



SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY FAMILY / SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD



This Week

Saturday, December 30 SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY FAMILY
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 NEW YEAR'S EVE
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

Tuesday, January 2
9:00 a.m. **NO MASS**
7:00 p.m. By Town Voices

Wednesday, January 3
9:00 a.m. Mass for Howard Capes † req. by the Capes
Family
7:00 p.m. A.A. – Executive Meeting
7:00 p.m. St. Basil's Choir

Thursday, January 4
9:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, January 5
9:00 a.m. Mass
7:00 p.m. A.A. By the Book

Saturday, January 6 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, January 7 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
9:00 a.m. Mass
11:00 a.m. Mass

From the desk of Fr. James

Have a Grace filled New Year !

Welcome to New Year 2018! I hope and pray that the New Year will be a blessed one for all of you. Let us make some New Year's resolutions as proposed by Robert Muller to achieve our goals:

“Decide to be happy;
render to others happy;
proclaim your joy;
love passionately your miraculous life;
do not listen to promises;
do not wait for a better world;
be grateful for every moment of life;
switch on and keep on the positive buttons in yourself—those marked optimism, serenity, confidence, positive thinking;
love, pray and thank God every day;
meditate – smile – laugh – whistle – sing – dance;
look with fascination at everything;
fill your lungs and heart with liberty;
be yourself fully and immensely;
act like a king unto death;
feel God in your body, mind, heart and soul and be convinced of eternal life and resurrection.”

Let us start our New Year by following the exemplary life of the Holy Family.

Jesus, Mary, Joseph, we offer to you the families in the world, very specially those where love and respect have been lacking. Let your family life be a constant source of inspiration and conversion for them, so that we continue to have on earth the replicas of your family.

May the New Born Babe of Bethlehem fill your hearts and homes with His light and peace throughout the New Year 2018.

God Bless,
Fr. James Raphel



INCLEMENT WEATHER

We are asking all parishioners to please be watchful for ice build-up while entering the Church/Office areas.

Parish News

OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 1st and Tuesday, January 2nd.

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.



FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATIONS

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sunday, Jan. 14 (9 am) Welcome Mass followed by

Session 2: Come!

Sunday, Jan. 28 (after 9 am Mass) **Session 3: Listen!**

Sunday, Feb. 4 (9 am) Listen Mass

Sunday, Feb. 25 after 9 am Mass **Session 4: Reconciliation**

Tuesday, Mar 6 (6:30 pm) Family Reconciliation Service

Session 5: Do! (TBD)

A supervised play area is available for siblings if required. Contact Sarah at thosetwo@gmail.com with the name and age of the sibling attending.

"Whatsoever you do..."

"God clearly and repeatedly recommends hospitality and generosity towards the stranger."

(Pope John Paul 2nd)



How did you do?

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting will be on **Monday, January 8th** at 9.30 a.m. in the sacristy.

MISSION & SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The Committee is very grateful to St. Basil's parishioners for their generous support of our charitable works. During the past year, the Committee has directed most of its funds to organizations working with refugees: the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) in Lebanon (\$2,500.00) and Caritas Bangladesh (\$2,000, matched by the Canadian Government). The JRS offers psycho-social support and non-formal education to Syrian refugees and Caritas Bangladesh provides food aid to Rohingya refugees from Myanmar. Our other disbursements were to the Odawa Native Friendship Centre in Ottawa (\$500.00), the Marion Dewar Scholarship Fund of the Ottawa Community Immigrant Services Organization (\$500.00), the Basilian Fathers Missions in Columbia, in honour of our long-time pastor, Fr. John Ruth, C.S.B. (\$500.00), the OK Clean Water Project in Cameroon (\$200.00) and our membership in the Multifaith Housing Initiative (\$100.00).



The Knight of Columbus will be hosting their annual "Welcome in the New Year" Sunday Brunch after both Masses on **Sunday, January 7th, 2018** in the Parish Hall. What a better way to celebrate the New Year as a community and welcome new Parishioners to our Parish.

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!



IN YOUR GENEROSITY, PLEASE CONSIDER A DONATION OR BEQUEST TO ST. BASIL PARISH