

Parish of Mary, Mother of Mercy
Parish Council Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2023; 7:00 p.m.
St. Francis Solanus

In attendance: Gerry Frank, Susan Guydosh, Scott Hamula, Father Bernard Maloney, Andy Morpurgo, Karen Salino, Lynne Stager, Russ Wedemeyer, Barb Willers **Excused:** Marc Albanese, Bill Connor, Tim Davis, Jackie Leidenfrost, Dick Pell **Absent:** Alba Betancourt-Trompa, Leo Kawczenski, Charles Mullins

Opening prayer

Minutes Approved

1. Word Committee (Full report emailed prior to meeting):

- Classes, “Supper and Spirituality,” are starting June 3rd following Saturday Mass at St. Francis Solanus. There will be a light meal and a variety of topics.
- There is a short survey available on the website, marymotherofmercy.com, to get an idea of the availability of parishioners in order to best schedule classes and events.
- First Communion happened at St. James on May 7th. Two children received First Communion, and there was a coffee hour after in honor of the children.

2. Worship Committee (Full report emailed prior to meeting):

- Triduum Masses additions:
 - Easter Mass at Holy Cross attendance was 113
 - Easter morning St. James was 109 in 2022 and 126 this year
 - Good Friday service doubled from 51 in 2022 to 103 in 2023
- Ascension Mass schedule is 9 am at St. James and 6 pm at Holy Cross. There was discussion of possibly adding a 12:10 pm Mass. Also, there was a brief discussion regarding the 6 pm time of Holy Day Mass, and whether it should change.
- Pentecost: All parishioners are invited to wear red, and Holy Cross is having the Pentecost Brunch.
- The entire parish needs altar servers, ushers, and more volunteers/people in ministries in general.
- Other dioceses are allowing communion under both species, but there is still no approval from Rochester Diocese.
- Fr. Richard is still busy helping other parishes, so the Sunday schedule is tight for Fr. Bernard. He is unable to greet to St. James attendees.
- Corpus Christi is June 11. There will be a 5:00 pm eucharistic procession at St. Francis Solanus with food to follow. St. Francis Solanus is the most central location, and its facilities are the best for the event. The Eucharistic Revival Committee needs to be formed so they can organize this event.

3. Fellowship Committee (Full report emailed prior to meeting):

- Thanks to Andy Morpurgo for helping with Easter egg hunt.
- The social on the Sunday prior to the Easter Egg was well attended and a nice event. Many parishioners helped to fill eggs with candy.
- Game Night was a fun event for those who came. We need more volunteers to run it.
- St. James the Apostle game night in July will include a scrabble tournament.
- A Widow's Brunch is scheduled for the first Friday of the month starting June 2nd.

4. Witness Committee (Full report emailed prior to meeting):

- Cards to the homebound update
- Hygiene June: this personal care products collection will happen at all churches through June. Items collected will go to the Church's respective food pantry.

5. Finance report: (Given by Fr. Bernard)

- Finance Council to meet May 12
- Cemetery committee to meet May 12
- Written report from Eileen Heptig–
 - Attendance from January to April: 139 in 2022 to 171 in 2023
 - 60 parishioners are giving online = 1/3 ordinary income
 - Collections are similar to last year, but less than budgeted.
 - Fr. Richard is mowing at Holy Cross Cemetery at no cost, but the parish purchased a lawnmower for \$4,500.
 - Heat pumps at St. Francis and St. James:
Approximately \$64k total – (\$19k rebate + \$20k donations) = approximately \$25K from parish

New Business:

- Discussion regarding Parish Council terms and need for nominations (the nomination form can be completed online at marymotherofmercy.com)
- Eucharistic Revival committee needs to be formed to plan parish events; the Diocese requests a point person!
- Encourage parishioners to go to Eucharistic Congress in October in Auriesville, NY

Next meeting is June 8, 2023 at the boat house at the St. Fidelis Friary

Closed with the Lord's Prayer