Invitation to Polish Supper

St. Albert Parish invites you to join us for a delicious Polish Supper on Saturday, November 28. The evening feature authentic Polish food and beer, Polish dancing, and silent and live auctions hosted by the mayor of St. Albert. Tickets are $25 per person by contacting the parish office, 780-459-6691.

Spiritual Days 12 Step Retreat for Men

Addictions in Recovery with Brad Bodnarchuk

When we put down chemicals we are not necessarily addiction-free. In this retreat experience on cross-addiction, we will look at the formation of addictive behaviors and how to incorporate the solution found in the spirituality of the 12 steps into our lives. This retreat runs from Friday evening, November 27, to Sunday afternoon, November 29, at Star of the North retreat centre in St. Albert. To register call the Star at 780-459-5511.

Appointment of President and Academic Dean

This note is to advise you that Fr. Terry Kersch’s term as President and Dr. Brian Maraj’s term as Academic Dean of St. Joseph’s College will be concluding in June, 2016. Both Fr. Terry and Dr. Maraj have chosen to stand for renewal for their respective positions.

In accordance with section 5.2.6 of the SJC Policies and Procedures, an Advisory Review Committee for each position is in process of being established.

I have been asked by the Chair of the Board, the Archbishop, to Chair both of these Committees. I have also asked that Sara McKeon assist me with the administrative components of these processes.

Members of the St. Joe’s community are invited to provide input in confidence to each Committee. All input must either be signed and in writing or sent by e-mail to me (Kevin.Feehan@dentons.com) or to Sara McKeon (sara.mckeon@ualberta.ca) no later than Monday, November 16, 2015. Members of the community may ask the Chair to have their input provided to the committee anonymously.

As a guide, the position descriptions for the President and for the Academic Dean will be posted on the College website with a form that can be printed to provide your feedback. - Kevin Feehan, QC

St. Joseph’s College Chapel Bulletin

Nov 15th, 2015 Sunday, 2015 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pray for our Refugee Family

Please keep our refugee family in your prayers: parents, Iwan and Zamzam; and their young daughters, Karima and Ayat.

Liturgy Schedule

Weekend Mass
(Located in Main Chapel)
Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 9:30 am, 11:00 am & 7pm

Weekday Mass
(Located in Women’s Residence)
Mon & Wed 12:10 pm
Tues & Thurs 12:30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation
(Located in Main Chapel)
Tues 11:30 -12:20

Sunday, November 15, 2015 Mark 13: 24 – 32 - by Prof Doris Keiser

As we approach Advent, this reading from Mark’s gospel reminds us to trust in our faith. To accept that we do not know when or how or where we will encounter Christ; that we must be vigilant in our watch; and that meekness and chaos will precede God’s glorious return. Perhaps this sounds familiar to you: the meanness and the waiting; the ambivalence of the human experience of Christian faith. I know it does to me. We are, all of us, caught in the ambivalence of the “already now” presence of God among us and the “not yet” return of Christ. We already know that our redemption sits with the revelation of God’s love for us in her son, Jesus Christ, the Son of Man. However, we do not yet experience the fullness of salvation in the Divine triumph over evil. We wait; we watch; and we hope. And hope leads us beyond the destruction of the status quo, where the remnants of sin remind us of our human journey towards flourishing in grace. We long for God’s love to triumph over violence, pettiness, selfishness, impudence or even full-on insanity. We watch for the grace of Christ’s gift of salvation to us — where Jesus sits at the heart of our sorrow. Soon the light of Advent will signal the coming of the saviour, our glimpse of the possibility of the Kingdom of God. In a special way, this year we also prepare for the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Meeting Christ in the breadlines, in refugees, in adversaries, and in each encounter with another, is particularly poignant to us in Pope Francis’s call to be abundant with our mercy. To watch for those in need of our attention and caring – near and far – so that we might better embody the “already now” of Christ’s presence, as we prepare for the “not yet” fullness of the glory of God.
Book Club Meeting (Note: new day of the week)
The Book Club will meet on Monday December 7, 7pm in SJC 1-01 to discuss A Manual for Cleaning Women by Lucia Berlin. (Available in hard cover or kindle versions). Lucia Berlin was an award-winning (American Book Award 1991) writer of semi-autobiographical short stories, who died in 2004. This collection of Lucia Berlin stories was released in 2015. Most of the stories are quite short, and most can also be found in earlier anthologies if you want to check something out from a public library instead of buying the book. Suggestions for stories to read for next month’s meeting: (1) A Manual for Cleaning Ladies; (2) Stars and Saints; (3) Silence; plus (4) whatever else sounds intriguing to you … And, as always, if anybody doesn’t have time to read the whole book, no problem … just read as much of it as you want. Contact Denise Young (deyoung@ualberta.ca) for more information. All are welcome!

The Voice from Assisi
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Sherwood Park is pleased to present an evening of music and song featuring the internationally acclaimed Friar Alessandro along with the Archibishop Jordan Catholic High School Choir. Join us at the church, 13 Brower Drive, on Thursday, November 19, for Mass at 6:15 p.m., followed by the concert at 7. Tickets are $15 in advance through the parish office, or $20 at the door. For more information, call 780-467-5470.

Nostra Aetate 50th Anniversary Celebration
Nostra Aetate was a landmark document issued at the Second Vatican Council, in which the Church rescinded what has come to be known as its centuries-old “teachings of contempt” toward Jewish people. This document effectively reset Jewish-Catholic relations in the modern era and opened the way for the positive relationships we enjoy today.

You are invited to join Bishop Gregory Bittman, Rabbi Daniel Friedman, Father Lawrence Frizzell, and Rabbi Kliel Rose for a Jewish and Catholic Celebration of Nostra Aetate’s 50th Anniversary: A Call to Love in our Time on Sunday, November 29, 7 - 9 p.m. at Beth Israel Synagogue, 131 Wolf Willow Road, Edmonton. For more information contact Julien Hammond at jhammond@caedm.ca.

Ecumenical Taizé Pilgrimage: July 22 - August 1, 2016
Young adults from all over Edmonton are planning a trip to the Community of Taizé in France. Information Evenings will take place on Wednesday, November 18, at 7 p.m. at Christ Church Anglican Parish, 12116 - 102 Avenue, Edmonton, and again on Tuesday, December 8, at 7 p.m. at Good Shepherd Catholic Parish, 18407 - 60 Avenue. The pilgrimage is open to all young adults 18 – 29 years of age at the time of travel. Visit www.Taize2016.jimdo.com for more information.

ECS Community Consultation
Edmonton Catholic Schools invites you to participate in the community consultation on the Draft Board Stand Alone Policy on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity and Expression that was first given reading at the October 13th Public Board Meeting. The community consultation is being held to collect comments and suggestions from all of our stakeholders regarding the draft policy. To submit your comments online or to read the Draft Board Stand Alone Policy on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity and Expression, go to www.ecsd.net and click on the Consultation banner. The online submission will end at midnight on Tuesday, November 17.

Salt+Light TV free
Did you know that Salt+Light TV, Canada’s Catholic channel, is offering a free preview through November? Find their excellent programming on Channel 160 if you’re a Shaw subscriber in Edmonton, or check out http://saltandlighttv.org/subscribe for availability on other cable providers.

National Addictions Awareness Week – November 15-21
Many Catholics know someone with an addiction. Addictions affect the person with the addiction, their families, friends, and communities. There are many resources for the person with the addiction and those they affect to receive help and hope. This week helps us learn about various addictions, the resources available, as well as to pray for those affected and offer our love and support. Among the free resources are 12-Step programs, which offer mutual support and informal education. Group meetings are anonymous, confidential, and supported by voluntary contributions. For more information, visit http://www.al-anon.alateen.org or www.al-anon.ab.ca.

Invitation for Lay Movements & Associations
Are you a leader of a lay group, movement or association? You are invited to a day of information sharing and discussion with leaders of other lay movements/associations on Wednesday, December 9, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Pastoral and Administration Offices, 8421 - 101 Avenue, Edmonton. This gathering will give you an opportunity to get to know each other and work together to advance the work of ministries in the Archdiocese. It will also give you knowledge of the archdiocesan expectations for movements and associations. Details of the agenda will be forwarded at a later date. Some examples of these groups: Catholic Women’s League, Couples For Christ, Familia, Families of Nazareth, Knights of Columbus, Catholic Charismatic Renewal, God Almighty, Legion of Mary, Opus Dei. Please confirm your attendance as soon as possible by contacting Lucy Kaakyo in the Office of the Lay Apostolate at likaakyo@caedm.ca or 780-469-1010 ext. 2298. We look forward to hearing from you!

Online Faith Formation
Registration is now open for the next cycle of classes in the Certificate in Catholic Studies (CCS), offered by the Benedict XVI Institute for New Evangelization through Newman Theological College. The following courses will begin on Monday, January 4. Catholicism; Scripture; Prayer; Church History II; The Practice of Youth Ministry; Social Justice; Liturgical Practices; Acts and New Testament Writings; Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults; Reconciliation. All are offered online, so you can study from the comfort of home and work around your personal schedule. Each course runs five weeks and costs just $70. Take an individual course for interest, or work toward one or all of the six specialized Certificates in Catholic Studies. This program is open to adults and youth of all backgrounds and education levels. Register online at www.newman.edu/CCS. For more information, contact Michelle Maxwell at 780-392-2455 or michelle.maxwell@newman.edu.

Vocations
Have you checked out this amazing story of a journey to priesthood? Father Carlos Nunez tells it in his own words in this video presented by the Office of Vocations. Available on Youtube at https://youtu.be/6R5C13op6Ew. It's the first in the "Called By Name" series of vocation stories - a new one will be posted on the first Thursday of each month at www.caedm.ca/vocations.