

SCRIPTURES FOR NEXT WEEKEND**3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A****First Reading: Acts 2.14, 22 – 28**

It was impossible for Christ to be held in the power of death.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1.17 – 21

You were ransomed by the precious blood of Christ, the Lamb without defect or blemish.

Gospel: Luke 24.13 – 35

The disciples recognized the Lord when he broke bread with them.

**This Week**

Saturday, April 22 **2nd Sunday of Easter**
5:00 p.m. Mary Kelly req. by Anna & Patricia

Sunday, April 23 **2nd Sunday of Easter**
9:00 a.m. Mass for the People of the Parish
11:00 a.m. Mass for John Newlands

Monday, April 24
9:00 a.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. OCSB Children's Choir
8:00 p.m. AA – Westboro Step

Tuesday April 25
10:30 a.m. Mass at Medex
7:00 p.m. Bytown Voices

Wednesday April 26
9:00 a.m. Mass
1:00 p.m. Retirees Cards & Games
7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Round Table

Thursday, April 27
9:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, April 28
9:00 a.m. Mass for Eva McCambley & Gertrude McCaffery
req. by John & Mary Audcent
8:00 p.m. AA – By the Book

Saturday, April 29 **3rd Sunday of Easter**
5:00 p.m. Mass for Irma Trottier req. by Denise Trottier

Sunday, April 30 **3rd Sunday of Easter**
9:00 a.m. Mass
11:00 a.m. Mass for the People of the Parish

RESERVE THE DATE

Sat. 29 April & Sun. 30 April, Book Clearance Sale
Sun. 23 April 9 a.m. First Communion
Fri. 28 April Confirmation Retreat
Sat. 29 April Confirmation Retreat
Sun. 30 April 9 a.m. First Communion
Sun. 14 May 9 a.m. First Communion
Sun., 21 May, 9:00 am Celebration of the Sacrament of
Confirmation with Bishop C. Reisbeck
Sun. 28 May, 9 a.m. First Communion
Sun. 25 June 12:15 p.m. Reception to thank Heather Reid

Parish News**IMAGINE ST BASIL'S GRADUATION**

The final report and its recommendations were presented to Pastoral Council and Finance Council on April 6 scoring a huge success. Thanks to the vision of Gerard Lewis to start us down the path, to the perseverance and tenacity of Elizabeth Larmond Elliot who advanced it through Pastoral Council and Finance Council and compiled the final report with Gerard acknowledging and reinforcing St. Basil's strengths and assets, the Design Team who gave countless hours discerning the dreams, the discussions and the reality of creating the path. The recommendations are clearly stated as stepping stones on a path to a stronger, more cooperative and collaborative way into the future as a strong vibrant community. The report is on our website www.stbasilparish.ca and copies are available in the Narthex.

HAPPY VOLUNTEER WEEK!

From the music that soars to our rafters, the outreach programs that help our community, the services that run so smoothly, the education of our children and adults too, the social activities that bring us together, Pastoral Council and Finance Council who guide and finance us – to all who volunteer to make St Basil's the vibrant community that we thrive in – we thank you! Let us all offer a prayer of gratitude for these wonderful parishioners who help us each and every day of the year.

EASTER SEASON FAMILY GATHERING

Let's keep celebrating the 50 days of Easter as a parish community with Easter-focused, child-friendly activities and a pot-luck brunch. If you are able, please bring some fruit or your favorite hot cross buns or other Easter foods to share. All are welcome on **April 30** at 10 am in the parish hall (between the 9 am Family Mass and the 11 a.m. Mass).

SPAGHETTI DINNER

St. Basil's Parish and its Knights of Columbus Round Table invites elementary students and their families to a complimentary spaghetti dinner/talent show on **Saturday May 6th 2017** here at St. Basil's after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Tickets are available in the Narthex (one per person intending to attend). Students interested in being in the talent show, please contact Principal Rita Grasskamp at 613-225-4603. For other information call Jim Shields at 613-728-8504.

MISSION & SOCIAL JUSTICE MEETING

The next meeting of the Mission and Social Justice Committee will be held on Tuesday evening, **May 2, at 7. p. m.**

HELP ST. BASIL'S CWL

We would like to help women in need. As in the past the CWL has collected toiletries to be donated to St. Joseph's Women's Centre. Once again we are collecting items for donation to the center during the months of April and May. A box, in which you may leave your donations, will be placed in the Narthex. The basket you may leave your donations in can be found in the Narthex. Thank you for your support.

BOOK CLEARANCE SALE

Help us to "rehome" many books and materials that are no longer of use in the Resource Room. All items are being cleared for an offering of \$1.00 each. The proceeds of the sale will be donated to our parish's Restored Foundations Fund. Please bring to the sale loonies and toonies and your own boxes or shopping bags. Sale dates: **Saturday, April 29** 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. **Sunday April 30** 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Contact John Power 613-723-5977 or Carmel Horan 613-737-3681

Liturgy Corner

Initiation Sacraments

Most Catholics know that there are seven sacraments in the western Roman church. But did you know that the three initiation sacraments are **Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist** (in that order too)? On Easter week-end we welcomed three young children into the church; they were baptized, confirmed and received Communion for the first time at Easter Sunday Mass. Of the three sacraments, only Eucharist is a repeatable sacrament. It's a very long story of how Confirmation came to be celebrated after First Communion, but nevertheless, for children of seven years and older (not baptized as infants) and adults, the celebration of all three sacraments is meant to happen at one liturgy.

From the Diocese

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ APRIL 23RD DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY~ For all our priests, deacons, sisters and brothers whom God has sent in the name of Jesus to serve the people of Ottawa, that they will be blessed with continued faithfulness to Him and inspire many more to consider a vocation to consecrated life and ordained ministry.

From the Community

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS & CHILDREN

Sr. Sheila Finnerty, GSIC, Fr. Bosco Wong and Fr. C. Ross Finlan will lead reflections on RCIA and RCIC with a practical focus on the role of the Christian community, sponsors and catechists, on **Sat., May 27, 9:40 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**, Our Lady of Fatima. Pre-register: info@fatimaparish.ca; 613-722-7661.

A Note from Fr Ross

Alleluia, He is risen! Our Easter Triduum 2017 is now complete but our Easter celebrations will continue for the Great Fifty Days, ending with Pentecost on xx June 2017. I was once invited to celebrate an Easter mass at Immaculata High School and met a parishioner on the way in. He asked what I was doing in the school and I replied I was there for an Easter mass. He answered, "Easter is over; it was two weeks ago." I corrected him, "Easter lasts for fifty days" to which he said, "Easter lasts forever." He was correct! Every Lord's Day when we gather for eucharist, it is to celebrate our Easter faith. We congratulate Tyler Aboualy, Lyla Aboualy and Ada Defreitas who were baptized, confirmed and received their first communion on Easter Sunday as well as Grace Fabiano who was baptized at the same liturgy. We are grateful to their parents and sponsors in supporting their children in this important step in their lives and Carmel Horan and Aaron Ludmer who coordinate our parish RCIC and baptismal preparation programs.

I also wish to thank Carmel for her work in the planning of our Triduum with Heather Reid and Fr. Bonneau. Not having presided at Triduum Liturgies for 4 years, I appreciated Fr Bonneau's assistance and advice. Both Carmel and Heather also prepared the programs we used for the Triduum as well as Morning Prayer. As I mentioned previously, we do things we only do once a year in our Triduum liturgies and many people spent considerable time and effort in preparing to exercise their ministry over these days. We are grateful to our altar servers and altar society, auxiliary ministers of communion, cantors and choir members and their director, children's liturgy team, custodian, environment workers, lectors, musicians, office staff, trustees, and indeed all who lent their voices and hearts in vibrant participation. May your Easter season be filled with joy!

J. Ross

14TH ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON AND BRIDGE

Serenity Renewal for Families is hosting their 14th Annual Luncheon & Bridge at St. Basil's Church on **Fri., May 5** at noon. Make up a table of 4 and come for lunch with good friends, good cards and door prizes. \$120. a table or \$30 each. Send names and addresses (for tax receipts) with cheque payable to Serenity Renewal for Families, 202-2255 St. Laurent Blvd., Ottawa ON, K1G 4K3 or register at www.serenityrenewal.ca.

"Whatsoever you do..."

Join the billion people worldwide who participate in Earth Day by doing your Act of Green – get involved, give to a cause, spread the word.