

## **August 8, 2017 Pastoral Council Meeting**

### Summary:

- Poustinia -- Signups should begin shortly for this Russian form of prayer tradition being introduced at Incarnation. The practice involves spending 24 hours in silence, fasting and prayer to the Lord in a designated space at the rectory.
- The annual Parish Picnic is set for Sunday, Sept. 17, 3:00-7:00pm. Signups have begun to help out at this fun event, as well as helping at four other social life functions scheduled for Incarnation in the upcoming months.
- Fr. Gregory shared insights from a conference on "Becoming a Welcoming Parish," which included the top reasons Catholics want to return to a particular church and how to best engage newcomers to the parish.
- Plans for the upcoming annual retreat for Pastoral Council, Finance Council and staff are well under way. The retreat is scheduled for Sept. 22/23.

*(Parishioners are welcome to attend our Pastoral Council meetings. The next one is Tuesday, September 12, at 7:30pm in the conference room)*

## **Church of the Incarnation Pastoral Council Agenda September 12, 2017**

### **Agenda**

7:30 Opening Prayer/Reflection -- Elaine McGrath

7:35 Pastor's Report -- Fr. Gregory

- New parish directory
- Council member changes

7:45 Executive Council Discernment -- Fr. Gregory

8:45 Refreshments -- Ed Robinson

- Thank You's -- Everyone

8:55 Retreat Update -- Ed Robinson

9:15 "Becoming a Welcoming Parish" Part II -- Fr. Gregory

9:25 Closing Prayer -- Elaine McGrath