

**Parish Council Meeting Minutes
For Tuesday, January 30, 2018**

In attendance: Nora Parker, Miles Berry (chair), Helen Gledhow, Pamela Massel, Augustine Maruku, Lynn Smarsh, Marcel Arcand, Justin Mahe, Andrew Nelson

Absent: Janet Campbell, Anita Myshak

Opening Scripture: Mark 5.21-43 read by Miles

Motion to approve November 29 Minutes (Lynn/Marcel)

1. Liturgical Planning Committee Report:

Preparations for LENT:

- a) **Ash Wednesday Masses** on Wednesday, February 14
Assumption at 9:00 am
Resurrection at 7:00 pm

- b) **Parish Mission (for both parishes)** from Monday, February 19 –
Thursday, February 22 at Resurrection (7:00 pm to 8:30 pm)

- c) **Archdiocese Day of Reconciliation** on Tuesday, February 20
 - ✓ Father Mitch and Father John Paul will share coverage at our parishes during the day
 - ✓ Confessions at Assumption from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm
 - ✓ Confessions at Resurrection from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm

- d) **Lenten Penitential Service** on Tuesday, February 20 (as part of the Tuesday evening, Lenten Mission)
 - ✓ Six priests (with Father Mitch and Fr. John Paul) will be invited from 8:00 pm onwards to do individual confessions

- e) **Parish Mission “Closing Mass”** on Thursday, February 22 at 7:00 - 8:30 pm at Resurrection

- f) **Lenten scripture/reflection materials** for children/families and adults have been ordered for both parishes.

- g) **Lenten Scripture Reflection** will be offered on Thursdays (7:00 pm) Feb. 15, Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22 at Assumption. Facilitated by Glen and Nora
- h) **Stations of the Cross** will be provided at both parishes on all Fridays during Lent (6:30 pm at Assumption and 7:00 pm at Resurrection): Feb. 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23
- i) We begin **monthly Mass at Ottewell** on Tuesday, February 20 at 10:00 am.

Preparations for EASTER:

- a) **Palm Sunday** on Sunday, March 25
- b) **Holy Thursday** (Thursday, March 29) at 7:00 pm at both parishes: visiting priest for Resurrection
- c) **Good Friday** (Friday, March 30) at 11:00 am at Resurrection and 3:00 pm at Assumption
- d) **Easter Vigil** (Saturday, March 31) at 9:00 pm at Assumption (joint celebration for both parishes) – shared ministries
- e) **Easter Sunday** (Sunday, April 1) at 9:30 am at Assumption and 11:00 am at Resurrection
- f) **Scripture reflection “From Easter to Pentecost”** will be provided by Cathy and David Harvey on Monday evenings at Resurrection at 7:00 pm

First Communion Masses on Sunday, April 22. 44 children are registered for the Preparation Program to date. Team members are Janice Stefancik, Nora Parker, Janet Campbell, Marie-Therese Mageau, Krista Connell, Mikela Potvin. Mass times when the Sacrament will be celebrated: 9:30 am at Assumption 11:00 am at Resurrection

Confirmation Mass on Sunday, June 10 at 9:30 at Assumption for all the children (with Bishop Bittman). 24 children are registered for Preparation Program to date. Team members are Rachel O’Brien, Josee Marr, Janet Campbell, Nora Parker, Maz Nelson.

Sacrament of the Sick on Friday, February 9 - 9:00 am Mass at Resurrection
11:00 am Mass at Assumption

Latin Rite Masses led by the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter (FSSP) will be celebrated at Resurrection Church during Holy Week.

2. **Mardi Gras** on Saturday, February 10 after 5:30 Mass at Assumption Hall:
 - Mardi Gras tickets sold out immediately. 220 tickets were sold at 1:00 per person. This event will be evaluated for next year.
 - A great number of people have signed up to bring salads, buns, desserts and to help with set up and clean up. With dinner subsidized by the parish.
 - Some of our music ministers will be providing musical entertainment after dinner.
 - The Harvestfest in November, the Mardi Gras before Lent and Our Lady of Assumption BBQ in August are three events planned to build fellowship/community between our twinned parishes.

3. **Volunteer/Ministry Appreciation Wine and Cheese** (Miles, Ken Bracke and Janet will organize) for all those who help in any type of ministry. PPC members will help with the event. We will plan major event in Spring 2018. PPC members will help with hosting.

4. **Volunteer/Ministry Appreciation for our Youth** will be in Spring or late September 2018 (bowling) either on a Friday evening or Sunday afternoon – to be discussed.

5. **Pastoral Care Update:**
 - Our speaker series (Sandy Prather: Aging with Grace last Spring, Patricia Gartner: on transitioning for independent to assisted living and the differences between normal forgetting and dementia) have been a great success. Over 140 people attended the last session. Our next session is scheduled in April: Hope in Palliative Care. Attendees helped provide food for a light lunch. A “free will” donation basket was available for participants.
 - Upcoming services at our Nursing Homes:
 - ✚ Communion Service and Anointing of the Sick at Holyrood Extencicare on Friday, February 9 at 10:30.

- ✚ Mass and Anointing of the Sick at Ottewell Place Lodge on Tuesday, February 20 at 10:00 am (followed by confessions). Posters will be going up at the various facilities.
- ✚ Mass and Anointing of the Sick at Jubilee Lodge on Wednesday, February 21 at 11:00 am.
- ✚ Mass and Anointing of the Sick at Hardisty Care Center on Tuesday, February 27 at 10:00 am.

- Several parishioners from our two parishes will be attending the Pastoral Care training session in February provided by the Pastoral Center in the Archdiocese. The goal is to establish a larger pool of pastoral care workers who are trained to visit homes, hospitals and nursing homes.
- Brochures explaining Pastoral Care in our parishes has been printed and made available at our entrances.
- Some people are booking appointments with Nora and Janet to help pre-plan their Catholic funeral Mass.
- Our Pastoral Care Planning Committee consists of: Dennis Gelasco, Josee Marr, Janet Campbell, Sr. Jeannette Nadeau, Teresa Skarlicki, Carmel Hunt, Helen Gledhow, Nora Parker.

6. **Fort Chip update:** emphasis will be on pastoral support. We are waiting for Bishop Paul and the Archdiocese of St. Paul to provide us guidance as to how this support might look.
7. **Habitat for Humanity:** information sessions are being provided and a number of parishioners are showing interest in investigating the initiative. More information will follow.
8. Next **ICPM lunch** (at the Bissell Center) is scheduled for May 20, 2018. Both parishes are involved with this initiative.
9. **6 Candidates are currently involved in RCIA** – the Vigil will take place at Assumption this year. Ministries will be shared by the two parishes.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 20 at 7:00 pm at Resurrection (changed from Tuesday, March 13).