

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

October 16, 2016

AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer - Bernie Scapin called the meeting to order at 10:00. The opening prayer was given by Bernie
2. Roll Call – Absent – Andrew Canata, Mike Collins, Barb Dalo, Pat Keegan, Scott Nugai, John Quallen, Donald Rochelo, Jason Street, Joe Tournier, Michael Wheeler, John Arasimowicz, Mark Brennan, Jeff Vincent, Monsignor Mike
3. Approval of Minutes September 18, 2016 – The minutes were approved.
4. Religious Education Report – B. Kirby
 - There are 121 students currently enrolled, this number may increase as students are still enrolling
 - All students will pray the rosary on Oct 23
 - A retreat for Confirmation students was held at Sacred Heart on Sept 14
 - Catechist Sunday was held on Sept 25 along with Cathedral in the Night for high school students; with eight students participating
 - Oct 22 there will be a retreat from 1pm – 6pm for grades 6-8 at Sacred Heart Church
 - Oct 23 is Confirmation rehearsal, with Confirmation on Oct 30 at the 11:30 mass. Sacred Heart and St Joe will make confirmation together at St Joe and will alternate next year.
 - Oct 30 All Saints Day – The students in grades K thru 5 are asked to process in at the 9 am mass.
 - This year's Pius the Tenth Award recipient is Jodi Skrocki
5. Activity Updates
 - a. Pastoral Ministry update – P. Momnie
 - Census: 24 individual homes; 19 senior complexes; 18 assisted living facilities; 36 nursing homes; 14 adult day care (120 total) Barb Conway and Jack Laviolette 1 (not sure what this means?)
 - RCIA begins Tues evening; two from St Joe will be attending but not sure of how many others
 - b. St. Anne's Society – P. Dunlop
 - c. Sept 21 Covered dish supper
 - Oct 19 Business meeting
 - Oct 30 host the confirmation reception
 - Nov 12 Spaghetti Dinner
 - Nov 16 soup and bread
 - Dec 19 Christmas Tea
 - d. Maintenance Committee report – J. Laviolette
 - Oct 29 fall cleanup to start at 9 a.m.; weather permitting, waiting for the leaves to fall
 - Pending review and direction on the fence in front

- Fuel oil tank removal – waiting for word from OTO, Diocesan Engineer. Removal will be put out to bid
- Upper windows painted temporarily sealed but still needs to be fixed; hole found. Further study is required and a request for proposals for contractor bids
- Lower back minor masonry repairs still need to be completed
- Manhole near rectory to be repaired Tues Oct 18
- St Mark’s facility manager has offered kitchen equipment to St. Joseph’s; Jack will talk with Ray concerning this
- Tickets on sale for the Pancake breakfast next weekend Oct 23; it is a fundraiser for the St Joe RCIA media equipment
- e. Convent Demolition final report – Ray Costello
Demolition completed. St. Joseph’s received \$7500 from woodwork that was removed in the convent
Thank you to Ray for all the work

6. Pastor’s Report

- a. Parish Updates- no report due to Monsignor’s absence
- b. Evangelization Initiative
Jim Armstrong – Next weekend ministry fair after 4 pm Mass and during pancake breakfast. A table will be set up with information on activities available at the church. Anyone can sign up that day or take home a list of the activities and return their choices in the collection baskets. On Nov 6, the committee will begin notifying people who have expressed an interest in any activities.

7. Other Business

- a. Syrian Refugee update – B. Scapin
Meeting at Berkshire Athenaeum informational meeting attended by a couple of St Joe parishioners; approximately 50 refugees (there will be approximately 12 families); most of it was positive the negative had to do with the fear of jobs being taken away. There will be background checks done by both the FBI and Homeland Security. Gerry Dahrouge also attended the meeting and stated that this has been done in Springfield and other communities and it has been successful. The refugees will be arriving during January 2017; the housing has already been researched by Jewish Family Service and will be available.
Maybe the parish council could do the welcome kits that they will need. This can be looked into further. They need kits for the kitchen, cleaning, bathroom, household, and child/baby supply kits.
- b. Italian Dinner update – G. Dahrouge
Fundraiser Italian Dinner to be held on Nov 12; take-outs will be available and done by 4:45 pm
Need a couple of people to work in the kitchen
St Anne’s will make the cakes and serve the dinner
- c. Retreat Day scheduled for Oct 20. Sister Colette is coming back to speak. \$5.00 will be charged per person. It is being held from 8:30 am until 2:00 pm

- d. Jim – Book pamphlet and prayer cards for all parish council members from Monsignor Mike were provided for each council member
 - e. Kathleen – expressed concern as to where CCD will be held with the closing of St Joseph's High School
 - f. Next council meeting scheduled for November 20, 2016
8. Closing Prayer – Deacon Pat said the closing prayer and announced to the Parish Council that Oct 30 he will be retirement as Deacon; this was his last council meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 am