



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: Sept 3, 2024

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 – Elected, Ex-Officio, Clergy: (X – present)

<u> </u> Susan Carlo	<u> </u> Donna Honan	<u> x </u> Vicki Mitchell	<u> x </u> Josh Sullivan
<u> x </u> Sue Cotter	<u> </u> Pat Keck	<u> </u> Charlene Mongillo	<u> x </u> Marianne Tittarelli
<u> x </u> Mark DiBacco	<u> x </u> Monica Kedzior	<u> x </u> Dcn. Vince Motto	<u> </u> Dcn. Michael Torres
<u> </u> Donna Doyker	<u> x </u> Joe Kubinski	<u> </u> Sophia Oppenheimer	<u> x </u> Kerri Work
<u> x </u> Kristen Fitzsimons	<u> x </u> Bill Landry	<u> </u> Marie Pyznar	<u> </u> MaryAnn Zaleski
<u> x </u> Fr. John Golas	<u> x </u> Ryan LaRoche	<u> x </u> Darlene Saucier	<u> </u>
<u> x </u> BJ Gomeau	<u> x </u> Dcn. James Marco	<u> x </u> Faith Scavetta	<u> </u>
<u> x </u> Dave Goyette	<u> </u> Ed Mickiewicz	<u> x </u> Michael Smyth	<u> </u>

Guest(s) in attendance

Walter Kruzel

Opening Prayer: Mark 7:31-37. Jesus utters “ephphatha” to the deaf man seeking to be healed of his impediment, which means, “be open.” God is speaking to us, but to really receive that message, we must be open to what God is saying through the Holy Spirit. Sometimes there is a deafness that we have by not paying attention or being closed off to hearing the message. Thought: Is there someone we can bring to the Lord in prayer or other ways, to allow the Lord to touch and heal their lives.

Agenda Items:

Approval of minutes from June 5, 2024: Motion to approve by Kristen Fitzsimons and seconded by Bill Landry. Minutes approved.



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Committee Reports (S – as submitted by committee chair)

Facilities (Ryan LaRoche):

June

- Called Allstate fire for fire extinguisher in rectory-per insurance-HF
- Called allied roofing to inquire about cleaning the roof drains and gutters on the church-per insurance-HF

July

- Fixing outlets at St. Bernard's per the insurance company
- Looking into getting quotes for cameras at Holy Family due to maybe some vandalism
- Replaced outlet in upstairs bathroom per insurance company-SB RECTORY
- Added outlets for alter lights-SM

August

- Met organ guy to replace memory battery on organ and do maintenance on it-HF
- Added outlets in shed for parish picnic-HF

Legion of Mary:

Jacki Proto is stepping down due to health reasons. Chairperson to be determined.

Prayer Shawls/Bears (Debbie Reith):

Senior Lunch (Claire Bronson):

Rosary Guild (chairperson TBA):

Pro Life Committee (Donna Doyker) S:

Our annual baby bottle drive is planned to kick off on Oct 12 & 13 this year. They will be distributed after all Masses at all churches that weekend by the St Jeanne Jugan Confirmation students. Captains for each church are as follows:

- Vickie Mitchell Holy Family
- Donna Doyker St Bernard's
- Michelle Zukowski St Martha's
- Marie Pryznar St Patrick's

This year's money will be donated to the re-opening of St Gerard's pro-life center.

There will be free pro-life bumper stickers at all entries to all 4 churches. Please show your support for all babies!

We will hopefully have a guest speaker come to our Oct meeting to help us plan a special Mass for all parents who have lost a child. Any loss of a child is the greatest tragedy on this earth.



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Our next meeting is Thursday Sept 18th in room 5 of Holy Family. Please join us!

Sincerely

Donna Doyker

PS We hope you are enjoying the pro-life signs on all of the church front yards.

Religious Education (Pat Keck) S:

- Grades K-8 will be starting classes on Saturday, September 14th for K-5 and Thursday, September 19th for grades 6-7-8.
- Parent Meeting is Tuesday, September 10th at 7 p.m. for Grades K-8. Students will receive a folder with a calendar and flyers for the year's events.
- Teacher's Meeting is Thursday, September 5th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Martha.
- Students in Grades K-8 will be continuing with Gospel Weeklies by Pflaum Publishing for their program for the year. It was very well received last year, and we will continue forward.
- Catechetical Sunday will be on September 15th at St. Bernard's 10:30 a.m. mass. for the blessing of our catechists.
- The Office of Safe Environment has discontinued the LURES program for our students and now will begin a program called: "Empowering God's Children" I have attended the information class online and will be implementing it into our program and will present it to the students this coming year.
- A new addition to our curriculum will be students in Grades K-8 attending 4:30 p.m. mass at Holy Family once a month. Dates will be published. Students will attend with their families and non-attendance will result in an absence for the school year.
- Our 10th Grade Confirmation Class will be having a retreat at the SJJ Faith Formation Center at St. Martha Church on Sunday, September 15th from 2-7 p.m. Workshops, outdoor activities, rehearsal for Confirmation, Confession and dinner will be provided.
- 10th Grade Sacrament of Confirmation will be Sunday, October 6th with a mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph.
- Our 9th Grade Confirmation Class will begin on Sunday, October 20th. Teen mass will be Sunday, October 20th instead of the first Sunday of the month.
- Parent meeting for all 9th Grade student's parents will be Tuesday, October 8th at St. Bernard Church
- Adult Faith Formation will continue this fall with scripture class, the series the Chosen, and an outing to Divine Mercy Shrine.



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- A group of people have been meeting this past year to discuss evangelization and events for our parish. The committee is called SEEDS – Spreading Even-more Evangelizing Disciples Spiritually. As their first event, they will be hosting Coffee with a Friend of Padre Pio on Monday, September 23 in the Meeting Room at St. Bernard Church for Padre Pio's feast day.
- We will be starting a new program for children ages of birth to 5. Nurturing Seedlings program which is being offered by the Archdiocese of Hartford. I am currently and actively looking for someone to facilitate this program.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Keck

Director Religious Education and Faith Formation

St. Bernard Schools (Charlene Mongillo) S:

- SBS first day of school was 8/29 and we have a current enrollment of 181 students.
- New hires – Mrs. Meissenn full time (7/8 Literature and LA), Mrs. Berrouard (7/8 History, Geography & Religion), Mrs. Erica Leahy (Librarian, Adrianna Gomes (ACES)
- LA first day of school was 9/3 and we have a current enrollment of 60 students.
- New hires at LA – Mrs. Yiznitsky (teacher), Mrs. Montigny (teacher), Mrs. Vaghini (paraprofessional)
- Special Education teacher hired is Niclole Chapman
- New Enfield Superintendent – Mr. Steven Maccio
- SBS/LA had a very successful Golf Tournament on 8/12 – Thanks to all who supported!

School year started with a blessing from Fr. On 8/29 at SBS

Upcoming events:

- HOPES Dinner 9/23 – volunteers being recognized – Mr. & Mrs. Herman, Mr. Mazzone and Mr. Desjarlais.
- Color Run 9/28/at 8:30am.
- First Family Mass of 2024-25 is Sunday 10/6 10:30 am at St. Bernards Church (all family masses will be at St. Bernards Church this year): October, November, February, May.
- Trunk of Treat on 10/16 at 2 pm. Rain date is 10/27 at 2 pm.
- School Auction 11/16 at 5:30 at St. Bernard Church.
- Santa Breakfast on 12/1

Submitted by Chalene Mongillo on 9/3/2024



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

- The St. Vincent de Paul conference of Holy Family did not meet in July or August. Our next meeting is on Sept. 6 at 9:30am in classroom 5 in Fr. Kerwan Hall.
- In addition to helping our 25 or so families monthly we also received several referrals over the summer for motel rooms, bills, gift cards and advice. We have a dedicated phone number that receives these calls, or we get called directly from the Department of social Services.
- We continue to help a Ukrainian family living on the grounds of the Felician Sisters.
- The STVDP conference of Holy Family Church will hold a closet restocking on Oct. 26 and 27.
- Loaves and Fishes is sponsoring a portable shower fundraiser to provide showers for the homeless in Enfield and is accepting donations.

Dave Goyette

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

July 1st 2024 meeting virtual: 9 members in attendance

June 2024, we served 3 clients:

- 1) Woman looking for gift cards – helped her with food and gift cards
- 2) Woman looking for help with her Electric Bill \$. Referred her to New Start
- 3) Woman looking for money to hire someone to help her. Looking for someone to mow her lawn. Referred her to Social Services. New program for elderly care. Referred her to 211 Companion and Homemakers. Also, Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts are always looking for community service.

New Business:

- The decision was made to make Motel 6 the only motel vendor we use. If a client is refused service, there we will let them know that we cannot help them further. We will not use any other hotel/motel.

Old Business:

- No new business to report

Aug meeting was canceled. Next meeting is Monday Sept 9th, 2024



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

Our annual banquet was on June 11th at Grassmere Country Club. The ladies were very happy to be back at Grassmere. Fifty-two members attended and we were very pleased to have Father Golas and Father Mathew join us.

The executive board met this summer to plan our calendar. Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 17th with the always favorite Potluck Dinner. We also decided to create pins for the Guild members to wear when we are helping out at church functions to help foster more awareness. Thanks to MaryAnn Zeleski's creativity we had them for the church picnic.

Our membership drive begins on September 7th and dues remain at \$5. An article in the bulletin invites all ladies in the parish to join the Women's Guild. Pamphlets will be on the bulletin tables at our four churches. There will also be a stuffer in the bulletin that explains our purpose and highlights some of our events and organizations what we support.

Carol Frappier is coordinating the "Fall into Winter Bazaar" on Saturday, November 16th. It runs from 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Women's Guild members coordinated the ice cream for the Parish Picnic and helped make the pasta salad.

Faith Scavetta and MaryAnn Zaleski
Women's Guild Copresidents

Worship & Parish Life (Sue Cotter) S:

The first meeting of the Worship & Parish Council Committees will take place on Monday September 16th, at 7:00 pm, Holy Family Church/Fr. Kerwan Hall. As in prior years, we meet every third Monday of the month, and we alternate our meeting sites between Holy Family Church and St. Bernard Church. As such, the October meeting will take place on October 21st at St. Bernard Church in the Good Shepherd Meeting Room.

Among other liturgical issues, we will be discussing plans and schedules for the Masses of Remembrance at Holy Family and St. Bernard Churches in November, any planned programs for the Advent/Christmas Season, church decorations for Fall and Advent/Christmas, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Cotter



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Youth Ministry (Kristen Fitzsimons) S:

- Youth Ministry had a busy summer. 17 students assisted with Vacation Bible School in June. The teens assisted with all aspects of VBS. This is their favorite event of the year. They worked to plan games and served as group leaders, counselors, and junior counselors.
- Continuing with our busy summer, 23 teens attended Steubenville East this summer in Springfield. A huge thank you to the parish for their generosity in helping make this possible for our students.
- Youth Ministry also assisted at the picnic, working on the inflatables and helping our guests from St. Joseph's Residence and the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Old Business:

- St. Marthas parking lot. Completion of the new parking lot at St Marthas looks good. Fr. Golas commented that all safety painting has been completed.
- Parish Picnic. Kristen reports that around 550 people turned out for the picnic, which is a little less than last year. She expressed her thanks to all that helped out for this one big event that the parish council runs for the year. Had a better turnout this year from Little Sisters and St. Joseph's. Even with this year's tent of 60 ft x 70 ft, Kristen commented that we could still go bigger.

New Business:

- Vote for President, Vice President, and Secretary. Vicki Mitchell read the description of duties of each office. Josh Sullivan asked for nominations, and none were put forward. Fr. Golas said that by acclaim (by means of acclamation), current office holders will continue in their position for the next year. This will mean that Josh Sullivan remains president, Vicki Mitchell remains vice president, and Joe Kubinski remains secretary.
- Neocatechumenal Way. Their program will start on Sept. 30. They are hoping to add to their small and faithful group.
- During discussion following committee reports, BJ Gomeau wanted to discuss a potential issue for the SB youth basketball program. He is concerned about an influx of new kids because Enfield public schools have cancelled their sports programs. He would like to make sure that all kids in the parish are prioritized. Fr. Golas mentioned that kids' eligibility could be based on parish registrations as well as kids who are in the SJJ religious education.



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Pastoral Report of Fr. Golas:

- St. Adalberts. Last remaining items are Stations of the Cross. They have been promised to a priest who wants them, but there are details he needs to work out for the relocation. Fr. Golas mentioned that if a home can't be found for the remaining items, they will be turned over to the Adrian Hamers company in Yonkers that has been involved in dispositioning such items.
- Giving Store. The store had applied for an ARP (American Rescue Plan COVID program) grant of \$20,000 to fix the parish center and former convent at St. Patrick's, but circumstances caused the grant to go unused. Fr. Golas spoke with Judy Riccio, and she proposed to the town of Enfield a plan to fix the bathrooms at St. Patrick's in the Hall, especially the women's bathrooms. There is apparently agreement from the Town to allow this work. Hygienic restroom facilities are beneficial and would be used by the Giving Store as well as the Warming Center during the winter months.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Wednesday, Nov 6, 2024, 7:00 p.m. at:

 Fr. Kerwan Hall of Holy Family Church

 x St. Bernard's Church meeting room

Closing Prayer: led by Fr. Golas, and we were asked to remember St. Gregory the Great on this feast day, and his legacy of the Gregorian Chant.

Motion to adjourn made by Kristen Fitzsimons, 2nd by Dave Goyette

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Kubinski

Secretary