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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday 9:30 to 12:30 or by appointment

## Parish Bulletin

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

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### PARISH LIFE

**Meals on Wheels**

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514-937-3317  
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**Christian Meditation**

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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 30th**  
 Saint Marie de l'Incarnation  
 Saint Pius V, pope  
 4:30 Dr. Edward O'Brien  
 by Twink & Tom Rogers

**Sunday, May 1st**  
 Sixth Sunday of Easter  
 10:30 Frank H. Carlin by his family

**Monday, May 2nd**  
 Saint Athanasius

**Tuesday, May 3rd**  
 Saint Philip & Saint James, apostles  
 9:00 Father Donald Flynn S.J.  
 by Brian & Effie Cordeiro

**Wednesday, May 4th**  
 Bl. Marie-Léonie Paradis  
 9:00 Hon. Frederick Collins &  
 Mrs. Irene Collins by the family

**Thursday, May 5th No Mass**

**Friday, May 6th** Saint  
 François de Laval  
 9:00 Madeline McCauley  
 by Constance O'Donnell

**Saturday, May 7th**  
 4:30 Dr. Edward O'Brien  
 by Twink & Tom Rogers

## ACTIVITIES

MONDAY 6:00 PM Choir room.

### Christian Meditation

For information call 514-931-5536

THURSDAY 7:30 PM Choir Room  
**Choir Practice**

## 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.

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## IN OUR PARISH

**Celebrating First Communion**  
**Congratulations to these young people from our Parish who are celebrating their First Holy Communion this Sunday. Guided by their parents and with the support of volunteer catechists they have grown in their love for God and understanding of our faith.**



*Alexander Bandrauk*  
*Gioia Crimi*  
*Lucca DiIoia*  
*Alessia Hinteregger*  
*Lorenzo Messercola*  
*Stefania Messercola*  
*Dalia Ouwerkerk*  
*Hugo Shea*  
*Gabrielle Sinor*

*Eva Coirazza*  
*Lorenzo Cuffaro*  
*Luca Ferri*  
*Felix Johannson*  
*Jasper Johansson*  
*Liam Martin*  
*Emilie Poirier*  
*Stéphanie Parent-Harvey*  
*Alec Turcotte*

**May they always be blessed with the peace of Jesus,  
 the light of his love and the joy of his life within them.**

## Our Parish Feast Day ~ Celebrating 90 Years

Next Sunday, the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord, we celebrate our parish feast day. Following 10:30 Mass you are warmly invited to gather with your fellow parishioners to partake in a small celebration. We invite you to add to the festivities by contributing some cookies &/ or squares for all to enjoy. This weekend, sign-up sheets are available at the back of the church. In addition, we are looking for a few volunteers to help with set up, serving and clean-up on that day. If you can assist please contact Linda Wiltshire by email at wiltshirecl@msn.com or at the parish office. We hope you'll take advantage of this perfect opportunity to come together in a spirit of community and share with us on this special occasion!

## REFLECTION

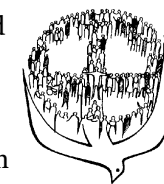
The setting of today's Gospel is the night before Jesus' own suffering and death. It is a continuation of the Last Supper discourse from which the Gospel of last Sunday was also taken. The reading is given to us in the Easter season as a reminder that the promises of God to his people have been fulfilled. Jesus has returned to the Father and the Holy Spirit has been sent to guide all people to truth. Jesus' farewell gift and wish for his disciples is a message of peace. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."

Pondering these words, I found myself asking: what is peace and where does it come from? Peace could mean different things to different people. For someone suffering from arthritis, one or two hours without pain could be peace. For students and teachers, anticipating the end of classes and exams in the next several weeks might bring a sense of peace! Thoughts of an end to war and violence can bring peace. Yet none of these images seem to fully capture or describe the peace of which Jesus speaks.

As Jesus prepared to return to the Father, he was at peace knowing he had accomplished the mission for which he was sent. He teaches us that peace comes from both being faithful and in letting go. Peace is an inner reality. It is about recognizing God's presence in and around us, made possible by the gift of the Holy Spirit. "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him." Imagine Jesus wanting to make his dwelling in the likes of us! And yet the words of Jesus offer us hope. When we allow ourselves to be led by the Spirit, we discover peace. When we make good choices, we experience peace.

Today, we are invited to experience the gift of peace, which comes to us in both the Word we have heard and in the Eucharist we will receive. It seems appropriate today to pray for peace; peace in our hearts, homes, and in the world.

*James D. McBurney, O.S.A.*



## IN THE DIOCESE

**Mass for the Family** In the wake of the publication of the Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation on love in the family, Amoris Laetitia, and as Quebec Family Week is about to begin, our Archbishop, Most Reverend Christian Lépine, will celebrate a special Mass for families, on **Friday, May 6, at 7:30 p.m.** at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral (1085 rue de la Cathédrale, Montreal). All families are welcome, as is anyone interested in the future of the family in our Church and in our society! Contact Ellen Roderick, PhD, Office of the Archbishop - Life and Family Issues, at 514-931-7311 x287 or eroderick@diocesemontreal.org.

**Catholic Women's League: Day of Prayer for Palliative Care** On **Wednesday, May 4th** from 8:30am-6pm, the Montreal City Council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada will be hosting a day of prayer for palliative care at St. Patrick's Basilica (454 René-Lévesque Blvd West, Montreal). Everyone is welcome to stop by to say a prayer in support of palliative care as well as to sign our Petition to have palliative care as a defined medical service covered under the Canada Health Act. Contact Janet McLean, National Legislation Chairperson, at jmcsouth@sympatico.ca

**National March for Life Ottawa** All are welcomed to join us for the National March for Life, **Thursday, May 12, 2016.** This is a yearly gathering on Parliament Hill, Ottawa, to demand protection for children before and after birth. Two chartered buses leave Montreal 7am - Downtown (895 de la Gauchetière) and Laval (Holy Name of Jesus Parish, 899 Chomedey Blvd.) Mass, picnic, and march through the streets of Ottawa. Pick-ups at Fairview Shopping Center (The Bay). Round-trip fare \$40. Reservations before May 6 at 438-930-8643 or 514-344-2686

## 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.