

# PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

**OPENING PRAYER** – Lisa Denomme

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

**Absent:** Andrea Visneskie

Approval of Previous Minutes – Moved by Peggy Kelly and seconded by Barb Vodicka

## **BUSINESS**

1. Two new members were welcomed, Frank McGuire and Leona Weishar.
2. Election of Chairperson and Secretary for Parish Council – Phil Milan has been elected as Chair and Lisa Denomme as Secretary.
3. BBQ & Bishop's Visit – Lisa Denomme – This event went well. Sadly it was on the long weekend and we were short on help. Overall it was a good Mass and BBQ.
4. Sign Ministry – Marty Merlihan – The new schedule starts in November. Seven people currently do the changing of the sign. We welcome and encourage new members.
5. Outreach Ministry – Marty Merlihan – We have 11 people currently involved in Outreach. We also encourage and welcome new members who would like to volunteer. If you know of anyone that would like a visit please contact the parish office.
6. Pastoral Information Update – Iris Miltenburg – Have met with the new Principal (Amy Flynn) and Father Dave. The school calendar for Masses, liturgies and celebrations has been set.
  - a. First Reconciliation preparation for the grade 2s will begin next week with the parent meeting on October 10<sup>th</sup> and classes for that begin October 15<sup>th</sup> at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. First Reconciliation will be on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.
  - b. Baptisms are a highlight as we continue to have at least 2 a month and sometimes more.
  - c. Weddings – We were busy this past summer with 3 weddings. Very joyous occasions and we have a tentative one for 2018.
7. 40 Days for Life – St. Teresa of Avila Sponsored Day – Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> – information only
8. Buses in Parking Lot – Marty Merlihan – The bus drivers have asked if they can use our parking lot during off hours. They pay a monthly stipend. It was suggested that

the one bus closest to the church move to the other side of the second bus. This would help the flow of parking on the weekend.

9. Website has been updated. More pictures on the site. Lots of information on the site.

10. Looking for more Hospitality Ministers. Please consider this worthwhile ministry.

11. Dates to note:

Rosary Rally at Rosary Garden – Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> – Noon

(The gardens look wonderful thanks to Dolly.)

Feast of St. Teresa Evening Prayer – Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> – 7 p.m.

40 Days for Life Sponsored Day – Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> – 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Fish Fry – Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> – Continuous Seating – 5:30 – 7 p.m.

Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> – the Legion will parade the colours before the 9:30 a.m. Mass

**NEXT MONTH'S OPENING AND CLOSING PRAYERS** - Peggy Kelly

**CLOSING PRAYER** – Lisa Denomme

**NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday, November 7, 2017

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

- Our visit to the Carmelites in September was well attended. We had a beautiful Mass in the chapel and enjoyed fellowship afterwards at Kennedy's with St. Teresa of Avila, Kitchener parishioners.
- On Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> – the C.W.L. presented the St. John's Bible - the Book of Wisdom. We had about 35 people present and all left very excited about what they had seen. Looking at having another possible viewing in the New Year.
- Next general meeting is October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 p.m. in the library. November's general meeting is November 14<sup>th</sup> that 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 12<sup>th</sup> following the 6:00 pm Mass.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS REPORT...**submitted by Ray Denomme

- Thanks to our parishioners for their generous support to the Canadian Tire Program in memory of our late brother Knight Ted Teahen. Your loose change and Canadian Tire money totaled \$133.20.
- The Knights of Columbus Fish Fry will be held on October 27, 2017. Chairing this event are Al Vodicka, Rick Weishar, Barry Lehmann, Phil Milan and Steve Pond. Please sign up and volunteer your time to this wonderful event.
- 40 Days for Life for St. Teresa of Avila is on Monday, October 16, 2017 to pray in front of Freeport Hospital. To my brother Knights, please sign up in the Narthex and give an hour to this worthwhile cause.
- The Angel Tree Toy Drive starts again in late November. We will need someone to oversee this event.