

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

September 28, 2017

Attendance: Mike Balla, Tom Devlin, Maureen Gipprich, Emily Helstrom, Tom Mc Nelis, Mary Murphy, Edrie Watson, Jay Yohn, Mary Ann Zerkowski

The meeting began with a prayer.

Council Membership

Mike Balla introduced Emily Helstrom and Tom Mc Nelis as potential Council members for a three year term.

Parish Retreat Day

Mary Murphy reported that our Parish Retreat Day scheduled for September 30, 2017 to be held at the McGlenn Conference Center will have a total of 35 parishioners attending from St. Mary's and St. Catharine Parishes. The theme will be "Taking God Out of the Box." Sister Patrice Klausing OSF will be our retreat speaker.

Christmas Boutique

Jay Yohn informed the Council that the Christmas Boutique will be held on November 17-18, 2017. The committee has sent an e-mail to the various parish groups asking them to consider donating a gift basket or items for a basket to be raffled off during the Boutique. Jay told us most groups were very receptive to the idea. Mary Ann Zerkowski offered to seek volunteers from St. Mary's to aid with the food preparation for the Boutique.

Parish Mission 2018

The Parish Mission has been scheduled for February 25-28, 2018. Father Vincent Fortunato will be the retreat master. Mike Balla is going to contact someone to create posters to advertise the Mission and place a "Save the Date" in the bulletin. It was decided that the Mission Prayer will be recited at each weekend Mass during January and February 2018. The Council also discussed the importance of having greeters each evening of the Mission. It was suggested that we compose a list of specific questions (music, AV equipment, portable mic, etc.) for Fr. Fortunato when Mike contacts him in the future. Tom Mc Nelis proposed visiting a parish where Fr. Fortunato is speaking as a possibility.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Five parishioners have expressed an interest in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. They are in the process of being trained for this important ministry.

The meeting ended with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary C. Murphy
Secretary

Next meeting: November 30, 2017 in the Parish Center at 7 p.m.
Edrie has the opening prayer.