



Celebrating 60 Years of Faith and Community

“I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live.” Ezekiel 37:14

Mass Intentions for the Week

Please know that the mass intentions for this week will be honoured at another time.

Sick and Deceased in Our Parish

We pray for all those who have died, especially Mr. Robert George Fletcher, and for those who mourn them. We pray for those needing healing in our Parish, especially Louise Haridge, Elizabeth Roy.

Parish and Diocesan News

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



Following the orders of Dr. Paul Roumeliotis, Medical Officer of Health for the Eastern Ontario Health Unit concerning closure of places of worship, I ask that **effective immediately all churches in the**

Alexandria-Cornwall and Ottawa dioceses be closed--even for private prayer--until further notice.

✠ Terrence Prendergast, S.J.
Archbishop of Ottawa,
Bishop of Alexandria-Cornwall
Monday, March 23, 2020

Please visit the Archdiocesan website to read Archbishop Prendergast’s daily reflections, comments and updates as we live through these days of COVID-19.

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Please continue to support the parish during this difficult time.

Accessibility and Hospitality Campaign: The information about contributions will be updated when parish life resumes.

“No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.”

~ Aesop ~

60 Under 60

“60 Under 60” is a new feature in our bulletin all this year as we celebrate our 60 years as a faith community. 60 under 60 means: a memory about the parish over the past 60 years that can be written for the bulletin using approximately 60 words, more or less. Please submit your entries to the parish office at stbasilsparish@gmail.com

As a summer job in the 60s, Peter Turpin, Paul de Fayer and I did some small construction repair work at St. Basil’s. The work was done under the direction of Fr. George Sylvester, the Pastor, and with the guidance of Bud Graves, a parishioner who owned a construction business. Our work focused on keeping the church dry. We erected scaffolding and pointed bricks on the exterior and plugged leaks in the basement walls on the interior. Pointing is a process whereby the cracked mortar between the bricks is replaced by chiseling out the broken mortar and troweling in fresh mortar. As the church is still standing and I believe relatively dry, we must have done a good job!

Submitted by Paul Davis



By making an **Act of Spiritual Communion**, we express our faith in Christ’s Real Presence in the Eucharist and ask him to unite himself with us. Here is the Act of

Spiritual Communion written by St. Alphonsus de Liguori:

*My Jesus,
I believe that you
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there
and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.*

LITURGY CORNER

Triduum

The Triduum, which is soon approaching (April 10-12) is the sacred three days. The timing is similar to how Jewish holy days are calculated from the evening to the following evening: **Holy Thursday** evening until Good Friday evening; **Good Friday** evening until the Easter Vigil and then the **Easter Vigil** until the end of evening prayer on Easter Sunday. These three services are actually one liturgy with three parts. It begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening; there is no concluding blessing at this liturgy. Good Friday begins and ends in silence. The Easter Vigil, called the mother of all vigils by St. Augustine, is the most solemn liturgy of our church year: with the Easter fire, the stories of salvation history, initiation of new members, and sharing in the Eucharist. Alleluias return and abound for the great fifty days of Easter.

“In ordinary life we hardly realize that we receive a great deal more than we give and it is only with gratitude that life becomes rich.”
~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer ~

Pope Francis' Invitation to Prayer: Pope Francis has invited the whole world to join him in gestures of solidarity in this time of the coronavirus pandemic.

“To the pandemic caused by the virus, we want to respond with the universality of prayer, of compassion, of tenderness. Let us remain united. Let us make our closeness felt toward those persons who are the most lonely and tried. Our closeness to the doctors, the healthcare workers, nurses, volunteers... Our closeness to the authorities who must impose stringent measures, but for our own good. Our closeness to the police, to the soldiers who try always to keep order on the streets, to ensure that the things the government asks to be done for the good of all are implemented. Closeness to all.”

Spiritual Support: The Archdiocesan website has links with a number of options for anyone who would like to access Mass on television and online. As well, you may also access other prayer and spiritual support resources. Their website is www.catholicottawa.ca

Donations to St. Basil's Parish: In the current context of COVID-19, our parish is still in financial need even though the church is closed to the public. Please consider donating using a Pre-Authorized Donation (PAD), where your donation is electronically transferred from your bank account to the Parish bank account on the 15th of each month. Please contact the office if you would like more information about this. Another option is the use of Canada Helps, which is an organization which processes donations to charitable organizations. They charge a minimal fee to provide this service. If you prefer this option, please go to the St. Basil's website, and click on DONATE NOW. You must use your credit card for this option. As well, you can always drop off a donation to the parish office (or leave it through the mail slot), or mail a cheque to the parish office.

COVID-19 Impacts: some additional resources for mental health from CMHA Ontario Division:

We know that in times of uncertainty and high stress, like those caused by the current COVID-19 pandemic, our work and overall well-being can be impacted. Recognizing this, the Canadian Mental Health Association, Ontario Division, and Mental Health Works, are inviting Ontarians to attend a **special webinar series on mental wellness**. There will be two sets of webinars geared to different audiences:

1)-**Customers and clients:** The webinars will cover a variety of topics that integrate best practices in workplace mental health with the importance of engaging in social distancing. How do we balance work and life when our workplace has become our homes?

2)-**Healthcare professionals and workers:** The webinars will explore topics relevant to both hospitals and clinics, as well as telehealth professionals and those who work to support patient outcomes, such as custodial staff, security professionals, and administrators. For more information about the topics, dates and registrations for these helpful webinars:

www.mentalhealthworks.ca and follow the links for “What We're Working On”