



ST. JEANNE JUGAN PARISH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES

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Date: Jan 3, 2023 – 7 pm

Location: Holy Family Fr. Kerwan Hall

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>A</u> Vicki Mitchell
<u>P</u> Sue Cotter	<u>A</u> Donna Honan	<u>P</u> Pat Keck	<u>P</u> BJ Gomeau
<u>A</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>P</u> Ralph Williams
<u>P</u> Dave Goyette	<u>A</u> Walter Kruzal	<u>P</u> Don Mongeau	<u>P</u> Andrea Krajewski
<u>P</u> Dcn. Vince Motto	<u>A</u> James Marco	<u>P</u> Sophia Oppenheimer	<u>P</u> Darlene Saucier

Opening Prayer: Epiphany – our eyes are open to see that which was previously hidden by the light of Jesus.

Agenda Item:

Approval of minutes from the Nov 2, 2022, meeting:

Motion to approve made by Kristen Fitzsimmons motion seconded by Sophia Oppenheimer

Committee Reports (S – as submitted by committee)

Facilities (unfilled):

Vice Pres. Report (Vicki Mitchell) S:

Following is a summary of the bus trip to LaSalette Shrine for the Christmas Festival of Lights:

We had a full bus for our trip to see the Christmas Festival of Lights in Attleboro, Massachusetts on December 14th, with members of all four churches in attendance. Father Golas was able to join us and concelebrated the Mass, after which we gathered at the outdoor manger to witness the lighting of over 400,000 lights throughout the grounds. After the buffet dinner, compliments of the Parish, people were able to wander the grounds, visit the display of nativity scenes from



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around the world, go to the gift shop, listen to Father Pat's concert and/or light a candle. Prizes were presented on the bus to add to the fun. People seemed to enjoy the visit, and I'm happy to plan similar trips in the future.

Submitted by Vicki Mitchell

Legion of Mary (Lucille DiBella) S:

The Legion of Mary is doing well. We continue to meet on Tuesday afternoons at 2 p.m.

I am happy to say that two new members have joined our Legion of Mary Praesidium, bring our membership to 16.

We now go to Mark Twain Living Center to join some of the residents in praying the Rosary on Wednesdays at 2 p.m. And, they have agreed to become Auxiliary Members of The Legion, increasing our Auxiliary Membership by 10.

Thank you.

Lucille DiBella, President
Our Lady of The Holy Family Praesidium

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:

January 2023 meeting will be held on the second Thursday instead of the third to allow attendance to the March for Life. Feb. will return to the 3rd Thursday at 6:30 in room 5 at Holy Family Church.

We have a very involved group of between 12-18 members monthly and have donated hundreds of dollars to Pro Life centers that were damaged during recent protests.

We had a wonderful Pro-Life billboard on Route 91 in Hartford and sold Pro Life ornaments at Christmas.



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We have been asked to participate in St Jeanne Jugan Women's Retreat in March and to speak to this year's Confirmation students urging them to be soldiers for life.

Sincerely,

Donna Doyker

Religious Education (Pat Keck) S:

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/FAITH FORMATION

- Religious Education students participated in the Christmas pageant the night of the Chrismon Tree lighting on Friday, December 9th.
- Julie LaRocca brought some singers with her, and they were very entertaining.
- Students in Grades K-5, Grades 6-7-8, and Grade 9 (Confirmation) each received a nativity ornament from the parish and watched a Nativity Movie about the birth of our Lord.
- Children's Mass at Holy Family on Christmas eve went very well. Religious Education students read, and the St. Bernard Choir sang. It was a beautiful mass.
- Students will return to class this week after Christmas break.
- Sunday, January 8th is our next Children's mass at Holy Family.
- All Grades will have their annual assessment the end of January.
- Grade 2 is preparing for their First Reconciliation on Saturday, February 11th at 1 p.m.

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 trip to New Haven to the Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center is scheduled for Wednesday, January 25. More details will follow.

RCIA

RCIA meets on Tuesday evenings. We have our class of four and going strong.

Sat March 4 there will be women's Lenten retreat. Details will be announced.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Keck

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St. Bernard Schools (Charlene Mongillo) S:

Parish Council Notes for SBS & LA

SBS – enrollment 176

LA enrollment – 67 (new paraprofessional begins on Jan. 4th)

Past Events November – December

LA & SBS Food Drive Thanksgiving – Enfield Food Shelf

Santa Breakfast 12/7 was a success.

Christmas concert at SBS on 12/14 & LA on 12/21

Upcoming Events:

Jan. 8th – Family Mass at 11:30am @ HF

Junior High Exams mid-January

Saturday, January 28th – Purse Bingo at the school 7:00pm

Catholic School Week activities – 1/30-2/5

Saturday, February 11th 2nd grade Reconciliation 1:00pm HF

Feb. 5th – Family Mass 10:30am @ SBC

Open House at both schools on Sunday, February 5th 1-3pm

****Currently looking to fill a part time teacher position at LA and a long-term sub for a maternity leave at SBS****

Submitted by:

Charlene, 1/3/23

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

The St. Vincent de Paul Conference of Holy Family had an active December. Thanks to the efforts of Kerri Work and her volunteers four of the over 30 families we serve benefitted from the many Christmas gifts purchased for them.

We were able to give gift cards to Target to our other families so they could use those to purchase Christmas gifts. We also gave all families several Stop and Shop gift cards so they could purchase Christmas food.



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We also responded to several random calls from needy folks and from the Dept. of Social Services during December.

Submitted by Dave Goyette

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

SVDP SB Updates:

Last Meeting Virtual Dec 5th. 9 Members Present

Ed Mickiewicz is elected as new President of our Organization replacing Bob Williams. Andrew Cote is our Secretary and Karlene Barry is the Treasurer.

8 People/ families were served in Nov needing food and/or Shelter.

Ed attended the Ministry Fair after the Nov 20th 10:30 mass. Only 1 person was interested in joining the organization. Person has not attended any meetings yet.

Served over 50 families with grocery Cards at Thanksgiving and same families were sent grocery and gift cards at Christmas.

The Parish recently collected \$1200 in Gift Cards that were used for these Christmas gifts.

Next Meeting is Virtual this evening Jan 3rd virtual.

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

The "Fall into Winter Bazaar" chaired by Carol Frappier was a great success. The hall and classrooms were filled with vendors and there was a constant stream of shoppers. The many volunteers kept everything running smoothly. Between the vendor fees, raffle and food sales, the Women's Guild should net at least \$2400 once expenses are deducted.

At our November meeting we made "The Story of Jesus" ornaments. A huge thank you to the confirmation students for also making the ornaments during one of their classes. In total 99 ornaments were made, then bagged with a lovely hook and bow with a card explaining the significance of each bead. These were sold after masses in December at our four churches and we sold out thanks to our generous parishioners! Between ornament sales and donations \$1188 were collected. The full amount will be donated to the Enfield Safe Harbor Warming Center. The Women's Guild is donating the cost of all the supplies.

As planned, there was not a December meeting, nor will there be one in January and February. Meetings will resume in March.



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Faith Scavetta and MaryAnn Zaleski
Copresidents of the SJJ Women's Guild

Worship & Parish Life (Sue Cotter) S:

The next W&PL meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2023, at 7:00pm, St. Bernard Church/Good Shepherd Meeting Room. No monthly meeting was held in December. Lent will be here soon, and we'll start discussion planning for any special events and services that will take place in our Parish during the Lenten season.

I'm sure you've noticed that we now have Altar Servers assisting during weekend masses. After recruiting efforts by Pat Keck in reaching out to the Rel. Ed. students, Steve Mitchell provided training to the new recruits at both St. Bernard and Holy Family Churches. The feedback I've received from parishioners has been terrific ----- everyone absolutely loves seeing our Parish youth once again serving and assisting Frs. John and Mat during mass. I'm hopeful that seeing our youth once again actively involved as altar servers will encourage more families to express an interest in having their children participate.

We sponsored a Ministry Fair in November, which was held after all masses at HF and SB the weekend of 11/19-20. Some of our ministries did get new volunteers who signed up and some did not. But all in all, it was a successful event and parishioners were able to experience the many ministries that keep SJJ Parish functioning.

Sue Cotter

Youth Ministry (Kristen Fitzsimons) S:

Youth Ministry had a remarkably busy month of December. 12 volunteers assisted the Religious Education program serving as readers and assistants with the program. In December we had a Christmas party with grades 6-12 where we were able to enjoy each other's company, play games, and explore the differences in the depiction of Christ's birth in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke.

In addition, we worked with an 8th grade religious education class to plan and hold a Christmas Camp on December 17th. 17 students in grades K-5 attended along with approximately 15 teen volunteers. Campers went home with framed Bible verse handprint art to give to as Christmas gifts to their families. Our teens enjoyed getting to work with many of their VBS students again.

We are beginning to gear up for Lent and will discuss our Lenten service project at our next two meetings.

Kristen Fitzsimons
Youth Minister



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Old Business:

Review of mass time schedule by Fr. Golas. He said that he would seek additional priests in order to have more than one 4:00 pm vigil mass for 2024's Christmas Mass Schedule.

New Business:

Fr. Viga asked for Triduum mass in Spanish. Fr. Golas commented that due to church protocol, only one location is allowed for Triduum mass with Exposition of Blessed Sacrament. Good Friday can be at multiple locations within the parish. Fr. Golas will disposition the request.

Report: Fr. Golas

Fr. Golas reports that the merger information has been to Connecticut Secretary of State. A new panel with new Trustees is in place – Secretary, Bookkeepers, etc. The schools and cemeteries will be incorporated. St. Raymond of Peñafort and St. Martha's will be added to the parish of St Jeanne Jugan.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on March 7, 2023, 7:00 p.m. at:

 Fr. Kerwan Hall of Holy Family Church
 X St. Bernard's Meeting Room

Closing Prayer by Fr. Golas

Motion to Adjourn was made by Kristen Fitzsimmons, seconded by Dave Goyette. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Kubinski

Secretary