



ST. JEANNE JUGAN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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MINUTES OF MEETING

Meeting Date: Jan 7, 2025

Location: Holy Family Fr. Kerwan Hall

Note: Due to the absence of Josh Sullivan and Vicki Mitchell (attending by phone), administration of meeting was by Secretary.

The meeting of the St. Jeanne Jugan Parish Council was called to order by Secretary, Joe Kubinski, at 7:00 p.m.

Member Attendance – Elected, Ex-Officio, Clergy: (x – present, e – excused)

<u> </u> Fr. C. Kelechi Anyanwu	<u> </u> Fr. M. Kappalumakkel	<u> x </u> Vicki Mitchell*	<u> </u> Josh Sullivan
<u> x </u> Sue Cotter	<u> e </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> x </u> Donna Doyker	<u> x </u> Regina Klundt	<u> x </u> Marie Pyznar	<u> </u> Fr. Robert Villa
<u> x </u> Kristen Fitzsimons	<u> x </u> Joe Kubinski	<u> </u> Dcn. Paul Robert	<u> x </u> Kerri Work
<u> x </u> Fr. John Golas	<u> x </u> Bill Landry	<u> x </u> Darlene Saucier	<u> </u> MaryAnn Zaleski
<u> e </u> BJ Gomeau	<u> x </u> Ryan LaRoche	<u> x </u> Faith Scavetta	<u> </u>
<u> x </u> Dave Goyette	<u> </u> Dcn. James Marco	<u> </u> Michael Smyth	<u> </u>

*Vicki Mitchel – phone in

Guest(s) in attendance: Walter Kruzel

Opening Prayer: Fr. Golas. Luke 3:15-16;22-23. John the Baptist said I am baptizing you with water, but One is coming mightier than I and will baptize you with the Holy Spirit. The Christmas season ends with the baptism of Jesus and the Spirit coming as a dove. Even though without sin, Jesus wanted to identify with sinful humanity. Thought: Which image of the Spirit as power, direction, instruction, or enlightenment do we relate to, or is there another image that we choose.

Agenda Items:

Approval of minutes from November 6, 2024: Motion to approve by Kristen Fitzsimons and seconded by Marie Pyznar. Minutes were approved.



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Old Business:

- Neocatechumenal Way. The group has completed its catechesis and had their retreat in Southbury, CT. Fr. Goals reports that they are a small group of about 6, but faithful and they still meet on Wednesdays and hold their mass on Saturdays, which is celebrated in a manner that is per their tradition.
- St. Patrick's Renovations. The Town of Enfield has reimbursed the parish \$20,000 for the women's restroom facility, which included a hot water service and new sink. The finance committee is looking into also renovating the other 2 bathrooms which would be done without a grant from the town of Enfield.
- Worship and Parish Life. The committee has agreed to continue reading names of those service members from the parish to honor them and their families.

New Business:

- Holy Family Kitchen Cleaning. Faith reports that cleaning will be put off until May when Vicki Mitchel returns and will be carried out by The Women's Guild and volunteers.
- Presentation Of Gifts. Kerri raised a point about the presentation of gifts by families that requested a mass intention. This custom lapsed due to Covid times, but by acclaim of council it will be brought back. Fr. Golas suggested that we wait until the start of Lent to re-implement in all churches to give time to prepare with bulletin notification and usher instruction.
- Prayer Card For Vocations. Vicki requested that more cards be made up due to spotty availability at all churches. Sue stated that Bridget requested them from the archdiocese and they were received. Distribution may be an issue and will be investigated.
- Security Training. Vicki asked about the status of training ushers in security response. Sue replied that it has yet to begin as consideration is being given to broadening the scope to include all that are in service at the mass. The issue will be raised at the next Worship and Parish Life meeting in January.
- Consolidation Of Church Websites. Keri noted that each church has its own Facebook page and/or web page and suggested that all be consolidated into one SJJ parish Facebook or website. Fr. Golas will speak with Angela and ask that all websites be consolidated.



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- Announcement Of Mass Celebrant. There was a short discussion regarding all churches in the parish to announce the celebrant of the mass from the lectern. This will be addressed going forward.

Pastoral Report of Fr. Golas:

- St. Patrick's Parish Center. The archdiocese has given permission to demolish the parish center (old convent) at 73 Pearl St. Work is in the process by the diocesan attorneys to finalize a contract. Work will be performed by Associated Building Wreckers of Springfield, MA. They are a good choice based on their knowledge of Enfield's regulations. Work is planned to commence in the spring after use of the warming center is done for the winter.
- Duplex 33-35 Spring St. Diocesan attorneys have hired a surveyor to subdivide the property. There may be a right of way issue depending on whether it can be established if a driveway had once existed on the property. If not, conditions for an easement would need to be worked out.

Closing Prayer: led by Fr. Golas.

Motion to adjourn made by Keri Work, 2nd Kristen Fitzsimons

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, 7:00 p.m. at:

 Fr. Kerwan Hall of Holy Family Church

 x St. Bernard's Church meeting room

Respectfully Submitted,
Joe Kubinski

Secretary



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COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR JAN 7, 2025

Reports Submitted By Committee Chair(s) (unless otherwise noted)

Facilities (Ryan LaRoche)

November

- install tree outlet-HF
- brought out St. nick decorations out of the shed-HF
- installed new flood light-SM
- troubleshooted outlets in kitchen not working-HF
- repaired carpet coming up in church-HF
- Bought material for ballard replacement-HF
- bought material for tree outlet

December

- repaired weather stripping on outside
- door to sacristy-SP
- repaired light in music room-SP
- cleaned sink drain of wax-SP
- looked at heat not working in back confessional sacristy-HF
- replaced heaters in back confessional/ vesting sacristy-HF
- unlocking and locking up-HF

Ongoing. Getting the heat in the back vestibule working again. It has a burnt out element and a new heater is on order and should be here at the end of the month.

Legion of Mary – Our Lady of the Holy Family Praesidium (Regina Klundt)

The Legionaries continue to actively visit the 8 nursing homes/assisted living facilities to pray the Holy Rosary with the residents. Also, our Praesidium has members who are Eucharistic Ministers and bring Holy Communion to the homebound and those in the nursing home.

The Legionaries attended the wakes of Cornilius DiBella, Dorothy Tubman, and Stanislawa Bukowski and prayed the Holy Rosary. The Legionaries also attended the funerals of Lori St Sauveur and Cornilius DiBella. On 1/8/25, 2 members will recite the Holy Rosary at St Robert



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Bellarmino Church in Windsor Locks at the request of the family of the deceased, Stanley Zalewski, prior to his funeral.

The formation of the Legion of Mary Junior Praesidium is on hold for the moment. St Bernard School Principal, Charlene Mongillo, will assist once a Legionary from our Praesidium accepts this Legion of Mary work.

Submitted by,
Regina Klundt

Catch up report submitted by Regina Klundt for the November 6 council meeting.

Membership: 9 active members and 32 auxiliary members. We meet every Tuesday at Holy Family at 2 pm in classroom 5. A member of the Women's Guild will soon be an auxiliary member.

Jackie Proto, former president, resigned on August 25, 2024, for health reasons. Regina Klundt who was Treasurer for almost 3 years has stepped in as president of Our Lady of the Holy Family Praesidium on September 18, 2024, at the Hartford Comitium of St. Gabriels's Church in Windsor.

On September 7, 2024, Fr. Golas and the Legion of Mary with parishioners from St. Jeanne Jugan traveled to Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine in Litchfield. It was truly a wonderful pilgrimage and retreat.

In the last year, 4 active members resigned due to illness and advanced age. However, one member has recently joined us at 2 meetings. All 4 members are counted among auxiliary members. Our Spiritual Director is Fr. Golas, and he attends our meetings when available. Father guides us and encourages us in our work.

The Legion of Mary's works involve the visitation of the elderly in nursing homes and assisted living facilities in Enfield, Windsor Locks, Suffield, and Stafford Springs. During our visitations, we encourage the residents in the recitation of the Holy Rosary, to share their thoughts and memories of their journey in the Catholic Faith and supporting their friendships. At times, non-Catholics attend the recitation of the Holy Rosary, and we support them. Currently, we are involved in 9 facilities. Our Praesidium has 3 Eucharistic Ministers who bring Holy Communion to the homebound and residents at the elderly facilities.

Plans for Legion of Mary:



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- Recruitment. Mary Ann Zaleski and Carol from the Women's Guild invited the Legion of Mary to speak to the women before the next meeting on November 19, and 6:30 pm. We need more members to assist us in our work. Auxiliary members are crucial in assisting the legionaries' works by their prayers and daily recitation of the Holy Rosary. We are working under the guidance of Our Blessed Mother and the Holy Spirit.
- Possible junior Praesidium. Sharon DeNapoli, President of Our Lady of Angels Praesidium from Precious Blood Parish in Milford, CT, is willing to assist us with the formation of a junior Praesidium. Sharon recommended that a teacher would be preferable in this position. St. Bernard's School students and the Faith Formation students could be great candidates for Legion of Mary works. They are our future Catholic Church.

Works Overview for September 15, 2024

Facilities of the elderly visited for assigned Legionary Works:

- All American Assisted Living Center – Enfield
- Bickford Health Care Center – Windsor Locks
- Evergreen Health Care Center – Stafford Springs
- Fresh River Healthcare – East Windsor
- Mark Twain Congregate Housing – Enfield
- Parkway Pavilion Health and Rehabilitation Center – Enfield
- Stonebrook Village at Windsor Locks – Windsor Locks
- The Suffield House Nursing Home – Suffield
- Touchpoint at Chestnut – East Windsor

Prayer Shawls/Bears (Debbie Reith)

Senior Lunch (Claire Bronson)

Rosary Guild (chairperson TBA)

Pro Life Committee (Donna Doyker)

- PAL collected over \$8000 from the baby bottle drive which we are so grateful for. We are looking into buying an ultra-sound machine for a pro-life center that does not have one or at least putting \$\$ toward it.
- We will be looking for more help at St Pats this October as we lost over 100 baby bottles and the box I delivered them in. We store them all at St Martha's and they cost close to \$1 each.



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- Our next meeting will be Thursday Jan 16 th and we will be discussing the bus reservation for the CT March For Life in Hartford March 19th from noon to three as well as St Robert's Mass for Life on Monday Jan 29th in Windsor Locks. Guest speaker will be Fr Michael Ruminski pastor at Sacred Heart Church in Bloomfield. Please consider joining other pro - life parishioners at this lovely inspirational event. It will take place at 6:00

Yours

Donna Doyker

PAL Chair

Religious Education (Pat Keck)

- Grades K-9 have continued the same schedule, and all is going well
- Our Safe Environment Classes for Grades 3-9 have all been scheduled and attended.
- Chrismon Tree Celebration at Holy Family, as well as the Christmas Pageant has continued to be a highlight for our Religious Education students.
- Breakfast with St. Nicholas on Sunday, December 8th at Holy Family Church has a good attendance. Not as many as anticipated.
- Our Religious Education Class Masses continue each month by all Religious Education students in Grades K-8.
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be Saturday, February 8th at 1:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Keck

Director Religious Education and Faith Formation

St. Bernard Schools (Charlene Mongillo)

St. Bernard School & Little Angels – January 7th 2025

- Current enrollment is 234 students PreK-8
- 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
- 2nd Grade Reconciliation will be on Sat. Feb. 8th at 1:00pm at Holy Family Church
- February Family Mass is being rescheduled to March 2nd due to a scheduling conflict
- RSO will be starting at SBS on Thursday, January 23rd (will work in our school as well as Montessori)
- Annual Purse Bingo is at SBS on Saturday, Jan 25th @ 6:00pm
- Comedy Night fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, March 8 at the Polish American Club of Agawam



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- Congratulations to our Robotics team for winning 1st place at regionals and a golden ticket to States
- Congratulations to Mrs. Michelle Lavoie for winning the coach and mentor award at this year's Robotics Competition
- SBS & LA Advent Collection of hats, mittens, gloves, scarves and socks was a huge success we collected five large boxes of new clothing that was donated to the Giving Store at St. Patrick's Church

Respectfully submitted
Charlene Mongillo

St. Vincent dePaul – Holy Family (Dave Goyette)

The St. Vincent de Paul Conference of Holy Family regularly serves around 30 families. This year those families were the recipients of the St. Nicholas Project at Holy Family. This successful undertaking was coordinated by Keri Work and Kristen Fitzsimmons. Our families are so grateful for the hard work put into this Christmas project that made their Christmas. Distribution of gifts occurred on Saturday morning Dec 21 when the families came to Fr. Kerwan Hall to receive their gifts. Our society is also grateful for all those parishioners who supported this worthwhile cause with their generous contributions.

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

Nov 4th 2024 meeting virtual: 9 members in attendance

Oct 2024, we served 5 clients:

- 1.) Parishioner in need of food and groceries. Gift cards given.
- 2.) Donated 2 tents and Butane heater to homeless that are living at "tent city" in Enfield
- 3.) Assisted a Handicapped woman who has a family with grocery gift cards and assistance with a car tax bill.
- 4.) Helped a homeless woman with winter clothes and grocery gift card
- 5.) Helped a family with their electric bill

New Business:

- Agreed to conduct a coat drive with St Bernard's and St Martha's churches for Winter to support St Patrick's giving store.
- Established new guidelines for Holiday Gift Card Drive.
- Discussed the need for new member recruitment, and moving to quarterly in-person meetings in 2025 to include new members.

Old Business:



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- Group met at Ed's house with Diane McPherson to discuss the launch of Vision SVdP Phase III.
- 2 members met to update client list for upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas food drive.

Dec 2nd 2024 meeting virtual: 8 members in attendance

Nov 2024, we served 4 clients.

- 1.) Man in need of assistance with car insurance. Attempted to assist, but check was returned.
- 2.) Assisted a woman with her electric bill
- 3.) Woman looking for food. Helped her with a grocery gift card and food from our pantry closet.
- 4.) Woman in need of food and groceries. Helped her with grocery gift cards and food from our pantry closet.

New Business:

- Setup Christmas gift card trees at the church for the gift card collection.
- Reviewed and discussed a letter received from SVdP St. Margaret Mary's Conference in Swannanoa, NC. They are seeking support for families who have suffered loss and damage due to the recent weather devastation.

Old Business:

- Winter Coat drive was successful. Collected between 75-100 coats that were brought over to St Pat's Giving Store.
- Continued discussion on quarterly in person meetings in 2025 to help with recruitment of new members.

Next meeting to be held Monday Jan 6th, 2025

Women's Guild (Faith Scavetta & MaryAnn Zaleski)

The "Fall into Winter Bazaar" chaired by Carole Frappier on Saturday, November 16th was excellent. Holy Family's Hall and classrooms were filled with vendors and shoppers. The many volunteers kept everything running smoothly. We are currently awaiting our net results once expenses are tabulated. The net amount will be very positive.

Game night at the November meeting was Chicago Dice. We invited the Legion of Mary to speak at our meeting to help them recruit new members. A cookie swap was held to start off the holiday baking. We currently have 83 members with 42 in attendance at the November meeting.

Guild volunteers helped out at the Religious Education pasta dinner on November 23rd and refreshments after Father Joseph McNeil's Advent talk on December 5th. We also coordinated the refreshments after the Chrismon celebration on December 13th.



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As planned, there was not a December meeting nor will there be one in January. Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 18th.

Happy New Year!

Faith Scavetta and MaryAnn Zeleski

SJJ Women's Guild Co-presidents

Worship & Parish Life (Sue Cotter)

The volunteers responsible for Christmas decorations in each of our churches did a terrific job. The churches were beautiful, and truly reflected the Christmas spirit and joy of this special season.

At our next meeting we'll start preliminary planning for the Lenten season and the special events that will take place during Lent in our Parish.

We continue to experience some issues with the reading of names of the military who are members of Parish families during the Prayer of the Faithful. These issues will hopefully be sorted out and resolved soon.

The Worship & Parish Life group did not meet in December. Our next meeting will take place on Monday, January 20th, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Bernard Church / Good Shepherd Meeting Room.

Sue Cotter

Youth Ministry (Kristen Fitzsimons)

Youth Ministry had busy months in November and December. November began with Teen Mass and time for fellowship. Mid-month we met to bake treats for service members deployed overseas for the holidays. We made over 30 dozen brownies and cookies to donate to Cookies for Camouflage, which sends the treats to servicemen and women with local ties. Additionally, we planned our first Steubenville Fundraiser for the year, the St. Nicholas Breakfast. We estimate we had about 125 people for breakfast. We raised approximately \$500. Youth Ministry also assisted with the Religious Education Program Christmas pageant. Teens helped the religious education program students to be in the correct places and were the narrators for the evening. We have been regularly seeing approximately 20 students at youth group meetings. In January and February, we will begin our registration and recruitment campaign for Steubenville East this summer.

Altar Server Recruitment and Training – special report from Steve Mitchell

Recruiting was done by Steve Mitchell at St. Bernard School, and Pat Keck at CCD.

A total of seven children expressed interest, but two decided not to pursue serving. Of the remaining five, I have trained one for Holy Family and two for St. Bernard. The final two wish to



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serve at St. Martha, and Fr. Villa will be training them for the English Mass there.

The self-scheduling system has been working well. We continue to urge the servers to try to arrive earlier for their scheduled assignments, but they are tied to the schedule of whoever drives. As always, this is a work in progress.