

## St Joseph Parish Council Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2015

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 in the Parish Center by Elaine LaPierre in the absence of John Quallen
2. The opening prayer was provided by Elaine
3. Roll Call – absent Andrew Canata, Tom Daly, Tom Hamilton, Phil Janchuk, Nina Mastrangelo, Maureen Petruzella, John Quallen, Peggy Taylor, Lou Ann Walter, Andy Wells, Mark Brennan, Jeff Vincent
4. The minutes from March 15 were approved
5. Religious Education Report – Betty Kirby  
Flowers were delivered to shut ins on March 15 with many recipients expressing gratitude  
The Transfer of Faith service was held March 22  
The Passion Play was presented by the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders on Palm Sunday followed by a very successful breakfast  
First Holy Communion will be on Saturday May 3 at 11 a.m.  
CCD was very successful this year and Betty expressed a special thanks to John  
John thanked the staff, families and community  
John had a display of the Stations of the Cross with the CCD children and provided us with literature from the Pittsfield Catholic Website on Teaching Your Child the Value of Obedience with the Help of your Catholic Faith, John thanked Betty Kirby for all her work  
On May 3 the Cathedral of Night will be undertaken by the Confirmation Class. They will provide food and pick up after as a means of giving back to the community
6. Activity Updates
  - a. Pastoral Ministry – Pat Momnie  
Continuing communion calls  
A special thanks to Betty Kirby and Nancy Woitkowski for all their work  
June 14 at 1130 will be a Healing Mass with a small reception following. Dery Funeral Home has provided prayer cards for the mass

- b. St Anne's Society – Peggy Dunlop  
Will do the reception for the First Communion, Blue Mass, and Healing Mass  
May 20 there will be a Baby Shower and they are looking for donations
- c. Maintenance Committee – Jack Laviolette  
Work is continuing on the heating system with improvements taking place  
Pews continue to be worked on with the removal of those behind the pillars and loose benches being fixed.  
Signage still needs to go up on the outside  
Spring Cleanup is in the planning if you see something let Jack know; the cleanup will take place weather permitting  
Work continues in the area of possible reimbursement for the wood in the convent  
Thanks to all volunteers who help with the maintenance around the church
- d. Convent Disposition – Ray Costello  
The convent disposition is in a holding pattern; we are waiting for a response from the diocese to see what needs to be done. There is nothing to report until the diocese gets back to us,
- e. Nominating Committee - 4 people who would like to be on the parish council - Joe Dahrouge, Scott Nugai, Mike Schirripa, Joe Tournier. There is no need to hold elections with only 4.

#### 7. Pastor's Report

Holy Family Church – someone did come to visit and is interested in the pews  
St Mary's is still in holding  
Renovations are mostly finished in the rectory and the Bishop is in his quarters

#### 8. Other Business

Jim Armstrong – Jim had the 20/20 tickets for Jeff Vincent if anyone was interested in buying. Jim also thanked everyone for the help with the Pink Mass and it will become an annual event

Jack Laviolette invited everyone to the Blue Mass for police and first responders on May 17 at 5:30; there will be a mass, a missing person ceremony, and light refreshments.

Volunteer Picnic will be June 15 at the Parish Center more to come  
Polish Picnic – will be the third week of July, Tues April 28 will be the start of pierogi making

Priest of Berkshire County will be at the Barrington Stage Co on May 15 for a benefit for the Sisters of St Joseph; the tickets are on sale

There is a lot of work that needs to be done at the cemetery and the work is continuing with the hope of finding the spring to prevent continued damage to the roadways. The cemetery is not just St Joseph's but for the county.

The next meeting will be on May 17 in the North Chapel

9. Closing Prayer was given by Monsignor Mike.