

HOLY CROSS PARISH
PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 6, 2018

Attending: Father William Beaudin, Nancy Burke, Christine Leggett, Patti Peters

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Opening Prayer

Father Beaudin led those present in an opening prayer.

Minutes

Minutes from the October 2nd meeting of the Parish Council were distributed to those present.

Items From Father Beaudin

Father Beaudin reported that the Diocesan Synod sessions will continue with the next session being held this week in Burlington. Another session will be held in January

Father Beaudin also reported that Dorine Boucher, Director of Faith Formation, will oversee this year's Christmas Pageant. As noted in last month's meeting, in response to a Diocesan directive, the Christmas Pageant will be held before the Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve.

It was also noted that student attendance at Religious Education classes has declined.

It was reported that the Healing Mass held on October 23rd went well. It was also reported that the Remembrance Mass, which was held on November 3rd, was well received. Parishioners stated they were very moved by that Mass.

The Chicken 'n Biscuit dinner held on October 27th was deemed a success with a profit of about \$1,000 being realized.

A Spaghetti Dinner is being considered for January, 2019.

An Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship Service will be held on November 18th at the Mallets Bay United Church of Christ. All full-time clergy from the various churches in Colchester have been invited to attend.

Father Beaudin discussed an article that appeared in the Times Argus newspaper. That article praised Bishop Coyne for his frank and open approach in dealing with the abuse scandal facing the Diocese. The Diocese has indicated it will publish a list of all clergy who have had a credible and substantiated allegation of sexual abuse of a minor made against them.

Father Beaudin reported that the Diocese has no “grand plan” concerning the closing or consolidation of parishes.

Father Beaudin indicated he will present the quarterly financial report for the Parish this week. That report shows a deficit of \$8,000 for the quarter.

Other

Next Meeting Date

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

Closing Prayer

The members of the council were led in a closing prayer by Father Beaudin.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Peters