Saint Mary’s Cathedral Basilica

May 7, 2017 — Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Assistant Priest:
Rev. Brian MacMillan (ext. 402)

Deacon:
Rev. Mr. Robert Britton (ext. 307)

Assistant to the Rector:
Mrs. Elizabeth MacDonnell (ext. 300)

Gallery Choir Director:
Patricia L. Guy Tupper

Organist:
Kim Tan-MacNeill

Music Ministers:
Anita Simmons-Clancy (Sat. 4:00pm)
Geordie Brown (Sun. 7:30am and 5:00pm)

Daily Bread Outreach Program:
Mark Carew 902-423-7574

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Liturgy and Sacraments

Mass Times

Monday - Friday
12:15pm & 5:15pm

Saturday
12:15pm & 4:00pm (Anticipated)

Sunday
7:30am, 10:30 am (with incense)
& 5:00 pm

Reconciliation

Wednesday
6:00 - 7:00pm

Saturday
2:30-3:30pm

Adoration

Wednesday
11:00am - 12:00pm

First Friday of the month
11:00am - 12:00pm

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 8
12:15 pm — Farid Francis

5:15 pm — Ulrick Mumburi (living)

Tuesday, May 9
12:15 pm — Deacon George Rose

5:15 pm — In Honor of the Holy Face

Wednesday, May 10
12:15 pm — George Leitch

5:15 pm — Jovanna Roache

Thursday, May 11
12:15 pm — Joan Turner

5:15 pm — Gregory Martin Doyle (living)

Friday, May 12
12:15 pm — Dr. Roger Lacuesta

5:15 pm — John Ward

Saturday, May 13
12:15 pm — In Honor of the Holy Face

4:00 pm — Doris & Donald MacKinnon

Sunday, May 14
7:30 am — Joan Ward

5:00 pm — Mary Margaret Graham

Pastoral Programming and Meetings

Children of Mary Sodality
Next meeting Sunday, May 21 at 2:00pm in the Currie Room.
Holy Rosary every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday (except the first Friday of each month) at 11:15 am in the Marian Chapel.

The Holy Heart Schola Cantorum sings Vespers (Evening Prayer) in Gregorian Chant at the Cathedral every Sunday at 6:15 p.m. All are invited to join in or listen to this beautiful sung prayer to mark the end of the Lord’s Day.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

On the fourth Sunday of Easter, Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God’s call and to pray for vocations. Christ, the Good Shepherd, continues to lead his people through His Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and calls many to follow Him in this way. Priestly, diaconal and religious vocations should be a constant concern in the hearts of God’s people.

The Serran’s of Halifax invite you to join them on Sunday, May 7 for an hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 2:30-3:30 pm at Saint Mary’s Cathedral Basilica with the intentions of Vocations to the Priesthood. All are invited and encouraged to attend!

Vincent & Eileen Coy Scholarship

Knights of Columbus, Halifax Council 1097, invite applications from Catholic students who plan to attend university or community college in the upcoming academic year for the Vincent & Eileen Coy Scholarship. This is a non-renewable scholarship. Application forms are available at the parish office. Students attending other parishes within the Archdiocese of Halifax – Yarmouth, who are associated with members of Halifax Council 1097, are also eligible to apply. Selections will be made by the KoC Halifax Council 1097 Scholarship Committee. Deadline for application is by May 15th, 2017. Further information may be obtained by email: kofchalifax1097@gmail.com

Maronite Youth Convention

The 350 Maronite young adults in Halifax for the Maronite Youth Convention will arrive at the cathedral by way of a street procession about half an hour before the Sunday 5pm Mass. Their bishop will preside and the young visitors will provide music and look after the various ministries at this mass. All are invited to join this celebration and it is hoped that the “regulars” at the 5pm mass will be there in good numbers. It’s hard to give a warm sense of welcome when no one is at home!
Parish Pastoral Planning

Each week in the Easter season, we will be sharing one of the priorities proposed in our draft Pastoral Plan for St. Mary’s Cathedral Basilica. We would love to hear your feedback about these draft priorities. Please don’t hesitate to contact Roberta Barker, Chair of the St. Mary’s Pastoral Council, at barkerr@dal.ca if you have any suggestions or questions, or if you would like to become involved in the next steps of the Pastoral Planning Process!

Pastoral Planning Priority 2: Formation in ministry

We need to purposefully and intentionally begin to invest time and effort in forming our lay leaders for their apostolate. Those engaged in ministries such as extraordinary ministers of communion, lectors, ushers, or carers for the poor are all called to conform themselves to Christ so that, through their lives and particular ministries, they may be a source of invitation to others to become followers of Jesus in his Church. We need to nurture the faith life of the people of the Cathedral so through their learning to be disciples they are reborn into the sacramental life they have already received. This will enable them to see what mission the Lord asks of them in their own life circumstances. To begin to achieve this goal, we might start by offering a workshop, or series of workshops, in faith and ministry formation for those currently involved in ministries at St. Mary’s Basilica; this beginning could then lead to further initiatives, including the creation of small groups that will continue the process of formation.

St. Vincent de Paul Collection This Weekend

There will be a second collection at all masses this weekend for the St. Vincent de Paul Society at Saint Mary’s Cathedral Basilica. If you are an envelope user, please use the designated envelope in your box. The 2016 annual report for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be available on the table at the back of the Church. Make sure you receive a copy, so you can see how the Society is using your donations to assist those in need, on your behalf, in the vicinity of Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica. The Society is presently looking for new members. Please contact one of the speakers at this weekend’s masses or the office.

Name Tag/Prayer Partner Sunday Next Week

Next week is Name Tag and Prayer Partner Sunday at every Mass, as well as our monthly coffee social. At each Mass you will be asked to make and wear a name tag and to find a prayer partner. Both endeavors help to build up the body of Christ and allow us to worship as a community, not just a group of individuals. The coffee social will be in the Cathedral hall after the 10:00am Mass. Please take some time out of your Sunday next week to meet some new people and help strengthen our community of faith!

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Halley Performs Halley

Sunday, May 14 at 4:00 pm at the Cathedral Church of All Saints, 1330 Cathedral Lane, Halifax. Paul Halley is director of music at University of King’s College and All Saints Cathedral. He’s also a five time Grammy-winning composer who many feel has defined “church music.” This rare performance of his own works features 15 new pieces for choir and organ, sung by choristers from the acclaimed University of King’s College Chapel Choir, with guest instrumentalists. From wedding anthems written for his children to commissions for choirs across North America, these works set beautiful texts – including psalms, and sacred poems – in striking ways. Tickets: $20 regular, $10 student. Available at the door, or in advance from King’s Bookstore (902.422.1270 ext. 261) and www.tickethalifax.com / 902.422.6278. For more information, visit www.ukings.ca/concerts