

Saint Joseph Catholic Church  
Parish Pastoral Council  
Meeting Agenda  
April 1, 2017

Members Present: Anna Nowaczewski, Betty Linzy, Deacon Stan, Don Kreiner, Sue Webster, Maureen Rieschl, Kathleen Gabe, Deacon Richard

Members Excused: Alex Ellul, Jo Julius

Member Absent: Rose Recchia

- I. Deacon Richard opened the meeting with a prayer at 10:35
- II. March Minutes were approved with following changes: Change Sue Webster to “excused” for attendance, under Lenten not father George, but Father Mike will preside on Easter Sunday. Under reports, reports a “they will ask Father George”.
- III. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - a. Lent / Easter Update
    1. Update on flowers for Easter. Maureen called and ordered for them to be delivered April 15 between 12:00 and 1:00. No bows. The flowers included are hydrangeas, tulips, cyclamen, lilies, mums, daffodils, hyacinths. All types of colors. Kathleen’s reported on the flower Drive. The count now is \$1030.00. The new envelope designs seem to make a real difference.
    2. Updated guidelines for preparation for Holy Week. Some items needed change. First page, letter D, the palms are not distributed at the time people come in. People will be given them after they are blessed prior to the procession. Ministers of hospitality will make sure people don’t pick them upon entering the church. Don recopied the updated guidelines with corrections for all of us.
    3. Holy Thursday at 2:00 Anna, Don and any youth group who can will come and help set up. Would also be great if Youth could show up for Holy Saturday to help with decoration. Anna will send out the request.
    4. Banners for Sanctuary for Easter and Pentecost...something we want to look into?? We think we do a fine job with flowers and the banners that we have.
    5. Do we want flowers for Pentecost? Deacon Stan would like us to look at Red Roses (makes a statement). We could have pots of live red and white flowers? Maybe we could check out Norton Florist for these Pentecost? We decided not to have red ribbons for Pentecost Sunday, but rather to put it in the bulletin for people to wear red.
    6. Directories: Deliver April 20<sup>th</sup>. Only people who had their pictures taken will receive a directory book. They will be distributed directly. People do not just pick up. Extra books are \$10.00. Betty has a concern about people who couldn't be here to get their picture taken. They supplied their pictures. They shouldn't have

to pay \$10.00. We decided that they would not pay. Each family receives ONE free directory.

7. People loved the bread! Great move for the St. Joseph Day. Deacons loved the idea at the Deacon meeting. Don said we had plenty of bread. Debbie Branham's mom took one box of bread to St. Joseph Residence for those residents, also sent to Gilbert's residence. 216 loaves of breads were purchased this year. It was great to provide to our people and others who were in need.
8. The Deacon's Gathering: Very pleased with "Back in the Day" catering. One thing not realized was that we needed help from our parishioners. He was taken care of by James, Grace, and Jim. They got the Kool-Aid, coffee, etc. together.
9. Stations of the Cross has been well attended. A variety of people attending and helping out.
10. Penance Service was not well attended. Richard couldn't be there. Then Deacon Stan couldn't get there. Father Vincent did not make it. Only Father Mike made it. 15 people attended. Father Mike did all the confessions. Many more people when the service includes general absolution

#### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Deacon Stan: We are closer to having internet and phone service for all buildings on the grounds. Rectory done, Maria hall done, just Holy Family Center left. We will get internet in Holy Family Center soon. Rectory basement flooded a bit due to the rain storm a couple of days ago. Father Pieter vanRoyen is scheduled to come in August due to previous commitments. He is not ready to discuss what to do about the rectory. Father Peter will be living there only 2 days a week.
- b. Deacon Stan ordered, "Living with Christ", missal for Holy Week. The intent is to put them in the pews, with a message, "Please leave in the Pew". Not enough to distribute to all attendees. Good idea to leave in the pew. We have two confirmandi, but no one to baptized during the Easter Vigil. The baptismal font will still be out there.
- c. Betty L.: Can now do a complete inventory of event supplies. Will put a sheet in office so you'll know exact numbers and colors. Perhaps devise some guidelines for use.
- d. Don: Maybe we can use the red rounds for Pentecost for Maria Hall.
- e. We have to check on the number of towels we have in the back for Holy Thursday. Father George is doing Holy Thursday and Vigil; Father Mike Easter Sunday.
- f. Do we want the little White Books for Easter? Last year we decided not to get them. Covers Easter through Pentecost. We will order 200. Kathleen emphasized the need to introduce them, make signs that indicate the reason for use. We have to keep talking them up. Perhaps we need to double our hospitality (one for bulletins and one for the books). Idea, maybe we could stamp or put labels on them "Compliments of St. Joseph Church".
- g. Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday we do not doughnuts.
- h. Don's questions: Should we use a Worship Aid? Our songs, readings, etc. would be included so people wouldn't need a hymnal. For future Advent and Lent. An idea. Don will bring an example for us to look at. Could make worship much simpler for people.
- i. St. Joseph will put in an advertisement for Don's Michigan Singing Knight's group. Ad in the booklet for the annual Cabaret Dance. St. Joseph will pay for that ad at the cost of \$150.00

V. REPORTS

- a. Religious Ed- Confirmation Retreat went very well. Kids were well behaved and participated. Five parents stayed for the entire retreat. Father Vincent noticed and made mention of the fact that the parents were there. Had plenty of parent volunteers. Confirmation April 27, 7:00.
- b. First Eucharist, May 7, at 11:00, following is the May Crowning. Hopefully a young lady from youth group will do that.
- c. We're working on a tea to initiate a higher level of religious ed registrations. We're working on filling in those grade gaps that we have, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>.
- d. Youth Group- Small showing since January. Planning on visiting Tommy Diehr in Mott Hospital.
- e. Youth Banquet is May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 6-8:00pm.
  
- f. Our next Parish Council Meeting is May 6, 2017. We need to start planning a welcome for Father Pieter.

IX. CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT Done by Deacon Stan. Adjourned at 12:45.