

**PARISH VITALITY: WISE INVESTMENTS**

Over the past few years, we have become conscious of the dangers of accumulated debt: mortgage debt, credit card debt, student debt, budget deficits, national debt. After long periods of growth in our financial markets, we are beginning to see the results of years of living beyond our means. Now, many are feeling the pinch. In the world of finance, there is risk involved in any investment. So what shall we do? Pull all our money out of the banks and hide it under a mattress? Shall we retreat into the politics and economics of fear, or will we dare to find new, more worthy investments – while living within our means?

Jesus' parable about three servants to whom talents are entrusted by their master makes the point that, in the spiritual realm at least, it is more risky **not** to invest. Too often, we underestimate our own talents. We don't feel equipped to transmit the faith to our children, to bear witness to our faith in an increasingly secular world, so we say, "let the church take care of that." We look around the parish and see all that needs to be done – youth ministry, hospitality, outreach to the poor and sick, upkeep of our physical plant – and can easily feel overwhelmed. Instead of developing the talents we have – our own experience of faith, our witness to the presence of God in our lives, our God-given abilities – we bury them. We don't make them grow. And no one gains.

This weekend, many of us – pastoral team, wardens, pastoral council, and interested parishioners – have been participating in the diocesan Parish Vitality Conference. Led by Fr. Michael White and Tom Corcoran, pastor and lay pastoral associate of the Church of the Nativity in Maryland, we are being invited to **"rebuild"** our parishes. How? By awakening the faithful. By reaching out to the lost. By fostering parish stewardship. Most importantly, by "making church matter": shifting from a "consumer" model of the church as "religious service station" to a Church that forms disciples of Jesus, who are empowered to go out and share the good news, inviting others to become disciples as well.

Will this be easy? Will it happen overnight? Perhaps not. But Jesus says to us: don't worry about what you **don't** have. Share what you **do** have. Trust in my promise: "To those who have, even more will be given, and they will have in abundance." Then, like the "capable wife" in today's reading from Proverbs: an enterprising businesswoman who provides for her family, assists the poor, and is praised by all the community for the good use she has made of her talents. So let us rebuild our church together. Let us go out and **invest** our time, our talents, our treasure – in something that really matters. We will get a good return on our investment, for God will not be outdone in generosity.

**ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT UPCOMING EVENTS****Life, Death, Eternal Life: The Talk of a Lifetime**

Talking to loved ones about their lives can be rich and satisfying. The sharing of memories cements our bonds with them. However, it can sometimes be difficult to talk about questions we all face at the end of life, such as the kind of medical, emotional, and spiritual accompaniment we want to receive, and the funeral arrangements and ceremonies that respect our unique identity and our faith in the Resurrection. Join **Mary Pallett and Fr. Raymond Lafontaine** this coming **Wednesday, November 19 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.** in the parish hall for an opportunity to discover how important it is to have "The Talk of a Lifetime". Transportation is available upon request at registration. Please register by **November 17**.

**Video Divina**

Join Fr. Raymond for **Babette's Feast**, the third film of this year's "Looking at Life through the Lens of the Sacraments" series, on **Friday, December 5 at 7 p.m.** in the parish rectory. Free admission and popcorn, and stimulating discussion to follow! All are welcome!

***Please refer to our website and the posters at the Church entrances for additional information. If registration is required, kindly use the appropriate sign-up sheets at the main church entrance or contact Anna at the office.***

## MASS INTENTIONS NOVEMBER 15 TO 23, 2014

### **Saturday, November 15: St. Albert the Great, Bishop**

**4:00** Italo Falcone (10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) By Luisa & Angelo Falcone  
and Italo & Anna Mariani  
Francesco Ciampini By the Family

### **Sunday, November 16: 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:30 In Loving Memory:** Leona Clarke, Alba & Luigi Paliotti, Joseph Onesi, Italo Falcone, Italo & Anna Mariani, Deceased members of the Cullen Family, Emma & Colombo Salvati.

**11:00** Rosa & Luigi Mammone By Ida and Family  
Vittorio Nesta By Maria Sparapani  
Aida & Leopoldo Di Paolo By Sylvia & Toni Supino

### **Monday, November 17: St. Elizabeth of Hungary**

**8:00** Ermando Giuseppe Nudo By wife Elvira  
Angela Nitti By Franca D'Addio & Family

### **Tuesday, November 18: Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul**

**8:00** Ignazio Ciampini By Ernesta & Family  
Francesco Ciampini By Ernesta Ciampini

### **Wednesday, November 19: Weekday Mass**

**8:00** Pasquale & Rosa Ferrara By Vincenzina & Michele Ferrara  
Dorothy Rice By the Rice & Walder Family

### **Thursday, November 20: Weekday Mass**

**8:00** Vincenzo Saluzzi By Maddalena Saluzzi & Family  
Michael Fowle By Martin & Marie Yvonne Kiely

### **Friday, November 21: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**8:00** Antonio & Annunziata Castelli By the Piccolino Family  
Theresa, Julian & Kevin Rooney By Gary Rooney

### **Saturday, November 22: St. Cecilia**

**4:00** Giovanni & Palma Farinelli By the Farinelli Family  
Brenden Reid By Marion Doyle

### **Sunday, November 23: 34<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT-CHRIST THE KING**

**8:30** Joseph Onesi By Ida & Children  
Giacomo & Lucia Palucci By Maria Teresa Palucci  
**11:00 In Loving Memory:** Luigi & Rosa Mammone, Fioravante Rotiroti, Deceased members of the Sparapani Family, Giacomo Fiori, Luigi Sparapani & Angelo Caucci, Domenico Abbatiello.

#### **Your Generosity...**

*Thank you for your on-going support of our parish...Collection for the weekend of November 8/9, 2014 totalled \$2,745.00.*

## **ADVENT PRAYER BOOKLETS AND CANDLES**

The Advent prayer booklets and candles are now available for you to purchase. The booklets are priced at \$2.00 each and the candles are priced at \$5.00 for each set. You will find these items at the main entrance of the church. Please put your payment in the **Missalette and Newspaper Payment Box.**



## **WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS**

**AND REFUGEES** – Wednesday, November 26, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. here at St. Monica's Parish Hall. Animator: Malika Agnoug. An evening to better understand our myths and biases about immigrants and refugees so as to better encounter each other. For more info and to sign up: call Deacon M. Di Girolamo 514-797-7051 or Emily Pace 514-925-4300 ext. 257.

## **2015 SUNDAY MASS**

### **BOOKS**

### **ON SALE NOW!**

The Sunday Mass Books for 2015, beginning with the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, November 30, are now on sale for \$5 each. You can pick up your copy at the main entrance of the church. **Please put your payment in the Missalette and Newspaper Payment Box.**

### **LOOKING FOR OWNERS OF**

**#47 or # 388**

Do you own Sunday Donation Box #47 or box #388? If so, please call the parish office at 514-481-0271 to supply us with your name and address so that we can issue a tax receipt for your 2014 donations.

## **SPECIAL COLLECTION**

**THIS WEEKEND  
NOVEMBER 15-16 FOR  
CHRISTMAS BASKETS!**

*Food Baskets*



**FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS  
WILL NOT BE ON SALE  
THIS WEEKEND BUT AT A  
LATER DATE IN  
NOVEMBER**

Final total for State-A-Thon  
is \$1,279.05