

# LAUDAMUS

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



Summer 2019 Spring decor for Mary · Fiona Laverty's Journey of Discernment · Fundraising Success

## Continuing financial challenges, but also hope and renewal

Dear Friends:

I would like to take this opportunity to express thanks for the way in which our Parish has risen to the challenge of increasing financial support for the unique ministry and witness of St. B's. We have seen the gap between our income and the costs of maintaining and growing the Parish grow smaller. There is still a way to go, but your continued commitment and support will see us close the gap significantly before the end of the year.



As we head into summer, we have had a busy time in the Parish as always and we are all no doubt looking forward to the slower pace that the season brings, to enable us to enter the fall with renewed energy and enthusiasm. This issue of *Laudamus* is a short summary of the many activities that make up the day to day life of our Parish, which your faithful prayer and support make possible.

This fall, we look forward to

continuing the Strategic Planning process. I have extended an invitation to our Bishop, John Chapman, who will meet with Parish Council on October 16. This meeting will give our Parish an opportunity to learn of the Bishop's vision for our Parish and for its place in the life and witness of the Diocese. I will keep you posted!

The ministry of the Sunday School has been and will continue to be an important part of our life as a parish community. On behalf of the Parish I would like to thank Wayne and Barbara Nimigan, who have been coordinating the volunteers and the curriculum for the past few years. They have asked to retire from this ministry. I look forward to working with the new coordinator in the fall.

Finally, I would like to thank the Parish for the privilege of being your Parish priest and I look forward to working with you to ensure the continued growth and renewal of our beloved St. Barnabas.

In Christ  
Fr. Stewart W. Murray



June 23 was a lovely morning for the Corpus Christi procession.

## Special decorations for the Shrine of Mary



Surrounding the shrine are symbols from Christian tradition that speak of Mary, such as an apple tree, holly and jasmine.

The Shrine of Mary was decorated for the May Festival of Our Lady, which was celebrated on May 12, marking both Mothers Day and Good Shepherd Sunday.

The extra effort this year was led by Brian Wehrle, who notes:

*Prior to the Reformation, there was a particularly strong devotion to the Blessed Virgin in English Christianity. The Venerable Bede remarked, that, "A most excellent and salutary custom has arisen in the holy Church: daily [Mary's] hymn is sung by all, together with the psalms of evening praise, so that a renewed remembrance of the Lord's Incarnation enkindles the hearts of the faithful to feelings of devotion and a more frequent meditation on the example of the Lord's Mother makes them strong, firmly established in the virtues."*

*We honoured the Blessed Virgin Mary on a day in which the secular world celebrated motherhood, and the Church commemorated Our Lord as the Good Shepherd. In a way, the Blessed Virgin brings these two worlds together. She is the Mother of the Church, whose members are gathered in by the Good Shepherd, her son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.*



**BISHOP, CLERGY AND SERVERS** paused for a photo after the Confirmation service on May 26. From left: Fiona Laverty, Fr. Julian Campbell, Cris Cullen, Alec Crawley, Gary Rourke, Rt. Rev John Baycroft, Canon David Rath, Canon James Beall, and Bill Stewart.



**LENTEN QUIET DAY** — The annual Lenten Mission was held on April 5th and 6th, led by Sr. Elizabeth Ann Eckert of the Sisters of St. John the Divine (left). On Friday evening the Associates of SSJD gathered in the library for a time of fellowship and discussion on the value and meaning of being an associate.

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## Fiona Lavery receives Bishop's Commission

On Sunday May 26th as part of the Confirmation and Reaffirmation service, Fiona Lavery was commissioned by retired Bishop John Baycroft to continue in her journey of discernment toward the formation of a Religious Community based at St. B's.

Inspired by the example of the new monasticism movement, which is seeking to renew religious life in local Parish communities, Fiona has for the past few years been in conversation with the Canons of the Order of St. Benedict (osbn.org). She has been

working to develop a ministry within the Parish and wider community, particularly directed toward younger people interested in a disciplined, spiritual life.

You may be familiar with the community of St. Anselm, founded by the Archbishop of Canterbury (stanselm.org.uk). This example of the monasticism movement sees young people commit to experience a transformative year of shared life, prayer, study and service. This is the model that we hope will evolve in our Parish and Diocese.



## Parish funds six rooms at Cornerstone Women's shelter

Thanks to the tireless fundraising efforts of Yvonne

Johnson, who led a fall campaign of fundraising for Cornerstone Housing for Women's new Westboro location, the Parish was able to contribute funds for six rooms in the 42-unit facility. The building's doors opened in November.

Shown at left is the inviting main entrance. At right, Yvonne Moses, chair of the Parish's outreach committee,



points out the church's contribution. Cornerstone is a mission of the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa.



## Scenes from Lent and Easter



A palm-cross-making party; the lighting of the New Fire during the Easter Vigil; the Easter Vigil procession to the Font for renewal of Baptismal Vows; and High Mass on Easter morning.



Sean Nicklin and Elizabeth Morgan celebrated their marriage on May 25. Elizabeth ran the Parish's nursery for several years.



Sylvia Burbridge received Confirmation in the presence of retired Bishop John Baycroft on May 26. Diane Marie Roussel and Gerda Enid Arthur also renewed their baptismal vows.



PORTER LAVIGNE BAPTISM – Left to right: godparents Christopher Lavigne and Jean Murray, parents Shawn Lavigne and Sarah Murray, grandmother Sue Lavigne, and Fr. Murray.



The Parish laid on a lavish tea following the Mothering Sunday service on March 31.



The annual pig roast took place on a pleasant Saturday evening, June 22, and featured a rousing game of croquet on the church's side lawn.



## PARISH REGISTER

### Baptisms :

Pascal Thomas Modayil Joseph – Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> 2018

Porter Jean Doris Lavigne – Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> 2019

### Confirmation

Sylvia Orly Burbridge – May 26<sup>th</sup> 2019

### Marriage

Sean Nicklin and Elizabeth Morgan – May 25<sup>th</sup> 2019

### Funerals

Carl Marcus Wolff – Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> 2018

Cecil Reid – Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> 2018

### New email newsletter

The Parish has started an email newsletter to help you stay up to date on news at St. B's. To subscribe for free, go to this URL:

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