

MASSES THIS WEEK

IN OUR PARISH

REFLECTION

Saturday, January 14th

4:30 Art & Eileen O'Connell by the Estate

Sunday, January 15th

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

10:30 Kate & Ed Sampson

by Ann & Louis Mallette

Monday, January 16th

9:00 Myronick & Blizchuk Families

by the Estate

Tuesday, January 17th

St. Anthony, abbot

9:00 Most. Rev, Thomas O'Donnell

by Constance O'Donnell

Wednesday, January 18th

9:00 Lacasse & Cross Families by the Estate

Thursday, January 19th

No Mass

Friday, January 20th

No Mass

St. Fabian, pope; St. Sebastian

Saturday, January 21st

St. Agnes

4:30 Gus O'Gorman

by Kathleen & Hugh Quinlan

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY 6:00PM

Christian Meditation in the Church

For information call 514-931-5536

THURSDAY 7:30 PM

Choir Practice in the Choir Room

Christmas 2016 ~ A Thank you to all!

Our Christmas liturgies at Ascension were well attended, prayerful and festive! I wish to thank all of you who participated in the celebrations and worshipped with us, for your monetary contribution to the Parish and to our charity fund. A special thank you to the parish staff; our Music Director, David Szanto, the Ascension Choir and Cantors for the beautiful music they provided to enrich our liturgies; the Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, Altar servers, Hospitality ministers, sacristans; to David Barrington and the team who decorated the Church inside and out; to Linda Wiltshire and helpers for preparing our children for the Pageant.

To those who made a donation for our Christmas flowers and decorations, we are very grateful and appreciative.

I wish all of you a wonderful New Year with countless blessings and graces.

Father MacEachen

Election of Wardens

This Sunday, immediately following the 10:30 Mass a meeting of all parishioners will be held in the Parish Room for the purpose of electing two wardens to replace the two who completed their term of office December 31, 2016. Anyone of good will who resides within the boundaries of the parish may submit his or her name for election. There must be a seconder for each nomination. If you would like to submit your name to serve our parish in this way please speak with Fr. MacEachen.

Nominations will be received up until the meeting for the election.

Benedict Labré House

On Sunday **January 22**, Ascension will be providing and serving food for approximately 150 people less fortunate than us. We do this by pre-making a meal and dessert. Along with this we serve soup, bread and juice. This weekend we are supplying pans and recipes for the meal and dessert. If you are unable to prepare something, we gladly accept cash donations to buy the other items. For additional info., please contact Aletha Thompson at 514-482-5660 or see a volunteer at the back of the church.

Human beings on a spiritual journey

John the Baptist had been told to watch out for the Spirit of God. Somehow now he recognised the Spirit of Jesus. Somehow he knows that new person, Jesus, will give this spirit to all. We call it the Holy Spirit.

We talk of team spirit, the spirit of generosity in a family. We have a spiritual life. We are more than we seem, more than a body. We are made for an eternal relationship with God, which begins now.

On Migrant Sunday, we think of the situations of asylum seekers and refugees. Many different kinds of asylum seekers have come to our country. These are people who are often treated badly in Ireland in a system that seems not to be changing. These are people who for reasons of great danger cannot go back to their own country. They show us the spirit of courage in the decision a parent has to make to bring their family to another country for a better life, or the spirit of sacrifice that people make in detention centres and refugee camps. We pay tribute also to volunteers and statutory workers who do their best for our refugees.

The Spirit is freely given to all of us. John recognised that in Jesus, and at Pentecost the new community of followers welcomed the outpourings of the Spirit. With God's help we can do the same: we can recognise the spirit in us all, on our human journey of life. Think of the footage of refugees on TV - ask for the generosity to welcome them. Holy Spirit, influence for goodness all I do and say.

Donal Neary SJ



IN THE DIOCESE

Women's Day Retreat Wednesday, January 18th Villa Saint-Martin (9451 Gouin Blvd, W., Pierrefonds). Registration: 9:15 a.m.. Animator: Sr. Pat O'Neill, SNJM. Thought-provoking presentations, references to Scripture & works of renowned spiritual writers; quiet time for personal reflection & prayer; Eucharist; sharing for those who wish to participate. All women welcome. Bring a brown bag lunch; coffee & tea provided. Suggested donation: \$15.00. Info.: (514) 684-1290.

Finding God in Family life: Pope Francis on "The joy of Love" With an ecumenical panel of invited guests, moderated by Fr. Raymond Lafontaine. As Christians, we are called to help all families to know that even in their imperfections, they are loved by God, and can help others experience that love. In "Amoris Laetitia", Pope Francis offers the vision of a pastoral and merciful church, one that encourages a people to experience the "joy of love". Join us **Saturday, January 21** from 10am-12pm at St. Monica's parish (6405 de Terrebonne St.) for a fruitful, stimulating discussion of how we, as church, are summoned by this important text to create a culture of welcome, faithfulness, & life-giving acceptance for all families. For info. & to register by January 16, contact Anna at 514-481-0267 x22 or anna.diodati@stmonica.ca.

Sacred Heart's Blue & White Gala The Sacred Heart School of Montreal is hosting a fundraiser at Montreal's Ritz-Carlton Hotel **Friday, February 3, 2017**, MC'd by Maya Johnson, CTV News Quebec City Bureau Chief. Gourmet dinner & dancing in the famed Oval Room. Cocktails with musicians start at 6pm, followed by a live auction and raffle prizes available all evening. Proceeds benefit The Future at Heart Capital Campaign & building of an auditorium. Tickets available online: www.sacredheart.qc.ca. info: 514-937-2845

PARISH SUPPORT We encourage all parishioners to use the Sunday envelopes. To obtain your envelopes please call the parish office (514-932-3131) or complete this form 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 _____

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 and bring you Communion. We can also send you a copy of our Parish bulletin. Let us know by calling the parish office (514-932-3131) and we will get to you ASAP.

Parish Donations can be made ONLINE through Canada Helps using major credit cards, PayPal or Interac. You obtain a Tax e-receipt immediately. **There are 2 ways to access the site:** **1.** Via the parish website (www.ascensionofourlord.ca) -click on the main page button "EVERY DOLLAR HELPS" for instructions **or 2.** go directly canadahelps.org and search for "Ascension of Our Lord Parish, Westmount". Thank you for your generosity.

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**WORLD DAY
OF
MIGRANTS AND
REFUGEES**

MASS HOURS

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

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

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

Confessions Saturday from 4:00 to 4:15 PM
Sunday from 10:00 to 10:15 AM

Marriages Please give six months notice.
Marriage preparation course required.

Sick calls Please notify us at anytime if someone in your family is ill,
in order to arrange for Anointing of the Sick.

PARISH WARDENS

Janet Macklem
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OFFICE HOURS Monday to Thursday 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM or by appointment