



ST. JEANNE JUGAN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING AND CURRENT REPORTS

CHURCHES OF: HOLY FAMILY, ST. BERNARD, ST. PATRICK, ST. MARTHA, ST. ADALBERT

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MINUTES OF MEETING

Meeting Date: Mar 4, 2025

Location: St Bernards Meeting Room

Member Attendance – Elected, Ex-Officio, Clergy: (x – present, e – excused)

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| <u> </u> Fr. C. Kelechi Anyanwu | <u> </u> Fr. M. Kappalumakkel | <u> x </u> Vicki Mitchell* | <u> x </u> Josh Sullivan |
| <u> e </u> Sue Cotter | <u> x </u> Pat Keck | <u> </u> Charlene Mongillo | <u> </u> Marianne Tittarelli |
| <u> </u> Mark DiBacco | <u> e </u> Monica Kedzior | <u> x </u> Dcn. Vince Motto | <u> </u> Dcn. Michael Torres |
| <u> x </u> Donna Doyker | <u> </u> Regina Klundt | <u> x </u> Marie Pyznar* | <u> </u> Fr. Robert Villa |
| <u> x </u> Kristen Fitzsimons | <u> x </u> Joe Kubinski | <u> </u> Dcn. Paul Robert | <u> x </u> Kerri Work |
| <u> x </u> Fr. John Golas | <u> x </u> Bill Landry | <u> </u> Darlene Saucier | <u> </u> MaryAnn Zaleski |
| <u> e </u> BJ Gomeau | <u> x </u> Ryan LaRoche | <u> x </u> Faith Scavetta | <u> x </u> Maggie Griffin** |
| <u> x </u> Dave Goyette | <u> </u> Dcn. James Marco | <u> x </u> Michael Smyth | <u> </u> |

*Vicki Mitchel, Marie Pyznar – phone in

** Youth member

Guest(s) in attendance:

Opening Prayer: Fr. Golas. Luke 4:1-13. The temptation of Jesus. The Devil tested Jesus to see if He would go against His identity. Tests are a part of our faith life. Question: what test have we faced recently, and how have we used our faith to respond?

Agenda Items:

Approval of minutes from January 7, 2025: Motion to approve by Kristen F, 2nd by Faith S.
Minutes approved.

Old Business:

- Presentation of Gifts. With Sue Cotter not in attendance, action was postponed to next meeting.
- Prayer Card for Vocations. Fr. Golas said he is aware of more cards having been ordered. Logistics issue may be why they’re not in the pews.



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- Security Training. Vicki said that Worship and Parish Life is reaching out to the Enfield Police to set up training in areas of safety and awareness.
- Consolidation of Church Websites. Fr. Golas report that the diocese is in the process of requiring all parishes to be on a diocese wide standardized website, with all churches of a parish unified.
- Announcement of the Mass Celebrant. Fr. Golas suggested that any further action regarding announcing the name of the celebrant be referred to Worship and Parish Life.

New Business:

- St. Jeanne Jugan Parish Jubilee Festival of Hope. Pat Keck proposed a retreat for the entire parish and hold it at St. Martha's on a Saturday. Workshops would be set up with topics of interest for parishioners. Some ideas for events: adoration chapel, choirs can perform favorites, bounce house, stations of the cross, rosary, evening time adoration. The mass and confession that day could be part of the program.
- Women's Guild Scholarship. Reviews of scholarship application. Faith asked for volunteers to help with rating the essays.
- Mass Schedule. Concern was raised over Holy Days of Obligation mass times to fit with the needs of working people. Fr. Golas enumerated masses that are available which cover both mornings and evenings but suggested bringing up a request for an accommodating mass schedule with Worship and Parish Life. Sue of W&PL can be contacted at wcotter3@cox.net. Also brought up was praying for Pope Francis at Prayers of the Faithful. The secretary at each church can be contacted to request a prayer intention. Lori at St. Martha's oversees all the secretaries and can be contacted by phone at 860-962-4001 ext.123, or email at businessmgrsjjenfield.org.
- Frank Runyeon Productions (www.runyeonproductions.com). Reminder about event listed in church bulletin, March 6 and 7 at Holy Family. Frank is a television actor with a mission to bring the gospel to life for audiences.
- Feast of Corpus Christi. For June 22, Vince Motto is proposing a procession by car that begins at St. Patrick's, stopping at St. Joseph's at the Little Sisters of the Poor for a prayer service, and ending at Holy Family Church. The monstrance would be displayed on a flatbed truck, with options for a processing behind, or meeting at one or more of the locations. Details to be forthcoming.



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- Vacation Bible School. June 23-27 at St. Martha's.

Pastoral Report of Fr. Golas:

- Staffing Changes. Bridget Jones has resigned from her position, and a substitute is covering her duties. Micheal Dunning passed suddenly, and his duties as organist have been assumed by Beth Surapine. Worship and Parish Life may need to make some changes to mass times to accommodate for one person leading the choir and being the organist.
- Old Convent at St. Patrick's. Approval has been given for demolition. John Lynch is working with the Town of Enfield. Work will commence after the Warming Center season has ended.
- Duplex 33-35 Spring St. The duplex has been listed for sale. Because the record was lacking, a surveyor was hired to create a plat of the property to satisfy town requirements.
- Carnival Committee. A succession plan is needed because Gary has announced that this will be his final time for leading the carnival. The committee has acknowledged that without new leadership, there may not be a carnival next year. An appeal is made for individuals to step forward to work with the current committee with the goal of becoming the new leadership.

Closing Prayer: led by Fr. Golas.

Motion to adjourn made by Kristen, 2nd by Pat.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, 7:00 p.m. at:

 x Fr. Kerwan Hall of Holy Family Church

 St. Bernard's Church meeting room

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Kubinski

Secretary



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REPORTS FOR MAR 4, 2025

Committee Reports Submitted By Committee Chair(s) (unless otherwise noted)

Facilities (Ryan LaRoche)

Holy Family

- Dealing with issues regarding heat
- Repairing loose pews

St. Martha's

- Dealing with issues regarding heat

Legion of Mary – Our Lady of the Holy Family Praesidium (Regina Klundt)

EVENTS- January 27,2025

- PRO-LIFE class was taught at Mary, Gate of Heaven Parish in Windsor Locks by Auxiliary Member, Theresa Borchetta and active member, Regina Klundt.
- March 23, 2025—2PM at Holy Family Church—ACIES--Will be led By Father Golas
- Prayers and the recitation of the holy Rosary will take place in church.
- Legion of Mary Members along with Auxiliary Members will renew their Individual Acts of Consecration to Our Blessed Mother in procession to the large Vexillum Legionis (The Vexillum is the symbol of the Legion of Mary and used at every meeting.)
- Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction by Father Golas
- Following the ACIES Ceremony, a light social will take place at Father Kerwin's Hall.
- Active Legion of Mary Members continue to visit and pray the holy Rosary with the elderly in nursing homes and assisted living facilities in Enfield, Suffield, East Windsor, Stafford Springs, and Windsor Locks. Holy Communion is brought to the homebound and some residents in nursing homes. Our Praesidium has 3 Eucharistic Ministers. One member recently sang at a parishioner's funeral.
- Our Praesidium was asked to assist with recruitment for more Legion of Mary members at St Damien of Molokai Parish in Windsor, CT.

Prayer Shawls/Bears (Debbie Reith)

Senior Lunch (Debbie Lynch)



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Pro Life Committee (Donna Doyker)

- The PAL committee met on Thursday Feb 20 2025:
- A Datco coach bus has been reserved by PAL for Wed March 19 at 10:45 for the CT March for Life in Hartford. This is a free ride with lunch leaving Holy Family parking lot at 11. We have room for 36 and currently have 11 confirmed! You can join us from any town or any parish.
- We spoke in length about SJ 35. A Democrat sponsored Amendment to the State Constitution adding pregnant women and transgender persons to the protected classes, meaning that they cannot be discriminated against for any reason or by anyone. After a conversation with Carol Halls office manager this is what I found:
 - a) No parental control or age limits on transgender identifying minors
 - b) No restrictions whatsoever on abortion
 - c) No more religious exemptions including Catholic hospitals and their personnel!
- We have sent letters requesting a “wish list” from pro-life health clinics in the CT or Southern MA areas to pinpoint more of their needs
- We ended by brainstorming ideas to educate the CT public as to the true implications of SJ35 should it make it to the ballot in Nov 2025

Yours truly
Donna Doyker

Religious Education (Pat Keck)

- Students in Grade 2 both in the Religious Education Program and at St. Bernard School received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, February 8, 2025.
- The Confirmation age level will be changed to the 8th Grade as per Archbishop Coyne. We will be transitioning in the next few years. I have been asked to be on the Committee at the Archdiocese on how we will implement these changes.
- Students in Grade K-8 have completed a project for the Jubilee Year of Hope. They are displayed on the walls at the SJJ Faith Formation Center.
- Students in Grades 6-7-8 and Confirmation Grade 9 will attend Frank Runyeon on Thursday, March 6 at Holy Family Church.
- Grade 6-7-8 will have their yearly penitential service at SB on 3-20-25. Grades 3-4-5 will have their service on 3-22-25.
- Grade 9 Confirmation Class will be presenting the Live Stations of the Cross on Sunday, April 6, 2025 after the Teen Mass.



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- A presentation of the Spiritual Secrets of St. Joseph will be on 3-19-25 at 7 p.m. at St. Bernard. St. Joseph's pastries from Russo's Bakery will be served.
- Gospel study and the series the Chosen continues each week though Faith Formation.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Keck

Director Religious Education and Faith Formation

St. Bernard Schools (Charlene Mongillo)

- Current enrollment is 234 students PreK-8
- Both schools are currently in our re-registration process after a very successful open house in February
- Salt & Light presentation at SBS on Wednesday, March 6th at 1:00pm
- Comedy Night fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, March 8 at the Polish American Club of Agawam
- 7th grade students will be experiencing a day in the life of a high school student at Northwest Catholic on March 20th
- Annual Art Night at LA on April 9th
- 3rd & 4th grade Field Trip to Northwest Park – April 9th
- Pick-a-pop Dress Down days to support the Carnival
- April 25th – NJHS Induction
- April 28th – SBS Curriculum Fair & final Open House of the school year
- May 3rd – 1st Holy Communion 11:00am at Holy Family Church

Respectfully submitted

Charlene Mongillo

St. Vincent dePaul – Holy Family (Dave Goyette)

The St. Vincent de Paul Holy Family Conference is celebrating 45 years of continuous service per Fr. Kerwan for the needy in Enfield. Our conference helps nearly 30 families on a monthly basis. We also act on helping those referred to us by the Enfield department of social services and police department.

We will be holding a closet restocking drive on the weekend of April 26-27. There will be a bulletin insert of needed items for those we humbly serve.



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St. Vincent dePaul – St. Bernard (BJ Gomeau)

Jan 6th 2025 meeting virtual: 8 members in attendance

Dec 2024, we served 6 clients:

- 1.) Parishioner in need of food and groceries. Grocery card and gift card given.
- 2.) Parishioner in need of food and groceries. Grocery card and gift card given.
- 3.) Helped Homeless man with 2 Night stay at motel.
- 4.) Helped Homeless man with 2 Night stay at motel and grocery gift cards
- 5.) Helped Woman with 2 boys. Helped with clothes and Christmas gifts from Walmart
- 6.) Parishioner in need of Oil and Food. 100 Gallons of oil and grocery gift cards

New Business:

- No new business to report

Old Business:

- Recap of Holiday Gift Card Drive resulted in providing 34 families reaching 99 people with both grocery and gift cards for Christmas season.
- Revisited the Letter received from SVdP St. Margaret Mary's conference located in Swannanoa, NC. Final decision was to send \$1000 to National Disaster Relief Fund with the intent to support the Margaret Mary's Families impacted by the hurricane disasters in NC.
- Group agreed to have an in person meeting Monday March 3rd at the church in the meeting room with intent to recruit new membership.

Feb 3rd, 2025 meeting virtual: 9 members in attendance

Jan 2025, we served 6 clients.

- 1.) Family losing their apartment, in need of help with storing their belongings. We provided storage rental for them.
- 2.) Assisted a woman in need of food. We gave her grocery gift cards.
- 3.) Woman looking for help with her heat. We purchased electric blankets and space heaters to help her out.
- 4.) Woman in need of food and groceries. Helped her with Grocery gift Cards.
- 5.) Man looking for help with Food, Groceries and gas. We provided grocery cards, Gas card and Dunkin Donut card.
- 6.) Homeless man and wife. Assisted them with securing an apartment by giving them money towards the security deposit.

New Business:

- Member asked the groups permission to help a woman buy shoes from the warming center. Group approved.



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- Energy Report is due into Ron Nichols. BJ to complete report and submit

Old Business:

- Donation was made to the National Disaster Relief Fund with intention to support the St. Margaret Mary's Conference in Swannonoa, NC.
- Confirmed our next meeting to be held in person on March 3, 2025

Next meeting to be held Monday March 3, 2025 7pm in person in the meeting room at St. Bernard Church.

Women's Guild (Faith Scavetta & MaryAnn Zaleski)

The February meeting was a Tea Party. We watched a video on "7 Ways to Drink Tea around the World" and learned how each country made their tea.

We then sampled tea from:

- England – English Breakfast Tea
- Morocco – Moroccan Mint Tea
- India – Masala Chai
- Japan – Matcha Tea
- Argentina – Yerba Mate
- Russia – Russian Black Tea

The members enjoyed learning about the various countries' teas and tasting them. The cold weather and the flu kept some members at home. There were twenty-seven in attendance.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 5th for the Spring Bazaar. Carol Frappier is coordinating the event. As of our February meeting only a few vendor spots remained.

St. Jeanne Jugan Scholarships have been announced in the bulletin. They are available at all SJJ Parish Offices and downloadable via the parish website beginning Wednesday, March 5th. Deadline for submission is Thursday, April 3rd, at noon. Late applications will not be accepted.

Women's Guild members helped with the Religious Education dinner after mass in January and February.

Respectively submitted,

Faith Scavetta and MaryAnn Zaleski

Copresidents of the SJJ Women's Guild



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Worship & Parish Life (Sue Cotter)

- Since the passing of Mike Dunning, Music Director for Holy Family Church, Beth Surapine has been directing both Adult Choirs at Holy Family and St. Bernard. A typical Sunday for Beth involves leading the music at St. Bernard's 7:30 a.m. mass, traveling to Holy Family and leading the music for the 9:00 a.m. mass, and traveling back to St. Bernard to lead the music at the 10:30 a.m. mass. In addition, Beth leads the music every other weekend for the Saturday vigil mass at Holy Family.
- Beth is doing a terrific job at managing her time and truly loves working with both church choirs. This arrangement will continue into the foreseeable future.
- The W&PL ministries are preparing for Lent and Easter. There are several events and services offered throughout the Parish during Lent, as indicated on the insert included in this past weekend's bulletin. All are encouraged to attend and support these events.
- Sue has been working to reach out to Officer Austin at the Enfield Police Department to see if a couple of officers would be willing/able to conduct a safety training session for certain organizations with our Parish. More to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Cotter

Youth Ministry (Kristen Fitzsimons)

Youth Ministry continues to meet twice a month, on the first Sunday and 3rd Friday at St. Bernard's Church. We currently have 21 students who have expressed interest in attending Steubenville East this summer. Our upcoming fundraisers include selling palm crosses, a breakfast with the Easter Bunny, Divine Mercy dinner and raffle, and selling candy bars after all the Masses. We will begin planning for Vacation Bible School (VBS) in the coming weeks.