

**Parish Council Meeting for Mary, Mother of Mercy**  
**AGENDA ~ 1/12/2017**

~ Opening prayer

1. Minutes of 11/10/16 meeting

2. Discussion of the members' sense of the new parish

3. Committee reports:

a. Fellowship (social): Nancy Shumway, chair

- Women's Guild at St. James
- Dinner dance finances
- Communications (new bulletin, website, logo)
  - How to get our Holy Day Mass times in Courier and Journal for both counties?

b. Word (evangelization and education): Andrew Morpurgo, chair

- Children's Christmas liturgy
- parish mission?

c. Witness (outreach): Donna Brandow, chair

- update on Christmas Projects, Seneca and Tompkins county
- reverse Advent box idea?
- Gifts for shut-ins (poinsettias)?

d. Worship (liturgy): Jessica Portillo, chair

- How did events in Advent and Christmas go?
  - Ecumenical Thanksgiving service in Ovid
  - Christmas concerts
  - Christmas Masses -should we have two masses at the same time?
- Plans for Lent and Easter?
- Music ministry
- Numbers of people at each Mass in each church
  - How do the numbers compare to before schedule change?
  - Have we lost people since the merge?
  - If we have, what are we going to do about it?
  - Are Sunday Mass times too tight for the priest(s)?

e. Finance Council

- Update on building projects, offices, cemeteries, and staffing
- Have the collection totals changed since the merge?
- Update on merge

4. Other business?

-schedule of meetings in spring

5. Date and time of next meeting: 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis Solanus- Tuesday, Feb. 7 or Thursday, March 9?

~Closing prayer