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30th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

October 25, 2015

SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF COMMITTEE

Over the past several years, many of us have been shocked to see the terrible images coming out of the Syrian civil war and the rise of the ISIS terrorist group in Syria, Iraq, and other parts of the Middle East. In recent months, concern has intensified with news of millions of refugees risking their lives to enter Europe and stories such as the tragic case of Alan Kurdi, a 3-year old Syrian boy who was found dead in Turkey in early September after trying to cross into Europe by boat with his family.

In September, Fr. Earl received an invitation from the Association for New Canadians to co-sponsor a Syrian refugee family. This invitation, combined with the urgings of Pope Francis and Archbishop Currie, led to a committee being formed to explore various ways our parish could help respond to this human tragedy. After careful study, the committee recommended, and Fr. Earl agreed, that the parish co-sponsor a family of refugees, including children, from Syria.

The Association for New Canadians (ANC), has been designated by the Canadian Government as an official Sponsorship Agreement Holder for refugees coming to Canada. Through our discussions with them, we have also learned that there are now millions of people who have been forced to flee Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, and other Middle East countries as the result of the Syria civil war, the actions of the ISIS terrorist group in Iraq and Syria, and other ongoing conflicts in this region. While it is our aim to co-sponsor a Syrian refugee family, our intention is to work with the ANC to identify and sponsor a family that is vulnerable and most in need right now, including potentially from another war-torn country in the Middle East, if necessary.

Our Syrian Refugee Relief Committee believes we now have the information, the organization, and the capacity to begin the process of co-sponsoring a family of refugees fleeing the crisis in the Middle East. However, this process will require the support of the entire St. Pius X Parish community to ensure that we have the financial and logistical resources in place to support a family of refugees, who may be arriving in St. John's in the next few months.

We would ask you to consider how you might contribute to this sponsorship process, whether it is by providing financial support, volunteering your time to help the family adjust to life in Canada, or assisting with the organization and logistics of this process.

We will be giving more specific information in the coming weeks, as well as a variety of ideas to involve the whole parish. There are envelopes available on the tables at the Church and Chapel entrances if you wish to make a financial contribution at this time. Financial contributions are tax deductible. Please include your name, address and collection envelope number.

And, we ask you to continue praying for the 60 million people around the world (according to the UN) who are currently displaced from their homes due to violence, conflict, and persecution, and to pray for St. Pius X Parish in our efforts to support a family in crisis.

Kevin O'Shea

on behalf of Syrian Refugee Relief Committee

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

*You could read/discuss/pray with your family,
with friends or by yourself.*

First Reading: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

Psalm: 24

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

FR. EARL DREAMS

It is time to recognize with thanks the efforts of Church going parishioners who like if not love, sung Mass responses. Let's be encouraged to *answer the Mass responses* with word or song. Our Mass is enriched by what and how each one of us participates in it. Mass is not a spectator nor individual form of prayer. It is an enriched communal experience and is more so a place of encounter with God's divine Presence inasmuch as we take it to heart and give back ourselves as a loving offering. Each of us has much to gain from it. You, my fellow parishioners inspire me to love God. Let's continue to inspire one another. We are born to do it!

SAINTS SPEAK

This week's reflection is written by **Saint Therese Couderc**, *Foundress of the Cenacle Congregation* (1805-1885). She was canonized in 1970. Theresa records a vision of God's goodness in her spiritual journal. It has been edited for brevity.

*I had an insight which deeply consoled me during my thanksgiving upon the goodness of God. How could one not think of the infinite, uncreated, source of all goodness for all creatures but with thanks? In prayer I saw written as in letters of gold **GOODNESS** and which I spoke several times with indescribable sweetness. I beheld written upon all creatures animate and inanimate, rational or not, this name of goodness. I even saw goodness written on my kneeler! I understood then that all creatures have a good and all the services and assistance that they offer is a benefit which we owe to God's goodness - and that we might meet it everywhere and in everything. It is impossible to describe this long lasting joy given to me with my awareness of goodness which so few other persons experience.*

LIFE AND LIGHT CAMPAIGN

As a response to St. John Paul II's warning against the 'culture of death' and the Supreme Court of Canada's decision on Euthanasia, join the Life and Light Campaign to pray for the prevention of Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide and the end of Abortion in Canada. Every Friday evening **Mass will begin at 6:20 pm and Holy Hour** (with Rosary immediately following Mass) at **Corpus Christi Church** (260 Waterford Bridge Road).



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NOTES:

Advent Service

(Preliminary Notice)

The Provincial CWL *Advent Service* will be held at **St. Pius X Church** on **Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at 8 pm** immediately following evening Mass. **Guest Speaker** is **Anne Walsh**, Archdiocesan Director of Adult Faith Formation; **Topic: The New Evangelization**. All members and parishioners are welcome to attend.

Social to follow in the Church Library.

MORNING COFFEE

The Elder Ministry Committee will host a **Morning Coffee** on **Friday, October 30 at 10 am** in the **Church Library**. All are welcome.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Parish Council will meet on **Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 7:30 pm** in the **Church Library**. Meetings are open to all parishioners.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - THANK YOU

Thank you! The Church is missionary throughout the year and it is every day that we are missionaries. Once again, we have proof that our people are generous. The Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith thanks you for your great generosity. This year, it managed to raise \$1,035. in this Parish. It commits itself to pay in full the donations collected on *World Mission Sunday* of October 18 to the sister churches from Africa, Asia, Oceania, South America and Eastern Europe. Once again, your generosity is constant from one year to another. Thank you!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKENDS OF

October 10 and 11: \$4,171.01

October 17 and 18: \$3,948.16

Thank you for your continued generous support.

OUR 'PIUS' SMILE

A couple had been married for 35 years, and the pair was also celebrating their 60th birthdays. During the celebration, a fairy godmother appeared and said that because they had been such a loving couple all those years, she would give them each one wish.

The wife said she wanted to travel around the world. The fairy godmother waved her magic wand and BOOM! The wife had the tickets in her hand.

Then it was the husband's turn. He paused for a moment, then said boldly, "Well, I'd like to have a wife 30 years younger than I." The fairy godmother picked up her wand and BOOM! He was now 90.

THANK YOU

FROM THE JAMAICA PROJECT COMMITTEE

Our annual Jamaican Festival in aid of St. Anne's parish was once again a huge success. As you know, successful events can't happen without the commitment of a group of dedicated people who give generously of their time. This commitment was very evident in the planning process and on Saturday and Sunday as a group of people came together to make it all happen. Special thanks go out to Joanne Metcalfe, Gary Hunter, Don Byrne and Blair Metcalfe for all of your help Saturday afternoon preparing for the festival. To Shawn and David Metcalfe for collecting the donations at the door, to the ladies who sold all the baked goodies: Barb Byrne, Christine Warren and Joan Bill, thank you so much.

A huge thanks for the very beautifully decorated and tasty cupcakes that were donated by Linda Hart and to Maurice Babin, Don Byrne and Carroll Bill for preparing and serving the tea and coffee on Sunday morning.

To our last minute recruits Sarah and Noah Chaytor, Carlie Quirion and Faith Orach who delighted the children at the fishpond and with the Limbo, thank you and we will need your help again next year.

We will be forever grateful to the many parishioners (and there were many) who stayed behind to help with the clean up.

Thanks to Fog City who donated the \$50. door prize and to all who made cash donations, donated goods for the bake/craft sale. We are grateful to all who donated at the door, supported the fishpond and purchased goodies at the bake sale.

Finally, to all parishioners and friends who attended and to anyone who helped in any way - you have our sincere gratitude. The spirit of volunteerism and generosity is very much alive at St. Pius X.

Congratulations to Nicholas Wells, Stephanie Carpontier and Paska Orach who won the door prizes. Sincere appreciation goes to the Jesuit Community for their continued support and to Maria, Michele and Alan for all you did to help organize this event.

The total raised for St. Anne's Parish was \$866.

THANK YOU.

Loretta Metcalfe, Coordinator, Jamaica Project

A very special thank you to Loretta for her organization skills and enthusiastic dedication to the children of St. Anne's Parish in Kingston, Jamaica.

**Father Earl Smith, SJ
and Religious Education Committee**

A BIT OF THIS AND THAT

Persons with a gluten sensitivity and/or who suffer with celiac are invited to call Father Smith at: 754-0170 to discuss suitable arrangements for their reception of communion. No one need be excluded from receiving Eucharist because of illness if our parish community can prevent it.

If you know of a person or persons who are not able to get to Church but wish to receive Communion please let us know. Our parish has an extensive network of Eucharistic Ministers ready to visit immobile and sick parishioners.

Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers are invited to Mass on Monday evening for a +blessing of their ministry, some after Mass reflection with Fr. Smith and later a modest social. This event runs from 7:30 pm until no later than 9:30 pm (including the social).

*Fr. Cecil Critch is the facilitator-chaplain for a **Shrines of Italy** pilgrimage, October 11-21, 2016. The Church Year 2015-16 is a Holy Year of Mercy which makes it a special year of graces. There are still a limited number of places available for participants. Brochures that outline details for this event can be found at the entrance of our Church.*

“God is nearer to us than anyone at any time. He is nearer to me than my raiment, nearer than the air or light, nearer than my wife, father, mother, daughter, son, or friend. I live in Him, soul and body. I breathe in Him, think in Him, feel, consider, intend, speak, undertake, work in Him. “For in Him we live, and move, and have our being.”

John of Kronstadt

GET SOME JOY FROM THE WORLD!

Ten Thousand Villages is coming to **The Landing 3rd Floor of the University Centre (UC-3018)!** Memorial University Chaplaincy is hosting a sale of beautiful, fairly-traded gifts benefiting artisans from more than 30 Developing countries. Ten Thousand Villages is a project of Mennonite Central Committee, the outreach arm of the Mennonite and Brethren in Christ churches in North America.

The Festival Sale will be held **Monday, November 2 from 10 am to 7 pm and Tuesday, November 3 from 10 am to 7 pm at The Landing, 3rd Floor University Centre, Memorial University. Admission is free.**

The gifts you buy at the Ten Thousand Villages Sales will give the blessings of steady work, fair wages, and a better life for struggling families around the world. Your purchase makes a difference!

For more information call the **University Chaplaincy - 864-2550.**

Calendar of Services, Mass Intentions and Activities

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| Sun. | Oct. 25 | 8:30 am 11:00 am 7:00 pm | Mass Mass Youth Mass - Church | 30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| Mon. | Oct. 26 | 9:30 am 1:00 pm 7:30 pm | Funeral: Donald Fagan Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Chapel Mass | James and Mary Fleming |
| Tues. | Oct. 27 | 9:30 am 7:30 pm | Mass Mass | Rev. RA St. John Michael Fewer |
| Wed. | Oct. 28 | 9:30 am 7:30 pm | Mass Parish Council Meeting - Church Library | Anne Kearney |
| Thurs. | Oct. 29 | 9:30 am 7:30 pm | Mass Choir Practice - Church | John Healey |
| Fri. | Oct. 30 | 9:30 am 10:00 am | Mass Morning Coffee - Church Library | Michele Tanguay Twomey |
| Sat. | Oct. 31 | 9:30 am 4:45 pm | Mass Mass | Gertrude Fitzgerald 31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| Sun. | Nov. 1 | 8:30 am 11:00 am 7:00 pm | Mass Mass Youth Mass - Church | 31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time 31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time |

WEBSITES: Three to recommend are:

www.jesuits.ca www.ignatianspirituality.com www.jesuitresources.org

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday: 3:30 - 4:20 pm
Tuesday: 6:40 - 7:20 pm

TIMES OF MASSES: Monday and Tuesday: 9:30 am and 7:30 pm
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 9:30 am
Saturday: 9:30 am and 4:45 pm; Sunday: 8:30 and 11 am

BAPTISMS: *Second Sunday* of the month. **Time:** 1 pm in the Church.
Please call the Parish Office (754-0170) **ONE MONTH** in advance
PRE-BAPTISMAL COURSE: *Call the Parish Office for more details.*

MARRIAGES: By appointment **SIX MONTHS** in advance
Marriage Preparation Course required

OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday, 9 am - 12 noon and 12:30 - 4:30 pm;
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