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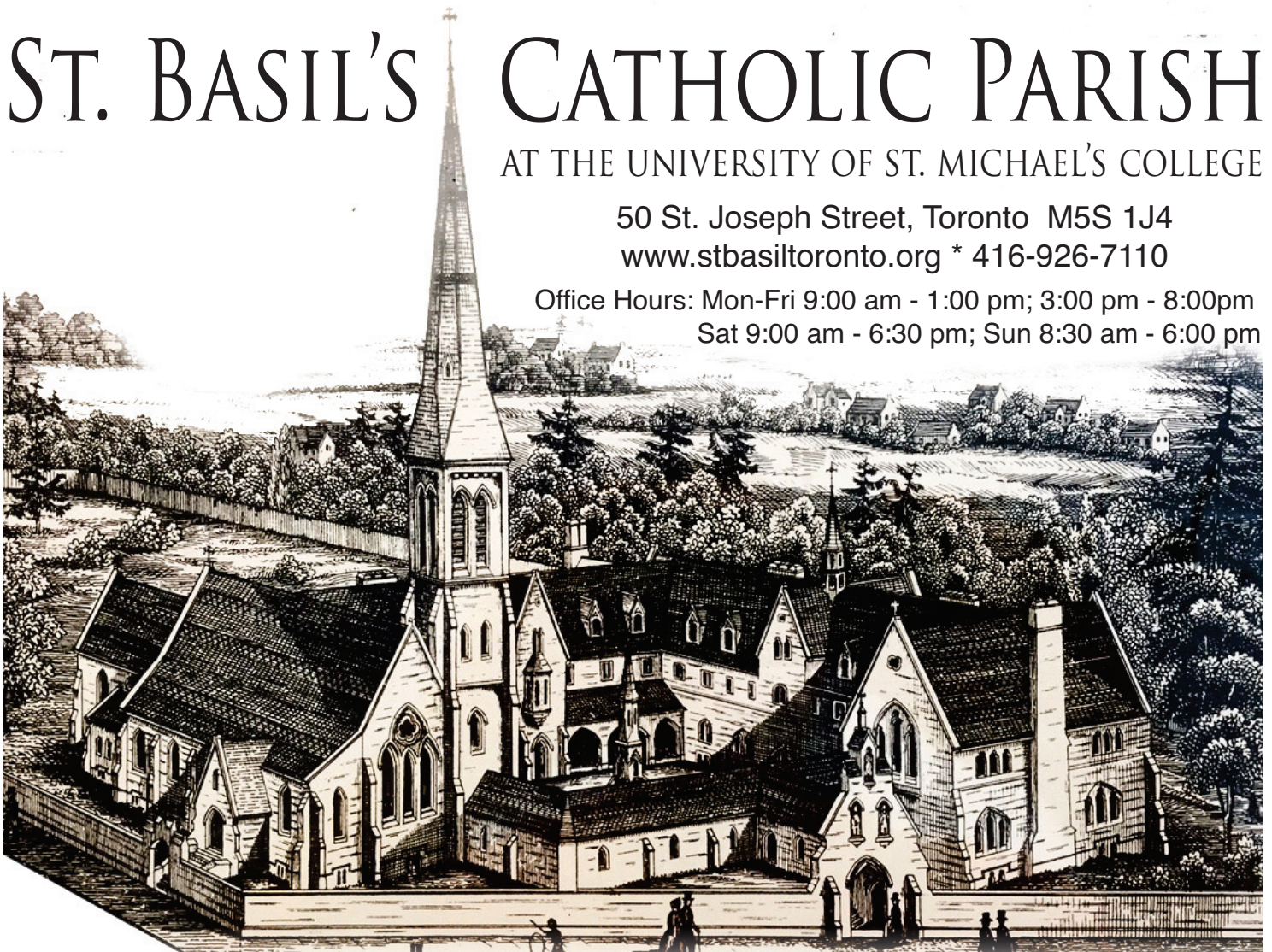
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Sat 9:00 am - 6:30 pm; Sun 8:30 am - 6:00 pm



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SUNDAY MASSES

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

CONFESSIONS

Mon-Fri: 11:30 am - 12:00 pm
Sat: 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

Please see the parish website or call the main office for details. Weddings require a one year notice.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon-Fri: 7:30 am; 12:10 pm

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Mon-Fri: 5:10 pm
Sat: 9:00 am

ADORATION

Thurs: 3:30-5:00pm



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St. Basil's Parish, Toronto

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!

PARISH STAFF

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| Pastor: | Fr. Morgan Rice, CSB |
| Associate Pastor: | Fr. Norm Tanck, CSB |
| Office Manager: | Margaret D'Elia |
| Director of Music: | J.P. Farahat |
| Assistant Organist: | Stefani Bedin |
| Community Coordinator: | Michael Pirri |
| Director of Family Ministries: | Marilena Berardinelli |
| Evening Office Assistant: | Stela Tudor |

You Have Revealed To Little Ones The Mysteries Of The Kingdom

By Elizabeth Chesley-Jewell

One of the main principles of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is to focus on “the essential.” In preparing the presentations for the children, it is important to not overwhelm them with explanations full of deep theological concepts. Instead, we find the one kernel, the key phrase, the key theme, the key image, and we let each child experience the wonder surrounding it in their own way. Their reactions may be big or small but, as Paul’s letter to the Romans emphasizes, sometimes when the Holy Spirit is at work, there are no words; only silence and awe.

Have you ever seen a mustard seed? It is a speck, barely bigger than the head of a pin. The children of the Atrium put their hands out to us and cup them together. They are anxious to have “the smallest of all the seeds” placed in their hands. The moment they receive the seed they are struck by the size and raise their cupped hands closer to their face to get a closer look.

They engage with the reverence of the moment the same way adults respond to the miracle of a newborn baby. Some comment on the size over and over exclaiming, “It is so small,” while others sit in awe trying to protect the seed in their hands. The children are keenly aware that the seed they are holding has a strength within that no words can describe. We also show the children a picture of the transformation which will occur once that seed is planted and grows. The tree has a trunk that is thick and can grow to be 20ft tall. The branches extend and weep like a willow’s. It can withstand harsh arid climates and, no matter what it endures, it will continue to grow and survive. It is a transformation that is both mysterious and beautiful.

For our youngest children in the Atrium, the essential is the movement between small and great. So simple but so very rich with meaning.

They take this knowledge and apply it to everything they see in the world. Everything that grows, including themselves, starts small and transforms into something that seems unimaginable. Eventually we, the catechists, pose the question, “Whose strength could be so great, to transform a mustard seed into a tall tree?” It is the marvel of creation. For God’s presence is in all things and always ensures that new life and growth will occur. Even if it seems impossible.

This is the Kingdom of God. It is all that exists as it is born and transforms and withstands. It is beyond words. But to marvel at it, as the littlest amongst us show us, is a form of prayer. Jesus tells us to humble ourselves like children. So today, let each of us take a moment to be childlike and marvel at the Kingdom of God that is all around us.

Sundays Readings:

Wisdom 12.13, 16–19

Romans 8.26–27

Matthew 13.24–43

John Ford First Sunday Food Drive

The next John Ford Food Drive will take place on August 5th and 6th. Although any contributions are most welcome, our parish’s community outreach ministries are most in need of the following items:

- Cookies: Oatmeal, digestive, social tea, and sandwich
- Soft granola bars
- Fruit cups
- Apple sauce
- Canned Fruit cocktail
- Jello gelatine and Pudding packages
- Raisins
- Canned tuna
- Canned kidney beans, chickpeas
- Cake mixes
- Canned icing
- Dream whip mix
- Muffin mixes
- Muffin liners
- Juice boxes

Welcome to our new Associate Pastor

Fr. Norm Tanck, CSB entered the Basilian Novitiate in August 1967 after graduating from St. John Fisher College in his hometown of Rochester, New York, and he was ordained a priest in April 1974. He taught in Basilian high schools, was Director of Campus Ministry in Rochester and here at St. Michael's College, and Dean of Student Life at St. John Fisher College. After serving eight years on the General Council of the Basilian Fathers, Fr. Norm was appointed pastor of Christ the King Parish in Rochester which was later merged with four other parishes to form St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, the largest parish in the diocese and where Fr. Morgan Rice, ministered before coming to St. Basil's.

Besides being appointed Associate Pastor at St. Basil's, he is Director of Associates, the young men who are beginning their formation as Basilians, and the Ordained Coordinator of the Toronto Area Basilian Lay Associates. Fr. Norm is looking forward to working with Fr. Morgan and getting to know the St. Basil community better.

LITURGY OF ST. JOHN

Please note that Liturgy of the Eastern Oriental Rite will not be celebrated on the first Sunday of August. The monthly liturgies will resume in September.

AUGUST LONG WEEKEND

Please note there will be no exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, August 4 following the 12:10PM mass.

The parish office will be closed on Monday, August 7. The only Mass will be at 9:00am. There will be no confessions or Vespers on that day.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, July 16, 2017 \$5,860.00



MASS INTENTIONS

JULY 23rd - JULY 29th

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| Sunday 9:00am- 10:30am- 12:00pm- 4:30pm- | 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mary Cecilia Peco (+) Pro Populo Fr. Rocco Volpe (+) Loren Donnelley (liv.) |
| Monday 7:30am- 12:10pm- | Margaret DeSantis (+) |
| Tuesday 7:30am- 12:10pm- | St. James the Apostle Bryan Herd(+), Santiago Afante (+) |
| Wednesday 7:30am- 12:10pm- | St. Joachim and St. Anne Benjamin Cardozo (+) |
| Thursday 7:30am- 12:10pm- | Francis Fernandes (+), Arthur J. Darrah (+) |
| Friday 7:30am- 12:10pm- | Emmanuella Rigolo (liv.) |
| Saturday 5:00pm- | John Angus (+) |

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Mary O'Brien, Claire Fidler, Kam Fung Tem, Angel Martinez, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, Joe Torres, Celerina Agpoon, Bernice Casey, Concha Gaeitereiro, Clare DeMello, Erika Farncomb, Filomena La Rocca, Joseph Troncone, Hai Luen Liu, Neil McCormack, Jack Gervais, Barbara MacMahon-Firestone, and Alexander Wu.

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