

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL Minutes

Tuesday, November 7, 2017

OPENING PRAYER – Peggy Kelly

Present: Lisa Denomme, Peggy Kelly, Father David Lewis, Marty Merlihan, Phil Milan, Iris Miltenburg, Andrea Visneskie, Barb Vodicka and Leona Weishar

Absent: Frank McGuire

Approval of Previous Minutes – Moved by Peggy Kelly and seconded by Phil Milan.

BUSINESS

1. 40 Days for Life Adopted Day Report
Marianne Kieswetter submitted a report. They had a successful day with the help of others.
2. Ministry for New Canadians Report – Marty Merlihan
The family has been here for 6 months. They have been in their own apartment since July. A report will be in the bulletin and on the website.
3. Pastoral Information Update – Iris Miltenburg
The First Reconciliation classes are going well with 20 children in the program. December 7th is the date of the First Reconciliation. Confirmation classes will begin in April to May. The Grade 6/7 teacher agrees to a retreat on May 18th (tentative date). School visits are added to the calendar of the school.
4. Development & Peace – Marty Merlihan
This weekend is the action campaign wherein we would like people to sign a postcard to go to the Prime Minister. This year's theme is Women at the Heart of Change. Please consider signing the action card.
5. Training for Various Ministries – Lisa Denomme
Would it be possible to have somebody from the Diocese to train the various ministers in their duties? It would be nice to have a dedicated day in our parish for those who are not available to go the Diocesan Formation Days. Father Dave is to request late winter/early spring Diocesan training in our parish.
6. Rosary – 2nd Saturday of the Month – Phil Milan
There was a great response to the rosary throughout October. It was thought it would be lovely to have this every month at Mass. A suggestion was made to have it from November to May once a month. There was some concern with people coming late so they wouldn't interrupt what was happening. It makes October and May special. We will try it on every 2nd Saturday of every month. It will start at 4:35 p.m.
7. Bible Study – Father David Lewis
There will be a Bible Study on Thursday mornings from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. beginning November 23rd for five weeks. It will reflect on the reading for the upcoming Sunday.
8. Christmas Fundraising Dinner – Friday, December 1st
Volunteer sign-up sheets will be out this weekend. Tickets are available this weekend.

9. St. Teresa of Avila Penitential Service – Father David Lewis
We join with St. Agatha and St. Clements. The Penitential Service is at St. Teresa's on Tuesday, December 19th at 7 p.m.
10. Christmas & New Year's Mass Times – Father David Lewis
We will have our regular Sunday Masses on Saturday, December 23rd at 5 p.m. and Sunday, December 24th at 9:30 a.m.
The Christmas Mass times are Sunday, December 24th at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Monday, December 25th at 10 a.m.
New Year's Mass Times are Sunday, December 31st at 5 p.m. and Monday, January 1st at 10 a.m.

NEXT MONTH'S OPENING AND CLOSING PRAYERS - Barb Vodicka

CLOSING PRAYER – Peggy Kelly

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, December 5, 2017

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE REPORT... submitted by Barb Vodicka

Membership drive is still on! Ladies age 16 and up - join or renew your membership for only \$25. Please include cash or a cheque made out to St. Teresa of Avila C.W.L. along with your name, address, phone number and email address in an envelope marked C.W.L. and return to the church office or drop it in the collection basket.

The C.W.L. sponsored the rosary before Masses for the month of October. Thank you to all who volunteered to lead them and for the parish participation to honour our heavenly mother.

We were responsible for the Chartwell monthly birthday party on November 8th and we brought in the music students from EDSS to provide entertainment for the seniors. We served cake and refreshments after the performance. Thank you to EDSS and to all the ladies that came and helped out. It was very much appreciated by the residents and staff.

Next general meeting is November 14th at 7:45 p.m. in the library. This includes installation of the new officers after the 7:05 Mass. We hope you will join us!

Mark your calendars for our Potluck dinner on December 12th following the 6:00 p.m. Mass.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS REPORT... submitted by Ray Denomme

The Knights of Columbus Fish Fry on October 27, 2017 went very well. Thank you to our volunteers, brother Knights and parishioners for their support.

The Angel Tree Toy drive starts up again in late November. We ask that parishioners pick up a marked tag from the Angel Tree and return a new, unwrapped gift with the tag to the church before December 10, 2017.

The Knights of Columbus will again be involved with Woolwich Community Services on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Lions Hall. Volunteers will be wrapping gifts and sorting food hampers on that day. Parishioners and families are welcome to take part. Please contact Ray Denomme at (519) 669-3854 or email raytrudyd@gmail.com for a time slot. Thank you.

The Knights of Columbus Christmas Dinner is on December 14, 2017 at the Royal Canadian Legion. Please come and bring a guest for an evening of good food and fellowship. Cost is \$24.00 per person. Please confirm your attendance by calling Ray at (519) 669-3854 or emailing raytrudyd@gmail.com before December 8, 2017.