ST. BASIL'S CATHOLIC PARISH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

For 160 years (1856-2016), St. Basil's Parish has been home to people of all ages and needs. For those who need hearing assistance, devices are available at the front desk. Simply leave a photo ID to borrow one during your visit.

Mothers are welcome to nurse their children in church or provide them snacks as needed. As Pope Francis has said, children's voices, even when crying, make "the most beautiful choir of all." If you need to, feel free to walk with your child in the back of the church or in the hallway off the side aisle. We are blessed because you are all here!

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SUNDAY MASSES

5:00 pm (Sat); 9:00 am; 10:30 am; 12:00 pm; 4:30 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday-Friday: 7:30 am; 12:10 pm

CONFESSIONS

Monday-Friday: 11:30 am - 12:00 pm Saturday: 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm

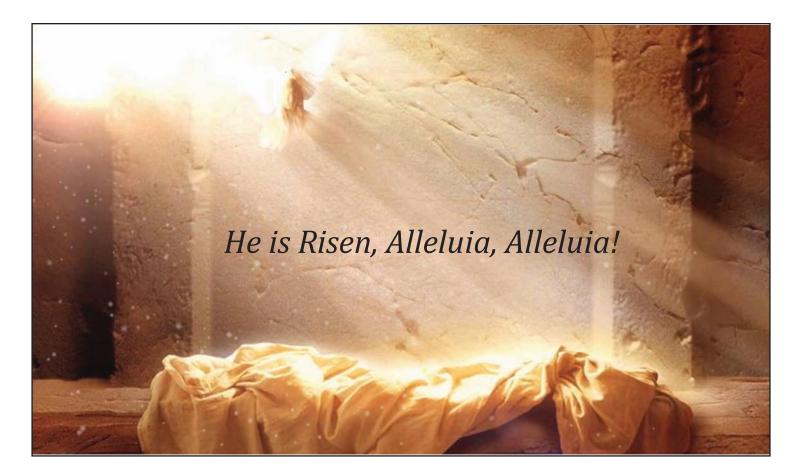
LITURGY OF THE HOURS Monday-Friday: 5:10 pm Saturday: 9:00 am

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

Please see the parish website or call the main office for details.

ADORATION

Thursday: 3:30-5:30 pm



HAPPY EASTER!

By Father Chris Valka, C.S.B

If you have been around St. Basil's for a while, then you have heard me say before: everything changes after the resurrection. Easter is the beginning of something so very different and new. This is true more this year than in previous years, for our parish community now worships and gathers in newly renovated spaces. In a few weeks, you will soon meet your new Pastor.

For these and so many more reasons, it has been quite a Lent for myself and all of us. I don't know if there has ever been a season when I have felt the journey with Jesus so intently. As we celebrated the beautiful liturgies over the last few days, I have been profoundly aware of each of them as my last time to celebrate them as your Pastor. This is a very special parish. Though I get a lot of credit for the transformative work that has occurred over the past four years (and I will take some credit where it is due), such work has only been possible because of your generosity and willingness to change. Not every parish shares this attribute, and I thank you for this newness you have allowed me to share with you.

For the past few weeks, I have begun my own reflections about what I have learned - something I do every time I make a transition. Obviously, there have been far too many lessons to repeat in a bulletin column, but I do want to share with you what I learned this past week: When it decides to create, rather than consume, love always hurts because of the sacrifice it demands. However, precisely because love is offered as a sacrifice, there is joy. What God offers us through the lessons of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus is a path of love that creates something so very new: a way of living in the presence of God that was better than the original plan. It is for this reason, and so many others, that we rejoice in all that God has done through and with our humanity! Alleluia! He is Risen!

Sunday's Readings: Acts 10.34a, 37-43, Colossians 3.1-4, John 20.1-18

CONGRATULATIONS to our parish's neophytes! May God continue to bless you on your journey of faith. Know that you are always supported by this parish community that has welcomed you with great joy! Please keep all those who have received the Sacraments of Initiation during the Easter Vigil on April 15 in your continued prayers.

RETURN OF OUT OF THE COLD

Our parish's Out of the Cold program resumes this Tuesday, April 18 to welcome patrons to our new Macrina dining hall and kitchen space. A special menu of soup, sandwiches, coffee, tea, juice, and dessert has been planned and volunteers are ready!

Thank you to all those who helped clean the hall and the kitchen, or who provided food for our pantry! Additionally, thank you for all of your support and encouragement during our construction phase. We look forward to running this program year-round. Out of the Cold's counterpart, Miller Group, resumes the first weekend in May on Sundays from 2:30-4:00pm.

CONFERENCE IN ROME

Fr. Chris, Emily, and Lucinda depart for Rome next Tuesday, April 25 to participate in the international conference "Towards an Intrinsic Feminine Theology." The conference will take place April 28-30 at the Pontifical University of Urbaniana in Vatican City.

This is the second meeting of a three-year commitment with the theme of the conference being "Tears" exploring a language that embodies and communicates prophetic recognition and anointing. An indicator of injustice, violence, threat, loss, and suffering. Not always visible, women's inner tears reflect the tear at the heart of society. All three representatives of our parish are presenting at this gathering. Please keep them in your prayers for a successful meeting and safe travels. During Fr. Chris' time away, incoming Pastor, Fr. Morgan Rice, C.S.B will be present to celebrate Masses the weekend of April 29/30.

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DIACONAL ORDINATION

This month, the Congregation of Saint Basil will be calling Kevin Mannara, C.S.B, to Final Profession and the Order of Deacon.

Please pray for Kevin and the Basilian Fathers in this joyous time.

The Mass of Final Profession will be held on **Friday, April 21, at 4:00pm**, and the Ordination to the Diaconate will be held on **Saturday, April 22, at 10:00am**. Both liturgies will be held at the Cardinal Flahiff Basilian Centre, at 95 Saint Joseph Street. All are welcome to attend.

CONSCIENCE RIGHTS IN A FAITH CONTEXT

On **Monday, May 15 at 7:00pm**, Cardinal Gerhard Muller (Prefect for the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith) will present on Conscience Rights in a Faith Context: A Catholic Response to Euthanasia and Physician-Assisted Death.

The evening will begin with prayer followed by the **keynote address at 7:30pm in St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica** (65 Bond Street).

This event is free and open to the public.

THE CHURCH & CONTEMPORARY ART LECTURE

The annual Christianity and Arts Lecture will be presented on **Tuesday, May 16 at 7:30pm** by Bishop Paul Tighe (Adjunct Secretary of the Pontifical Council for Culture, Rome).

Bishop Tighe will speak on the Church and contemporary art. The lecture (to be held in the **Muzzo Family Alumni Hall- Room 400, 121 St. Joseph Street**) will be followed by a reception to celebrate Fr. Daniel Donovan's 80th birthday.

Free and open to the public; kindly RSVP on the USMC website or by calling 416-926-2251.

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