

Committee and Finance Reports for Parish Council Meeting on Sept. 13, 2018

Witness Committee Parish of Mary, Mother of Mercy Meeting, Tuesday, July 17, 2018

The committee focuses on social justice, peace and community efforts regarding social concerns.

Committee Members Present: Michelle Humulock, Donna Brandow, Gerry Frank, Ruth Lucas, Dick Pell, Leo Kawczenski, and Josephine Swanson

School Supplies/Fill the Bus

Through August 16th, the Parish is participating in the United Way of Seneca County's effort to distribute school supplies to all 4 districts in the county. 230 fliers with information about the program were inserted in the parish bulletin. Volunteers helped pick up supplies and cash donations and sorted for distribution the items collected. As of August 22, 13,440 supplies were collected and still more are coming into the United Way Office to be sorted, counted, and distributed to the schools plus a little over \$2600 that has been gifted.

In Tompkins County, St. James is cooperating with the United Way of Tompkins County's Day of Caring that collects clothing and school supplies.

Crop Walk / Walk for Food

This year the Crop Walk (Trumansburg) and the Walk for Food (Southern Seneca County) will both be held on Sunday, October 14.

This year, the plans are being made for the Walk for Food to take place on the track at South Seneca High School. It is hoped that there will be additional student and community participation with the walk taking place in town. The funds raised are equally split between the Ovid and Interlaken Food Pantries.

Winter Coat/Clothing Collection

Organized by the Seneca County Christmas Project, the winter coat drive is conducted in the fall for children of needy families. Collection bins to donate new or slightly used coats are set up in Holy Cross and St. Francis churches. Typically, mittens, gloves and scarves are also collected. Volunteers are needed to distribute the coats at the Ovid VFW on October 20. St. James cooperates in the Catholic Charities "Share the Warmth" program in September by having a collection bin in the church. Trumansburg parishioners also have an opportunity to donate needed winter items through their "Mitten and Hat Tree" where members bring donations and attach to a dowel rod tree.

Seneca County Christmas Project

Our parish participates in this volunteer-run county group effort. Families complete an income-based criteria application at the two south end food pantries, Ovid and Interlaken, to receive presents for children 12 years of age and under, and gift certificates for children over 12 years of age. Parishioners donating to a family remove a tag from the "Angel Tree" and buy the gifts listed for that family. We support families at the north end of the county and the north end participants provide gifts for families in the south end. Our parishioners also volunteer with other community members to distribute the gifts in December.

Thanksgiving Food Drive and Personal Care Items via Local Food Pantries

We cooperate with the Interlaken and Ovid Food Pantries to collect special food items for Thanksgiving dinners, such as vegetables and stuffing, and ask our parishioners to donate personal care items, also needed by food pantry patrons, such as shampoo and toothpaste, during the month of May. Parishioners are also involved with the Trumansburg Food Pantry but could use volunteers to help.

Home-Bound Card Ministry

Marilynn Frank keeps a list of home-bound and nursing home parishioners and volunteers send note cards on a monthly basis to them. These notes might include updates on the parish and community, and general good wishes in the greetings. Father Bernard updated Marilynn on the list of individuals he visits and those names were added to the mailing list.

Prayer Chain

Cathy Millspaugh volunteered to coordinate a telephone Prayer Chain when parishioners request special prayers for family members and friends in need.

Social Justice

The committee was updated on the Rochester Diocese information relating to the opioid crisis affecting our communities. We discussed our possible activities, the importance of connecting to existing groups/programs and expertise in the community (including surrounding churches). A notice will be placed in the church bulletin to get an idea of the involvement our community might be willing to take on.

We have a parishioner involved in the Seneca County's Prevention program, Mary Joslyn, who could be a resource for more parish involvement.

Father Bernard requested committee follow-up on a parishioner's interest in the Catholic Peace Fellowship Group. Michelle, as chair, will gather information on how other churches are involved and the impact on their church.

Gerry Frank asked that the committee include **SouperBowl of Caring** (on Super Bowl Sunday) and the **Weekend Backpack Program** (in February after the Super Bowl) during our next meeting.

Fellowship Chair Report for September 2018

We had socials after the Masses for the feast days of St. Francis and St. James and also for the Feast of the Assumption. The feast day for Holy Cross on Sept 14th is pending.

Those members who were available assisted with the Parish picnic.

It was very nice to be part of the post funeral gathering for Mike's mother.

Some topics to be discussed at our September 13 meeting, respectfully submitted by Susan Guydosh:

- 135th Anniversary Celebration Plans
- Encouragement for all to use Parish Web Site
- Consideration for a plaque to honor Charlotte.

Submitted by

Janice McLaughlin

**The Parish of Mary, Mother of Mercy
Word Committee Report
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The religious education teachers met on July 15 to prepare for the summer session. The grade expectations were distributed to each teacher. The summer intensive religious education session ran from August 13-17 at the Friary. We had 20 children participate in the summer session. In addition to the catechetical sessions, there was a “service craft” made by the children. They made and decorated cookies, and made laminated placemats. The finished products were delivered to residents at Bixby House in Interlaken and Juniper Manor in Trumansburg. Unfortunately, the heavy rains and flooding resulted in Tuesday’s session being cancelled. The teachers and I plan to meet again to plan the academic year session. Thanks to all our teachers who volunteer their time to share our faith with the children and take their roles as catechumens very seriously: Tanya Grove, Jeanie Wiggins, Michele Tingue, Jhoanna Delgado, Jennifer Sharp and Helen Arco.

Gerry Frank and Fr. Bernard will resume preparing our confirmation candidates September 30. We have 6 returning 9th graders and 2 8th graders signed up to start. Each class is a 2 year commitment.

I don’t believe we have any RCIA candidates.

We are looking into a mission for Advent. All ideas can be sent to any member of the Word Committee

Andy Morpurgo, chair, word committee

Worship Committee report for Parish Council meeting 9/13/2018:

Prayer books are now available at all three churches.

Entry into the on-line web-page <http://marymotherofmercy.com/prayers/> is being handled on a temporary basis by Kathleen Rourke.

Discussions regarding process and procedures for the on-line prayer list will be discussed at the next Worship committee meeting (tbd).

Some items to be discussed at the next Worship Committee meeting include:

- 1) Frequency of on-line updates
- 2) Who will enter the updates in the on-line web-page
- 3) How will updates be communicated to that person or persons
 - i) From entries made in the three prayer books
 - ii) From entries made via e-mail or phone to the parish office
- 4) Is it one inclusive list or are there three lists sorted by geographic location
 - i) If separate lists, how would this be sorted for publication on the on-line web-page
- 5) How should entries be listed
 - i) (sorted by newest or oldest on top)
- 6) Should older entries be expunged periodically
- 7) Are there diocesan privacy guidelines to consider
- 8)

Any input from the Parish Council prior to the next Worship Committee meeting is welcome.

Tom Duff

Chair

9/12/2018

MARY, MOTHER OF MERCY, LITURGY PLANNING COMMITTEE

August 1, 2018

Present: Fr. Bernard, R. Fairclough, M. Sinkiewicz, K. Sinkiewicz, K. Rourke,
B. Willers, G. Frank

- Opening Prayer – Fr. Bernard
- Minutes approved and accepted – K. Rourke (motion) B. Willers (second)
- Parish Feast Day Celebration (Sunday, September 9, 2018)
 1. Mass location will be at St. Fidelis Friary outside under the pine trees (near the back). Everything will be in this location – the Mass, food, tables and chairs with parking on the front lawn. No one will need to cross the road to use the boat house.
 2. Special Ministers and musicians will be solicited from all three churches.
 3. Decorations to include a MMM banner and a rosary of flowers.

4. Tables and chairs will be brought from all three churches and set up the Saturday before (September 8). The tables coming from SFS and SJA with the chairs coming from HCC.

5. The food is dish to pass with pulled pork being provided (Shane Sharp will prepare the pork.)

- Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Friday, September 14, 2018)

1. The celebration of the feast day will be held after the Sunday Mass t Holy Cross Church on September 16, 2018.

2. The larger wood cross will be used and placed in the stand in view of the assembly.

- Training of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

1. Talked through and discussed uniform procedures to be used in the parish at all three churches.

2. There will be training for all current and any new E.M.s, which will be required scheduled for August 23 (Thursday) at 7:00 pm at SFS and on September 15 (Saturday) at 11:00 am at SFS. Ministers may attend either session. New E.M.s would also be required to attend a second class session for certification this ministry.

- Scheduling for St. Francis Solanus – Kathleen Rourke will assume the responsibility of scheduling; she will contact J. Wiggins.

- Feast of the Transfiguration – will remain where it is with no special observance.

- Holy Day scheduling – establishing one schedule for Holy Days of Obligation, e-mail suggestions to G. Frank

- New Business

1. Candlestick for St. James the Apostle church.

2. Training for Cantors, possibly form the Cathedral community

- Next meeting: September 19, 2018 (Wednesday) 6:00 pm at SFS

Closing prayer– Fr. Bernard

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Finance Committee Report

Finances:

- Collections are down from prior year by \$7824.24.
- Total fund balance is \$520,868.00. Total assets have increased by 5.25%.
- Total Net Revenue is \$22584.61.
- Budget discussion.

Building and Grounds Projects:

St Francis:

- Renovation of Sacristy/replacement of Sacristy doors/sink for annex. Discussion also of air conditioning church and annex,
- Cleaning down spouts and gutters.
- Will receive a grant for DOR for up to \$13000,00.

Holy Cross:

- Paint trim on both church and Rectory.

St James:

- Rectory front porch floor.
- Sidewalk Pine room to end of property.
- Siding Rectory garage.

All 3 Churches:

- New signs with Mass times for all 3 Masses.
- Sealing of parking lots and driveways.