

St. Joseph Church, Emmitsburg, Maryland

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

Attending: Fr. John Holliday, Fr. Charlie Krieg, Sr. Martha Beaudoin, Diane Bittle, Theresa Buchheit, Amanda Calis, Alice Kabatt, Ellie Legare, Fred Legare, Kristina Lowe, Andrea Metz, Mary Myers, Alice Kabatt, Jude O'Donnell, Noreen O'Donnell, Doria Wolfe

Excused: Mary Neibecker, Matt Legare, Lou O'Brien, Mary Buchheit

The meeting was called to order by Diane Bittle and began with an opening prayer.

The minutes of January 31, 2017 were approved with one edit.

Pastor's Report:

Fr. Holliday presented his report which included the Financial Report (entire Pastor report attached). Summary:

- Father Holliday spoke about the 400 Anniversary of the founding of the Vincentian charism. The theme for the celebration is 'Welcoming the Stranger' and information about this can be found on the parish website. The Vincentians are sponsoring a pilgrimage to Rome in October in honor of the anniversary. All are welcome to attend.
- Annual Appeal: St. Joseph has 24% participation, higher than the Archdiocese average of 13%. The money raised at St. Joseph will go to Catholic school tuition for parishioner families.
- Father reviewed the budget and reported that the parish is right on budget so far this year.
- A fundraiser for a new church organ will begin April 1.
- Father Harry Arnone, CM is now the Chaplain for the Daughters of Charity in Emmitsburg. He takes over for Fr. Steve Trzeczieski, CM who was transferred to Philadelphia. Father Harry will live at the Rectory.
- The planning for the new Archdiocese pastorate continues and an announcement will be made by the end of the month regarding the proposed pastorates. Funds for the cemetery expansion will remain with St Joseph's when a new pastorate is formed.
- The parish will host a Eucharistic Procession on the feast of Corpus Christi, Sunday, June 18. The outdoor procession will begin immediately after the 10:30 am Mass and process to the Seton Shrine with a brief stop at the New St. Joseph's Cemetery.
- The annual Feast of St. Joseph spaghetti dinner was another success and Father was appreciative of all the volunteers who made it happen.

Doria Wolfe, Coordinator of Religious Education, shared a new education program to be used with the first communion class called Dynamic Catholic. This is a book and video program that is well regarded and reasonably priced. There are 15 children who made their first communion this year and 6 confirmation students will make their confirmation on May 7. There will be a May Procession on May 7.

Andrea Metz, Doria Wolfe and Diane Bittle worked on an "All Are Welcome" greeting to be said at all the Masses. The greeting will be emailed to the Council for discussion and then sent to the Lectors for their input. Diane will send the text around to the Council and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

Elections for Parish Pastoral Council will take place on June 24 and 25 for 2017-2018 per the By Laws. A Nominating Committee was formed to begin the process of recruiting parishioners to run for Council. They include Diane Bittle, Alice Kabatt and Ellie Legare.

Committee reports follow these minutes.

The meeting ended with a closing prayer.

Next meeting will be held May 30, 2017 at 7 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Noreen O'Donnell

St. Joseph's Parish Ministry & Organizational Reports

As of May, 2017

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT AND PASTOR'S REPORT

Parish Finance Committee Report

- I. Our next Parish Finance Committee meeting is on Thursday, June 1, at 7 pm in the rectory.
- II. Will do a quick review of parish financial reports as of April 30, 2017.
- III. Other financial topics will be part of the Pastor's Report.

Pastor's Report

- I. Review of April 30, 2017, parish financial reports.
 - Total Offertory Collections: \$4,148 under budget
 - Total Income: \$7,088 under budget
 - Total Expenses: \$7,614 under budget
 - Balance Sheet: Catholic Family Foundation Endowment \$31,630. We began with a \$25,000 deposit in January 2016.
- II. New church organ fundraiser update. This is going exceptionally well!

Total received in gifts/pledges as of today: \$80,675.

New church organ will be installed June 5-8. Training on Friday, June 9. New organ should be in use on Saturday, June 10.

Question for discussion: what do we do with surplus funds?

- Establish a dedicated fund for future maintenance/repairs for organ in our IPLF account?
 - Use funds for paying organists?
 - Use funds for scholarships?
 - Return funds to parishioners?
- III. Review parish events during the summer.
 - Thank you to the 200 Club supporters! They provided \$3,960 to purchase a beautiful new canopy for the annual Corpus Christi procession!
 - IV. Update on Archdiocese Strategic Planning process.

V. 2017 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

- As of May 24 we have received \$44,690 in pledges and gifts. This surpassed our parish goal of \$31,700 by \$12,990.

VI. Parish Catholic Education Scholarships:

- 23 families / 44 children applied for parish scholarships this year. The majority of students are from Mother Seton School. Others attend St. Maria Goretti High School, St. John's Catholic Prep, St. Thomas More Academy.
- \$30,000 in scholarships would meet only 26.5% of the need, as determined by FACTS.
- We will probably be able to provide \$40,000 in scholarships this year.
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VII. For next year's Parish Pastoral Council...

- The Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs: can we as a parish do more to support this group? **VIDEO**
To learn more visit: www.thereligiouscoalition.org
- What can we do to provide theological/spiritual formation to parishioners? To staff and committee members? **VIDEO**
To learn more visit: www.formed.org
- Do we need to undertake another parish strategic planning process for the years 2017-2020?
- What can we do to encourage religious vocations?
- What can we do to build a relationship with St. Joseph (Taneytown) over the next few years?

Submitted by Father Holliday

Legion of Mary

No activity. Submitted by Mary Buchheit.

Pro-Life Committee

We held a meeting on May 17, 2017. Here are some of the activities we would like to promote.

1. 40 Days for Life
2. Life Chain- Oct. 1, 2017
3. 5 k Race in September for the CPC.

We ran the Adopt-A-Baby program with approximately 60 participants.

Would like to schedule speakers on pro-life issues for the parish. Submitted by Mary Buchheit.

Religious Education Report

There were 6 youth who made their confirmation on May7, and 15 who made 1st Communion.

St. Joseph is joining St Anthony and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel for Vacation Bible School. This will take place at St Anthony's June 26-30. Flyers will be sent out. Submitted by Doria Wolfe

Young Adults Ministry

iT High School Youth Ministry

Young Adult

Submitted by Theresa Buchheit

ECHO

All clubs and meetings are completed for 2017. We finished off our year with a talent show held at Mount St. Mary's. Activities will resume in the fall. Submitted by Ellie Legare.

SOCIETY OF ST.VINCENT de PAUL, Our Lady of Grace Chapter.

No report

Seton Center - Monthly Outreach Report:

This report covers FY 2017 from March 1 to May 23, 2017

Totals for all services

- Utilities – 16
- Rent - 11
- Home Visiting – 28
- DePaul Dental -10

Other areas covered are medical prescription and transportation costs, and referrals.

The Getting Ahead program is now on its third group of eight participants. The second group graduated in February. We now have 14 graduates. We are still looking for volunteers to prepare a meal for 10 people for Thursday evenings for 5:30 p.m.

Your Resources Workshops- Since March there have been four workshops on topics from buying a used car, credit repair, self-compassion and how to dress for an interview or having a professional appearance. On June 15, there is a workshop entitled Positive Money Mindset from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

We are working with United Way on financial programs. We have the Prosperity Savings Account for those who are willing to save money and learn how to budget their funds. For those saving to buy a house, for every \$ saved up to \$3600.00 it will be matched 3:1; for car purchase the match is 1:1. Starting in January, 2018 the Prosperity will be at Seton Center to help residents do their taxes. This is a free service.

The De Paul Dental program continues to serve low income residents 18 years of older. Sr. Roberta Treppa, who joined us at the end of March is coordinating this program.

We are also working with Mount St. Mary University on a fund development project and other possibilities of cooperation.

The Seton Family Store continues to grow its business. We now have four on-line shopping sites: Facebook market place, Tradesy, Offerup, and Craig's List.

Submitted by Sister Martha Beaudoin

[Emmitsburg Council of Churches:](#)

Submitted by Alice Kabatt.

[Sodality:](#)

Submitted by Alice Kabatt

St. Joseph Church Schedule of Events 2017

Monday, May 29	Memorial Day: Mass at 8:30am. No evening confessions or Mass. Parish office closed.
Tuesday, May 30	Parish Pastoral Council meeting 7pm in parish hall
Sunday, June 4	Coffee and Donuts after 8am and 10:30am Masses Mother Seton School Graduation Mass: 4 pm in Seton Shrine
Friday, June 9 and Saturday, June 10	Sodality Indoor Yard Sale. Friday 9am-3pm. Saturday 8am-1pm. Breakfast and lunch sandwiches for sale.
Saturday, June 17	St. Joseph Golf Outing sponsored by Knights of Columbus Bruté Council 1860. Meadow Brook Golf Course, Gettysburg. Call Mike Castaldi for more information at (301) 447-6841
Sunday, June 18	Corpus Christi procession after 10:30 am Mass
Sunday, June 18 through Friday, June 23	Baltimore Work Camp 2017
Saturday, June 24 and Sunday, June 25	Parish Pastoral Council elections at all Masses
Monday, July 3	Parish office closed for Independence Day holiday.
Tuesday, July 4	Independence Day. Parish office closed.
Tuesday, August 15	Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM. Vigil Mass on Monday, August 14, at 7:30 pm. Mass on Tuesday, August 15, at 8:30 am. Holy Day of Obligation.
Monday, September 4	Labor Day: Mass at 8:30am. No evening confessions or Mass. Parish office closed.