

## PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE FOR NOVEMBER 29, 2017

IN ATTENDANCE: Anita, Father Mitch, Lynn, Miles, Janet, Helen, Pamela, Marcel, Andrew, Nora.

ABSENT: Justin and Augustine

Welcomed Anita as our new PPC representative from Assumption Parish.

PPC picture tabled till next meeting.

Prayer: led by Miles

### 1) CELEBRATING ADVENT IN OUR PARISHES

**Advent Resources for Individuals and Families:** at the entrance of our churches you will find booklets that can be used for prayer and reflection during the Season of Advent. If you use these resources please feel free to leave a small donation to help defray the costs of purchasing them.

**Advent Collections for the Poor:** the Marian Centre and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul are in need of the following clothing that may be new or clean and gently used. Only NEW underwear please.

- **The Marian Centre Edmonton** – operates a **Men's Clothing** room. They need thermal underwear (M, L, XL), underwear (M, L) jeans (waist 30 – 34"), sweat pants, hoodies, winter coats, winter boots and toques.
- **The Society of St. Vincent de Paul** – is in need of clothing for men and teen-aged boys: winter jackets, winter boots, sneakers, gloves, socks, long underwear, men's underwear (S, M), jeans, sweat pants, t-shirts and hoodies. They also need tooth brushes, toothpaste and small containers of hand lotion.

**Please bring the above mentioned items to our churches.** Donated items will be taken to the centers each Monday. Thank you in advance for your generosity and prayers.

AT ASSUMPTION WICKER BASKETS are set up on either side of the sanctuary.

AT RESURRECTION A GIVING TREE has been set up in the foyer. We also invite you to please decorate this tree with toques, mitts, gloves, scarves and socks (which will be distributed to those in need within the community).

**Gifts for Needy Children on Gaudete Sunday:** the Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete "JOY" Sunday. At all Masses on the weekend of **December 16 and 17** we encourage your children to bring a gift to share with the children who are in need within our schools and for the children in the inner city at Sacred Heart Parish. On the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, please place unwrapped toys/books/games in front of the altar before Mass.

**Prayer Partnership with our Northern Mission in Fort Chip:** for each of the 4 weeks of Advent and the Christmas Season (December 25 – January 7) Assumption and Resurrection Parishes and our northern mission parish of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Fort Chipewyan are beginning an Advent prayer partnership (The Babe from Bethlehem Advent inspirations from St. Francis of Assisi). The weekly reflections – in booklet form – are available at the entrances of our parishes. We invite people/families to reflect on the readings and focus these prayers on the needs of our sister parish in Fort Chip. As we do this, the people of Fort Chipewyan will be doing the same for our faith communities. As we hold one another in prayer, let us be conscious of praying for peace in our communities and in our world.

**2017 No Room in the Inn Campaign:** Christian Churches are once again joining forces at Christmas to assist those at risk of homelessness through the annual “No Room in the Inn” campaign. This year the campaign has chosen to support the **Canadian Mental Health Association – Edmonton Region**. CMHA is renovating a 15-unit apartment in Edmonton’s Queen Mary Neighborhood. This building supports families, couples and individuals affected by mental illness and living in poverty. By contributing to the campaign, your gift will help to update and upgrade the facility to meet code and provide a welcoming environment for vulnerable and at risk individuals, families and youth. **Envelopes and information brochures are available at our church entrances. At both churches these envelopes can be used.**

**At Assumption:** envelopes can be placed in a marked basket.

**At Resurrection:** Barney’s House (in memory of Barney and Irene Markowski) will be placed by the altar and children are invited to bring up donations (in the form of coins) during the offertory.

2) **FORT CHIP UPDATE AND LETTER TO BISHOP TERRIO** (please see the attached letter):

- Bishop Terrio will contact Father Mitch to develop a plan of action that will work for all the parish communities.
- Update will occur at our next PPC meeting.

3) **CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR’S MASS TIMES**

**ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE:** A Penitential Service for both parishes, with several priests in attendance, will be celebrated on **Wednesday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m. at Resurrection Parish.**

NOTE: Morning Masses on Sunday, December 24 will be the celebration of the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent (REGULAR MASS)

Morning Masses on Sunday, December 31 will be the Feast of the Holy Family (REGULAR MASS)

**Christmas Eve Masses** on Sunday, December 24

Assumption: 6:00 p.m.

Resurrection: 8:00 p.m.

**Christmas Day Masses** on Monday, December 25

Assumption: 9:30 a.m.

Resurrection: 11:00 a.m.

**New Year’s Eve Masses** on Sunday, December 31

For Assumption and Resurrection will take place at Resurrection Church at 4:00 p.m.

**New Year’s Day Masses** on Monday, January 1

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Assumption: 9:30 a.m.

Resurrection: 11:00 a.m.

4) **HARVESTFEST AND MARDI GRAS:** building fellowship between both parishes

- 220 tickets sold at 15.00 per person or 40.00 per family
- Revenue from tickets: 2900.00
- Expenses (band, food, supplies): 1301.00

- Net profit: \$1605 (which covered costs for donations to Gianna Center) – Catholic Social Services Crisis Center for unwed mothers.
- Next major event Valentine’s Day Mardi Gras dinner and musical revue: Saturday, February 10, 2018 (pasta supplied with pot-luck salads and desserts). Music will be provided by our music ministries and will end with a sing-a-long.

#### 5) PASTORAL CARE:

- Training through the Archdiocese Pastoral Care Program
- Commissioning of Ministers of Communion
- Support to nursing homes, hospitals, homes
- Speaker series (based on parish survey done in April 2017). Some possible topics: aging gracefully, transitioning from our home to assisted care, what is normal forgetting ... and living with dementia, hope in palliative care, living with death and loss

#### 6) FINANCE UPDATE

1. The Finance Committee will meet on a quarterly basis to review financial statements and review information provided to our parishes:
    - January 2018: year-end report for 2017
    - April 2018: 1<sup>st</sup> quarterly report for new fiscal year
    - July 2018: 2<sup>nd</sup> quarterly report
    - October 2018: 3<sup>rd</sup> quarterly report
    - January 2019: year-end report for 2018 ....
  2. Together We Serve: runs from January 2017 to end of December 2017. Our target established by the Archdiocese of Edmonton is \$68,500 and as of November 30 we are at \$55,558.25 (81% of our target).
- 7) All PPC minutes will be posted at our parishes, extra copies will be made available for people to pick up and updates will always be placed on our website.  
Google: **AssumptionResurrectionParishes.ca**
- 8) December 9 -- 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Christmas brunch (see bulletin for details)
- 9) Saturday, April 14 “Top-Up Gala” is a major fundraiser (dinner and silent auction) for the Knights of Columbus at the Polish Hall. Our parish will support 3 tickets (a married couple? And a single person?) – to be determined at our next meeting.
- 10) **NEXT PPC MEETING:** Tuesday, January 30 at 7:00 pm at Resurrection.