

# FALL 2021

## News and Updates

### SUNDAY BULLETIN

One of the innovations that the Pandemic ushered in for the Parish was the beautiful Sunday service booklets that contain the entire Sunday Mass. Originally begun by Brian Wehrle it has become a valuable tool in helping people engage in the offering of Mass. We are fortunate that when Brian needed to move on to other things, that Estelle Duez - wife of Devin Crawley came forward to take on the bulletin and the email distribution of it. This is no small task, but Estelle has brought her creativity and talents to produce a beautiful and accessible bulletin every week.

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### Behind the Camera - Update

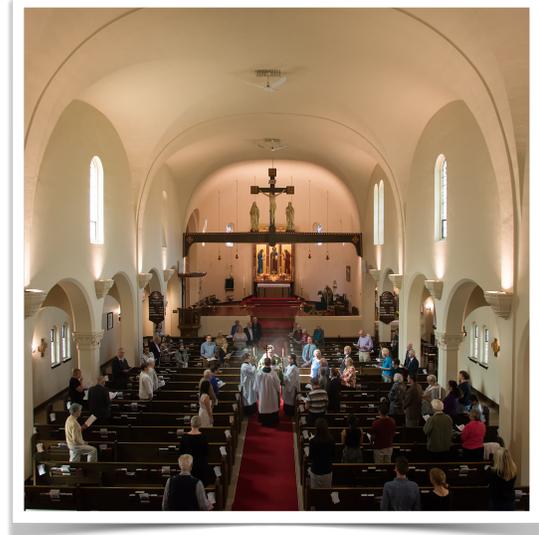
At the beginning of the Pandemic in 2020, Devin Crawley generously volunteered his time and expertise to stream the Sunday Mass, not only for our members but for the wider community. None of us realized that 19 months later Devin would still be helping us to stream not only the Sunday Mass but also for two funerals during the week. We are fortunate that Wendy Warren, volunteered to ‘learn the ropes’ of operating the various pieces of equipment to allow Devin and his family to have holidays this Summer and to allow Devin to return to singing in the choir when needed. As a Parish we owe a great debt of gratitude to Devin and Wendy Warren.

**THANK YOU!**

## LIGHTING PROJECT UPDATE

With the rising costs of heating , cooling and maintaining our buildings, the Parish has made significant investments, partly from our income and utilizing grants to upgrade to more efficient LED lighting in the Parish Hall and in the Nave of the Church, insulating the Church roof and upgrading exterior doors. These improvements has seen a major reduction in our energy costs and reduced our impact on the environment. With the expertise of Dr. Jennifer Veitch and working with a light design company, the next stage of upgrading the lighting in the Church and replacing the last of the original 1931 wiring is about to begin. This is not a simple as changing a light bulb, as I first thought ! The many rich colours, and textures in the Church means that the colour of the light and its intensity needed to be carefully considered. A bright white light that might be chosen for a reading lamp at home would be too harsh on the Triptych over the High Altar. Dr. Veitch, with the assistance of our Treasurer Christopher Bowers, spent countless hours finding a source of the type of LED bulbs best suited for our unique needs. The major challenge will be rewiring the areas around and behind the High Altar. The plan is to have the new lighting installed by Christmas.

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### A FEW WORDS FOR REFLECTION

"Who is Jesus to me? Jesus is the Word made Flesh. Jesus is the Bread of Life. Jesus is the Victim offered for our sins on the cross. Jesus is the sacrifice offered at holy Mass for the sins of the world and for mine. Jesus is the Word - to be spoken. Jesus is the Truth - to be told. Jesus is the Way - to be walked. Jesus is the Light - to be lit. Jesus is the Life - to be lived. Jesus is the Love - to be loved" ~ Mother Teresa

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"When the Mass is being celebrated, the sanctuary is filled with countless angels, who adore the Divine Victim on the altar." ~ Saint John Chrysostom.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

One of the many things we have been reminded of as a Parish community during the Pandemic is that volunteers are what make the Parish the special place that it is. Now that we are gradually reopening we need to ask that members of the Parish family come forward to help your Parish to continue to offer their time and talent to support the mission and ministry of the Parish. The opportunities to volunteer are varied and everyone can help in some way.

### Facilities Coordinator

Bob Martin has for over 30 years coordinated the rental of the Parish Facilities and the rental of Parking spaces. He has asked to retire by the end of the year. The position involves working with people enquiring about renting space and working with the various groups using the facilities. The time commitment varies depending on the rental schedule. A full job description is available.

### Parish Library

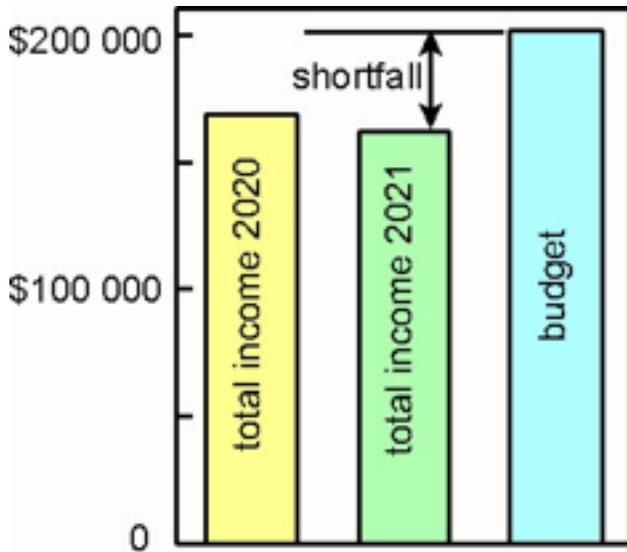
We are fortunate to have an excellent Library in the Parish, but we need a person who loves books and learning to help keep it in good order and accessible to the Parish. Mr. Dennis Boyd, has worked over the years to update and organize the collection and now it is time for another member of the Parish to continue the world he began. If interested please speak to the Rector.

### Sunday Morning Volunteers

- 1) **Greeters** who are the first people visitors meet on coming to St. B's have an important role in making people feel welcomed and included. You will be part of a team that in rotation work to welcome everyone to the Parish
- 2) **Altar Guild**. The work behind the scenes in preparing for the various Masses and services in the Church and caring for the different articles used in our worship needs your talents. We would like to form teams of people to work in rotation to learn to do this important ministry.

## Financial Update

As of the end of August 2021 our total income was \$161 774. This is close to last year's at this time, but it is somewhat short of our budget (see graph below). Our expenses are slightly below budget. Thanks to the faithfulness of our parishioners and many friends of the Parish of St. Barnabas A&M, we are maintaining our offerings level in spite of the pandemic. However, we would ask you nonetheless to keep our present shortfall in mind.



A note from our Treasurer, Christopher Bowers ([treasurer@stbarnabasottawa.com](mailto:treasurer@stbarnabasottawa.com)):

1. Please let the Treasurer know if you want box envelopes for 2022, preferably by email or a handwritten note enclosed with a Sunday offering, by end of October.
2. If your contact information including email address has changed since responding to the Privacy survey, please send him an e-mail.
3. We would encourage all to consider giving by PAR, which is the most cost-effective and least labour-intensive means of giving. Please contact the Treasurer.

Your Rector and Wardens