

IN OUR PARISH



Book of Remembrance

Throughout the month of November a Book of Remembrance is available at the back of the church. You are invited to inscribe in it the names of all family and friends whom you would like remembered in prayer by our parish community at Mass during this month.

Fall Catch-Up Campaign

By now you have received the letter regarding our Catch-Up campaign. To date, the response to helping us to achieve our goal of meeting our budget requirements is encouraging. If you have not yet had a chance to respond, you may place your Fall Catch Up envelope in the collection plate at Mass, drop it into the mail slot at the rectory or mail it at your convenience. In addition, donations to the campaign can be made online through Canada Helps at www.Canadahelps.org. If you did not receive an envelope, there are some available at the back of the church this weekend. Thank you all for your continuing support of our beautiful parish.

Remembrance Day Services

The annual Remembrance Day services will be held next **Sunday, November 8th** at the Cenotaph in Westmount (across the street from the church) beginning at 2pm. All are welcome.

L'Abri en Ville Calendars

Next Sunday after Mass, residents from L'Abri en Ville will be selling calendars made from the resident's Art work. Our calendars sell for \$10 each. The money raised from these sales help us maintain our services for persons living with a mental illness and fund resident activities such as a 3-day getaway on Ile Saint-Bernard in Chateauguay, a trip to the Sugar Shack, cultural activities and Summer picnics. These activities help to prevent the isolation and the loneliness often associated with mental illness.

We thank you for your support and if you might be interested in becoming a volunteer we would love you to contact our L'Abri en Ville Coordinators at 514-932-2199

Advertising in the Parish Bulletin

Have you noticed the amount of space available on the advertiser's pages of our parish bulletin? Do you know someone who has a business, service or profession who could place an ad with us? Or would you like place an ad in our bulletin yourself? The cost of producing a weekly bulletin is significant, and advertisements are the only means we have to defray those costs. Advertising in our bulletin costs \$400(half-business card) or \$800 (business card) annually. If you would like to help out or for more details, please contact Linda Wiltshire at the parish office (Mon & Thurs) or by email, wiltshirecl@msn.com



“Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.”

Among the marvels of our modern and very rapid communication technology, one of the most outstanding is the ever-increasing ability to not simply speak with someone, but to actually see the person we're speaking with. The advent of “Skype” and other similar technology has transformed our communication possibilities. Grateful as we are to be able to speak with someone, we are all the more grateful to see the face of the person on the other end.

On this Solemnity of All Saints, the Church calls us to open our eyes, to see with the imagination of our faith the “great multitude,” the saints who already stand in the presence of God, who behold him face to face, who “see him as he is.” The deepest longing, the deepest desire of their hearts has already been fulfilled.

As we look into our own hearts, as we look at the world around us, we must acknowledge that the desire to see God “face to face,” waxes and wanes. As we come and go in the midst of daily life, we can all too easily lose even our awareness of the place of God in our lives, much less experience an intense desire to behold him as he is. Perhaps we are aware of individuals who, for whatever reason, seem to have no such desire at all. How can this desire be more kindled in our hearts? How might we help awaken it in those for whom it remains nearly extinguished?

To answer those questions, we might turn to the saints. How is that those we call “saints” have lived and died with this great longing, this great desire? One answer to that question may be found in the Beatitudes. Those who have discovered the blessedness of being poor in spirit, of hungering and thirsting for righteousness, of showing mercy and even of experiencing persecution because of the name of Jesus—they are the ones whose desire for God has also grown.

As we look to the saints today, we ask ourselves: are we among the people that longs to see the face of God? Has our desire for this grown, or has it grown cold? On this blessed day, the “great multitude” who stand before the face of God, stand ready to help us by their prayers. May we sense their overflowing desire that we, too, one day might be where they are. May we entrust ourselves to their loving intercession today and ask for the grace of desire, of longing, to see the face of God

Rev. Richard Gabuzda, <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu>

IN THE DIOCESE

Memorial Mass for Deceased Priests of Our Diocese

All are welcome to attend a special Eucharistic celebration in memory of our deceased priests. Presided by Bishop Thomas Dowd, the Mass will take place at St. Patrick's Basilica (460 René-Lévesque Blvd. West, Montreal) on **Thursday, November 5** at 12:10pm. Contact the office at 514-866-7379 or email info@stpatricksmtl.ca.

Jingle Bell Fair

The Auxiliary of St. Mary's Hospital Centre is holding its annual Fall Fair, also known as the "Jingle Bell Fair", at St. Mary's Hospital Auditorium (3830 Lacombe Ave., Mtl.), room B-309, on **Thursday, November 5, from 9:30 am-4 pm**. Lunch will be served beginning at 11:30am. Start your shopping early- there is something for everyone! For information contact the Gift Shop at 514-345-3511 x 3247. In partnership with the Hospital, the Auxiliary raises funds to enhance patient care and for the purchase of specialized medical equipment.

Care for the Sick and Dying: A Mission of Mercy

We sometimes hear euthanasia and assisted suicide described as "mercy-killing". Palliative care invites us to truly care for the chronically or terminally ill with compassion, to relieve their suffering, and ultimately prepare them for their journey home. Join Deacon Richard Haber, M.D. and a panel of invited guests on Saturday, **November 14** from 10am-12pm (6405 de Terrebonne St., Montreal) to learn about this merciful way of caring for the sick and dying. Please register by November 12. Contact Anna at 514-481-0267 x22 or anna.diodati@stmonica.ca.

Montreal Directed Retreats

Be refreshed in mind, body and spirit. . . Silent directed weekend retreat at La Maison de Prière Notre-Dame (180 De Normandie Blvd., Longueuil). Begins Friday evening, **November 20** and ends Sunday afternoon, **November 22**. Contact 514-626-9462 or 514-633-1172, or visit www.montrealretreats.org.

Pillars Trust Fund Campaign

The Pillars Trust Fund Campaign is underway. For forty-three years, English-speaking Catholics have placed their "TRUST" in the Pillars Trust Fund to provide financial assistance for programs and services at the benefit for all. The 2015 Pillars Trust 'Newsletter' – which can be found at www.pillarstrust.org - gives you several examples as to just how important your donation to the Fund can be.

Rummage Sale: St. Gabriel's Parish

Join us on Thursday, **November 5** from 10am-1pm (2157 Centre St., Montreal). Raffle tickets are also available, proceeds will go to feed the needy during the Christmas holidays. For more info, contact the office at 514-937-3597.

MASSES

Saturday, October 31st 2015

(Romans 11:1-2, 11-12, 25-29; Luke 14:1, 7-11)
5:00 Barbara Ballantyne
by Pat & Helene McCormack

Sunday, November 1st 2015

All Saints
(Rev 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matt 5:1-12)
10:30 Kate & Ed Sampson
by Ann & Louis Mallette

Monday, November 2nd 2015

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)
(Job 19:1 23-27; 1 Cor 15:20-23;
John 12:23-26)
9:00 Deceased Former Parishioners

Tuesday, November 3rd 2015

Saint Martin de Porres
(Romans 12:5-16; Luke 14:15-24)
9:00 Giovanni Falbo & Melanie Mielewczyk
by Patricia Falbo Mielewczyk

Wednesday, November 4th 2015

St. Charles Borromeo
(Romans 13:8-10; Luke 14:25-33)
9:00 Hon. Frederick Collins &
Mrs. Irene Collins by the Family

Thursday, November 5th 2015 No Mass

(Romans 14:7-12; Luke 15:1-10)

Friday, November 6th 2015

(Romans 15:14-21; Luke 16:1-8)
9:00 Eusebis Pasteris by the Pasteris family

Saturday, November 7th 2015

(Romans 16:3-9,16,22-27; Luke 16:9-15)
5:00 Mr. & Mrs. John G. O'Donnell by
Constance O'Connell

ACTIVITIES

MONDAY 6:00 PM
Christian Meditation
in the Choir room.
For information call 514-931-5536

THURSDAY 7:30 PM
Choir Practice in the Choir Room

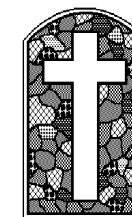
You are not forgotten

If you, or a loved one, are not able to come to church, we would be happy to come to you, have a little chat and bring you the Lord in Holy Communion. Let us know by calling the parish office (932-3131) and we will get to you ASAP.

Parish Donations

Did you know that parish donations can be made ONLINE through CanadaHelps. The process is simple & you receive your Tax e-receipt immediately. Donations may be made using Visa, MasterCard, American Express, PayPal or Interact. 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.

All Souls Day



*Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord
Let perpetual light
shine upon them.*