

## Committee Reports for January 9, 2020, Parish Council Meeting

### **Mary, Mother of Mercy Parish Word Committee Report January 9, 2020**

This is a short report. Since the last report, there is not a lot that is new. The children participated in a Christmas pageant at the 4:30 pm Christmas Vigil. The week prior they met to make ornaments and to discuss the meaning of Christmas. The Word Committee will meet this quarter to discuss the curriculum for next year. The religious ed coordinator Susan Guydosh will spearhead these efforts.

Confirmation classes continue. The parish showed the 10 part series produced by Bishop Robert Barron, "Catholicism" at the Parish Center. There were advent reflections at all churches published by *The Word Among Us*. There were also booklets written by Bishop Robert Barron concerning the abuse crisis, "Letter to a Suffering Church."

Andy Morpurgo, chair, word committee

### **Witness Committee Update**

January 9, 2020

Seneca County

Community Christmas Project for Seneca County Gifts to children which our parish

Participated in assisted 744 children of which 39 were in Ovid and 101 in Ovid.

Overall the program assisted 297 households, with a total number of individuals of 1,243 including 30 foster care children.

The full report is attached.

Tompkins County

Trumansburg Rotary Club utilized the porch at St. James as a collection point for winter clothing again this year.

#### **Future events:**

SouperBowl of Caring 2020: Sunday, February 2nd, is Super Bowl Sunday and across this nation it is also the date for the SouperBowl of Caring. This year, all three churches that make up the Parish of Mary, Mother of Mercy will be participating in this one day event. The idea is to collect donations of non-perishable food items and cash that would go directly to the local food pantries in each of the communities that make up our parish. Food items may be brought to the churches beginning the January 25/26 and the weekend of February 1/2, but the monetary collections will only be done on February 1/2. Please consider being as generous as you possibly can – all items and monies collected will be going to our local food pantries to help those who have the need

Backpack planning staged will commence after SuperBowl of Caring 2020

A Volunteer from St James the Apostle Church has agreed to assist in the Card Ministry Program

**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PROJECT**  
**For SENECA COUNTY**  
**2019 Report**

Total Number of Households Served:

Interlaken/Lodi	18
Ovid/Willard/Romulus	41
Sen. Falls/Fayette/Tyre/Varick	133
Waterloo/Border City/McDougal	<u>105</u>
	297

Total Number of People Served:

Interlaken	73
Ovid	177
Seneca Falls	533
Waterloo	<u>430</u>
	1213

+30Foster Care Children

1243

Type of People	60 & over	Other Adults	Teens/Children
Interlaken		34	5
Ovid	7	69	28
Seneca Falls		213	59
261			
Waterloo	8	168	57
<u>197</u>			
	15	+	484
			+149 + 565 = 1213 + 30 = 1243



Type of Services: Gifts for children/Gift Cards for teens in school

Interlaken	39
Ovid	101
Seneca Falls	320
Waterloo	254

The decline in numbers for project this year is due to our inability to provide food certificates to any families. We will be working on solutions to the problem so that we will once again be able to provide that service to the families of Seneca