

SCRIPTURES FOR NEXT WEEKEND

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A**First Reading: Acts 8.5 – 8, 14 – 17***Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit***Second Reading: 1 Peter 3.15 – 18***Christ was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit.***Gospel: John 14.15 – 21***I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate.*

This Week

Saturday, May 13 **5th Sunday of Easter**

4:15 p.m. Individual Reconciliation

5:00 p.m. Mass for a special intention

Sunday, May 14 **5th 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

Monday, May 15

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

6:00 p.m. OCSB Children's Choir

8:00 p.m. AA – Westboro Step

Tuesday May 16

9:00 a.m. Mass for Anita Haché req. by Louise Haridge

7:00 p.m. RCIC meeting

Wednesday May 17

9:00 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 18

9:00 a.m. Mass for Irma Trottier req. by Louise Haridge

7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting

Friday, May 19

9:00 a.m. Mass for Theresa Osborne req. by John & Mary Audcent

8:00 p.m. AA – By the Book

Saturday, May 20 **6th Sunday of Easter**

4:15 p.m. Individual Reconciliation

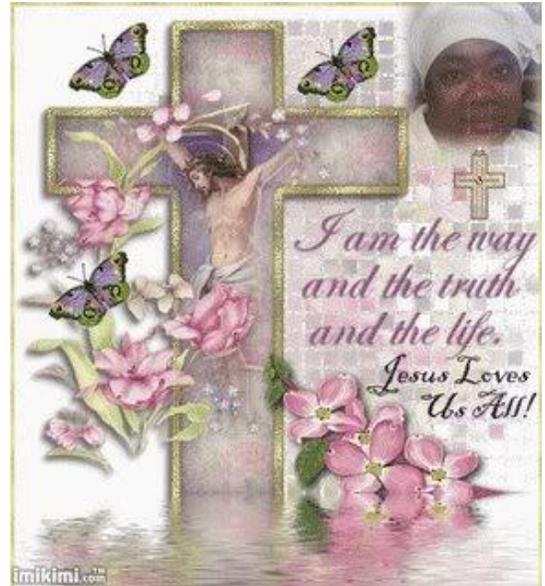
5:00 p.m. Mass for the People of the Parish

Sunday, May 21 **6th Sunday of Easter**

9:00 a.m. Mass with Confirmation

10:00 a.m. Confirmation Reception

11:00 a.m. Mass for Brian McFall req. by Jeannine Leblanc



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**BULLETIN DEADLINES**

To get your article in the next bulletin it must be in the Parish Office no later than noon every Monday. As you know, summer is quickly approaching. As in previous years we will be publishing one bulletin at the beginning of July and two bulletins in August. Please watch for the summer bulletin deadlines.

GARDEN TRAILER

Are you downsizing and wondering what to do with your garden trailer? Perhaps you are purchasing a new one and need to find a new home for the old one. Our custodian has need of a garden trailer that will fit on the back of our lawn tractor. If you have a garden trailer that you would like to donate to the church please call the parish office at 613-729-5149.

OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note that the parish office will be closed **Monday 22nd May**. We will reopen **Tuesday 23rd May**.

“Whatsoever you do...”

Nature is part of our worship experience. Reminding us of the beauty of God's creation, nature draws our attention to God's generous spirit.

Sherri L. Vallee

MISSION & SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE



Liturgy Corner

A Note from Fr Ross

My wonderful mother passed away on 02 May and her funeral was held in our home parish of St. Augustine on 05 May. I am very grateful for the support I have received from parishioners of St. Basil Parish. Sr. Sheila Finnerty directed the choir, Heather Reid sang the psalm and John McGovern played the organ for the funeral mass, with a number of our choir participating. The music was quite outstanding. A number of parishioners expressed condolences or sent cards or attended the wake or funeral mass and your kindness is much appreciated. I also appreciate that Fr. Normand Bonneau, Fr. Peter Monty SJ, and Msgr. Robert Latour celebrated masses here so that I could fulfil my responsibilities as a son and brother. My mother spent two months at the May Court Hospice and I had a firsthand experience of the dedicated and compassionate care provided by those committed to palliative care for those on their journey from this life and support of their families. I also wish to acknowledge the help I received from Doreen and Mary Lou in our office in the layout and printing of the programme for the funeral mass.

The last winter I spent in St. Petersburg diocese, Bishop Robert Lynch asked that after we pray for the pope and our bishop Robert, we add "and he who soon will be named our bishop." Bishop Lynch was approaching the age of 75, when his resignation was required. He wanted to be able to tell his successor that the people of the diocese had been praying for him for many months before his name was announced. As I suggested in my homily last weekend, I invite you to pray for Archbishop Prendergast and the Personnel Board who advise him, in their discernment of the one to be named our pastor, effective 01 August. Let us also pray for "he who soon will be named our pastor." It is not easy for a priest to leave a parish where he has been ministering and start over in a new parish. Parishioners too have the task of adapting to a new pastor with his particular talents and weaknesses.

Next Sunday we welcome Bishop Christian Riesbeck who will seal with the gift of the Holy Spirit 15 young people of our parish through the sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Christian is one of Canada's youngest bishops, born in Montréal in 1970, ordained a priest in 1996 and a bishop in 2014. He is fluent in English, French, German and Spanish (having spent 9 years as a pastor in Houston, TX). He is a member of the Companions of the Cross, a community of priests and seminarians founded in Ottawa by Fr. Bob Bedard.

Fr. Ross

Use of Holy Water

During these fifty days of Easter, it is particularly appropriate to remember and acknowledge our baptism. During the Sundays of Easter the Sprinkling Rite (Asperges) can replace the penitential act at the beginning of Mass as a tactile reminder of our baptism into the life and death of Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Similarly Catholics often acknowledge their belief in the triune God by blessing themselves with holy water upon entering or leaving the worship space. Sometimes people even take the blessed holy water from the Vigil to have at home. The use of holy water is called a sacramental. Other sacramentals are wedding rings, ashes imposed on Ash Wednesday, blessings of objects or people, religious vows.

From the Diocese

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MAY 14TH MOTHER'S DAY~ That all Catholic mothers will draw close to Mary and nurture openness to the Holy Spirit in the Lord's call to their children, especially should He honour them with vocations to the priesthood or consecrated life.

STEUBENVILLE TORONTO

Canada's largest conference for Catholic youth, taking place **July 28-30** for youth currently in grades 8-12. The deadline to register is May 15. Preparatory meeting for all participants, their parents, and all chaperones on **May 25, 7:00 p.m.** at the Diocesan Centre 1247 Kilborn Place. Info: Krista Wawrykow kwawrykow@archottawa.ca, 613-738-5025 ext. 222.

Mother's Day Prayer

Holy God,
 You compared your own love for your people
 to the love of a mother for her children.
 Look with kindness on our mother
 Who shared in your creating love
 by the gift of her children.
 We thank you for the joys and sorrows of her life,
 the giving and sharing,
 and, especially for your love
 that has formed us in your image.
 Listen to our prayers
 and bless the mother
 who has nurtured and sustained us.
 Give her patience in abundance
 and let her find joy and satisfaction in all her work.
 Glory and praise to you, loving God,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who was born of the Virgin Mary,
 and who reigns with you in the glory of heaven,
 for ever and ever.

Amen