

# LAUDAMUS

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



Fall 2017: A year-end deficit looms ▪ Photos from a busy fall ▪ Compline dinner feeds students' bodies and souls



Procession for the Feast of Christ the King on Nov. 26.

## Financial concerns amid a busy fall

Dear Friends:

The ministry and witness of St. Barnabas continues to grow and enrich the lives of all who look to St. B's as their spiritual home. A picture, it is said, is worth a thousand words, and this issue of *Laudamus* has many photos to give you a sense of what your Parish has been doing this fall. The fun of a murder mystery evening, a study in Anglican Spirituality, ministry with students and young adults, and the annual Bazaar have made for a busy fall. One of the highlights was the creation of a Parish photo directory which should be available early in the New Year. Our ongoing commitment to outreach to the local community was a key part of the fundraising concerts organized by Yvonne Martin and her team of volunteers in October, which raised almost \$20,000 to donate 3 rooms to the new Cornerstone Housing for Women on Princeton Avenue in Westboro. All these activities were possible because of the commitment of time and talent of the people of our Parish, so thank you to each of you!

Included with this newsletter is a report from the Wardens and Treasurer about the finances of the Parish. St. B's is a very special place, and in order to maintain the ministry and witness of the Parish for today and tomorrow, the Wardens and the Parish council will be engaged in a review of the financial viability of the Parish over the next 5 to 10 years. We have been running deficits for the past number of years and this is becoming unsustainable. Without an increase in our income, we will not be able to continue the model of ministry that we have come to expect. Part of this review includes the Parish survey that was initially sent out in the Spring of 2017. If you have not yet filled out the survey, please take the time to do so. Together we can meet the challenges that we are facing and continue to be a vital and active Christian community for many years to come.

In Christ,  
Fr. Murray

## An activity-filled fall

### Murder-mystery evening

On November 8, members of the Parish enjoyed a lovely dinner in the Parish Hall and solved a dastardly crime at the same time. Proceeds from the Blood on the Pulpit event went toward Cornerstone Housing for Women's new building construction project.



### Another successful bazaar

Although hampered slightly by a persistent fall rain, this year's bazaar on November 25 raised close to \$8,000 for parish operations. Many thanks to coordinator Luc Frechette and the many other volunteers who make the event a success every year.



### Sunday School art



Throughout the fall, Sunday School leaders Wayne and Barbara Nimigan have been focusing on readings in the Old Testament. Related activities have included watching videos, learning songs, and decorating the walls of the Parish Hall with myriad examples of Old Testament stories and hymn texts.



**SIGN PAINTERS** – Bill Hallett, People's Warden, and Diane Roussel, Deputy People's Warden, gave the church sign a welcome new coat of paint this fall.

## Financial report strikes worrisome note as year-end approaches

The Parish continues this year to be a going concern in the midst of very challenging times for all organizations which are dependent on volunteers and donations to maintain their infrastructure and day-to-day operations. The Church of St. Barnabas A&M is no different. We depend on the generosity of every parishioner.

In 2017, your Parish Council has

worked diligently to keep our expenses to the very minimum. I expect we will complete this year very close, if not slightly below, the budget of \$266,524 (\$730 per day). On the other hand, our Sunday and monthly pre-authorized remittance (PAR) have fallen well short of expectations! At the end of November, we are in desperate need of \$57,600 in offerings. December offerings are

typically \$25,000 to \$30,000, but that is well short of the need this year.

We know many of you have already done so, and we are grateful for your unceasing generosity, but please do consider how you can help keep this Parish a viable and growing community and give more at Christmas. To practically eliminate the expected shortfall, we need to double our usual Christmas offerings.

## Compline dinner feeds students' bodies and souls

On Saturday, October 14, students and young adults from various universities and parishes in the city were welcomed to St. Barnabas for an evening of



fellowship and worship. Guests were treated to a homemade dinner before gathering in the church to sing the service of Compline by candlelight.

Preparations were a shared effort by people at St. Barnabas, and the event was very much appreciated.

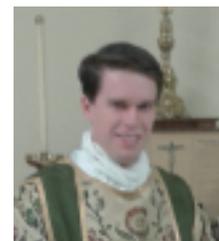


**Fiona Laverty and Lauren Nash prepare cupcakes**

## Meet the assistant clergy

Our Parish is fortunate to have a good team of clergy who work in the Parish to ensure that the pastoral care and the liturgical life of the Parish is maintained to the level we all have come to expect.

Top row, from left to right: The Rev. Canon Jim Beall, Associate Priest; Honorary Assistants The Rev. Graham Eglington and The Rev. James Mosher. Bottom row: Honorary Assistants The Rev. Canon David Raths, Canon Roger Young, The Rev. Don Tudin and The Rev. Canon Matthew Borden.



## Bishop to visit St. Barnabas on January 28

Bishop John Chapman will visit the Parish on Sunday, January 28 and is slated to preach at the 10:30am High Mass.



**BAPTISM** – Proud parents Arthur and Marie Halpenny celebrated the Baptism of their daughter, Sophia Maria, on September 10. The Rev. Deacon James Mosher presided. Pictured at top from left to right are Arthur Halpenny, Marie (Tessier) Halpenny, baby Sophia Maria Halpenny, Godparents Jena Roy and Michael Tessier, The Rev. Deacon James Mosher and Server Chris Cullen.



**WEDDING** – The Rev. Canon Roger Young had the pleasure of walking his daughter, Laura, down the aisle at the occasion of her wedding to Robert Cullinan on October 14.

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## Parish Register

### **Baptisms**

Ada Onoja Agamah	June 18
Theadora Elisabeth June Leupi	June 24
Sophia Marie Halpenny	September 10

### **Funerals**

Brian Martin	March 13
Lisa Hampson	March 25
Ruth Berry	April 29
David Walsh	June 8
Mary Walsh	August 14
James Grover	September 2
Pamela Radbourne	November 4

### **Wedding**

Laura Young and Robert Cullinan	October 14
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