

# ST. BASIL'S CATHOLIC PARISH

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

## He is risen, Alleluia, Alleluia!



*The Ascension of Christ by Pietro Perugino (1496-1500)*

St. Basil's Parish is 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 discretely 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!**



StBasil\_TO



basilstoronto



St. Basil's Church, Toronto

50 St. Joseph Street, Toronto M5S 1J4  
www.stbasiltoronto.org \* 416-926-7110

Office Hours: Monday - Friday:  
(9:00 am - 1:00 pm; 2:00 pm - 8:30pm)  
Saturday & Sunday: (9:00 am - 6:30 pm)

### 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

### ADORATION

Thursday: 3:30-5:30 pm

### BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

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

## BE STILL

By Tina Sibbald

Have you ever lost someone important to you, and wished that you had one more chance at a final exchange – something you need to tell that person, or need to know; a proper farewell and closure which brings peace?

Accounts of Jesus' final encounters with his disciples in this week's readings evokes a myriad of emotions: it is wondrous, exciting, bittersweet, sad, happy and joyful all at once. Jesus was communicating His final instructions to His followers about how they should carry on once He ascended into Heaven to be with the Father. However, they wanted to know more. Much like our children who are inquisitive when we give them instructions: but why Mommy, why Daddy? There were and are things that they, and we, are not ready to know – but will be, in God's divine time. But Lord, just one more thing before you go...

As I read Pope Francis' message to the faithful for World Communications day for this year of mercy, I couldn't help but think of some of the challenges I'm facing in my own life of late. But I have all the answers, trust me. I've made it very clear to God on more than one occasion what He needs to do to sort it all out for me.

In reading the Pope's message, I understand our mandate to be communicators of God's mercy to a lost world through acts of kindness, acts of forgiveness and sharing the message of hope. But what caught me off guard was with his words: "Knowing how to listen is an immense grace, it is a gift which we need to ask for and then make every effort to practice."

The disciples listened – but then they had questions. I have questions. Lots and lots of questions, and I even think I know some of the answers too. In this season of my life, where sometimes there are more questions than answers, I'm realizing that sometimes communication involves using what God gave me in a way that is appropriately proportionate: I have

two ears and one mouth. I think the best communication is going to happen over the next while with my mouth closed; my ears, and heart open. And if I may be so bold to add my own verse to today's readings, it would be the first half of Psalm 46.10 – "Be still, and know that I am God".

May stillness, and blessings be yours this week.

*Sunday's Readings:*

*Acts 1.1-11*

*Ephesians 1.17-23*

*Luke 24.46-53*

## "ONE STEP FORWARD"

Join the Chairs of the Anglican-Roman Catholic Dialogue of Canada and the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission on **Wednesday, May 11** for an evening of prayer, discussion, and fellowship.

The evening will begin at **7:00pm** with an ecumenical prayer service in Cardinal Flahiff Centre Chapel (95 St. Joseph Street) followed by a presentation by the co-chairs of ARC Canada and ARCIC in the Coop, Brennan Hall on the University of St. Michael's College campus.

The evening will end with a wine and cheese at 8:45pm in Charbonnel Lounge.

## "HENRI & ME" WITH ANNE LAMOTT

Popular writer, columnist, and spiritual memoirist Anne Lamott comes to Convocation Hall, University of Toronto, on **Friday, May 13, 2016 at 8:00pm.**

An enthusiastic admirer of Henri Nouwen, Anne will share her unique perspective on living a spiritual life, warts and all, with her characteristic wit and her raw and disarming honesty.

For tickets, go to [www.uofttix.ca/annelamott](http://www.uofttix.ca/annelamott) or call 416-987-8849 for more information.

## PENTECOST VIGIL & PHOTO EXHIBITION

To celebrate Pentecost Sunday, we will be offering an extended Vigil Mass on **Saturday, May 14 at 5:00pm**. This extended vigil is based on a new rite found in the Roman Missal with multiple readings and additional psalms which will be sung. After the homily, Fr. Chris will celebrate a renewal of baptismal promises complete with a sprinkling rite.

As part of our Pentecost experience, we will be exploring images inspired by the Corporal Works of Mercy. To find out more about how to participate in this prayerful experience leading up to May 14/15 weekend, visit <http://stbasilontoronto.org/pentecost-of-mercy-photo-exhibition/>.

## SYRIAN REFUGEE FAMILY ARRIVING

We have received word that the family the parish is sponsoring from Syria had their interview with Canadian Immigration. The exact date of their arrival is unclear, but we think it is somewhere in the neighbourhood of 2-3 weeks. It is great news, but we don't have a lot of time to get ready. If you want to help, we need help with the following: helping the family to get settled; finding goods to furnish the household; Interpreters (Arabic-English); Assisting the family with paperwork (SIN, OHIP, bank accounts, etc.); Assisting the family to find a family doctor and dentist.

If you are able to help in any way, please contact Fr. Chris at [chris.valka@utoronto.ca](mailto:chris.valka@utoronto.ca).

## A MOTHER'S PRAYER

Can I kiss your world  
and make it better?  
Will it help  
if I hold you close  
until your tears have dried?  
Do you still believe  
that mothers have special powers  
over pain and sadness?  
Will my kiss  
give you faith  
in a better tomorrow?

- by Carol Thomas

## LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY

Sunday, May 1, 2016 \$6,192.60



## MASS INTENTIONS

MAY 8th - 14th

### Sunday

9:00am-  
10:30am-  
12:00pm-  
4:30pm-

### Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sr. Cabrini Fahlman, IBVM  
Pro Populo  
Lina Ciavarella (+)  
Joseph & Ann Tsang

### Monday

7:30am-  
12:10pm-

Pro Populo  
Anne Gregoire (+), Mike Gregoire  
(+), and Frank Gregoire (+)

### Tuesday

7:30am-  
12:10pm-

John Oldaker (+)  
Tessa-Marie Shillingford (liv.), Juanito &  
Francisca Solis (+), and Erasto &  
Guadalupe Montenegro (+)

### Wednesday

7:30am-  
12:10pm-

Pro Populo  
Hermína Sertic (+)

### Thursday

7:30am-  
12:10pm-

Amparo Lasdameo (liv.)  
Carmen D'Cruz (+)

### Friday

7:30am-  
12:10pm-

Pro Populo  
Marian Igdrzejczak (+)

### Saturday

5:00pm-


Helen Maria Eustachiwna (+)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Bohdanna Kovals'kyj, Mary O'Brien, Sharon Han, Ancoreta Amigleto, Don Alvaro, Rita Moran, Clare deMello, Edna Fernandez, Marina Kazakis, Luz Manalo, Betty Hill, Robert Benn, Claire Fidler, Helen Lau, Gloria Lau, Kam Fung Tem, Angel Martinez, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, Joe Torres, Hilary McCormack, Leslie Beck, Ann Breslin and David Martin.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, especially Margaret Brennan.

**Maximilian Retreat House**  
 Catholic waterfront retreat centre near Marmora, 2 hrs. from Toronto. Sleeps up to 12. Inexpensive. Special rates for Religious Orders  
**416-845-8994**  
 maximilianretreat.com

**FAMILY & COSMETIC DENTISTRY**  
*Modern dental care in a Friendly, Comfortable Environment*  
**BAY ST DENTISTRY**  
 Dr. Anna Skalska, Dr. Alison Strong  
 Dr. Laura Santoro, Dr. Josh Resnick  
 Dr. Sharan Golini, Periodontist

  
**McTAMNEY'S**  
*Buyers & Sellers of New/Vintage Jewellery*  
 SINCE 1860  
 139 Church Street  
 416-366-9646  
 mctamneys.com

**bloorstreet market**  
 Now Open  
 Please Visit Us!  
**MANULIFE CENTRE**  
**(416) 923-3144**

**TOKYO SUSHI**  
 JAPANESE RESTAURANT  
 33 St. Joseph St.  
 416-513-0002

Evening & Saturday  
 Appointments Available  
 1033 Bay St., Ste. 315  
 (at St. Joseph St.)  
**(416) 960-2101**  
 www.baystdentistry.com




**STELLA MARIS RESIDENCE**  
 A vocational discernment house & student residence for Catholic women wishing to live in a community environment & an atmosphere of prayer.  
 Contact: *Sister Co-ordinator*  
 114 Madison Ave. (416) 920-6958  
 stellamariscps1954@gmail.com

 **CATHOLIC CEMETERIES & FUNERAL SERVICES**  
 ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO  
 www.catholic-cemeteries.com  
 Holy Cross Cemetery & Funeral Home 905-889-7467  
 Mount Hope Cemetery 416-483-4944  
 Our Funeral Home is Now Open at Holy Cross Cemetery

  
**ENVOY CAPITAL REALTY INC**  
 BROKERAGE  
  
**Donny Greco** - Sales Representative  
 Fellow Parishioner  
 Cell: 416-909-4500  
 donny@donnygreco.com

**THE PERFECT SPOT TO ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS!**



**TO ADVERTISE IN THIS SPACE PLEASE CALL 905-624-4422**


"You found a home in the parish, now find a home with me"  
 "A generous donation will be made to parish for referrals"

**Ralph's**  
 Men's Hairstyling  
 We are Professional in Old & New Barbering Techniques  
 "OPEN SATURDAY"  
 56 Wellesley St. (at Bay)  
**(416) 922-8944**



**It's WISE to ADVERTISE!**

**Dr. Benny Kwong**  
 Dentist  
 Serving our neighbourhood for over 30 years  
 1033 Bay St., Suite 211  
**416-928-3080**

  
**ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE SCHOOL**  
 Under the direction of the Basilian Fathers  
*The Leader in Catholic Boys' Education*  
**THE FOUNDATION FOR LIFE**  
 416.653.3180 ext. 438 | stmichaelscollegeschool.com

  
**Shopping Locally Saves Gas**

Funeral Prearrangements available  
 Call for your FREE Personal Planning Guide

**RM**  
**ROSAR - MORRISON FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL**  
 467 Sherbourne Street (at Wellesley)  
**(416) 924-1408**  
 James A. Munroe & Sun Drews, Managing Directors  
 sun.drews@dignitymemorial.com

**PREGNANT? NEED HELP? Call Birthright**  
 Hotline 1-800-550-4900  
 Toronto 416-469-1111  
 www.birthright.org

  
**Don't leave our advertisers HANGING!**  
 Please patronize and tell them that you appreciate their support  
 Your advertisers make this bulletin possible  
**EAT LOCAL SHOP LOCAL ENJOY LOCAL**

**CANADA'S NATIONAL BALLET SCHOOL**  
**ADULT BALLET 55+ CLASSES**  
**DANCE-BASED CONDITIONING**  
 Classes for all ages & abilities  
 Located at 400 Jarvis St. (Jarvis/Wellesley)  
**REGISTER NOW: 416.964.3780 | WWW.NBS-ENB.CA**