



## ST. JEANNE JUGAN PARISH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES

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

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**Date:** June 13, 2023

**Location:** St. Bernard Church Hall

The meeting of the St. Jeanne Jugan Parish Council was called to order by Vice President, Vicki Mitchell, at 6:30 p.m.

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

<u>P</u> Fr. John Golas	<u>   </u> Dcn. James Marco	<u>P</u> Dcn. Vince Motto	<u>   </u> Josh Sullivan
<u>P</u> Vicki Mitchell	<u>   </u> Joe Kubinski	<u>   </u> Sue Cotter	<u>   </u> Lucille DiBella
<u>   </u> Richard Dooley	<u>   </u> Suzanne Douglas	<u>   </u> Donna Doyker	<u>P</u> Kristen Fitzsimons
<u>P</u> BJ Gomeau	<u>P</u> Dave Goyette	<u>   </u> Donna Honan	<u>P</u> Pat Keck
<u>   </u> Andrea Krajewski	<u>   </u> Walter Kruzel	<u>P</u> Ray Mercik	<u>   </u> Don Mongeau
<u>   </u> Charlene Mongillo	<u>   </u> Henrietta Montagna	<u>P</u> Sophia Oppenheimer	<u>P</u> Darlene Saucier
<u>P</u> Donna Jones Searle	<u>   </u> Faith Scavetta	<u>P</u> Marianne Tittarelli	<u>P</u> Ralph Williams
<u>   </u> MaryAnn Zaleski	<u>P</u> Steve Mitchell	<u>P</u> Dave Villanueva	<u>P</u> Kerri Work
<u>P</u> Marie Pyznar	<u>P</u> Ryan LaRoche	<u>G</u> Koni S Wilfried*	<u>G</u> Antonio Galindo*
<u>G</u> Jorge Rosso*	<u>G</u> Fr. Justino Corngo*	<u>G</u> Steve Mitchell	<u>   </u>

\*Neocatechumenal Way

**Opening Prayer:** Fr. John led the group in prayer.

**Agenda Item:**

**Approval of minutes from the May, 2023 meeting:** NA

**Committee Reports** (S – as submitted by committee)

**Facilities** (No chair):

**Legion of Mary** (Lucille DiBella):

No report

**Prayer Shawls/Bears** (Debbie Reith):

No report



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### **Senior Lunch (Claire Bronson):**

Final lunch was served and was well attended. Will begin again in the fall.

Claire Bronson

### **Rosary Guild (chairperson TBA):**

No report

### **Pro Life Committee (Donna Doyker) S:**

The fundraiser went well, billboard was purchased, and donations were made to local charities. More volunteers are needed from the various Churches, especially St. Patrick.

We reported at the last meeting of the council that we were doing the Baby Bottle Fundraiser in October this year at St Bernard, Holy Family and St Marthas. Fr. Golas has that we buy more bottles to include St. Patrick's. We have asked Pat Keck for student volunteers to hand out the bottles that first weekend, but we need volunteers from each church to collect the bottles after all weekday and weekend masses and either bring them to my home at 30 Scholl St or to Vickie Mitchell's home to be counted and deposited. Vickie has agreed to do Holy Family with help from other ProLife P.A.L members. I will do St Bernard's with the help from ushers and Michele Zukowski has agreed to man the St. Marthas' returns. If anyone know of a prolife person from St. Patrick, please have them call me at 860-463-7826. This years' money will be going to Birthright in part and the rest saves for the next national election to again pay for a ProLife billboard. One suggestion if anyone will volunteer to help. Bring a suitcase on wheels because there is a lot of coin!

Donna Doyker

### **Religious Education (Pat Keck) S:**

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/FAITH FORMATION**

Holy Communion went well. The program is also changing books with a more video-based program, and 1<sup>st</sup> Communion will be using the Blessing series. Also, vacation bible camp will be starting.

#### **ADULT FAITH FORMATION & RCIA – no report**

### **St. Bernard Schools (Charlene Mongillo) S:**

No report

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

The 12 members of the St. Vincent de Paul conference of Holy Family met on June 2 in classroom 5 at Holy Family church. We will continue to serve over 30 families on a monthly basis and on urgent referrals from Enfield Social Services and the Archdiocese as the need arises this summer. We have a private dedicated



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phone line that we monitor daily. We are planning on our closet restocking drive for the weekend of Oct 28 and 29.

We are also helping a Ukrainian refugee family living on the Felician sister grounds. We have also reached out to some participants in the meals on wheels program in Enfield.

Holy Family is serving 35 people.

Dave Goyette

### **St. Vincent dePaul – St. Bernard (BJ Gomeau) S:**

May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting: virtual call 7 members in attendance

- We have a new secretary, Christine Gomeau who joined the organization in May.
- In the month of April, we helped 6 clients:
- 4 of the clients needed food, so we helped them with groceries from our pantry.
- 1 client needed assistance with rent. The client was given some rent assistance, food from the pantry and Stop n Shop Gift card.
- 1 person called from Meriden, who works in the area and needed some help. Our committee agrees that we try to support clients and families from the Enfield area.
- We are working on our 501c3 form.
- The Glastonbury local SVDP office dissolved, and we received \$170 in gift cards from them.
- We made a decision to hold a summer food drive to replenish our pantry.

Additional information given at June 13 meeting: SVDP biggest challenge is receiving calls from people out of town. They are doing their best to connect them with social services in their towns.

June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting: virtual call 8 members in attendance

- We received 11 calls in the month of May:
- We are getting more and more calls from people outside of the Enfield area. We try our best to direct them to their local Social Services office or their SVDP.
- Most of the clients were in need of food and rent. We have helped many families out with food from our pantry or grocery gift cards.

The committee is setting up a St Bernard's Food drive for the Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup> masses. Looking to collect food and goods for our pantry closet. A list of needed items will be added to the bulletin.

Regards,

B.J. Gomeau

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

The banquet was held with 49 members attending Elizabeth's in East Windsor. Welcome and congratulations to the new members. We look forward to working with you.



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Officers were elected at the May meeting. Faith Scavetta and MaryAnn Zaleski continue as co-presidents for a third year. Lorraine Andexler continues as treasury for a second term. Marianne Vandevanter chose not to continue as secretary for a third year. Jane Sutphin volunteered to fill the vacancy.

The May meeting was a baby shower for Birthright in East Hartford. Thirty-two members attended and they were exceptionally generous, filling many bags with clothes. Birthright was very thankful for the donations.

Eric Sirard spoke at our May meeting about his very personal and life-changing experience at Steubenville. The members voted to provide \$100 per student attending to help with the cost for a total of \$700.

The scholarship committee coordinated by Karen Zeni met on May 18<sup>th</sup> to review the applications. Only four applications were received for the Rev Francis T. Kerwan Scholarship. No applications were received for the Francis Jansujwicz/Women's Guild Scholarship for a graduating SBS 8<sup>th</sup> grader attending a Catholic High School nor for The Women's Guild Scholarship for a SBS student in Grades 3 – 7 in school year 2022-2023. Special thanks to Don Mongeau and Henrietta Montagna for volunteering to help this year. A Scholarship evening was held on June 5<sup>th</sup> for the scholarship recipients and their families. The four recipients are listed in the bulletin.

The Women's Guild coordinated refreshments after the Feast of Corpus Christi at Holy Family Church on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Additional comments at June 13th meeting: Scholarships are still available. It is unfortunate that more children did not apply.

Enjoy your summer.

MaryAnn Zaleski and Faith Scavetta

### **Worship & Parish Life (Sue Cotter) S:**

No report

### **Youth Ministry (Kristen Fitzsimons) S:**

An update was given at meeting. Volunteers are needed for the Parish picnic scheduled for Sunday 8/27.

### **Old Business:**

Carnival was a success even though on Friday it needed to shut down early due to the weather. Father will give us a financial report once all receipts are counted.



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### **New Business:**

- Congratulations to Deacon James Marco on his ordination.
- A reminder that there will be a celebration for Deacon Motto's 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the fall. More information to follow. The Parish Council is heading up the celebration.
- Parish Council will be looking to update our by-laws in the fall.
- Special Guests: Father Justino Corngo and three seminarians from Neocatechumenal Society in Newark NJ joined our meeting. They will be visiting our parishes doing missionary work along with a married couple beginning this fall.

### **Report: Fr. Golas**

- Currently there is a second bid for St Patrick's buildings that were damaged this winter. Parishioner Steve Mitchell is getting an engineering report for the parking lot at St Martha. Some updating is being done at Holy Family kitchen.
- Cemeteries: St Adalbert's needs attention, as well as the old St Patrick's. Father will continue to keep us informed.  
There has been interest in St Adalbert's church with one person visiting three times. Father will again keep us updated.

**The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Tues Sept 5th, 2023, 7:00 p.m. at:**

☒ **Fr. Kerwan Hall of Holy Family Church**  
☐ **St. Bernards Meeting Room**

**Closing Prayer was led by Fr. Golas**

Jointly Submitted,

Marie Pyznar (some additions by Vicki Mitchell)

Joe Kubinski

Secretary