

Saint Joseph Catholic Church
Parish Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2017

Members present: Deacon Stan, Deacon Richard, Don Kreiner, Maureen Rieschl, Betty Linzy, Rose Recchia, Kathleen Gabe, Jo Julius

Member excused: Alex Ellul, Sue Webster

- I. Deacon Richard opened the meeting with a prayer at 10:32.
- II. February Minutes were approved as written.
- III. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. Father Ed's birthday/memorial celebration
 1. Logistics/times-The celebration will be at 5 pm Mass March 11 and Jo will order and pick up a cake from Costco for a reception afterwards.
 2. Not a whole lot of reflections/memories were provided by parishioners, so we will not be printing a lot of copies. We will provide a few copies on Saturday, and if people want more they can download it from the website and/or Facebook page. If they don't have computer access, they may sign up for one, and we will provide it.
 - b. Lent/Easter update
 1. Fast/abstinence Guidelines are in the Bulletin this weekend.
 2. Penance Service is Tuesday March 28 at 7 pm with Father Mike and Father George.
 3. Distribution of stones will not be done this year.
 4. Stations of the Cross-finalized schedule of leaders-The 24th, 31st and 7th need leaders. We will ask Pat Mull to bring it to the CCW for a volunteer.
 5. Holy Week Schedule: Times/Priests
 - a. Palm Sunday- Fr George, 5 pm Saturday, and Father Mike for Sunday Masses.
 - b. Triduum Guidelines-Don handed out the guidelines. He has books for the priests and deacons all ready to go. He has readings for the Passion ready, as well.
 - c. Holy Thursday liturgy - Father George will preside.
 1. Washing of Feet-update on volunteers
 - a. We will recruit active involved folks from the parish; e.g., —choir, youth group, CCW, etc.
 2. Chrism Mass will be attended by the Deacons, and Kathleen.
 3. Good Friday-Deacons will preside for the 1 pm service

4. Easter Vigil Readings will be from Genesis, Exodus, Isaiah, and Ezekiel
 5. The system is open for the sign-up of liturgical ministers for Holy Week and Easter.
 6. Easter Flowers- Maureen will order a variety of lilies, hyacinth, hydrangea, which will be delivered on Saturday, April 15th.
6. Training Day update/logistics/planning- , Time and Talent Surveys will be in the bulletins March 11 and 18th and in the announcements both weekends. We will have an article in Bulletin about training , which will be held on April 1.
- a. Personnel to do the training will be determined by Deacon Stan.
 - b. There are important issues to cover.
 - c. Location(s) will be determined later.

IV. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Rectory repairs and Improvements-They are done so far with major renovations—flooring and painting. The new flooring in the laundry room is a durable vinyl.
They have re-carpeted one living area, the annex and bedrooms. Painting is complete—an off-white shade. One room needed more paint due to the darkness of the original shade. The painting company was one referred by Fr. Mike Bancroft. They did an excellent job, even painting all of the closets. We should consider having an open house of the rectory for the parishioners to see the renovations. We still need replacement furniture/mattresses/linens/shades/drapes. There was a suggestion that we have a gift registry at a local store to allow people to donate the needed items. Deacon Stan will ask the new pastor about that.
- b. Telephone update progress-We are almost there. There are final quotes from Comcast. Each building needs a separate account: Double Play--internet and phones--all three accounts will be separate. We will have Wifi in all buildings.
- c. Weekday Mass schedules from neighboring parishes are published in the bulletin during Lent.
- d. Saint Joseph's Day -Bread report-Maureen will talk to Walmart about providing 225 loaves on Saturday for the weekend of March 18-19.
- e. Signs- We discussed using the sign holder outside for regular notifications of celebrations and activities. We need a permanent place to store all the signage we use for fish fries, festivals, etc. Kathleen will look into finding an appropriate space to keep all signage—a space with limited access, such as the rectory basement.
- f. OTHER
 1. Maureen suggested we contact Underwood Nursery about getting rid of the moles which are showing up on the church grounds. Much laughter about Whack-a-Moles ensued.
 2. Deacon Stan reported about the diocesan “Man Event” that he attended last week. He felt it was the best event the diocese has sponsored in a long time. He reported that there were “men” there from the ages of 10 to 96. They will be holding the event again next year at the same time.

3. Don reported that his men's Singing Knights donated \$500 toward the Valentine Dinner, which they attended, and performed at. Jo will draft a thank you for Deacon's signature.

V. REPORTS

- a. Religious Ed- Betty reported that the biggest thing is that they have the Lenten rice bowls distributed. There are extra in Maria Hall. The Confirmation Retreat has been changed to March 26th at Immaculate Conception from 10:30-4 pm. They will have to attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation on that Saturday, the 25th. They will ask Father to come at 2 pm for the Confirmandi. April 27 is Confirmation in Milan. First Communion will be on May 7 with May Crowning after the 11am Mass.
- b. Youth Group- Anna reported the Youth will be helping get the church ready for Holy week, with the Easter egg Hunt, as well as decorating for Easter. Last month, she accompanied a few youth members to Christ the King Church for Adoration for half an hour, then they went to lunch. There will be one more trip during Lent as well. Meeting attendance is not up to expectation, but she is hopeful it will improve. The kids do like to cook their meals, and that's a meeting draw.
- c. Deacon Stan reported that the name of our new Pastor is Rev. Pieter van Rooyen, who will start at St. Joseph's on July 1, 2017. Father is finishing his PhD in Rome and will be teaching at Sacred Heart Seminary while here, so he will live at the rectory just on weekends and serve as our sacramental minister. Deacon Stan will serve as our parish administrator for another year.
- d. On March 19, the Washtenaw County Deacons' Cluster will meet here in the evening. The meal will be catered.
- e. Jo reminded the Council that she will be out of town for the next meeting, and Anna volunteered to do the agenda and minutes for the April 1 meeting.

IX CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT Betty Linzy closed with a prayer at 11:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Anne Julius