

Saints Mary and Joseph Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes;
March 9th, 2017

- ❖ 7:17 call to order
- ❖ **Pastor's Report:** Father Tom
 - Yellow House (Convent): Remains for sale--considerable interest has been shown, and spring will bring new potential buyers.
 - Easter Vigil— the MQP/St. Joe's choir and the 5:00 PM band will participate. There will be 5 scripture readings.
 - 7 new EM's have volunteered for rotating duty at our weekly service at Northeast Rehab Hospital in Salem
 - Kay B. and Therese are working on "The Giving Tree" Clothing Drive at Soule School. We're looking to possibly add the Fisk School to this year's drive.
 - Expanded library at St. Joe's Family Room. We hope to offer electronic search by title, author, etc.
 - St. Joe's Family Room: Looking to renovate/update as a new Café offering lattes, cappuccino, etc. Should be modern/contemporary, attractive area to gather.
 - The parish currently offers weekly communion services at Salemhaven and Greystone, as well as mass at Salem Woods on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month.
- ❖ **Abba's Hand's Prayer Ministry:** Led by Deb Carney.
 - Currently offered at 9:30/11:00 celebrations at MQP. At St. Joe's, it is currently by appt. only, but looking to offer at the 4:15. The new prayer room at St. Joe's is beautiful!
- ❖ **Contemporary Music Concert MQP, Friday June 2nd at 7 PM**
 - 5:00 band leading an experience of Praise and Worship

- Christi, Daniela, Kyle to plan, and Justine to collaborate.
- Involve Faith Formation Families, Youth Groups and invite other parishes and churches in the area.

- ❖ **April PC Meeting moved to April 6th due to Holy Thursday.**

- ❖ **Discernment Meetings: May 4th and 11th**
 - 3 openings for 3 years each. Bulletin notices/flyers, website advertisements, and nomination strips in pews will begin April 1st, and the deadline will be April 23rd. Steve to handle.

- ❖ **Mass Celebrations:**
 - It is our overarching goal to continue, and to further enhance our efforts to provide an extraordinarily welcoming environment for all existing parishioners as well as new/visiting worshippers. Many "layers" of greeters are essential, and personal invitation is an effective means of discipleship.

- ❖ **State of the Parish:**
 - We remain steadfast in our mission: to love God, love others, and grow as disciples looking to make more disciples.
 - Find ways to provide parishioners with a deeper understanding of the mass celebration, and of the graces which flow from the Eucharist and from Eucharistic Adoration.

- ❖ **St. Joe's 5:00 Mass Celebration:**
 - Considering moving to 6:30 for the summer to appeal to youth, young adults, & families; should better accommodate summer activities including sports, weekend trips, and vacations, etc.
 - Surveys being taken at the 5:00 Mass.

- ❖ **Closing Prayer: Father Bill**
- ❖ **Meeting adjourned at 9:13 PM**