

**CATECHETICAL SUNDAY:
WE ARE TRANSFORMED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT!**

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8) In these words, Jesus promises the gift of the Holy Spirit to those who are open to his transforming love. This week, as we welcome back our children and their families for a new season of faith formation, we are grateful for **all** those witnesses who evangelize by passing on the Catholic faith to a new generation of believers. For parents and grandparents, the first and most important teachers of their children in the ways of faith; but also for pastors, catechetical leaders, volunteer catechists, youth group leaders, and all who in various ways form our young people, and help them grow in their knowledge and love of the Lord. We are also grateful for those who support this ministry by their prayers, and through their generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

Obviously, growth in faith is not only for children! Anna Diodati and her team have been hard at work planning what promises to be a stimulating and rewarding Catholic Adult Faith Education (CAFÉ!) series for this year, around the theme *"Transformed by the Spirit."* So whether it's ongoing programs like RCIA, Contemplative Prayer, Faith-Sharing Small Groups, Coffee and Conversation, or Video Divina; new courses on the History of Christianity and Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment *Laudato Si'*; or our many "one-off" day retreats and workshops on a variety of topics, there is something for everyone at St. Monica's. Faith is not static, but dynamic! It needs to be nourished in order to grow. So please take home our CAFÉ brochure after Mass today and prayerfully consider how you are being called this year to growth in faith, to be transformed in and through the Holy Spirit.

Last week, we had a beautiful parish celebration of the ordination anniversaries of both Fr. Bertoli (65 years) and myself (25 years). We sincerely thank all those who attended, all those who offered gifts of one kind or another, the pastoral council and volunteers who prepared the festivities downstairs, and those who planned and participated in the beautiful liturgy. We are both very grateful for our combined 90 years of priesthood (61 at St. Monica's!) and look forward to serving this community, along with our wonderful pastoral team, for many years to come!! As we embrace together the challenge of the "new evangelization", let us renew our personal commitment to live as followers of Jesus, as members of his community of disciples. May we be transformed by the Holy Spirit, and so bear effective and joyful witness to the faith, hope and love which are ours in Christ.

Gluten-Free Communion Wafers?

Do you suffer from celiac disease or gluten-intolerance? Are you interested in receiving a gluten-free host at communion? If so, please contact Jennifer Dickson by phone (514-482-2738) or email (jennifer_k_dickson82@hotmail.com) in order to discuss your needs.



**ST. MONICA'S PARISH BAZAAR
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2016
NOW COLLECTING ITEMS
MUST BE IN GOOD CONDITION
(PLEASE - NO CLOTHES OR BOOKS)**

"COOL YOUTH GROUP" WELCOME BACK POT LUCK DINNER!

Youth grades 7-10 are welcome with their families. Bring some food to share and have fun, faith and fellowship with your friends on Friday, September 30, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the church hall. For more information email stmonicasyouth@gmail.com or contact Claire at 514-482-7493. See you all then!"

WEDDING BANN: Michael Colati and Phi Hai-Yen Nguyen, Saturday, October 15, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

MASS INTENTIONS SEPT. 24 TO OCT. 2, 2016

Saturday, September 24: Our Lady's Saturday

8:00 Jonathan Castilho By Olivia Johnson
Tito Forlini By Fausto & Albano Forlini & Family
Leonardo Ricciardi By son Giovanni Ricciardi

Sunday, September 25: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 Agnese & Guglielmo Teodori By Vivian & Joseph
Ermando Giuseppie Nudo By wife Elvira Nudo
Michele Mustillo By his Wife

11:00 **In Loving Memory:** Norina & Giovanni Onesi, Fioravante Rotiroti, Beatrice Gagnon, Sandra MacDonald.

Monday, September 26: St. John de Brebeuf & St. Isaac Jogues

8:00 Zia Francesca By Franca D'Addio & Family

Tuesday, September 27: St. Vincent de Paul

8:00 Mr. & Mrs Emard By Rosa Emard

Wednesday, September 28: St. Wenceslaus

8:00 Cruciano Nardnocchi By his Mother
Albertina Nunes By Alzira Rodrigues

Thursday, September 29: St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael

8:00 Pasquale, Giovana & Franco By Albanesi Family
Albanesi

Friday, September 30: St. Jerome

8:00 Beatrice Gagnon By Glen Clairmont

Saturday, October 1: St. Therese of the Child Jesus

4:00 **In Loving Memory:** Alessandro Palladini, Domenica & Antonio Poliziani, Guido & Maria Deciccio, Antonia & Gabriele Poliziani.

Sunday, October 2: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 Antonio Cavallaro By the Cavallaro Family
Thanksgiving for Blessings Received By Dacuycuy Family

11:00 Joseph Onesi By Ida Onesi & Family
Vincenza Forte By Nursing Division Mtl. Neuro Hosp.
Lorne Glenn Munday By Theresa Murphy & Family

Your Generosity...

Thank you for your on-going support of our parish... Collection for the weekend of Sept. 17/18, 2016 totalled \$3,510.65.

Adult Faith Enrichment – Upcoming events

St. Monica's Faith Sharing Registration and Special "Come and See" Session

This year, our reflections are taken from the books **Traits of a Healthy Spirituality** and **In Steadfast Love** by Melannie Svoboda. Groups meet for 14 sessions throughout the year at convenient weekday or weekend times and locations. If you would like to join one of our Faith Sharing groups, please fill out a registration form at the church entrance by **October 2**. If you would like to sample a Faith Sharing session before you register for the program, you are invited to attend our special **"Come and See"** session next **Saturday, October 1 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.**, to experience what we do. Please fill out the appropriate **"Come and See"** registration form before **September 28** if you plan to attend. If you have questions, someone will be available to answer them after each Mass next weekend, **October 1 and 2**. For more information, please contact Anna at the office.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)

If you desire to complete your Sacramental Initiation, enter into Full Communion with the Catholic Church, or just simply know more about our faith, please contact Glenda Cadogan through the parish office. The R.C.I.A. group meets on **Wednesdays at 7 p.m.** in the parish rectory, starting **Sept. 28**.

Transformed by the Holy Spirit Autumn Retreat

As we come to the end of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, we have experienced the transforming power of Jesus' "revolution of tenderness." How are we, a people transformed from within by the Spirit of Jesus, called to live out this good news – in our own lives, in the life of our parish community, in our mission to the world? Join us for **Transformed by the Holy Spirit**, with **Elizabeth Koessler**, on **Saturday, October 15, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**, for a morning of reflection, prayer, and transformation inspired by the spirituality of St. Teresa of Avila. You are invited to bring your own lunch for our fellowship meal. Hot and cold beverages and dessert will be provided. Please register by

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.

PRAYER SERVICE FOR PEACE

Here at St. Monica's Church on Tuesday, October 4 from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. At Pope Francis suggestion, we are going to pray for peace in Syria.

PASTORAL HOME CARE VISITOR BASIC FORMATION

Starts September 28, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. At St. John Fisher Parish More details on bulletin boards.