

The Parish of Mary, Mother of Mercy
Pastoral Council Meeting
April 12, 2018

Attending: B. Willers, G. Frank, R. Pell, J. Portillo, B. Maloney, S. Cleere,
G. Messmer, P. Jasikoff, A. Morpurgo, K. Rourke, S. Hamula, D. Brandow,
J. McLaughlin, J. Wiggins, L.A. Fox (Finance Council - Parish Trustee)

Excused: L. Kurkchi, M. Humulock, C. Millspaugh

Opening Prayer – Fr. Bernard

Minutes from March 8, 2018

Corrections: Glove House speaker at the end of Masses March 21 and 22 will be Ms. Kathleen Carney. Ms. Carney will be speaking to provide insight and information regarding finding good people who would be willing and able to take care of children who are in need.

Moved – K. Rourke, Second – S. Hamula

Fellowship Committee

1. Co- chairs were present and mentioned the good turnout for St. Patrick's Day Social.
2. We had tickets available for sale during the meeting for the Spring Fling Parish Dinner Dance for April 28th.
3. It was approved that Holy Cross can have a meal after their mass on Pentecost Sunday. Fellowship members will assist.
4. Following the meeting, Father Bernard requested socials after each of the 3 masses for Ascension Thursday.
5. Plan is to meet on Wednesday, May 2nd for the Holy Days refreshments.

Witness Committee

1. Glove House Speaker, five to ten minutes after Mass 4/21, 22.
2. May 19 and 20, speaker after Mass, Tony Magliano, addressing Catholic Social Teachings.
3. Personal Care Items for the food pantries – while many personal care items are donated to the food pantries throughout the year, during the month of May additional attention is being paid to these items as needed on a constant basis; these items are apparently not covered by SNAP / Food Stamps.
4. Community Bank, Interlaken has had a collection basket in the lobby for many years for the community donation of personal care items that Charlotte Huyler took to the Interlaken Food Pantry on a regular basis. **G. Bakker, the current manager for the Interlaken Food Pantry has been contacted regarding the collection basket at the Interlaken Community Bank.**

Word Committee

1. Faith Formation Registration Fee – this year the fee for the program will be \$50 per child up to three children or more per family. If the family can't pay due to circumstances, there will be no charge. The fee goes to pay for text materials, supplies, lunch and snacks for the attendees for the week.
2. Faith Formation Scholarship Fund – it was suggested that there may be individuals within the parish who might be willing to donate to a fund to help those families who have a difficult paying the registration fee.
3. Director of Religious Education – this person would assist the pastor in the general registration, paperwork and implementation of the parish's Faith Formation Program. Fr. Bernard is looking into this position.
4. There are training supplies in St. Francis Solanus annex cupboards that need to be taken to St. James the Apostle for Faith Formation. There are also teaching supplies at Holy Cross that could be used for Faith Formation at St. James.
5. Movies at the Boathouse – geared for families over the summer, possibly more than once if there is interest. Contact person, A. Morpurgo.
6. The Diocese of Rochester is working on revamping the Faith Formation Curriculum.

Worship Committee

1. The Triduum services went well, but the weather was not the best this year especially for the Vigil Mass.
2. The Penance Service went well, however Fr. Bernard made some observations that we could follow next year to “make the service flow smoother”. These would include the penitent indicating the last time they received the sacrament of Reconciliation, the sins they are confessing and receiving the penance.
3. a. There was a question about a missing pall at St. Francis Solanus Church.
b. Also explained why a pall is used in lieu of an American flag for veterans.
4. It was questioned why the Triduum was not advertised in the local papers. The material had been submitted to the clergy member in Willard who was taking care of that responsible.
5. Ascension Thursday Mass schedule:
 - a. 9:00 Holy Cross Church
 - b. 12:15 Saint Francis Solanus Church
 - c. 7:00 Saint James the Apostle Church
6. There is the possibility of changing all the weekday Masses to the same time.
7. Sacristans are not necessarily needed for all three churches.
8. Roles and procedures for the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are being finalized in order for uniformity among all three churches.
9. Holy Hour, for the Year of the Eucharist, did not do well at St. Francis Solanus on Friday evenings. The idea of Holy Hour needs to be discussed at Worship Committee.
10. Attendance for the six months, from July to December was 340 people average for Mass.

Finance Council

1. The balance sheets look good; there are still two accounts, one in Trumansburg and the other in Seneca County at Community Bank.
2. Money for capital expenses has been retained in the Parish Savings Account. Additional parish funds were moved to the Parish's Stable Patrimony to be invested with the Diocesan Communis Fund. In the Communis Fund the Parish of MMM has \$338,437.56; St. James Cemetery - \$167,037.94 and Holy Cross Cemetery - \$30,000.00.
3. Operating revenue up \$1800, regular collections up \$2200; net operating expenses on target.
4. Currently we are better than last year by \$20,000.
5. Cemeteries – St. James the Apostle, loss \$7000, non-operating revenue. Holy Cross, \$197, operating on budget. There is the possibility of cemetery grants through Holy Sepulcher Cemetery, for Holy Cross and St. James the Apostle Cemeteries.

Membership

Membership for expired terms on Pastoral Council, terms expiring in 2018

Cathy Millspaugh	No
Pam Jasikoff	No
Donna Brandow	No
Jeannie Wiggins	No
Kathleen Rourke	Yes
Charlotte Huyler	Moved out of town
Lydia Kurkchi	No

Next meeting: June 21, 2018, 7:00 pm at St. Francis Solanus Annex.

Closing Prayer

Submitted by G. Frank