

Saints Mary and Joseph Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes February 11th, 2016

Call to Order: 7:22 PM

Absent: Tina Doherty, Chris Raymond, Joe Balzano, Sue Levesque

Opening Prayer: Judi

Reading for Spiritual Reflection and Guidance: Fr. Tom distributed handouts for reflection

Progress Report of "Old-Business": No handouts this month. Steve provided updates:

Family Promise: training continues, will make announcements at the masses for volunteers.

GF Process: has been implemented, going well; new pyx ordered for St Joseph's.

Shared Meals: currently have 15 volunteers, yellow information cards have been distributed to the parishes.

Badges: are in and distribution has begun. Steve will follow-up to be sure that the ushers/greeters/collectors also have badges.

Video Screen/Projector: Working well at Mary Queen of Peace, would like to start streaming the 11:00 mass live. Would also like to have a projector for the 11:00 at Saint Joseph's Church; may be able to get a grant by the end of the summer.

Stand Up Salem: 1st meeting was held Thursday, February 11th at the Mary Fisk School, attendance was good. Lisa will forward information to Judi to see if there is a tie in with SoRock, an established coalition in southern NH.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pastor's Report—Fr. Tom – Fr. Tom met with the Bishop. Both churches will remain open and no closure plans are on the radar. The bishop is very pleased with the direction of the parish.

Will need to repair the parking lot at Mary Queen of Peace, as well as perform building repairs and maintenance at both campuses. We are looking into possibly renovating the downstairs at St Joseph's Church.

Homily Themes Redux: Still a discussion, we can try for the next 3 – 5 weeks during Lent and will evaluate effectiveness.

We may want to put upcoming themes in the bulletin and on the website. Our clergy may need to work together on topics, and the themes need to be relevant and related to the scripture or acclamations, etc.

Projector/Screen Usage Revisited— Discussion still continues on how we may best utilize in a spiritually appropriate and effective manner. Possible use at additional masses was discussed but no decisions were made.

MQP 9:30 Mass: The 9:30 mass running late is creating issues for the incoming 11:00 mass. How do we save time? Lectors should stay on the altar on near the front. Mass needs to start right on time. Sacred vessels can be cleaned in a more efficient manner.

Closing Prayer—Father Al closed with prayer at 9:15 PM.