



ST. JEANNE JUGAN PARISH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES

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Date: Tues Nov 2, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

Location: St. Bernard Church

The meeting of the St. Jeanne Jugan Parish Council was called to order by President, Josh Sullivan, at 7:00 p.m.

Member Attendance: (P – present, A – absent, G – guest)

<u>P</u> Fr. John Golas	<u>P</u> Josh Sullivan	<u>P</u> Joe Kubinski	<u>P</u> Vicki Mitchell
<u>A</u> Sue Cotter	<u>A</u> Donna Honan	<u>A</u> Pat Keck	<u>A</u> BJ Gomeau
<u>P</u> Lucille DiBella	<u>A</u> Donna Doyker	<u>A</u> Charlene Mongillo	<u>P</u> Kristen Fitzsimons
<u>P</u> Faith Scavetta	<u>A</u> MaryAnn Zaleski	<u>P</u> David Villanueva	<u>A</u> Ralph Williams
<u>P</u> Dave Goyette	<u>A</u> Walter Kruzel	<u>P</u> Don Mongeau	<u>P</u> Andrea Krajewski
<u>P</u> Dcn. Vince Motto	<u>P</u> James Marco	<u>G</u> Lilli Bard	<u>P</u> Darlene Saucier

Opening Prayer: Fr. Golas read the Gospel John 6:37-40 for the 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time and for All Souls Day asked that we consider those near to us that have died and to reflect in silence.

Agenda Item:

Approval of minutes from the Sept 6, 2022, meeting:

Motion to accept the minutes as written made by Josh Sullivan; seconded by Dave Goyette.

Committee Reports (S – as submitted by committee)

Facilities (Greg Lemay) S:

Final report due to resignation.

No report for any new projects.

I would like to report to the council that I have submitted my resignation to Fr. Golas and Loida Hilliard our parish business manager on October 31st. My resignation is for purely personal in which that my decision has nothing to do with anything about my job or the upcoming merger. St. Jeanne Jugan Parish has been a big chapter of my life and I'm grateful with all my heart.



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It's been one of my greatest honors to serve the parish for the last 7 years as full-time custodian. And all the projects that have been accomplished since my time here. And from 2004 to 2014 while only missing 2 summers out of those years, working the summer months, and helping the previous custodians.

I want to say the outpouring support for the people I have told about my decision has been heartwarming.

I wish nothing but the best that the upcoming merger will bring everyone together not only in faith but as a stronger community to show God's love.

Legion of Mary (Lucille DiBella):

Prayer Shawls/Bears (Donna Honan): No report

Senior Lunch (Donna Honan): No report

Rosary Guild (Donna Honan): No report

Pro Life Committee (Donna Doyker) S:

Our Bottle drive netted over \$7000. More than enough to cover the cost of the billboard on Rte 91 in Hartford. It really showed up especially at night all lit up. Hopefully it changed a few hearts.

We bought a beautiful banner for future fund raisers and parades. We will be using it to help sell the beautiful porcelain Christmas ornaments that we will be selling at the craft fair this month at Holy Family Hall. We are asking for \$10 each or 2/\$18 We are also sending a \$500 donation to 2 of the MA crisis pregnancy centers vandalized during protests recently and another \$250 donation to St Joseph's in Enfield since we hope to protect all life from the preborn to the elderly.

Vickie Mitchell recently completed our Mission statement and again, we welcome all to join this worthwhile cause.

Remember, without respect for the right to life all other rights are mute

Religious Education (Pat Keck) S:

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/FAITH FORMATION

- The Religious Education/Faith Formation program is underway at the **SJJ Faith Formation Center** at St. Martha Church. We presently have approximately 400 students in Grades K-10.



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Classes continue for:

Grades 6-7-8 on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:10 p.m.

Grades K-5 on Saturday mornings from 9-10:00 a.m.

- **9th Grade Confirmation** Classes are every other weekend with the first of the month a Teen Mass with Voices for God.
- **10th Confirmation Students** will be confirmed at the Cathedral of St. Joseph on **Saturday, November 5** at 10:00 a.m. 54 candidates will be confirmed.

Students will be signing up soon for our Chrismon Christmas Pageant at Holy Family Church.

Last weekend we celebrated All Saint's Day with a party at Holy Family Church. All students in Grades K-1-2 dressed as their favorite saint. A pizza party was enjoyed by all after the 4:30 p.m. mass. Approximately 180 people attended.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

We continue to have a program at Holy Family Church on Monday evenings and Wednesday mornings at St. Bernard Church going over the weekend liturgy. A Jesse Tree is planned for Advent. A pilgrimage bus trip went to the Divine Mercy Shrine. The weather was beautiful. A boxed lunch was offered, as well as Mass and devotion to Divine Mercy.

RCIA

RCIA started in early October, and we continue to meet every other Tuesday at St. Bernard Church.

St. Bernard Schools (Charlene Mongillo) S:

Parish Council Notes for SBS & LA

SBS enrollment – 177

LA enrollment – 64

Past events September - October

- Color Run
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Trunk or Treat



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- Halloween Dress Down for a Cause we raised \$847.00 (\$423.50 was given to Holy Family SVDP society, check is coming. \$423.50 will be used to buy gift cards for holiday baskets for St. Bernard SVDP society)
- October Family Mass 10/2
- Some windows at SBS have been replaced with funds from the HBF pledge

Upcoming events:

- November Family Mass 11/6
- Open House for 2023-2024 school year 11/7
- Annual Auction 11/12
- LA & SBS food drive from 10/31-11/9 – all food will be delivered to Enfield Food Shelf
- Thanksgiving Prayer Service 11/23
- Trying to put finishing touches on Santa Breakfast scheduled for 12/7 (still in planning stages)
- Christmas Concert 12/14

Submitted by Charlene R. Mongillo 11/2/22

St. Vincent dePaul – Holy Family (Dave Goyette) S:

The St. Vincent de Paul Conference of Holy Family held a successful pantry restocking collection the weekend of Oct. 22 and Oct. 23. We continue to serve around 35 monthly clients and several emergent clients each month. For Thanksgiving we are distributing 3 additional Stop and Shop gift cards to each family. We are also blessed to be involved this year with the Christmas Adopt a Family program so ably spearhead by Kerri Work. A big thank you to her and her volunteers for being able to continue this program to help needy families at Christmas.

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

Women's Guild (Faith Scavetta & MaryAnn Zaleski) S:

Our September meeting was a "Welcome Back Pot Luck Dinner". Forty-three members enjoyed sharing their culinary specialties. We were delighted to see new members from St. Patrick's church. We hope to attract more new members from both St Martha's and St. Patrick's.

In October we played "Cash Cab" with teams of four. Thirty-five members were in attendance and had many good laughs as the teams' discussed answers to trivia questions. A special thank you to Religious Education for letting us borrow their "Cash Cab".



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Fall into Winter Bazaar is Saturday, November 12th from 9 am to 3 pm at Holy Family Church Hall and classrooms. Carol Frappier coordinates the event with many guild members helping. Stop by and start your Christmas shopping. Tell your family and friends!

At our November meeting we will be making "The Story Of Jesus" Ornaments for a community outreach project to benefit the Enfield Safe Harbor Warming Center. The confirmation students will also be helping to make the ornaments at a November meeting. These will be sold in December after masses. A schedule is currently being worked on. We hope to have enough volunteers to sell them at the four churches. We are also having a cookie swap between Guild members.

There will be no meetings in December, January, and February. Meetings will resume in March.

Worship & Parish Life (Sue Cotter) S:

After a two-year postponement due to COVID, the Worship & Parish Life group is moving forward with a Ministry Fair. The purpose of the Ministry Fair is to recruit new members to serve in our many ministries, as well as providing information to our parishioners about the services our many ministries provide to SJJ Parish.

The Ministry Fair will be held the weekend of November 19th & 20th and will take place after each of the masses at both Holy Family Church and St. Bernard Church. More information about the Ministry Fair will be provided in future bulletins.

Youth Ministry (Kristen Fitzsimons) S:

Youth Ministry is off the ground in our new space. We have begun utilizing the old library at St. Bernard's and are beginning to make it our own. A huge thank you to Maureen and Pat for being so helpful in our move, particularly in getting our ping pong table set up and operational!

We have begun having not only a high school youth group but a middle school group as well. Our back-to-school bash brought 16 new members to the group. We meet on the first Sunday of the month to attend Teen Mass as a group and then have fellowship and activities. We also meet on the third Friday of the month. In October, we began to plan our Christmas Camp which will serve as a fundraiser for summer activities, such as Steubenville East, and began to plan for the annual Chrismon pageant which our students will assist in running, serving as readers and helping with staging our students. We also had a game night to begin to get to know each other as a group. In November, we will be conducting a service project at our Friday meeting making cookies for the troops to be sent with Cookies for Camouflage through Enfield Hoo-ah.



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Old Business: Parish Picnic

Fr. Golas again mentioned the success of the picnic along with the visit from Archbishop Blair, who was pleased to see everyone getting along so well.

Old Business: LaSalette trip for Festival of Lights

Vicki informed that trip is planned for Wed Dec 14th, 1:30 pm departure. Mass will be at 4:00 pm, followed by walking grounds to observe lights, and then dinner. Departure will be at 8:30. Price is \$40.00 per person.

New Business: Vote to appoint new council member to replace Allison Castoldi who is stepping down.

No action taken at this time

New Business: Merger Decree

See comment in Pastoral Report

New Business: Enfield Safe Harbor Warming Center

Dave Goyette was approached by the leadership of the Center to ask for whatever help that could be provided from the St Vincent DePaul group. This information was shared with council for our consideration.

New Business: Christmas Eve Mass Schedule Re-Schedule

Kristen Fitzsimons asked for consideration of re-scheduling Christmas Eve masses so that St. Patrick and Holy Family church have the 4:00 mass as they have the largest seating capacity. The concern raised was that because the 4:00 clock mass has the higher attendance, it should be at largest churches so that parishioners are not potentially turned away. The current schedule is 4:00 at St. Bernard and St. Patrick. Objections to re-scheduling were being able to re-schedule lectors, and re-schedule children's mass. Both will be checked on before a final decision is made. Fr. Golas stated that the schedule proposed by the committee is subject to approval by the council.

Report: Fr. Golas

- Regarding merger, Deacon Paul Robert representing the Archdiocese Office of the Chancellor has spoken at the Sunday masses in order to provide the congregation with the legal



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information about the merger of the churches of St. Raymond of Peñafort, St. Martha, and St. Jeanne Jugan into the parish of St. Jeanne Jugan.

- In advance of St. Adalbert church being put on market, the services of Adrian Hamers Inc. will be employed to determine which items of the church have value and provide a market value for these items.
- The Archdiocese coordinator of deacons was asked to do whatever possible to keep Jimmy Marco as deacon in SJJ after his expected ordination in June of 2023.
- A request is made for council to plan a gala celebration for Jimmy Marco's expected ordination on June 3, 2023.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on date Jan 3, 2023, 7:00 p.m. at Fr. Kerwan Hall of Holy Family Church.

Closing Prayer was led by Fr. Golas

Motion to Adjourn was made by Josh Sullivan; seconded by Kristen Fitzsimmons. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Kubinski

Secretary