



ST. JEANNE JUGAN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING AND CURRENT REPORTS

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MINUTES OF MEETING

Meeting Date: Nov 6, 2024

Location: St. Bernards Meeting Room

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, e – excused)

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

Guest(s) in attendance: **Becky Hinckley** – Vice President of Enfield Community Chorus

Opening Prayer: Fr. Golas. Mark 13:38-44. The poor widow gave all that she had and thus trusted in the Lord completely. She gave from her poverty and not her surplus. Thought: Do we also trust that the Lord is all for our life, and give with a generosity of spirit?

Agenda Items:

Approval of minutes from September 3, 2024: Motion to approve by Kristen Fitzsimons and seconded by Dave Goyette. Minutes were approved.

Old Business:

- Neocatechumenal Way. Fr. Golas commented that they have a small attendance and are about halfway through their program. Penance portion is completed and focusing now on God's Word. Retreat is planned for next to last week of November.



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New Business:

- St. Patrick's. Women's bathroom renovation was completed thanks to a grant from the Town of Enfield as requested by the Giving Store. Fr. Golas reports that the work has been completed and is satisfactory, and bill from Enfield Builders has been paid, and now waiting for the town of Enfield to approve.
- Reading Military Service Names at Masses. Reading of their names is done at St. Bernards and Holy Family, but not at St. Patrick's and St. Martha's. Discussion supported the idea of all churches reading names of service members at prayer of the faithful. The council favors that all churches should read names of service members, and appropriate contacts are to be made to St. Patrick's and St. Martha's to initiate reading of names. Kristen suggested putting announcement into the bulletin to announce that service member names will be read at masses throughout St. Jeanne Jugan parish. Fr. Golas asked that we follow existing customs to maintain harmony between churches.
- Cleaning of Kitchen at Holy Family church. Vicki mentioned that cupboards and drawers need to be gone through to eliminate the accumulation of old materials and items no longer in use. Suggests that all groups such as AA and Women's Guild put forth volunteers to participate in clean up.
- Becky Hinckley – Enfield Community Chorus. The group is faced with increasing production costs and is seeking ways to raise funds to cover costs. Becky was alerted to the possibility of running a separate Bingo at the church hall and came to discuss this with the council. She was given a favorable reception to use the church hall for a separate Bingo event provided some details are worked out, such as scheduling, permitting, etc. Anticipated use of hall is once per year. Organization web site: www.enfieldcommunitychorus.org
- Training of Altar Servers. Question was raised by BJ if there is training for altar servers. And both Sue and Vicki answered that there is training and provided specifics on where and when. Sue mentioned that servers with parents that don't regularly attend mass tend to drop out.
- Handling Security Issues at Mass. It was mentioned that a woman at a recent St. Bernard's mass stood up during mass and began reciting loudly from a presumably religious reading she brought into mass. This prompted a discussion on security at masses and how to respond beyond the measures already in place to deal with security and medical emergencies. Kristen asked if we have a formal emergency plan that establishes a hierarchy of action. Fr. Golas responded that the chief usher at each mass takes the lead in



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responding. He called on Worship and Parish Life to have an organizational meeting for the ushers in all churches to identify what they may need to be able to handle security issues.

- Greeting of Parishioners. There was discussion about having a regular routine of greeting parishioners for all the churches. Fr. Golas stated that ushers primary role is hospitality and this falls under them, but if there are shortcomings, he encouraged looking further at the matter.
- Youth Representatives to Council. Kristen will supply two names and email addresses of young persons who will be added to the email distribution list.

Pastoral Report of Fr. Golas:

- Status of Duplex and old convent. Finance committee looking into ways to disposition properties.
- Confirmation class. Had confirmation at the Cathedral recently and the next confirmation class has begun.
- School Security. All schools are secure with door locked and with regular patrols as well as on-premises visits by the Enfield Police.

Closing Prayer: led by Fr. Goals.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Wednesday Jan 7, 2025, 7:00 p.m. at:

 X Fr. Kerwan Hall of Holy Family Church
 St. Bernard's Church meeting room

Respectfully Submitted,
Joe Kubinski

Secretary



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COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR NOV 6, 2024

Facilities (Ryan LaRoche):

Sept.

- met with contractors for hvac equipment-HF
- found leak on roof drain in room 1 office-met with roofing contractor-HF
- worked on cleaning holy water fonts-HF
- emergency call from Fr. Matt no hot water in rectory-called Panella's-HF
- troubleshooted why ac for church was not cooling on 9/28/24-HF
- removed pipe insulation so roofers can fix roof drain-HF
- fixed crack where person fell—still more to do-HF

Oct.

- removed move asbestos for roofers to repair
- roof drain that was leaking-HF
- repaired ceiling in office of room 1 where roof
- drain was leaking-HF
- threshold installation and new weather
- stripping on back door-HF
- worked on tree outlet upgrading power for it-HF

Legion of Mary (TBD):

Prayer Shawls/Bears (Debbie Reith):

Senior Lunch (Claire Bronson):

Rosary Guild (chairperson TBA):

Pro Life Committee (Donna Doyker) S:

This years' Baby bottle drive stands at \$6,745.65 so far. We wish to thank all of our parishioners for their generous donations during these difficult times.

Here is a list of recipients of those donations made during the last 4 years:

- St Joseph's in Enfield. \$1500



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- Students for Life America \$1500
- Priests for Life \$1000
- Birthright. \$875
- Carolyn's Place Fr Rousseau \$9106
- Bethlehem House \$500
- Clearway Clinic. \$500
- Billboard on RTE 91. \$4900
- Bumper stickers. \$128.43
- Baby bottles. \$1224.63
- Lawn signs for churches \$1900
- Coffee and donuts x 2

Our plan is to put this information into the bulletin by way of a flyer.

Thank you

Donna Doyker

Religious Education (Pat Keck) S:

- Grades K-9 have continued the same schedule, and all is going well
- Our new addition to our curriculum has been implemented with great success! We had 115 students attend the Religious Education Class Mass at Holy Family on 10-26-24. Our next mass will be Saturday, 11-23-24 at 4:30 p.m. mass.
- Our Safe Environment Classes are the calendar and so far, Grades 2-5 have attended.
- 10th Grade received the Sacrament of Confirmation on October 6th at the Cathedral of St. Joseph. 32 students were confirmed.
- Adult Faith Formation continues with scripture class, and the series the Chosen.
- Father Joseph MacNeil will be coming back to our parish to do an advent presentation in early December.
- Religious Education will be assisting the Christmas Pageant at Holy Family on December 13
- There will be Breakfast with St. Nicholas on Sunday, December 8th at Holy Family Church after the 9 a.m. mass.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Keck - Director Religious Education and Faith Formation



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St. Bernard Schools (Charlene Mongillo) S:

St. Bernard School (SBS) & Little Angels (LA)

- Current enrollment is 235 students PreK-8
- On October 26th we had a very successful Trunk or Treat on the SBS school grounds
- We have had two Family Masses so far this year (October 6th & November 3rd) Our
- next Family Mass is on Sunday, December 8th.
- SBS had their first open house for the 2025-2026 school year on Monday, Nov. 4th, it
- was a successful night!
- Our annual Auction is coming up on November 16th we are excited to bring this event
- back to SBS for the evening!
- SBS & LA are running our annual food drive from Nov. 4th – 13th (all collected will be
- donated to the Enfield Food Shelf)
- In house we will be running the Elf Shoppe on December 12th & 13th at SBS and LA will
- be hosting their annual Christmas Shop
- We will be collecting Hats, Mittens, Gloves and Scarfs for a Christmas project
- LA Christmas Concert is Wednesday, December 18th at 10:30am at SBC
- SBS Christmas Concert is Wednesday, December 18th at 6:00pm at SBS
- Jubilee Year of Hope is running December 24th 2024- Jan 6th 2026 (the school will be
- doing different things to honor the Jubilee Year)
- Thanksgiving break is November 27th – November 29th
- Christmas break is December 20th – Jan. 1st
- CSW (Catholic Schools Week) will be celebrated Jan. 26th – January 31st
- Our next Open house is on Sunday, February 2nd from 12:30pm – 2:00pm at both
- schools

Respectfully submitted

Charlene Mongillo

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

The St. Vincent de Paul society of Holy Family Church held a successful closet restocking drive on the weekend of Oct. 26/27.

We are so blessed to have such giving parishioners that support our mission of helping the needy in Enfield.



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For thanksgiving and christmas we are giving each of our regular 30 plus families several stop and shop gift cards for their holiday meals.

In September we thankfully welcomed two new members. Anyone interested in becoming a member please reach out to one of our members or call Holy Family Rectory.

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

Sept 9th 2024 meeting virtual: 8 members in attendance

July 2024, we served 3 clients:

- 1.) Woman needing food and groceries. Gift cards given.
- 2.) Woman needing food and groceries. 2 bags of groceries from pantry closet and grocery gift cards.
- 3.) Donated 2 tents to homeless that are living at “tent city” in Enfield

Aug 2024, we served 4 clients

- 1.) Man seeking shelter, gave 2 nights at Enfield Inn
- 2.) Woman staying at domestic safe house looking for help. We gave her groceries from pantry closet and a Target gift card
- 3.) Woman in need of food. 2 Grocery gift cards were given
- 4.) Woman seeking shelter, gave 2 nights Enfield Inn

New Business:

- Received the Power point presentation from Diane McPherson called Vision of SVDP Phase III. Set a meeting date of Oct 22nd at Ed Mickiewicz house to review and discuss.

Old Business:

- No new business to report

Oct 1st 2024 meeting virtual: 6 members in attendance

Sept 2024, we served 6 clients, and was able to help 3 of them.

- 1.) Man in need of assistance. Gave gas and a grocery gift card.
- 2.) Man looking for food. Gave him food from pantry closet and gift cards



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3.) Woman looking for food. Helped her with food from our pantry closet.

New Business:

- Laid out schedule for upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas annual gift card drives

Old Business:

- Reviewed plan for the meeting on Oct 22nd at Ed's house to review and discuss the Vision SVDP project.

Oct 22nd Meeting at Ed Mickiewicz home 7 members attended live, 2 members attended virtual and Diane McPherson was in attendance.

- Watched welcome video from Archbishop Andrew Bellisario
- Reviewed all slides from powerpoint presentation
- Discussed the Vision SVDP, and the future of our society
- Open discussion around 4 main topics: Impact, Membership, Leadership and Collaboration

Next meeting to be held Monday Nov 4th, 2024

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

- Our September meeting was a "Welcome Back Pot Luck Dinner". Forty-nine members shared their culinary specialties.
- Members enjoyed a "Yankee Swap" at the October's meeting. Fifty members attended.
- Also in October, guild members coordinated refreshments at Catholicism Night and helped set-up, clean-up and serve pizza and dessert for the Religious Education Class Mass. We enjoyed seeing the student's favorite saint costumes.
- November will be a game night playing "Chicago Dice" and a cookie swap. Also, in November is the Fall into Winter Bazaar on November 16th from 9 am to 3 pm at Holy Family Church hall and classrooms. Carol Frappier coordinates the event with many guild members helping out. Stop by and start your Christmas shopping. Tell your family and friends!
- Our current membership is at sixty-nine with members from all four churches. Women of the parish may join at any Women's Guild meeting.



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

Faith Scavetta and MaryAnn Zaleski

SJJ Women's Guild Co-presidents

Worship & Parish Life (Sue Cotter) S:

- The Worship & Parish Life Committees meet on the third Monday of every month from September through May, with the exception of December.
- The Liturgy Committees of Holy Family Church and St. Bernard Church are currently planning Masses of Remembrance for deceased parishioners who passed away between October 1, 2023 and September 30, 2024. The Mass of Remembrance has been a longheld tradition at each church. The Mass of Remembrance at Holy Family Church took place this past Sunday, November 3rd, at 2:00 p.m. The Mass of Remembrance at St. Bernard Church will take place on Sunday, November 10th, at 2:00 p.m. Discussion is currently underway to schedule Masses of Remembrance next year at St. Patrick Church and St. Martha Church.
- The W&PL committees are currently planning for the Advent and Christmas season, including plans for decoration of the churches and special events taking place during this time, including the Chrismon Tree celebration at Holy Family Church, Breakfast with St. Nicholas at Holy Family Church after the 9:00a.m. mass on December 8th, and Cookies and Hot Chocolate with Santa at St. Bernard Church after the 7:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. masses on December 1st.
- Deacon Vince is planning an Evening of Prayer for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Ushers for the first Sunday of Advent. Details will be forthcoming.
- Friday, December 13th, a Veneration of a Relic of St. Lucy will take place during the morning daily mass. Details will be forthcoming.
- Plans are underway by Carolyn Dague, Adult Faith Formation, to organize the celebration of a teaching mass for St. Jeanne Jugan Parish parishioners to lead us into the Advent Season. This mass will be scheduled for December 5th, at 7:00 p.m. More information about the mass will be forthcoming in future bulletins.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Cotter



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Youth Ministry (Kristen Fitzsimons) S:

- Youth Ministry met for the first time for this school year on 10/20 for Teen Mass and fellowship. They also met on Sunday 11/3.
- In November, we will be working to prepare for the parish Christmas pageant, St. Nicholas Breakfast, and will be baking treats to send to service members who are deployed for the holidays.