



ST. JEANNE JUGAN PARISH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES

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Date: Jan 23, 2024

Location: Fr. Kerwan Hall of Holy Family 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: (X – present, G – guest, EX – Excused)

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

Opening Prayer: Fr. Golas led the group in opening prayer.

Agenda Items:

Approval of minutes from the Nov , 7th meeting: Motions made and approved

Committee Reports (S – as submitted by committee)

Facilities (No chair): NA

Legion of Mary (Jackie Proto):

This report of the actions of Legion of Mary (Our Lady of the Holy Family Praesidium) covers the period since the November 2023 report. Our Praesidium Officers report monthly in person to the Hartford Comitium of the Legion of Mary.

The Legion of Mary meets weekly on Tuesdays @2pm at Holy Family Church. We have 12 Active Members and possibly 50+ Auxiliary Members (the status of the Auxiliary members is being



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updated at this time), each of which have different responsibilities. Our Spiritual Director is Reverend John Golas. Our meetings are held on Tuesday at 2pm at Holy Family Church.

The focus of the Legion of Mary remains the outreach to multiple kinds of groups in relation to the Catholic Church, and under the guidance of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Holy Spirit. The approval and/or initiation of works comes to us through our Spiritual Director, for the needs of the Church/Diocese.

The works of leading the Rosary continues in nine retirement or assisted living homes locally, and is an edifying experience to witness the residents' deep faith. The work of catechizing 7 adults and older teens in preparation for the November 7, 2023 Confirmation came to its conclusion at the Cathedral and was a joyous event for all. Two Eucharistic Ministers continue to visit people assigned to them.

Two other works are in the process of being examined and hopefully will be initiated at future dates: the formation of a Junior Praesidium, and a Parish outreach via informational pamphlets to engage members in becoming Legionaries of Mary.

The Acies event (specific to members of the Hartford Comitium of the Legion of Mary) will be held *beyond the Easter and Divine Mercy Sundays*, on a Sunday afternoon, April 14, 2024 at Holy Family Church, followed by fellowship and refreshments in Fr Kerwan Hall.

The legionaries themselves continue studying the Handbook of the Legion of Mary, and say daily prayers for the needs of the Ministers and People of our Church and the strengthening of the Legion of Mary, and also pray for the Beatification of the Servant of God Frank Duff, the founder of The Legion of Mary.

We welcome new members to join our joyful Catholic Legion of Mary!
Submitted by Jacqueline Proto January 16, 2024

Prayer Shawls/Bears (Debbie Reith):

No report

Senior Lunch (Claire Bronson):

No report

Rosary Guild (chairperson TBA):

No report

Pro Life Committee (Donna Doyker) S:



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Religious Education (Pat Keck) S:

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/FAITH FORMATION

Grades K-5 continue to come to class on Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Students participated in the Chrismon Tree Lighting at Holy Family Church on Friday, December 15. Students enjoyed acting out the story of Christ's birth.

Grades 6 and 7 will come to a Class Mass on Saturday, January 20 at 4:30 mass at Holy Family Church with dinner afterwards and a Lenten presentation.

An assessment of prayer and church doctrine will be for students Gr. 2-8 in two weeks. This is an excellent way to see the retained knowledge of all students.

Grade 9 continues to come to St. Bernard Church every other Sunday for Confirmation Class. Students will be preparing for the live Stations of the Cross which will take place on Palm Sunday in the evening.

RCIA

RCIA class still prepares our two students for their sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Adult Faith Formation continues to have a liturgy group at Holy Family and St. Bernard. They will be concluding the showing of the Chosen until after Easter. There will be a Lenten mission coming to our parish. More information to follow.

We will be having a Women's Day of Reflection in May. Our theme is "Come to Mary's Heart" at the Faith Formation Center at St. Martha Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Keck

St. Bernard Schools (Charlene Mongillo) S:

Our fall auction was very successful.

Upcoming events:

- Purse Bingo 1/27 - Sold out event!!
- Catholic Schools Week Jan. 29 - Feb 4th
- Family Mass Feb. 4th 1030am at SBC
- Open house at both LA and SBS for prospective families Feb. 4th 1-3pm
- Sacrament of Reconciliation Feb 10th at 1pm at HF
- Thunderbird game (school choir singing) Feb. 23rd
- VIP dance at SBS Feb 24th
- Comedy Night fundraiser March 9th Polish American Club in Agawam



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

The St. Vincent DePaul conference of Holy Family participated in a most joyous Adopt A Family Christmas program sponsored and implemented by Kerri Work. This volunteer group bought items desired by 3 of the families we serve to make Christmas special for each family. One of the served families was the refugee family from the Ukraine that is living on the Felician Sisters' grounds. Kudos to Kerri and the bevy of volunteers who made this possible.

The conference also helped over 30 families that we serve monthly with Target gift cards and Stop and Shop food cards for the holiday meal for each family. We also helped several folks referred to us by the social workers in Enfield. We also completed two initial home visits for two referred families.

Special thanks to the Hartford Federal Credit Union for awarding our conference with a check for \$5,000 on November 15 to aid us in helping those we serve.

David Goyette, President

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

Welcomed new member John Mayo

Nov 2023, we served 3 clients:

- 1) Help a woman with grocery Gift cards for Thanksgiving.
- 2) Helped another woman with Grocery Gift cards for Thanksgiving.
- 3) Helped a woman with her car expenses to get her car back on the road, so she could work.

New Business:

- The committee agreed that we would provide \$100 for bus tokens for the Enfield Warming Center.
- The Christmas gift cards will be distributed as follows: The grocery gift card guidelines will be the same as we used for Thanksgiving. For families with children aged 16 and younger we will give them \$25/child to Walmart or Target.

Old Business:

- Thanksgiving gift cards went out to 42 families. The Thanksgiving gift card collection totaled \$885.00 which will be recorded as "in-kind donation". Supplemental gift cards were purchased in the amount of \$1,015. Gift card donations in the amount of \$450 have



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already been collected for Christmas (designated for the Christmas collection or came in after supplemental gift cards were purchased and envelopes complete).

- Greta put together 2 giving trees with tags for the Christmas gift card collection at both entrances to the church. The deadline for donating gift cards is Monday, December 11th.

Jan 8th 2024 meeting virtual: 10 members in attendance

Dec 2023, we served 3 clients

- 1) 100 Gallons of Oil to a family of 5
- 2) Purchased a cell phone for a client.
- 3) Gift cards for Christmas to a woman for her children

New Business:

- The Costco cards that were donated to the Christmas collection will be used to replenish the SVDP pantry.
- The Hartford Council is going to have a Zoom Meeting on Monday, January 22nd.
- BJ shared make a motion to say the prayer for vocations to the priesthood at each SVDP meeting. We will start adding this to the meeting in February.

Old Business:

- Christmas gift cards went out to forty-one families (39 via mail, 2 hand delivery). The Christmas gift card collection totaled \$2,070 (\$880 grocery and \$1,190 Target/Walmart) which will be recorded as "in-kind donation".
- Supplemental gift cards were purchased in the amount of \$1,265 (\$1,005 for grocery and \$260 Target/Walmart).
- Greta reported that gift card collection from the actual Giving Trees were low. There were several people who gave sizable donations. Greta did send thank you notes to those people.

Next meeting is Monday Feb 5th. I will report on this at our next Parrish Council meeting.

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

The "Fall into Winter Bazaar" chaired by Carole Frappier was a great success. Holy Family's hall and classrooms were filled with vendors and shoppers. The many volunteers kept everything running smoothly. Between the vendor fees, raffle and food sales the Women's Guild netted almost \$3500.

Game Night at the November meeting was Bingo hosted by Wayne Zaleski. The ladies enjoyed the different bingo games and a chance to win a gift card to Big Y for their thanksgiving shopping. We also had a cookie swap to start off the holiday baking. Twenty-eight members were in attendance.



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The Guild coordinated the refreshments after the Chrismon celebration on December fiftieth. As planned, there was not a December meeting nor will there be one in January. Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 20th and it will be a retreat.

Faith Scavetta and MaryAnn Zaleski
Co-presidents of the SJJ Women's Guild

Worship & Parish Life (Sue Cotter) S:

We celebrated a beautiful Advent and Christmas Season in our Parish, and our churches were outstanding in all of the decorations that were set up. The Committees and volunteers who take on the responsibility for setting up the Advent and Christmas decorations do such a fantastic job. And of course, taking down all of the decorations is no small feat, either. So a major "shout out" to all of those who are dedicated to setting up and taking down the seasonal decorations in our churches.

We are currently planning for Lent and Easter, and are in the process of scheduling the customary events and services that take place in our Parish, including scheduling the Easter Triduum services. We're tentatively looking at scheduling Holy Thursday (The Mass of the Last Supper) to take place at Holy Family Church at 7:00 pm; Good Friday Service (The Passion of our Lord) to take place at St. Patrick Church at 3:00 pm; Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday to be held at St. Bernard Church. Easter Sunday would follow the regular Sunday mass schedule for each church. (note: last year, Fr. Villa presided over the Easter Triduum Services at St. Martha Church in the Traditional Latin Rite. For purposes of this report, I am assuming that Fr. Villa will continue the same this year for St. Martha Church).

Parishioners will be provided with more detailed information on different events and services that will be taking place in our Parish as we get closer to the Lenten Season.

Submitted by Sue Cotter

Youth Ministry (Kristen Fitzsimons) S:

We continue to meet on the first Sunday of the month for teen Mass and fellowship and the third Friday of the month. In November, we baked cookies to be sent to our military servicemen and women stationed overseas. We had about 25 teens join us to bake dozens of sugar and chocolate chip cookies from scratch to send to the troops. In December, Youth Ministry assisted with the Christmas Pageant as the narrators. Our first meeting in January was cancelled due to snow. Our next meeting is Friday, 1/19 at 6pm for our "after Christmas" Christmas party!



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We are looking forward to attending Steubenville East again this summer. We have our first fundraiser planned, which is selling palm crosses during Lent. This was a hit last year, and we sold out quickly. We increased our order by 50 crosses this year. We will sell them for \$10 each and make about \$3.25 per cross.

If you know of any student currently in grades 8-12 interested in attending Steubenville this summer, please have them contact me or Pat Keck. We will have informational meetings for students and parents at the end of January and beginning of February.

Submitted by Kristen Fitzsimons

Old Business:

1. Sub-Committee to introduce By-Laws
 - a. Highlighted absent member policy
 - b. Page 3—get rid of numbers in the last paragraph of the 2025 council election section
 - c. Roles of officers discussed
 - d. Article III, Section 1, Part B—add 2 high school youth representatives to the ex-officio members
 - e. Addition to bylaws—president makes the decision to make the meeting virtual
2. Neo-Catechumenal Way
 - a. Retreat in Rocky Hill
 - b. Meeting twice a week—liturgy of the word on Wednesday, Eucharist on Saturday

New Business:

- 1) Decommissioning of St. Adalbert's
 - a. Fr. Golas signed a contract with a buyer
 - b. In January, Archbishop's Council will meet and vote on relegation.
 - c. After that, Fr. Golas will report to the Presbyteral Council.
 - d. Waiting for official word from Diocese on the relegation, then the details of the sale will go about.
 - e. Deacon Paul and the committee will deal with the issues surrounding the building—what stays, what goes, and where it goes ultimately
 - f. Inventory—work with a company to sell what we don't want
 - g. Can't leave the altar and certain other things—must be disposed of properly
 - h. Committee is looking at bringing some of the statues to St. Pat's or another parish
 - i. Discussion about statue location—St. Adalbert's cemetery, could parishioners express interest in statues?



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- j. Sale for \$650,000—designated for the endowment of St. Adalbert's cemetery
- 2) Paving St. Martha's Parking Lot
 - a. Permission from diocese came at end of November
 - b. Rafferty to do the paving
 - c. Working on land issues and permits
 - d. Steve Mitchell is working with permits as the engineer on the project
- 3) Paving St. Adalbert's Cemetery Driveway
 - a. Cemetery Committee has it worked out to begin in April
 - b. Contractor from East Hartford
 - c. We have a donor who will fully fund the project
- 4) Knights of Columbus prime rib dinner and St. Nick breakfast
 - a. It was very nice. Hall was decorated nicely.

Report: Fr. Golas

- 1) Monsignor Shanley has been covering Masses for Fr. Golas' absence.
 - a. Monsignor Shanley recommends that we cut the Mass schedule back.
 - b. Worship and Parish Life will look at Mass schedule again.
 - c. Fr. Kelechi is now living at St. Patrick's and will help during the week.
 - d. Fr. Bruno and Fr. Rousseau are helping as well
- 2) Fr. Federico
 - a. Asking for those who are interested in serving on the parish vocations committee
 - b. Kristen Fitzsimons and BJ Gomeau volunteer to serve on this committee
- 3) Facilities Committee
 - a. Ryan LaRoche was nominated and accepted as the chairperson of the facilities committee
- 4) Scholarship Report (Faith Scavetta)
 - a. Fr. Kerwan Scholarship will come out earlier than normal to take into account AP testing for HS students
 - b. Looking at putting the application online since parish offices are closed after school hours
 - c. Discussion on dates and claims for financial aid

Special Note – Sale of St. Adalbert Church

Deacon Paul Robert shared with the committee a confidential report on the chronology and status of the sale of St Adalberts Church. A hard copy of the summarized report was made available for viewing at the January meeting, with all hard copies returned at the end of the meeting.



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The next meeting of the Parish Council is on March 5, 2024, 7:00 p.m. at:

- ☐ Fr. Kerwan Hall of Holy Family Church
- ☒ Fr. Fitzmaurice Hall of St. Bernard's Church

Closing Prayer was led by Fr. Golas

Motion to adjourn was made by Don, seconded by Sophia. The meeting was adjourned.

Thanks to Kristen Fitzsimons for filling in as acting Secretary in my absence. Old and new business, and Pastoral report transcribed from Kristen's report.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Kubinski

Secretary