

Reflections

All Saints Sandy Hill and St. Joe's prepares for
Open Table and Night Church on August 29th

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University Mass

University mass at St. Joe's resumes on 12 September 2010 at 7:30PM. Our church's doors will open 45 minutes before mass starts, so feel free to come by for prayer, reflection or to meet other students.

174 Wilbrod Street

Faith House

Faith House--an interfaith intentional community--is being established this month in the All Saints' Rectory at 18 Blackburn Avenue. They are committed to working for justice within an anti-oppression framework. There will be five students in residence and they could use help finding:

Furniture for the living room (couches and coffee table) standing lamps, dining room chairs, other chairs for a classroom, a kitchen table, Large pots, a big salad bowl, frying pan, humidifier, fans...

If you can help, please contact Jesse Root at 613-240-8221, jesseroot@gmail.ca or Sean Barron at 613-885-4310.



OPEN TABLE/NIGHT CHURCH: See page 2 for details. (Illustration: James Asher)

Open Table & Night Church: An ecumenical celebration

Open Table/Night Church is a joint initiative spearheaded by the Open Table Ecumenical Ministry, All Saints Anglican Church in Sandy Hill and the young adult community at Saint Joseph's Parish. Our goal is to welcome students back for another year at university and share the rich spirituality and concern for social justice common to many faith traditions around the world.

Our open, ecumenical program begins at 4:30pm on Sunday, 29 August 2010, at All Saints' Church (317 Chapel Street) with a free barbecue dinner open to all. Participants are then invited to grab a bowl and walk over together to St. Joseph's Church (174 Wilbrod Street)

for dessert and Night Church programs.

Night Church is an opportunity for students moving to Ottawa to learn about their new home and community, as well as a time for participants to experience meditative prayer, origami art projects, music, bread making and bread tasting, and to explore social justice issues.

By combining dessert sundaes with a Sunday night at church, origami with meditation, bread-making with social justice and music with ritual prayer, we hope to bring together some of the elements shared by all faith backgrounds and create a spiri-

tual home in Ottawa for students and young people.

The open table speaks of the shining promise of barriers broken and creation healed. Starting last September, we're hosting an open community meal geared primarily towards college/university students and young professionals.

We eat. We meet. We reflect. And we connect – with each other, with God, and with the community. As we do so, in community with one another, we try to work out what it means to be faithful in the midst of work, school, family, and relationship. In short, our community seeks to encourage one another as we connect the dots between faith and real life.

Literary and Musical Evening goes from Byron to Cummings

We held our first literary and music evening on August 7, 2010, giving young adults at St. Joe's an opportunity to share their favourite poems and music, and to showcase their talent.

The evening featured an eclectic array of poetry and song. Katie and Oliver Pitts performed American fiddle music, as well as traditional Irish songs. James Asher—our community's rather iconic guitarist and member of our band—performed a rich mix of English, American and German music, ranging from folk and country to pop.

Amy Schissel, St. Joe's resident artist, added poetry from e.e cummings to the evening, contrasting nicely with University of Ottawa PhD candidate Nick Milne's choice to present the works of Lord Byron.

The evening ended in the wee hours of the morning, after an array of songs, poems, a few bottles of wine and plates of lecsó, a Hungarian stew.



Katie and Oliver Pitts perform American fiddle music, as well as take requests from their audience. Katie, originally from Wisconsin, is a PhD student at the University of Ottawa and a member of the St. Joe's young adult band. Katie and Oliver got married earlier this summer. Congratulations and lots of happiness to both!

For more photos, please see page 4.

Readings for August 29, 2010

Reading 1

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts. Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favour with God.

What is too sublime for you, seek not, into things beyond your strength search not. The mind of a sage appreciates proverbs, and an attentive ear is the joy of the wise. Water quenches a flaming fire, and alms atone for sins.

Responsorial Psalm

R. (cf. 11b) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

The just rejoice and exult before God;

they are glad and rejoice.

Sing to God, chant praise to his name;

whose name is the LORD.

R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

The father of orphans and the defender of widows

is God in his holy dwelling.

God gives a home to the forsaken;

he leads forth prisoners to prosperity.

R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

A bountiful rain you showered down, O God, upon your inheritance;

you restored the land when it languished; your flock settled in it;

in your goodness, O God, you provided it for the needy.

R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Reading 2

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Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

Brothers and sisters:

You have not approached that which could be touched and a blazing fire and gloomy darkness and storm and a trumpet blast and a voice speaking words such that those who heard begged that no message be further addressed to them.

No, you have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and countless angels in festal gathering, and the assembly of the firstborn enrolled in heaven, and God the judge of all, and the spirits of the just made perfect, and Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and the sprinkled blood that speaks more eloquently than that of Abel.

Fr. Thomas Rausch, S.J.: Catholicity and the Church

The catholicity of the Church is not just spatial or geographic; "catholicity" implies an inclusiveness toward Church membership. As James Joyce said in *Finnegan's Wake*, "Catholic means here comes everybody." Because of its mission of proclaiming the universality of salvation in Jesus, the Church must embrace all peoples, classes, races and cultures. "Catholicity" means that the Church includes within itself all humanity—saints and sinners, rich and poor, adults and children, even infants. The Catholic Church exalts in this rich diversity; it includes in its fellowship warriors and pacifists, liberation theologians and the members of *Opus Dei*, anarchist Catholic Workers and Catholics United For the Faith, charismatics, feminists, traditionalists, singles, married and divorced, gays and straights, monks and nuns, hermits, married priests in Eastern Rite Catholic Churches, celibate clergy in the West, faith healers, philosophers, mystics and activists. The doctrine of the communion of saints extends to all those who have died in the Lord, the saints—canonized or not—the holy ones of the Hebrew Scriptures, and the souls who have died but not yet entered the fullness of eternal life.

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Catholicism includes the monastic life, religious orders, an appreciation of the religious value of the arts, a deep sense for the complementarity of faith and reason, a communal understanding of both sin and redemption and thus of the importance of community, a vast educational and health care system, a social doctrine based on the dignity of the human person, a commitment to missionary activity, and of course, the papacy.

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Like any culture, the culture of Catholicism is a socially constructed environment, a world of symbolic forms that embody and transmit meaning and value. Culture transforms the natural world and enables us to relate to one another in a human way. The culture of Catholicism transforms our human cultures, relating us to God and to God's presence in the world and especially in our human community. As a sacramental faith, Catholicism is mediated as much by the culture it has created—its richly textured world of liturgical seasons, sacred spaces, sacramental symbols, vocational choices, and diverse communities—as it is by the

theologies through which it is expressed.

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Catholicism is not just a historical tradition; it is a living tradition as well, one that continues to develop and grow, even to change. In particular, we need to consider the great impact the Second Vatican Council has had in reshaping Catholicism. According to Church historian John O'Malley, "never before in the history of Catholicism had so many and such sudden changes been legislated and implemented which immediately touched the lives of the faithful, and never before had such radical adjustment of viewpoint been required of them."

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Hopefully, the Second Vatican Council, through the self-examination and renewal it initiated, will someday be seen as a step toward reconciliation and a preparation of the Church for the third millennium.

Thomas P. Rausch, *Catholicism at the Dawn of the Third Millennium*, A Michael Glazier Book, The Liturgical Press, Minnesota, 1996.

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Francis Boulva, a member of our young adult faith community at St. Joseph Parish, passed away this week. Francis was 27 years old and worked as a pediatrician in Ottawa. In early July, Francis travelled to Iqaluit, Nunavut, where he served as a doctor. He passed away in Montreal after being diagnosed with terminal cancer earlier this summer. Francis, his parents, family and friends are in our prayers. We will post information on Francis' funeral mass to our website in the coming days.

Literary & Musical Evening — From Lord Byron to e.e cummings

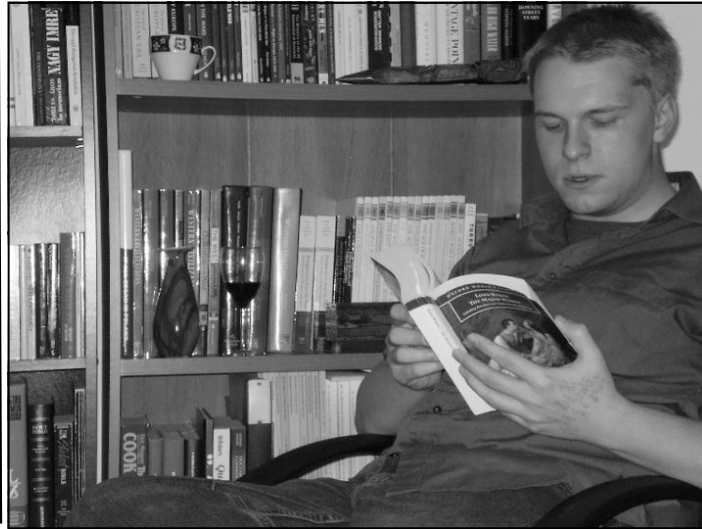


Photos (Top to bottom):
(1) James Asher performs German music on his guitar, as Rebekah O'Brien listens on.

(2) Nick Milne reads poetry from Lord Byron

(3) The St. Joe's group sips wine, reads poetry and gets ready for dinner and music

(4) Christopher Adam discusses the work of Hungarian author István Örkény with Katie Pitts



love is a place

by: e.e. cummings

love is a place

& through this place of

love move

(with brightness of peace)

all places

yes is a world

& in this world of

yes live

(skillfully curled)

all worlds



Stay tuned for St. Joe's community events this coming school year! Pick up a copy of our newsletter during University Mass or visit our website to find out what we have planned!