

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council**

February 26, 2015

6:00 PM

PRESENT: , Joe Cox, Deacon Bob Digan, , Charles Houff, Carol Lombardo  
Fr. Jack Sheaffer, Sheila Viale, Hilary Walker, and Don Zukowski

ABSENT: Devon Atwell, Maggie Free

EXCUSED: Deacon Jim McElroy

### **I. Opening Prayer**

Father Sheaffer opened the meeting at 6:05 PM with prayer, praying especially in thanksgiving for Charles' successful surgery.

### **II. Review & Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the January Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council were accepted but Fr. Sheaffer said that we would be discussing some misinformation that came up at the meeting. The minutes, however, are accepted as accurate to what was said at the time. This will be addressed under "Old Business."

### **III. Pastor's Report**

- A. Catholic Schools Week was rough because of the weather. St. Mary's School was unable to participate in the Mass with Bishop Rozanski because it was changed to a time that would have cause a lot of confusion and chaos because a number of people and groups were already invited to events that would have been affected. Fr. Sheaffer did communicate with Bishop Rozanski, saying he regretted that SMS could not participate. Bishop said he understood and that he has wondered why Catholic Schools Week is at then of January
- B. The Monthly Mass at St. Mary's School will be tomorrow (Friday, February 27) at 9:00 AM
- C. Fr. Sheaffer has completed the Stained Glass Class with two of three groups of 8<sup>th</sup> Graders. The final class will be this coming week on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. A girl from Germany who is staying with a SMS family will also be participating in the class.

### **IV. Holy Days of Obligation**

- A. None.

## **V. Christian Service**

### **A. Personal Care Needs Drive**

The Personal Needs Care Drive will take place this coming weekend, February 1<sup>st</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **B. Free Trade/Operation Rice Bowl**

Deacon Jim preached at all the Masses this past weekend and spoke about Operation Rice Bowl. Information will be placed in the bulletin each week as well as on our website and Facebook page. The parish will be promoting Operation Rice Bowl this year. Deacon Jim will again address the parish at all the Masses on the first weekend of Lent. The Free Trade Sale will be held on the weekend of March 21-22. All proceeds from both programs will benefit Catholic Relief Services.

## **VI. Spiritual Life**

### **Lent**

#### **A. Lenten Mission 2015**

As was reported last month, the mission will be held on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Mass will begin at 6:00 PM each evening.

#### **B. Mass & Stations are being celebrated each Friday evening during Lent at 6:00 PM.**

#### **C. Lenten Penance Service**

March 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM at St. Mary's in Lee

## **VII. Our Lady's Oratory**

Nothing to report.

## **VIII. Old Business**

### **A. Adoration at the Shrine**

Joe Cox reported that the Shrine has been having Adoration for a number of years and that they advertise St. Mary's Adoration. The shrine is putting together a computer program to fill in available hours at their Adoration and would like to offer the same to St. Mary's.

## B. Increased Giving Campaign

John Philpott of the Finance Council have Fr. Sheaffer some figures on the collections since a few months before the program. The cost of the program was \$11,000.00 and we got that back in less than three months. Of note are these figures:

Avg. monthly collection Jul through Oct	\$21,224
Avg. monthly collection Nov through Jan	\$33,150
November collection	\$34,052
December collection	\$39,671
January collection	\$25,727

Fr. Sheaffer expressed some concern about the drop in January but noted that December was high because of Christmas and that some people are away and also that we have had some bad weekends weatherwise.

## C. Lenten Soup Suppers

The Lenten Soup Suppers began this past Tuesday. 22 people partook of the meal. The suppers will be held every Tuesday of Lent from 4:30 until 6:30 PM, except on March 10<sup>th</sup> when it will end at 5:50 to give everyone a chance to be at the Lenten Mission Retreat.

## C. Life Teen/Edge

Nothing new to report.

## IX. New Business

A. Vickie O'Neil called and would like to begin a support group for widows and widowers. Fr. Sheaffer will meet with Vickie to discuss this with her.

## X. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be held at St. Mary's School in Lee on March 26, 2015, at 6:00 PM.

## XI. Closing Prayer

Fr. Sheaffer led us in prayer at 6:27 PM