

"FUN"D! RAISING! MUSICAL CONCERT!

This year, St. Monica's Parish is celebrating Christmas with a special fundraising musical concert on **Sunday afternoon, December 4 at 3:00 p.m. in the church**. The amazing vocal jazz quartet, **Guffman 5** (featuring Fr. Ray's sister Julie!) will be sharing their vocal talents with a combination of jazz standards and Christmas-themed music. There will be a raffle for hockey tickets; and after the concert, refreshments will be served. Please help to make this occasion a great success! If you can help out, please use the sign-up sheets at the back of church and invite your family, friends, and neighbours to join us for what promises to be a great time! Tickets are now on sale for \$20 at the back of the church by designated sellers. Or, you can purchase tickets at the parish office.

RAFFLE FOR 2 HOCKEY TICKETS!

The **hockey tickets** are for the **January 24, 2017** Montreal Canadiens' game against the Calgary Flames at 7:30 p.m. The tickets are in the Desjardins Section of the Bell Centre - Section 205, seats F17 and F18 - and include all the food (smoked meat sandwiches, pizza, hot dogs, fries, ice cream and more!) and non-alcoholic beverages you want! The pair have a face value of \$342 but the experience is priceless...! Raffle tickets will go on sale this weekend. Fee for the tickets are: \$5 for one and \$10 for three tickets. Good Luck Everyone!

FOOD PANTRY SKATE-A-THON:

Marcelle Lord, Deacon Dennis and our food pantry volunteers would like to thank everyone who skated and raised donations for our Christmas baskets. To date, through your generosity, we have raised \$1,082. We would also like to thank Loyola High School and Concordia University for the ice time and the use of the concession stand.

TOY AND FOOD TREES:

Starting next weekend, our toy and food trees will be on display at the front entrance of the church. **All unwrapped** toys and food must be returned **no later than Sunday, December 11th**.

WARDENS' ELECTION: On Sunday, **December 4th**, after the **11 a.m. Mass**, there will be a general meeting of all parishioners for the purpose of electing two new churchwardens. If you live within the church boundaries, and feel called to serve in this ministry, please pray about allowing your name to stand for election. You may speak to Fr. Raymond or any of the current wardens for more information. (See front of bulletin for names of the current Wardens)

OUR PARISH FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED: The Parish Food Pantry is in need of Syrup, Pancake Mix, Tea, and Hot Chocolate for the Christmas Baskets this year. Also, thank you for your continued support with egg containers-plastic, paper, or foam to help sort eggs that are given out to families indeed.

YOUTH RETREAT: For ages 12-18 on **Friday, November 25th at 6 p.m. until Saturday, November 26th at 6 p.m.** A group of young missionaries from National Evangelization Teams or NET Canada will be leading the retreat. It is going to be so much fun! There will be music, games, faith sharing and a special youth mass celebrated at the 4 p.m. mass on Saturday. Please register at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Youth_Retreat. \$25 suggested donation. More info, contact Claire at stmonicasyouth@gmail.com or 514-482-7493.

BLESSED SACRAMENT: The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on **Saturday, November 26th starting at 3:00 p.m.** So come early for mass and spend some time with Jesus as we enter into the time of Advent.

PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENING: Sunday, **November 27th from 7 to 9 p.m.** with music, witness talk, adoration, reconciliation, and coffee social to follow. This evening is in partnership with NET Canada (www.netcanada.ca). More info, contact Claire 514-482-7493.

SPECIAL ITEMS FOR SALE: After all the Sunday Masses next weekend, **November 26/27**, special items knitted by Syrian refugee women in Turkey will be on sale at the main entrance of the church. These women have knitted items for babies and children up to 2yrs. old. There will knitted items for adults such as scarfs and handbags. Also for the children are knitted stuff animals. This is a great opportunity to shop for Christmas and help support these women living in refugee camps in Turkey. 100% of these proceeds go directly back to the women. These Syrian women are part of the organization "NuDay Syria" based in the U.S.

MASS INTENTIONS NOVEMBER 19-27, 2016

Saturday, November 19: Our Lady's Saturday

4:00 Angelo Caucci By Teresa Caucci
Antonio Bei By his wife Gabriella Bei
Alessandro Palladini By his Wife & Children

Sunday, November 20: 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Christ the King

8:30 **In Loving Memory:** Leona Clarke, Alba & Luigi Paliotti, Emma & Colombo Salvati, Pietro Di Meglio.
11:00 Giacomo Fiori By his wife Berardina & Family
Joseph Onesi By Ida Onesi & Family
Vincenzo Saluzzi By wife Maddalena

Monday, November 21: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 Pietro Mattei By Giuseppina Fiori & Family
Victor Bernatsky By Sasha Bernatsky

Tuesday, November 22: St. Cecilia

8:00 Anna & Lorenzo Forlini By Louise Forlini

Wednesday, November 23: St. Clement & St. Columban

8:00 Elena Pierantozzi By Ignazio Mattei
Gus O'Gorman By Deacon Richard

Thursday, November 24: St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions

8:00 Deceased members of Palucci Family By Vince Palucci & Family
Yola Thompson By Hyland Family

Friday, November 25: St. Catherine of Alexandria

8:00 Giuseppe Fiori By Ignazio Mattei
Special Intentions for Terri G. Matthews By Dauna-Lyn Bowlen
Beulah Merriman By Merriman Family

Saturday, November 26: Our Lady's Saturday

4:00 Rosa, Irma & Contanzia Sparapani By Teresa Caucci
Ermando Giuseppie Nudo By wife Elvira Nudo
Vincenzo Patulli By his Family

Sunday, November 27: First Sunday of Advent

8:30 Deceased members Albanesi Family By Amelia Albanasi
Agnese & Guglielmo Teodori By Vivian & Joseph
Mario Di Sciuolo By Luigia Tedeschi
11:00 **In Loving Memory:** Fioravante Rotiroti, Deceased members of Charles J. McDonald Family, Beatrice Gagnon, Deceased Members of Cullen Family.

Your Generosity...

Thank you for your on-going support of our parish... Collection for the weekend of November 12/13, 2016 totalled \$2,900.00. All Souls Day collection totalled \$1,076.25.

BAZZAR: A heartfelt thanks to all the workers, bakers & crafters who contributed their time and energy to making our bazaar a success. A special thanks to Cecilia Clarke who donated one of her paintings for the raffle and Sr. Beverley for her delicious fruit cake. The bazaar raised \$3,900. Proceeds will be used to aid our twin parish of Zamaron.

OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO REFUGEE SPONSORS AND INTERESTED PERSONS ON "MIDDLE EAST HISTORY"

St. Monica's Refugee Committee invites you to an evening with Professor Rachad Antonius of U.Q.A.M. who will address "Middle East History" with a focus on Syria. This event will take place on Wed., Nov. 30, at 7:00 p.m. at the parish rectory. All are welcome!

PASTORAL HOME CARE MEETING: Tuesday, November 22 at 8:30 a.m. (after the 8:00 a.m. Mass) at the parish rectory basement.

Adult Faith Enrichment

Upcoming events

Discerning The Spirit At Work In Our Common History: A History of Christianity

Our series continues with part three this **Wednesday, November 23, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

All are welcome!

Video Divina: This year, Fr. Raymond's film series looks at movies - and life - through the lens of the Holy Spirit. Join him on **Friday, December 2 at 7 p.m.** in the parish rectory to view the movie **Good Will Hunting**. Free admission and popcorn, and stimulating discussion to follow!

Clearing the Way for the Spirit

What gets in the way of your desire to follow the Spirit? What blocks you in your relationship to yourself, God and others? Is transformation possible for you? Join **Anne Macaulay on Sat., December 3 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** in the parish hall to explore the obstacles that can block the transformative process of living in the Spirit. We will learn practical wisdom and strategies to clear the way so that you may live more fully in the Spirit and improve all your relationships. Free babysitting is available upon request at registration. Please register by **November 30.**

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

ADVENT PRAYER BOOKLETS AND CANDLES

The Advent prayer booklets are on sale for \$2.00 each and the candles are on sale for \$5.00 each. You will find these items at the main entrance of the church. Please put your payment in the **Payment Box.**