

**Saints Mary and Joseph Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**  
**October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

Call to Order - 7:15 PM, Started at 7:19 Absent was Justine

Opening Prayer – Fr. Bill

**Handouts of the night included:**

Fr. Tom's study guide, Old business updates from Judi, Update on outreach from Lisa, Closing prayer from Deacon Jay

**New Business:**

**Family Promise:** Peter/Kristin Klecan presented to council

The service provides local homeless families a place to stay one week at a time using various churches as hosts. The families are up to 4 members in each family (some more, some less). Will only need to be at the host location for one week at a time from 5:30pm – 7:00am the following morning. Day programs and showers are provided from a different venue, the host facility will provide breakfast and dinner. Several volunteers are needed (could children attending the Faith Formation classes help out in any way)?

**Action:** Peter and Kristin Klecan will be attending an upcoming meeting on the initiative and will give the council more detailed information. Also, any questions can be mailed to Peter and Kristin Klecan at Klecan45@comcast.net.

**Old Business:**

**Progress Report of "old-business"**

**Ushers/Greeters:**

Judi has gathered as list of all parish ushers/greeters (about 25 people) in order to distribute the letter for the meeting being held on the training of usher/greeters. For any other follow ups, Judi will reach out to folks.

**Outreach:**

Lisa handed out an update regarding the local outreach program in Salem, NH. A coalition is being formed and next meeting is November 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 at the Salem Boys and Girls Club.

**Action??**

**Sanctuary Time:** transformational prayer (All)

**PC Retreat Recap:**

We want to respond generously to Pope Francis' call to make ourselves attractive to the Salem, NH community. According to the pope, this is the only effective way to draw people to the church, to make them want to come to Sts. Mary and Joseph parish.

**Handout from Fr. Tom for future reference:**

Fr. Tom will email to PC members the article, "How to infuse the spirit of Christ in a Pastoral Council" by Sr. Kathleen Turley, RSM. . Sr. Kathleen urges pastoral councils put time aside during meeting for spiritual development, so we will grow together through the action of the Holy Spirit

**Study Guide on Joy of the Gospel for reflection and spiritual guidance.**

Fr. Tom discussed the study guide from October 4<sup>th</sup>. Pope Francis, in "The Joy of the Gospel" calls us to a shift in mindset; to react to the poor in a new way, and to recognize their "beauty." Every person is a child of God. Don't judge; rather, learn to look at people the same way that Christ does.

**MQP Mass Times:**

In hopes of providing more time for community building between Sunday masses, we will be surveying parishioners at the 9:30am mass to get their opinion on potentially moving the mass to 9:00am.

**Action:** Deacon Jay is writing a letter/survey for the 9:30am mass attendees.

**Other Business:**

Email ideas to Chairperson Steve Barretto for consideration next month.

**Closing Prayer**—Deacon Jay