

# LAUDAMUS

The Parish Newsletter of St Barnabas A&M Anglican Church, Ottawa



Spring / Summer 2018

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## Summertime: Reflect, rejuvenate and renew

Dear Friends:

After a busy fall and winter it is safe to say we are all looking forward to a slower pace during the summer. The Parish Mass schedule is reduced during the week and many of the monthly activities are on hiatus until September. The Parish Choir is on a well-deserved break and the Rector will be on holidays starting in mid-July. However, the ministry and witness of the Parish continue. Mass is offered, the sick are visited and the various outreach ministries to our local community are ongoing. Your continued support through your prayers, attendance at Mass and weekly offerings is still needed.

Perhaps during the summer, as a change of pace, you might attend the Mass on Tuesday morning at 10am with coffee and chat in the kitchen after, or on Friday morning at 7:30am followed by breakfast at a local café. Under the direction of Dennis Boyd, the Parish library has been renewed, and you might consider borrowing a book on some aspect of theology

or Christian living as a good read at the cottage or in the back garden.

Fall activities are being planned, with strategic planning being a key focus. Our Sunday school, which has continued to be a source of joy for everyone, will be changing as Wayne and Barbara Nimigan are stepping down after two years of service. Thank you very much for your ministry, Wayne and Barbara! In September there will be a new team-based approach. The Sunday morning discussion group that meets in the Rector's office to reflect on the readings for the High Mass will return. The Annual Christmas Bazaar and Snowflake Café will once again take place in November; perhaps over the summer you might make some extra jam or preserves or do some handwork that would be part of your contribution to the bazaar.

May each of you have a happy, healthy and restful summer.

In Christ,

Fr. Murray



Procession of the Blessed Sacrament during the Feast of Corpus Christi on June 3

## Brewery tour and beer blessing

By popular demand, the Parish hosted another brewery tour on May 28<sup>th</sup> at our local brew pub, Flora Hall on Flora Street. A wonderful mix of new and longstanding members of the Parish had a good time and learned about the art of

brewing.

The Rector also blessed the facility!

Yes, there is

a blessing for brewers and beer drinkers. This Summer, plans are underway for a short series of evening gatherings at Flora Hall for a fun look at the topic of liturgy.



## Sunday School finale

Throughout the fall and spring the Sunday School, led by Wayne and Barbara Nimigan, has been studying the books of the Old Testament, with activities ranging from diorama construction to poster creation, including illustrating all the lyrics to the spiritual Go Down Moses. After the final class on June 10, the class led the congregation in singing that hymn, with Chris Yordy of the choir's bass section

(top photo at right) singing the verses. After a formidable effort developing curricula over two years, Wayne and Barbara have decided to retire and pass the reins to a team of teachers for next year.



**Wayne and Barbara Nimigan receive the thanks of Fr. Stewart for their Sunday school leadership.**

*Heading west, the Sears family will be missed*



The Reverend Dr. Robert, Patty, and Timothy Sears extend their thanks to the people of St Barnabas for the gift of a beautiful pottery bowl, presented on May 6, Robert's last Sunday in Ottawa, before the Reverend Dr. Sears took up the position of Incumbent of the Church of St. Cyprian, Lacombe, in the Diocese of Calgary.

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# Harmony concert series continues

A new initiative to support the ministry and witness of the Parish is a monthly concert series on Wednesday evenings. Our first concert with Orkidstra on May 9<sup>th</sup> was a great start. The young people who form the orchestra and the singers



provided a wonderful evening of music. Orkidstra will be back with us in December to host a Christmas concert and carol sing. Unfortunately, the Tabula Rasa concert

scheduled for Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm had to be postponed at the last minute, due to unforeseen circumstances. The trio, based at the University of Ottawa, will perform at St. Barnabas at a later date, to be announced.

## Memorial gifts brighten Lady Altar and renew vestments

A new reversible altar frontal for Lady Altar in loving memory of Barbara Wilson was installed in the Church this Spring. The frontal features an embroidered image of Our Lady of Walsingham on one side and a simple white frontal with blue borders on the other. Thank you to Luzar Company in England, who created the frontal, and to

Ronald Bentley (our Parish Sacristan), and Margaret Stonyk for their help in this project.

A new red high mass set in memory of Barbara Wilson has been received from Luzar Company in England in time for our Patronal Festival this year. The vestment set is part of the ongoing renewal and replacement of the various

vestments that have enriched our offering of Mass, but are old and tired and needed to be retired.

These gifts were made possible due to the bequest made to the Parish by Barbara Wilson and are a reminder how important it is to consider a bequest to the Parish in our own estate planning.





**BAPTISM** – Rhiannon Charlotte Holmes, daughter of Catherine Schwartz and Rob Holmes, received the Sacrament of Baptism on May 27, with Catherine’s father, The Rev. Dr. Grant Schwartz, on hand to assist.

**PIG ROAST** – the Parish once again came together for fellowship and roast pork at its annual pig roast on a very warm and pleasant Saturday evening, June 9.

Above, left to right: The Rev. Dr. Grant Schwartz, Godparents David Lafferty, Patricia Kell and Barbara Swanson, Catherine Schwartz, holding Rhiannon, Rob Holmes and Fr. Murray.

*Pray for our parish.  
Pray for grace to fulfill our mission as the people of God  
Pray for the leadership of the Parish, both clergy and lay  
Pray for all who look to this Parish as their spiritual home*



## PARISH REGISTER

### Baptisms

Lucas David Valenti	May 13, 2018
Rhiannon Charlotte Holmes	May 27, 2018

### Funerals

Dorothy (Joan) Wilson	Nov. 5, 2017
John Richardson Wood	Jan. 11, 2018

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