

## MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

So much is happening in our community! Liturgically, it is the sixth Sunday of Easter, and our readings are rich with the promise of Pentecost. We see the Holy Spirit descending upon Cornelius and his family, confirming the mission of the apostles to "all the nations"; and Jesus teaches his disciples a "new" commandment, inviting them to "love one another, just as I have loved you." This weekend, we joyfully welcome 24 children to the Lord's table as they celebrate their First Holy Communion. And last but not least, Monsignor Frank Leo will be here next Saturday to bestow the Sacrament of Confirmation on 38 young members of this parish – a bumper crop! – invoking upon them the full power of the Spirit's gifts.

Today is also Mothers' Day! Jesus speaks in today's Gospel about the demands of love. How can we love as Jesus loves? Jesus invites us to show our love by living in harmony with God's commandments, by accepting his invitation to a deep and personal friendship, by bearing the fruits of the Holy Spirit in our lives, and by being willing, as he did, to lay down our lives each day for those we love. For many of us, this lesson of love has been modelled for us by our mothers.

So on this Mother's Day, let us be thankful for the gift of our own mothers: those still living, and those now resting in the arms of God. So often, they gave up their own opportunity to shine and dedicated themselves to the care and nurture of their children. Let us pray for all mothers: may they receive the gratitude of their children, due recognition from society for the important and irreplaceable work they do, and an eternal reward from the Lord for their labours of love. And let us remember those who, though not mothers in the biological sense, generously nurture and bless the younger generation as teachers, mentors, caregivers, and spiritual guides. Happy Mothers' Day!!

**"There is but one and only one, whose love will fail you never.  
One who lives from sun to sun, with constant fond endeavour.  
There is but one and only one: on earth there is no other.  
In heaven a noble work was done, when God gave us a Mother."**



### Mother's Day Flowers

We would like to thank Mr. Martin Allaire and the Collins Clarke Macgillivray White Funeral Home for donating the beautiful flowers that were offered to all the wonderful women of our parish in celebration of Mother's Day. This generous gift brings such joy to this special occasion!

### FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION

We are happy to celebrate this weekend the First Communion of 23 young people from our parish. Congratulations to: Isabella Abou-Fadel, Maddison Abreu, Elishah Alphonse, Natacha Anglehart-Reven, Emmy Odi Apilado, Elijah Carter, Edwin Carl Cerceno, Aiden Cochrane, Massimo Di Pasquale, Elise Elliott, Daniel Fsaha, Mateo Garbarino, Thomas Hammett, Patrick Hunter, Maya Jabbari, Deshawn Joseph, Neriza Gail Ladrillono, Christian Lobaugh, Myra Nazin, Joseph Vittorio Ricciardi, Luca Amato Rotili Pedicelli, Kazimir Siemienski and Christina Sposato.

**May this be the beginning** of a long life of celebrating the Eucharist. May you always appreciate Jesus in His Word, in the Eucharist, and in people.

**Thank you to all the catechists and catechist helpers** who have so lovingly and faithfully prepared our young people for this special privilege.

**FAITH FIRST REGISTRATION:** Registration forms for 2015-16 season are now available at the entrances of the church, church hall, and rectory. **PLEASE NOTE: All new, as well as, returning students must fill out a form before August 15 and return it the rectory to guarantee a spot.** The cost of program is \$80 for one child, \$105 for 2 children, and \$125 for 3 or more. Please note that your child will not be denied access to the program if you are unable to pay the fee. For further info or an electronic copy of the registration form, please contact Jennie Parsons-Armstrong at (514) 481-0267 or by email at [jennie.armstrong@bell.net](mailto:jennie.armstrong@bell.net).

## MASS INTENTIONS MAY 9 TO 17, 2015

### Saturday, May 9: Our Lady's Saturday

4:00 Angelo Caucci By Teresa Caucci  
Iole Falciani By the Falciani Family

### Sunday, May 10: Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:30 Agnese & Guglielmo Teodori By Vivian Teodori  
Lorenzo Galvan By St. Monica's Food Pantry

11:00 **In Loving Memory:** Nicola & Stella Rotiroti, Joseph Onesi,  
Luigi & Rosa Mammone, Trudy Jones.

### Monday, May 11: Weekday Mass

8:00 Anna Maria Fiori By Livio & Family  
Domenico Caucci By Marisa, Angela, Gina, Franco, & Franca  
Eugene Mathieu By son Jay & daughter Louise

### Tuesday, May 12: St. Nereus, St. Achilleus, St. Pancras

8:00 Dorothy Rice By the Rice & Walder Family  
Nicolas Troli By Mom & Dad

### Wednesday, May 13: Our Lady of Fatima

8:00 Asunta & Nazareno Santoche By Maria Theresa Palucci

### Thursday, May 14: St. Matthias

8:00 Giovanni Ciampini By Claudia & George  
Nazzareno Angelini By Lina Palucci

### Friday, May 15: Weekday Mass

8:00 Logue McDonald By Mary & Ed Marilley  
Nazzareno Angelini By Maria Sparapani

### Saturday, May 16: Our Lady's Saturday

4:00 **In Loving Memory:** Pietro Di Meglio, Mike Kilbertus, Leonard &  
Terry Winslade, Alessandro Palladini, James Webb.

### Sunday, May 17: The Ascension of the Lord

8:30 Ermando Giuseppe Nudo By wife Elvira  
Lorenzo Galvan By Luigi & Rosa Salvati  
11:00 Amilcare & Pino Mattei By Giuseppina & Family  
Sterina Monti By Sylvia & Antonio Supio  
Gaetan Mondoux By Fr. Raymond & Wardens of  
St. Monica's Parish

### Your Generosity...

Thank you for your on-going support of our parish...Collection for the weekend of May 2/3, 2015 totalled \$3,974.70. Collection for Maintenance was \$1,673.00

## SPRING CLEANING DAY "2015"

Saturday, May 30 At St. Monica's Parish

9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

(Coffee & Muffins to start)

You will find sign-up sheets are at the back of the church this weekend to register.



### WOMEN'S DAY RETREAT

Wednesday, May 20, 2015 (Villa Saint-Martin, 9451 Gouin Blvd. W., Pierrefonds) Registration: 9:15 a.m. Presentations by Sr. Pat O'Neill, SNJM. Music, quiet time for personal reflection and prayer, Eucharistic celebration, sharing for those who wish to participate. ALL women welcome. Please bring a lunch. Coffee and tea provided. Suggested donation: \$15. Contact: (514) 684-1290.

## Adult Faith Enrichment Upcoming events

### Video Divina

Fr. Raymond will present the movie **Julie and Julia** on **Friday, May 15 at 7 p.m.** in the parish rectory. As this is the last movie of the "Looking at Life through the Lens of the Sacraments" series, you are invited to bring refreshments of your choice to share with the group. Popcorn will be provided. All are welcome!

### St. Monica's Spring Retreat

The tremendous advances in science and technology over the last century have allowed us to understand the universe in which we live in a whole new way. Please join us for our Spring Retreat, **The Wonder of God in the Unfolding Universe: The Sacrament of Creation**, with Sister Mary-Ellen Francoeur, on **Saturday, May 23 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**, for a sacred time away to explore how this new understanding invites us to experience God in new ways. The vastness and beauty of it all leaves us in a state of wonder and awe! Please register by **May 20**.

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.

**BAKE SALE:** Last Sunday's Bake Sale by the Loyola Boys, totalled **\$317.90**. Thank you for supporting their parish project.

**FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS  
ON SALE NEXT WEEKEND  
AFTER ALL THE MASSES.**

**SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT  
WEEKEND MAY 16/17 FOR  
ARCHDIOCESE'S ANNUAL  
CAMPAIGN**