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Parish Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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PARISH LIFE

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SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms By appointment. Please phone the rectory at least one month before.

Confessions Saturday from 4:00 to 4:15 p.m.
Sunday from 10:00 to 10:15 a.m.

Marriages Please give 6 months' notice. Marriage Preparation Course required.

Sick Calls Please notify us at any time if some-one in your family is ill, in order to arrange anointing of the sick.

HOURS OF MASSES

Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday 10:30 am
Monday 9:00 am
Tuesday 9:00 am
Wednesday 9:00 am
Thursday NO MASS
Friday 9:00 am

MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday, April 16th
4:30 John Pozza by Gloria Pozza

Sunday, April 17th
Fourth Sunday of Easter
World Day of Prayer for Vocations
10:30 Alain Mallette
by Ann & Louis Mallette

Monday, April 18th
Blessed Marie-Anne Blondin
9:00 Edgar Abesamis
by Renée Prendergast

Tuesday, April 19th
9:00 John Lank by Joyce MacNamara

Wednesday, April 20th

Thursday, April 21st No Mass
Saint Anselm

Friday, April 22nd

Saturday, April 23rd
St. George; St. Adalbert
4:30 Anne and John Blizchuk
by Maureen & Ron Blizchuk

ACTIVITIES

MONDAY 6:00 PM Choir room.

Christian Meditation
For information call 514-931-5536

THURSDAY
Choir Practice 7:30 PM Choir Room

PARISH SUPPORT

We encourage all parishioners to use the regular Sunday envelopes. To obtain envelopes please call the parish office (514-932-3131) or fill in the form below and place it in the collection plate. We extend a warm welcome to new parishioners. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to Father MacEachen after Mass.

Name _____
Address _____ Postal Code _____
Email _____
Telephone _____

IN OUR PARISH

Be My Disciples ~ Another Year Comes to an End
This weekend we celebrate our last Children's Gathering and Family Mass for this school year. Thank you to our volunteer catechists who have helped our children deepen their relationship with Jesus:
Marialuisa Vigano Mathilde Sinor Valerie Luzio
Gloria Odorizzi Beata Nawacki Brenda Garcia
Elisa Balleine Audra Kruszewski Anna Romano
Barbara Cefis Patricia Smith
We are grateful that you have shared the goodness in you with the young people of our parish!

Celebrating First Communion and Confirmation
Although our formal Be My Disciples lessons for the year are ended, the coming weeks will continue to be an eventful one highlighted by the reception of sacraments. On Sunday, May 1st at the 10:30 Mass 18 children will receive their First Communion. Following that, Saturday, May 28th the sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred upon 18 young people during the 4:30pm Mass. As a parish community let us pray for all our young people as they take these important steps of sacramental initiation on their journey of faith.

Benedict Labré House: Thanks to Our Volunteers
On Sunday April 10, we served approximately 80 people lunch at Benedict Labré. We were able to leave extras for meals later in the week. We received many compliments on the Shepherd's pies and chocolate cake (a big hit). Our cooks are excellent.

With additional donations from our generous congregation, we bought 100 pairs of socks, 32 men's briefs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, shaving cream, soap and oven mitts. Your additional contributions buy items that are sorely needed either by Benedict Labré House or their clients. Thank you to all of you who cooked, donated money or served. You make a difference in these people's lives.



REFLECTION

Following one's vocation is a response from within to the needs outside us. A decision to work for the poor or assist people in need is not necessarily a vocation. A vocation meets the human needs of the world with a motivation from within. We care for our children and grandchildren not just because they are sick or insecure, but because we love them. This love will move us out to help them in various situations. We find a call to be 'people for others' because our heart teaches us with Jesus that we are all brothers and sisters, and that God wants to save the world, and needs our help to do so. This is the Sunday we all pray that our particular vocation in life may become clear and may become stronger. God calls each of us to love God and love our neighbour. This is the first Christian calling; we then find the best way for each of us with our own particular set of gifts, talents and even weaknesses to live out that call to love. We think especially today of religious life and priesthood. There are needs for priests, sisters and brothers in most parts of the world. As a community in families and parishes we thank those who have given their lives in these vocations and pray they may increase.



National Volunteer Week 2016

Volunteers are the roots of strong communities.

Just like roots are essential for trees to bloom, volunteers are essential for communities to boom. Thanks to volunteers, our communities grow strong and resilient. Even the tiniest volunteer effort leaves a profound and lasting trace in a community, much like tree rings that appear over time. **As National Volunteer Week draws to a close, we would like to thank the volunteers who are the "roots" of our parish community.** This includes those engaged in liturgical ministries: choir members, lectors, hospitality ministers, Eucharistic ministers and altar servers; catechists and leaders of Children's Liturgy; those who volunteer their time in our social justice programs such as the meals served Benedict Labré house & the volunteers who assist us in our parish administration office. Your contribution to the parish is invaluable. Thank you! May the Lord continue to bless you in all you do.

IN THE DIOCESE

Women's Day Retreat The monthly Women's Day Retreat will be held Wednesday, **April 20th** at Villa Saint-Martin, (9451 Gouin Blvd. W., Pierrefonds). Registration: 9:15 a.m. Animator: Sr. Pat O'Neill, SNJM. Thought-provoking presentations with references to Scriptural passages & the works of spiritual writers; quiet time for personal reflection and prayer; Eucharistic celebration; sharing for those who wish to participate. ALL women welcome. Please bring a brown bag lunch; coffee and tea provided. Suggested donation: \$15.00. Pre-registration not required. Info.: (514) 684-1290.

Ignatian Centre: Volunteers and Donations Needed For Yard Sale Our yard sale will take place May 6 & 7 2016. We are currently looking for volunteers to help at the sale. We are also in need of more donations. Please contact the Centre at 514-4811064 or centre@ignatiancentremtl.ca to arrange to drop items off or if you would like to help us with our many tasks.

You are not forgotten

If you, or a loved one, are not able to come to church, we would be happy to pay you a visit & bring you Communion. We can also send you a copy of our Parish bulletin. Let us know by calling the parish office (932-3131) and we will get to you ASAP.

Parish Donations

Parish donations can be made ONLINE through CanadaHelps. Donations may be made using Visa, MasterCard, American Express, PayPal or Interact. You receive your Tax receipt immediately. Go to the parish website (www.ascensionofourlord.ca) and click on the main page button "EVERY DOLLAR HELPS" for instructions. Thank you for your generosity.