

Saint Joseph Catholic Church
Parish Pastoral Council
Meeting Agenda
February 4, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Deacon Richard, Deacon Stan, Sue Webster, Kathleen Gabe, Jo Julius, Don Kreiner, Betty Linzy

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Alex Ellul, Anna Nowaczewski, Maureen Rieschl, Rose Recchia

- I. Opening prayer 10:35
- II. Approval of January Minutes with the following correction
 - a. Saint Blaise Feast is February 3, and there will be a blessing of the throats on Feb 4 and 5 at Saint Joseph.
- III. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. Valentine's Dinner Dance update. This weekend is the deadline, and some couples still haven't paid, but are coming. The menu is the same as last year, and dinner will be served at 6:30. If there is space left, we will sell remaining tickets at the door. We are planning for 100. We should post on the website and Facebook if tickets are available. There will a \$50 gift certificate for the Marriott for Sunday Brunch, as a door prize. Jeanine is doing table decorations. Don will check on desserts for dinner. James and Jim will have a work order to set up the tables, and Don will check with the choir to help decorate the tables on Friday at 2 pm.
 - b. Lent/Easter update
 1. Little Black Books are in.
 2. Penance Service will be Tuesday, March 28 at 7 pm. Father Mike will preside.
 3. Distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday will be held during an 8 am Communion Service, and at a Mass at 7 pm. Don will get Alex or Jim to play for Mass.
 4. Stations of the Cross will be held at 5 pm before the Fish Fries. Jo, Kathleen, Deacon Richard, and Deacon Stan each volunteered to lead the stations one week, and Don will check with the Youth Group and Knights to cover the other two weeks.
 5. Holy Week Schedule
 - a. Palm Sunday-Palms are ordered. There are Lenten calendars for adults and children.
 - b. Paschal candles are being ordered from Michigan Church Supply. The council agreed on the *Cross of the Lamb* Paschal, and two sets of matching altar candles from the brochure. **Don will pick up the candles, because we have had issues with broken candles being delivered. They should be ordered for pick-up.**

c. Holy Thursday is March 13. Don has a procedures booklet to help set up for Holy week. He and Deacon Stan will go over the procedures and set-up.

1. Washing of Feet- Mass is at 7 pm. We will ask for volunteers. Betty will check with getting some students to volunteer.
2. Adoration will be held until 10 pm.

d. Good Friday service will be at 1 pm until 3 pm.

e. Holy Saturday. There will be the Blessing of Food at 11 am

f. Easter Vigil will begin at 8:30. Don will get with Hospitality to be sure they are apprised of all procedures. There will be four readings at the vigil: Genesis, Exodus, Ezekiel, and Isaiah.

6. Easter Flowers envelopes are ready. They are beautiful!

c. Liturgical Ministers

1. Training Day will be rescheduled for March 18, 11- 1 with a lunch.
2. Time/Talent Surveys- *Parasoft* has developed a new software system for keeping track of membership and time and talent. Patrice hopes to set it up and use it for the parish. We will put the surveys into the bulletin on March 4, announcing the training is on March 18. Deacon Stan was pleased with the results of the survey so far.

IV. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Rectory repairs and Improvements. Don Richards, a parishioner, who has done flooring professionally, will replace the floor in the laundry room with some high-grade vinyl. [James and Jim have moved the hot water heater out.] Don will also be replacing the carpet in the living room, hall and bedrooms. They should be done by next week. Father Mike recommended some painters and they gave us a quote to get the walls painted a neutral color.
- b. Father George is available for Masses on all Saturdays, March, April and May, except for two, which Father Carl will do. Father Mike will continue to do Sundays.

V. **REPORTS**

- a. Religious Ed- Betty reported they received their rice bowls. March 18, the Diocese is having a youth group rally at Gabriel Richard for sixth, seventh and eighth graders. The fee is \$30, and the parish plans to subsidize half of the fees for any attendees. The Religious Ed program received a \$500 donation, and some families will be assisted by the gift. Betty is very happy about the program, and she appreciates the families and the teachers.
- b. Sue reported that Confirmation is going well. We have 13 Confirmandi—two from last year, to be confirmed on April 27. Attendance at classes is very good, due, in great part

to its convenient time slot between Masses. Deacon Richard gave a presentation last week that was very well received. The parish introduction event is planned for this Sunday, when the Confirmandi will be introduced at 11:00 Mass. Class will begin earlier this Sunday to accommodate the event. There will be a blessing, and some snacks and a cake will be provided afterwards. They are preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation; examination of conscience booklets will be provided at their retreat on April 22.

- c. Youth Group-The numbers for youth group haven't been as robust since the New Year began—only between six and eight members have been active. Anna has been sending emails and texts regularly, and plans to be more persistent in the weeks to come. Today she is accompanying two youth members to Adoration at Christ the King, and no matter how few students show interest in such events, she will always make them available to them.
- d. Liturgical Music -no report
- e. Directory—Betty reported she and Chery O'Brien are meeting tomorrow to finalize the directory and hopefully, putting it into the mail on Monday.

IX CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT-Meeting adjourned with a prayer and blessing led by Deacon Richard at 12:14.

Next meeting will be March 4.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Julius