

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

November 30, 2017

Attendance: Maureen Gipprich, Tom Mc Nelis, Mary Murphy, Deacon John Stapleton, Edrie Watson, Jay Yohn, Mary Ann Zerkowski, Msgr. Ed Domin

The meeting began with a prayer.

Council Membership

Tom Mc Nelis has accepted membership and will serve a three year term. A new Chair and Vice Chair for the Council will be selected at our next meeting. Council members were asked to e-mail Mary Murphy with nominations for both offices.

Parish Retreat Day

Mary Murphy reported that the 2017 Parish Retreat Day was enjoyed by 35 parishioners. The Bernardine Sisters have penciled in two dates in 2018 for a Parish Retreat Day. The Council selected September 22, 2018. The retreat will be held at the McGlenn Conference Center which is adjacent to Alvernia University. Sister Partrice Klausing, OSF will once again be the speaker. Mary will contact the Sisters to confirm the date.

Christmas Boutique

Jay Yohn informed the Council that the Christmas Boutique was a huge success. Local merchants were very generous in donating gift cards for the basket raffle. Many people who purchased a meal felt it was delicious but the wait time was too long. Jay explained that the Boutique Committee is aware of the lengthy line to pick up the meals.

Ministers of Hospitality Christmas Coverage

Deacon John reported that he e-mailed current and former Ministers of Hospitality with the schedule of Christmas Masses asking for their assistance. He has had a positive response.

Parish Mission 2018

The Parish Mission has been scheduled for February 26-28, 2018. Father Vincent Fortunato will be the speaker. Jay Yohn is going to contact Father to obtain his schedule and any additional needs he may have for his presentations. 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. Maureen Gipprich is having signs made for the church entrance at St. Catharine and St. Mary to promote the Mission. She will also print the Mission Prayer. Msgr. Domin would like to invite parishioners from local parishes to attend our Mission.

Future Meeting Dates

January 25, 2018
March 22, 2018
May 31, 2018
September 27, 2018
November 29, 2018

The meeting ended with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary C. Murphy
Secretary

Next meeting: January 25, 2018 in the Parish Center at 7 p.m.
Maureen has the opening prayer.

