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Parish Clergy

Msgr. Kevin Beach, Rector; Fr. Stephen Amesse, Associate Rector; Fr. Larry McCormick, In Residence; Fr. Joseph Jacob, In Residence; Fr. Daryl Kennedy, Assisting; Fr. Martin Farrell, O.P., Assisting; Fr. Jerry Gauvreau, CC, assisting; Deacon Jim Scheer; Deacon Michel Pilon; Deacon Bob Farmer

Parish Staff

Irene Kibel, Parish Secretary; Francesca Bailey, Music Director; Andrée O'Donnell, Pastoral Worker; Carol Reaume, Book & Gift Shop Manager; Rob Renaud, Property Superintendent; Shawn Green, Custodian

Parish Pastoral Council

Alex Ayala, Paul Newcombe (Chair), Alba Pascual, Nathalie Watson, Msgr. Kevin Beach (Rector), Fr. Stephen Amesse (Associate Rector), Deacon Jim Scheer

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Parish Pastoral Council Priorities

1. Ensuring our church fully supports parishioners' spiritual journey
2. Offering strong doctrinal knowledge
3. Encouraging the joyful giving of volunteer time
4. Inspiring youth with truth in doctrine and virtues
5. Supporting parents' faith education of their children
6. Leading outreach to the needy
7. Building confidence in Catholic guidance to answer political and cultural issues

Sunday Eucharists

Saturday Vigil 4:30 pm
Sunday 8 am, 9:30 am, 11 am, 12:15 pm
& 7 pm

Daily Eucharists

Monday to Friday – 7 am, 8 am,
12:15 pm & 4:30 pm
Saturday Morning – 7 am & 8 am

Confessions

Monday to Saturday - 6:45 am & 7:45 am
Monday to Friday - 11:45 am & 4 pm
Saturday afternoon - 3:30 pm to 4:25 pm

Prayer & Devotions

- First Friday - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 12:15 pm Mass until Benediction before the 4:30 pm Mass
- First Saturday - Morning Prayer at 7:30 am
- Miraculous Medal Novena - Tuesday 4:30 pm
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena - Wednesday 4:30 pm

Lending Library

Consult the hours posted at the entrance in the Scavi

General Information

- For the celebration of baptisms, marriages and funerals, please contact the Parish Office
- Couples planning to marry should contact the Parish Office at least six months before their proposed date of marriage
- For baptism or marriage, a Catholic must be a registered parishioner or have the consent of their own pastor
- For a list of ministries, services and contacts, please visit the parish web site – www.basilica.ca



Catholic Cemeteries

Hope Cemetery

613 822-1212
Traditional – Mausoleum – Crypts
& Niches – Catholic Chapel –
Reception Hall

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613 746-4175
Traditional – Niches – Monuments

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First Sunday of Lent



First Sunday of Lent February 21, 2021

† – For the repose of the soul of the person(s) indicated
Saturday 20th February — Livecast

4:30 PM Sunday Vigil Mass: † Lorne McDonald by his family
Sunday 21st February

8:00 AM Pro Populo – For Parishioners

9:30 AM † Teofilo A. Aquino by the family

11:00 AM † Eyre family by Arlene and Mike McNamara

12:15 PM † Frank McGuire by his wife, Toni

† Courtney Gibbs by her family

For the intentions of priests and nuns, by a parishioner

Intentions of Jack McManus

Intentions of Fr. Joseph Yacob

That peace and love may flourish in all families,

through the intercession of the Holy Family

7:00 PM † Emil Kovacs by Marika, Katika and Emilia

Monday 22nd February – Feast of the Chair of St. Peter

7:00 AM For blessings, guidance and protection of our country, Canada,
and its people, by a parishioner

8:00 AM † Yvonne Kharoubeh by parishioners

12:15 PM Holy Souls of deceased parishioners,

family members and friends by parishioners

4:30 PM † Marie Therese Aubrey by the estate

Tuesday 23rd February

7:00 AM 40th anniversary of Msgr. J. Leo Le Sage,
Pastor, Saint Patrick's Parish, 1951-1961

8:00 AM † Patricia Nestruck

12:15 PM Intentions of Christina Jane by the family

4:30 PM For the protection and dignity of human life

Wednesday 24th February

7:00 AM † Jake Dineen by Donnie Dineen

8:00 AM † Bill Eyre

12:15 PM Deceased relatives and friends of the Fitzpatrick family
by Carmel Fitzpatrick

4:30 PM † My deceased grandson, Sheldon O'Grady,
by Sheldon's family and friends

Thursday 25th February

7:00 AM † Fernando Brulotte by Vincent and Jennifer Quesnel

8:00 AM Intentions of Irene Kibel

12:15 PM Nineteenth anniversary of Bill Eyre by his daughter, Jennifer

4:30 PM † Danny Cahill by Michael Cahill

Friday 26th February

7:00 AM In honour of Our Lady

8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory by a parishioner

12:15 PM † Mathilde and Fritz Kibel by their daughter, Irene Kibel

Intentions of Alanna Jane by the family

† Modesta Cuevas Luna by her son and family

For the conversion of sinners and a strengthening of faith,
by a parishioner

† Dy Yieng and Segundo Seangio by their daughters,
Billie and Barbara

† Marina Yanez by her family

4:30 PM † Dora Magnusson by the family

Saturday 27th February

7:00 AM † A.H. Cook by Stewart Cook

8:00 AM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

4:30 PM Sunday Vigil Mass: † John and Marjorie Snow by their son, Glen

Sunday 28th February – Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM In thanksgiving to Our Lady

9:30 AM Pro Populo – For Parishioners

11:00 AM In thanksgiving, by Lucia Valentino

12:15 PM † Isabella Doyle by her family

For the sanctification of all priests and religious

Intentions of Fr. Stephen Amesse, by Nancy O'Brien

For blessings, guidance and protection of our country, Canada

and its people, by a parishioner

Living and deceased members of the Bélisle and

Leclerc families by Louise Leclerc

† Leo Bezaire by Vicki O'Neil

7:00 PM † Mary Eyre by Arlene and Mike McNamara

Meditations on Holy Mass First Sunday of Lent (Year B) 21 February 2021

First reading: Genesis 9.8-15 CCC 2569

God's covenant with Noah when he was delivered from the flood.

Second reading: 1 Peter 3.18-22 CCC 632; 845

The waters of the flood prefigured the baptism which now saves you.

Gospel: Mark 1.1-15 CCC 422; 538; 333. 541, 1423, 1427, 2612

Jesus was tempted by Satan; and the Angels waited on him.

In the *first reading*, the sacred author tells us that the flood in the time of Noah prefigured the cleansing waters of baptism. In baptism in Christ, sin is washed away. Jesus alone can free us from sin and its morbid effects. Through Christ's death and resurrection, we become able to repent, turning to God. Our ongoing repentance makes Christ's grace fruitful in our lives. In St. Matthew's *Gospel*, Christ calls us to "repent, and believe in the good news." In the *second reading*, St. Paul links Noah with Christ, the Saviour who "now saves you — not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience through the resurrection of Jesus Christ." God offers us salvation. We, however, must freely accept this invitation, with a renewal of our heart and mind focused on Jesus Christ.

Before Mass: *Jesus remained in the wilderness for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him. (First Vespers)*

After Mass: *Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. "The time has come," he said, "and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News." (Lauds)*

Later in the day: Keep watch over us, eternal Saviour. Do not let the cunning tempter overcome us, for you have become our helper at all times. (*Second Vespers*)

Parish News

Celebrants and Homilists Next Weekend: Saturday 4:30 p.m. – Fr. Steve Amesse; Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Fr. Larry McCormick; 9:30 a.m. – Fr. Steve Amesse; 11:00 a.m. – Fr. Joseph Yacob;; 12:15 p.m. – Fr. Steve Amesse : 7:00 p.m.– Dominican Fr. Martin Farrell

Please pray for the sick, infirm and hospitalized of our parish, especially **Fr. Peter Cody, Pearl Hunnisett, Ambrose Atkins, Stewart Cook, Raul Carvalho, Zella Burt, and Paul Lalonde**, as well as for those recovering from the corona virus and for those who are caring for them.

RECENT SAINT PATRICK'S BASILICA CELEBRATIONS

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Patricia McMillan and Kathleen Monaghan**, whose funerals were recently celebrated. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!

TAX RECEIPTS 2020: Tax receipts were mailed on January 22nd. If you have questions about your tax receipt, or have not received your receipt, please contact the Parish Office – by email at TR@basilica.ca, or by phone 613 233-1125 ext. 589 (voicemail available 24/7). We thank you for your generous support throughout 2020!

Lenten Announcement: The Saint Patrick's Knights of Columbus Council is calling on all parishioners and Knights to pray the rosary with faith, and to make charitable offerings to the KofC Coats for Kids program and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul food gift card program. Please visit basilica.ca for participation details.

New Resource: To our parish web site – basilica.ca – we have added two new modules that are provided by our web site provider, **eCatholic**. ‘Hallow’ is a Catholic prayer and meditation app that helps you deepen your relationship with God through audio-guided contemplative prayer, meditation, Bible studies, and spiritual music.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society: SSVP at Saint Patrick's Basilica would like to thank everyone for their support, especially during this last year. With your prayers and financial help, we've been able to continue our service to the poor and outcast in our downtown centre. We are always looking for more people to give their time and talents to our conference. If you are interested in volunteering with the St. Vincent de Paul, please contact Kelly Doyle at 613 325 0900. Further details of our recent charitable activity will be provided in a future bulletin.

Contact Tracing Registration

Reminder: By order of Ottawa Public Health, we are requiring that all those who attend our Masses, **on a weekly basis** – both Sunday and weekday – as well as any other liturgies (such as baptisms, weddings and funerals) provide us with contact information. Please see basilica.ca for details.

Message from the Rector

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

We have been able to utter a “collective sigh of relief” with the ability to celebrate Masses according to our pre-December 26 limits. Thank you for continuing to be attentive to the public health requirements: six-foot/2-metre social distancing from others, the wearing of masks when in the church, and the use of hand sanitizer which is available at the entrances. It appears that we will be subject to these prudent guidelines until such time as the vaccine is widely distributed in our community. As there are still limits on the number of people who can attend Eucharist, the Archbishop has continued the dispensation from the obligation of the Sunday Mass. If you are unable to attend Sunday Mass, you are encouraged to make a spiritual communion for the good of your interior life as well as an expression of solidarity with the parish community of faith.

We have begun the Season of Lent. On Monday, however, we have the Feast Day of the Chair of St. Peter which is celebrated on February 22. As it is a celebration of second-degree importance, it is observed during the Lenten days. The physical chair installed in St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City is a relic that tradition claims the Apostle Saint Peter, the leader of the Early Christians in Rome and first Pope, used as Bishop of Rome. The relic is enclosed in a sculpted gilt bronze casing designed by Gian Lorenzo Bernini and executed between 1647 and 1653. In 2012, Pope Benedict XVI described the chair as "a symbol of the special mission of Peter and his Successors to tend Christ's flock, keeping it united in faith and in charity." (Source: Wikipedia)

Our Parish Pastoral Council met virtually on Wednesday, February 10. After the opening prayer, approval of the agenda and approval of the minutes from the January meeting, the members proceeded to review items arising from the minutes. With respect to the Seniors Program, the parish is maintaining an outreach to approximately 20 seniors; the virus restrictions have limited contact to telephone, email and mail. A printed list of resources for seniors in the community has been prepared and will be sent to the group in the coming days. It is hoped that there will be group gatherings once the current restrictions are lifted. The Chair, Paul Newcombe, has joined a diocesan advisory group for ministry to

seniors. With respect to the livestreaming of the Sunday Vigil Mass (Saturday 4:30 PM), the Rector reported that the parish is receiving a little more than 600 views of the Mass. This indicates that it is serving a need. With respect to the reopening of the church, it was noted that the “messaging” by the Province indicates that we should be optimistic about reopening in the week of February 15, which would be in time for Lent. The Rector was able to report that Terrence Nelligan has been appointed as our parish representative to the Centretown Churches Social Action Committee which, among other things, manages the Centretown Emergency Food Centre. Under new business, the Rector gave a brief report with respect to sacramental preparation. The RCIA program has adopted a virtual approach, which seems to work well, keeping together the 12 adults who are journeying in faith with our parish community. Young parishioners with their families have registered for the preparation of First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation. These sessions, too, are being done using virtual means. It is hoped that, at some point, the candidates will be able to meet together with the catechists for in-class sessions. With respect to the celebration of Saint Patrick's Day on March 17, the Rector reported that Archbishop Dampousse has agreed to preside and preach at our principal Mass, which will be at 10 AM. Given current public health limitations, it is unlikely that there will be a reception after the Mass. In the Assembly of the Whole, the Council discussed a few points, including the need to be attentive, in the Prayers of the Faithful, to the needs of those who are burdened by the isolation created by the pandemic regulations. It was also noted that there is a need to offer “Catholic spiritual guidance” to “feed the soul” to our seniors as well as sending information on community resources. The next meeting of the Council will be held on March 10. The meeting closed with prayer.

Fr. Kevin

SAINT PATRICK'S BOOK & GIFT SHOP CORNER

The Shop re-opens on **Saturday, February 20th** and will resume operations under a regular weekly schedule:

- Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday:** Closed
- Thursday and Friday:** Open 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Saturday:** Open 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday:** Open 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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**Stewardship — 2021 Summary
For the week ending February 14, 2021**

Fund	Operations	Restoration	Poor
Offerings	4,373	333	93
Budget*	14,248	2,670	858
Offerings to Date	48,942	4,077	5,222
Budget*	91,594	17,166	5,518

*Budget reflects 2020 figures until adoption of 2021 budget.

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