

# Presentation Manor



## February 2019

### Celebrating February

**The Feast of the Presentation and Consecrated Life**

February 2

**Super Bowl**  
February 3

**Chinese New Year “A Year of the Pig”**  
February 5

**Birthday Party with The Beez Band**  
February 7

All residents are welcome!

**Art Studio with Ashley**  
February 9 & 23

**Valentine’s Day with Sidecar78**  
February 14

**Pub Night with The Hurricanes Dance Band**  
February 20

### THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE NAME PRESENTATION MANOR

The choice of a name reveals the deepest hopes and dreams that we carry in our hearts for the one who will bear that name. A name speaks of identity, a sense of belonging and a willingness to encounter the other and the world. With a name, one is no longer a stranger; one becomes part of the fabric of a community. And so it is with the choice of the name: “Presentation Manor”.

Father George Smith CSB, who helped develop Presentation Manor and is the present Chair of the Board of Directors, shares what impelled the Board of Directors to choose this name. He writes: *“At the heart of the account of the Presentation of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke (2:22-38) are the figures of two elderly people—Simeon and Anna. In a homily for the “World Day for Consecrated Life”, celebrated every February 02, Pope Francis speaks of Simeon and Anna as representatives of wisdom—wisdom which is the fruit of a long journey, but at the same time wisdom which “lifts up and protects hope, making them creative, for they are filled with the Holy Spirit”.*

*“The pairing of Simeon and Anna reflects Luke’s penchant for male-female parallelism when he writes about the recipients of divine blessing and salvation. While Simeon realizes that Messiah has arrived, it is the prophetess Anna who feels bound to proclaim it. While Mary was the first to have the good news announced to her, Anna is the first woman to understand fully and proclaim the good news. And she does so at the age of 84!”*



Father George concludes *“Simeon takes Jesus in his arms and gives thanks to God for giving him the gift of a full and complete life; Anna praises God and speaks with hope of the future that lies before us. Might this describe the complimentary lives and prayer of the residents of this new community, which we name Presentation Manor”*.

And so it is that we encourage all of us here at Presentation Manor to wear name tags so that we can encounter each other as members of a welcoming, diverse and inclusive community. On Saturday February 02, World Day for Consecrated Life, we invite all of us to do one act of kindness for one another to *“reverence the cumulative wisdom”* of this community and *“our potential to contribute to future generations”* (See our guiding values, Presentation Manor).

## Welcoming New Residents

Presentation Manor extends a warm welcome to our newest residents:

Leo & Priscilla Coutinho  
Norma Johnson  
Joan Fawcett  
Frances Deneault  
Jack Billinger  
Mary & Harold Toth  
Margaret & William Heinrich  
Elsa & Anthony Saldanha  
Vince Thomson

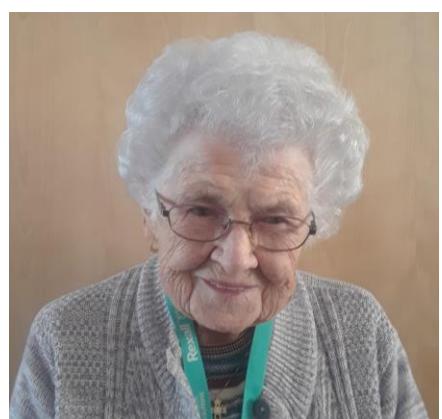
## Liturgy Committee



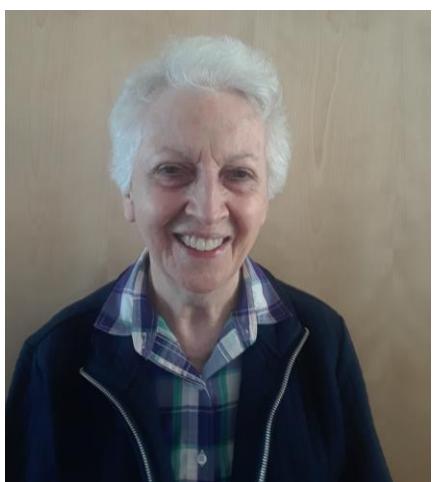
Rosemary Albon (IBVM)



John Carten (SFM)



Ms. Monica Donovan



Marilyn Gillespie (SOS)



Bill Irwin (CSB)



Lorie Nuñez (OLM)

## Announcements

### **Super Bowl Party**

On February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00pm, come and watch football game between the two-time defending American Football Conference champion New England Patriots and the National Football Conference champion Los Angeles Rams to determine the champion of the National Football League for the 2018 season. We will broadcast the game in the Bistro!

### **What's Your Chinese Horoscope**

Join us in the Bistro to find out about your zodiac animal sign on February 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm.

### **James Levac Music**

All Residents are welcome to join the sing-along at the Assisted Living on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor on February 2, 9 & 16.

### **Sing-Along with Marianne**

All Residents are welcome to join the sing-along at the Assisted Living on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor every Friday.

### **Creating a New Home and Adapting to this Change**

#### ***How are you doing in your new home?***

Your transition to Presentation Manor is momentous! It brings new neighbours and staff, eating in a new dining room, finding our way around the building and into a new neighbourhood. It is no surprise that feelings of excitement and loneliness, of adventure and loss can overwhelm the transition to a new home.

You are invited to meet with fellow residents to reflect together on this important time of adjustment and promise. Maureen McDonnell will guide you through a process that is enjoyable, refreshing and engaging of a vision of a new energized life at Presentation Manor.

When: Saturday February 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Craft Room.

### **Valentine's Day Celebration with Sidecar78**

Sophisticated, swinging, soulful and sassy *Sidecar78* is a Toronto saxophone quartet. Come and join the party on February 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm in the Dining Area.

### **Recreation Monthly Meeting**

Please join us on February 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm to discuss current activities and bring new ideas.

### **Reading with Phil**

Please join Phil on February 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm in the Demo Kitchen.

As Ash Wednesday draws near, Phil will share readings on mortality and immortality to help us reflect on the deeper meaning of our lives.

### **Town Hall Meeting**

Meeting will be held on February 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm in the Dining Area.



## Notable Quotable

"Every man's life is a fairy tale written by God's fingers."

~ Hans Christian Andersen,  
author



*In China, the year of your birth sign is considered unlucky.*

## February Horoscopes and Birthdays

In astrology, those born between February 1–19 are Water Bearers of Aquarius. Water Bearers are deep-thinking intellectuals, unafraid of exploring outlandish ideas. Their strong sense of community makes them good friends and teammates. Those born from February 19–28 are the slippery Fish of Pisces. Selfless Pisces are very wise and empathetic, making them always willing to help others. These deep emotions also make Pisces talented artists.

William Heinrich – February 7  
James Carruthers – February 7  
Teresa Baxter – February 11  
Alice Tighe – February 18  
Mary Ellen Scanlon – February 22  
Mary Joan McDonnell – February 23  
Yvonne Hutchinson – February 24  
Mary Deighan – February 28

## The Year of the Pig

*Xin nián kuài lè!* That means "Happy New Year" in Chinese. February 5 ushers in the Year of the Pig, a very auspicious year in Chinese culture. Why does the pig represent wealth and good fortune? Perhaps the chubbiness of the pig indicates prosperity. Or maybe it is because wild boars are known to be fearless and will run headlong into any situation, usually winning out in the end. With pigs held in such high esteem, it may be surprising to learn that the pig is the very last animal of the Chinese zodiac and the legend concerning the pig is not very flattering.

The legend states that when the Jade Emperor declared that he was selecting animals for the zodiac, all the animals rushed to his palace to be included. But the pig journeyed slowly, and when he arrived, the gates were shut. However, the other animals pleaded with the Jade Emperor to let him in. He

conceded, and the pig was allowed to enter but was made the last sign of the zodiac. Perhaps the pig's connection to good fortune stems from this tale: Despite the pig's hardships, he still triumphed and was added to the zodiac.

The Chinese New Year's celebration lasts not for one day, but for two whole weeks, observing many traditions. For example, on New Year's Day, it is commonplace to set off firecrackers, yet it is forbidden to sweep because you may sweep away good luck. Celebrations continue to February 19 and culminate in the five-day-long Lantern Festival. The displaying of lanterns is a major event, and one of the most popular pastimes of the Lantern Festival is guessing riddles written on lanterns. The answers often involve blessings for the family and fortune, reinforcing the major themes of the Chinese New Year.