

## CONTINUED THANKSGIVING

During October, we look back on our lives to thank God for the many blessings we have received. This past year, one of our parish blessings has been the arrival, on July 20, of the Syrian refugee family we are sponsoring, Ziad and Eman Alrayes, with their children Abeer, Ziad, Mariam and Yousef.

Since then we have realized more and more that the relationship has been a mutual gift. As always:  
*In blessing, we are blessed.*

On September 17, this Muslim family surprised us by coming to the 11 o'clock Mass, bearing gifts for the parish. The plaque of the Last Supper has been placed in front of the lectern and the statue of Jesus is on Mary's side-altar in the alcove at the left of the tabernacle. These gifts will remind us to continue to pray for the family. At the beginning of Mass, the family was introduced and Ziad spoke. Below you will find excerpts from his inspiring address:

*We thank you for everything you have done for us. We love through God and God asks that we love. Love doesn't differentiate between religions. My family will never forget what you have done for us and all the trouble, worries and fatigue you went through for us.*

*A lot of people have money and power but they don't have love or anyone who loves them. However, our relationship with you is not only a committee relationship; it is a relationship of brotherhood and love. Your love and care entered our hearts from the first day we met you. You are our family in this world. Our children are used to you now. You are their aunt, their uncle, their grandmother and grandfather, their friend.*

*Please don't abandon them as this will affect their emotions a lot. It will be another shock added to the shock when they had to leave family and friends behind in Syria.*

*Be certain they will never forget you, and the road you walk with them will be the road they will walk in humanity, peace and goodwill. They will give back to whoever needs it. Thank you. Thank you.*

And we say thank you, too, to Ziad, Eman, Abeer, Ziad, Mariam, and Yousef! We are truly grateful for their love, their courage, their openness to all people, and the value they place on family and hospitality.

## ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT UPCOMING EVENTS

### Catholicism: The Pivotal Players

"Catholicism: The Pivotal Players" series continues this coming Wednesday, **October 18 from 7:00 to 9:15 p.m.** in the parish hall. Michael Van Dussen will present the influential pivotal player, St. Thomas Aquinas. Please join us!

### Video Divina

This year, Fr. Lloyd's film series looks at movies that courageously examine the multi-faceted experience of Love. Join him this coming **Friday, October 20 at 7 p.m. in the parish rectory** to view the movie **The Other Son**. Free admission and popcorn, and stimulating discussion to follow! All are welcome!.

### Oremus

Join us next **Sunday, October 22, from 9:40 to 10:50 a.m.**, in the rectory dining room for the introductory session of **Oremus** (it means "Let us pray"!.) This 8-week video study is an opportunity for you to reinvigorate your prayer life by learning the essentials of an effective and fruitful prayer life. Free babysitting is available if you make arrangements with Anna by **Wednesday, October 18**. Please note that **Oremus** is offered for all the adults of our parish.. Please register by **October 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.**

## MASS INTENTIONS OCTOBER 14 TO 22, 2017

### Saturday, October 14: St. Callistus I

**4:00 In Loving Memory:** Angelo Caucci, Leonard and Terry Winslade, Alessandro Palladini, Norberto Taroy, Ettore Lanni, Anne Marie Ringue

### Sunday, October 15: Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8:30** Vincenzo and Antonietta La Posta By Concetta La Posta  
**11:00** Deceased Brothers and Sisters By Berardina Fiori & Family  
Doris Sanders By the Kaylor Family  
Special Intention for the By Eunette Smith  
Alexander Family

### Monday, October 16: St. Marguerite D'Youville

**8:00** Simeon Yearwood By the Charles Family

### Tuesday, October 17: St. Ignatius of Antioch

**8:00** Mark Ivio Mazzella By His Sister

### Wednesday, October 18: St. Luke

**8:00** Morley Valleau By the Silvestri Family

### Thursday, October 19: St. Paul

**8:00** For the Ancestors of the Lara and By the Lara Family  
the Brinckaus families

### Friday, October 20: St. Hedwig

**8:00** Joan Dickson By Arthur & Jennifer Dickson  
Anita Mathieu By Son Jay and Daughter Louise  
Beatrice Gagnon By Glen Clairmont

### Saturday, October 21: Our Lady's Saturday

**4:00** Loreto & Paolina Ciambella By their Daughter Gabriela  
Antonio Bei By Wife Gabriella Bei & Family  
Deceased Members of the  
Zanca Family By Anna Zanca

### Sunday, October 22: Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8:30 In Loving Memory:** Leona Clarke, Pietro Dimeglio, Paliotti  
Family-Deceased Members, Amelia Mancini  
**11:00** Adamo Francescangeli By Wife & Family  
Fioravante Rotiroti By the Rotiroti Family  
Anna Maria Fiori By Livio & Family

#### Your Generosity...

*Thank you for your on-going support of our parish...* Collection for the weekend of October 7-8, 2017 totaled \$3,160.72. Special collection for Maintenance totaled \$186.00.

## DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE FALL CAMPAIGN

### "MAY PEACE BE WITH HER"



Did you know that a peace agreement is 35% more likely to last at least 35 years if women help build it? D & P programs are set up in developing nations to train women in leadership, community building, and non violent approaches to resolving conflict, forming networks

that cross political, religious and ethnic boundaries. **Strong and empowered women: lasting and inclusive peace!** To find out more: visit our website at [devp.org/campaign](http://devp.org/campaign).

## PASTORAL HOME CARE

Do you know of someone who would benefit from a visit by a Pastoral Home Care Visitor? OR—maybe you yourself are not able to come to church due to illness or are not physically able to go out? Give us a call at the parish office 514-481-0267. If you have been receiving the services of the Pastoral Home Care team but have moved away, give us a call with your new address or phone number.

## IGNATION CENTRE

### **Giant Fundraiser Book Sale**

Literally thousands of titles to choose from: classics, historical texts, sports, religion, best-sellers, new children's books, and maybe that out of print older book. Held from 1 to 4 pm., October 17, 18, 24, 25 31 and November 1 at the Ignatian Centre, 4567 West Broadway, H4B 2A7. All books \$1 each.

### COME AND SEE:

### A Vocation Discernment Evening For The Diocesan Priesthood

For men 18 to 54 years old, who are discerning a call to the priesthood, the Diocesan Vocations Office is offering an informal get-together on **Friday, October 20, 2017 from 6 to 9 p.m.** at **Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish.** (71 Roosevelt Ave. in Mont-Royal – on the 165 bus line or the Mont-Royal stop on the AMT Deux-Montagnes train line.). For information please contact the Diocesan Vocations Office at 514-903-6200 or by email at [mtlvocations@hotmail.com](mailto:mtlvocations@hotmail.com).