

Parish Council Reports for May 12 Meeting

Word Committee Report

The Word Committee met on March 24 at SFS Parish Hall. About half of the meeting was discussing the questions for the Synod. The other half of the meeting was concerned with religious education for 2022-23.

The current situation is that we have only a few families participating in religious education. Our current coordinator, Susan Guydosh, has announced that she is stepping down. We looked at various ways to assist in educating the children for upcoming year, as well as ways it was done in the past. It was decided that since there were so few families involved, we would try to get individual 'tutors' for the children, that would visit the families in their homes and educate the students on topics taken from the USCCB guidelines.

We will try to bring the larger group together for various bigger topics, such as Christmas and Holy week for a group discussion about the birth of our Lord and the Passion, respectively. Susan had noted this was tried over the past year, but we did not get a good response to the group decisions. We would begin canvassing for volunteers in late June.

The Sacrament of Confirmation was held at Immaculate Conception on April 5th, with Bishop Salvatore Matano. MMM Parish had 4 students confirmed.

First Holy Communion will be held this Sunday, May 15, at St. James the Apostle Church. We have one communicant.

In other news:

The Easter Egg Hunt took place with light snow flurries falling on Easter Sunday at St. James. We had a good showing.

The Chair of the Word Committee respectfully suggests the June Parish Council Meeting be held at the St. Fidelis Friary Boathouse.

Andy Morpurgo, Chair

Worship Committee

Report on 5/04/2022 meeting.

Present: Fr. Bernard Maloney, Br Francisco Serrano, Donna Ryan, Kathleen Rourke, Leo Kawczenski, Tom Duff
Excused: Barb Willers

1) discussed having a May crowning on May 14th with the possibility of including a girl

making her first Communion at SJA that day who might bring flowers to the statue of Mary at the end of Mass. Br. Francisco will discuss with the girl's family and coordinate.

2) Ascension Thursday is May 26th. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am at St. James and at 7:00pm at Holy Cross

3) Pentecost Sunday is June 5th. Announcements will be made at upcoming Masses and bulletins reminding parishioners to wear an article of red in observance of the day.

4) Parishioners will be invited to join in prayer 15 minutes before the last three weekend Masses in May to pray the rosary for divine support of the people of Ukraine.

5) The Liturgy Committee reports:

- members sang at all three churches for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil as well as Easter Sunday at Holy Cross.

- going forward musicians will pick songs they feel they and the congregations would be familiar with; within the acceptable song liturgy.

- family and professional commitments have occasionally reduced the musicians/song leaders available at Holy Cross. Similar situations arise at SJA SFS. Outreach for paid musicians via the bulletin, the parish website, and the Catholic communities at Ithaca College and Cornell University are being discussed.

Respectively submitted:

Tom Duff

5/11/2022

Finance Notes for Parish Council

May 12, 2022

Regional Finance Director's report (Rebecca Pizzirusso)

The parish ended April with Net Revenue of \$2,987.19 compared to \$39,471.50 for the same period last year. The change is mostly due to the change in value of our investment accounts.

General Collections are \$168,274 which is up about \$2,000 from the same time last year.

Since our last meeting, the only Capital expenditure has been for asbestos removal in the boiler room at St. James. This project cost was \$5,500 bringing our total Capital expenditures for the fiscal year to \$15,693

The parish has total assets at the end of April of \$522,878..

Other items – Fr. Bernard reporting

2021-2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal

Assigned goal:	\$28,085	
Pledged:	\$32,300	115.01% of goal
# of donors	107 households	

2022-2023 CMA assigned goal is \$31,000. A requested reduction in our assigned 2022-2023 goal has been submitted. The requested goal is \$28,000. Before the end of June the parish assigned goal will be set.

Buildings and Grounds

Grass cutting: SJA & HC cemeteries and rectories: Mr. Outside

SJA asbestos removal from the church boiler room

10 Year Smoke Detector installed on the three church campuses.

Projects being worked on:

SJA insulating the Pine Room ceiling

Heating systems change for SJA & SFS – Heat pumps, provided air conditioning also.

Major projects being considered:

SJA sacristy roof

SJA pipe organ repair and maintenance

SJA removal of trees

SFS bilco cellar door – drainage issue.

Parking lot sealing for three churches