
5:00 p.m. Mass for Brennan, Des Roches & Walsh Families
Mass for Ron Halstead req. by Vi and family
- Monday, January 1** SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
10:00 a.m. Mass
8:00 p.m. AA- Westboro



From the desk of Fr. James

MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a Grace-Filled NEW YEAR 2018.



The time of preparation is over and now it is time to announce the Good News to the world that the Saviour is born – not only in Bethlehem long ago, but now today in our world, in our hearts. Today is the Birthday of LIFE! The Virgin today brings into the world the Eternal and the earth offers a cave to the inaccessible. The angels and shepherds praise Him and the Magi advance with the Star. In the incarnation, Jesus came to share our human lives that we might share his divine life. The incarnation is a mystery of God's love, from his fullness, as from a limitless fountain all of us have received and will continue to receive His love. We should be willing to share with others the love we have received so generously. May the birth of the Babe of Bethlehem bring peace and happiness to all your families and friends. I would like to thank you all dear Parishioners for your vibrant faith life expressed in so many ways in your Parish. Last five months has been a good experience for me and it is a pleasure to continue to serve you as your Parish Priest. May the Good Lord Bless and cover you with His love and fragrance throughout the New Year 2018. A Blessed Christmas and a Grace-filled New Year!

God Bless,
Fr. James Raphael



NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

Solemnity of the Holy Family – Sat/Sun, December 30th/31th
5:00 p.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. Mass
11:00 a.m. NO MASS

New Year's Eve – Sunday, December 31th

5:00 p.m. Mass

New Year's Day- Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - Jan.1st

10:00 a.m. Mass

Christmas and New Year's (Solemnity of Mary) are Holy Days of Obligation.



Parish News

OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note that the Parish Office will be close on **December 25, 26 and 27, 2017**

2018 – OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

St. Basil's 2018 offertory envelopes are now available in the Narthex. Please pick up your envelopes. Fr. James would like to thank all the Parishioners for their generosity shown in 2017.

Your donations are critical for the financial health of the Parish. The Parish encourages everyone to use our Sunday Collection Envelopes or PAD (Pre-Authorized Debit) programme. Those of you who do not have Sunday Collection Envelopes, please contact the Parish office.

"Whatsoever you do..."

"Let us love, not with words but with deeds."
(Pope Francis)

DID YOU KNOW....

THE REAL MEANING OF THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

The following was found written, anonymously for young Catholics from 1558 to 1829 a time when Roman Catholics were forbidden to practice their faith openly in England....

The Partridge in a pear tree is **Jesus Christ**.

Two Turtledoves are the **Old and New Testaments**

Three French hens are: **Faith, Hope and Love**

Four Calling birds are the **gospels Matthew, Mark, Luke & John**

Five Golden rings are the **first five books of the Old Testament**

Six Geese a-laying are **the six days of creation**

Seven Swans a-swimming are the **7 gifts of the Holy Spirit: Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortations, Contribution, Leadership and Mercy**

Eight Maids a-milking are **the eight beatitudes**

Nine Ladies dancing were the **nine fruits of the Holy Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-Control.**

Ten Lords a leaping are the **10 Commandments**

Eleven Pipers piping were **the eleven faithful disciples**

Twelve Drummers drumming symbolized **the twelve points of belief in the Apostle's Creed.**

From Community

COMMUNITY HELPERS TRAINING

4 session programme; reach out to isolated seniors. Topics: ageism, mental/physical/spiritual health, elder abuse, loss and grief and diversity. St Isidore Parish Hall, 1135 March Rd., Feb. 1, 8, 15 & 22, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. Sponsored by Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre. Info: Megan Richards (613-591-3686x324; richards@worc.ca).

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS 2018

The Church will mark the 55th World Day of Prayer for Vocations on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, **22 April 2018**. The Holy Father has released a Message entitled "**Listening, discerning and living**", which is available on the Vatican website. Pope Francis refers to three aspects of a vocation: "In the diversity and the uniqueness of each and every vocation, personal and ecclesial, there is a need to *listen, discern and live* this Word that calls to us from on high and, while enabling us to develop our talents, makes us instruments of salvation in the world and guides us to full happiness." The Message is also linked with the upcoming Synod of Bishops that will take place on October 2018 on the theme *Young People, The Faith and Vocational Discernment*.

HOMELANDS' MASS

At Notre Dame Cathedral, **Sun., Jan. 14, 2:30 p.m.** Flags will be in the Cathedral balconies as a visible sign of your participation. Traditional dishes to share at the Reception in the Cathedral Hall following the Mass should be brought to the hall before 2:15 p.m. Those in national dress are to be in the hall before 2:00 p.m. Please confirm group attendance and the name of the person responsible to Deacon Gilles Ouellette (gouellette@archottawa.ca) before Jan. 5. All welcome!



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