

ST. JOSEPH'S

PARISH



COUNCIL

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ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH COUNCIL

Date: April 12, 2018

Time: 7:00PM

ATTENDEES:

Deacon Mark Kehl
Carolyn Kramer
Cathy Levesque
Katie McMicken
Amy Rogers
Norm Turner
Michael Walkowiak

ABSENTEES:

Fr. Benjamin
Kathleen Gray
Joe Levesque
Jim McBride
Bill Place
Dustin Bliss

Opening prayer by Carolyn Kramer

OLD BUSINESS

- **Signs In/Out of Town:**
 - Mike will call Tom.

- **Lifetouch Photo Book (Cathy):**
 - Parish Council asked to choose between 2 different formats of a sign up sheet for Parishioners to complete if interested in having their pictures taken by Lifetouch. One format was created by Cathy and the other by Lifetouch.
 - Parish Council voted to use the format Cathy created. Carolyn proofed the rough draft for changes to the final copy.
 - Need at least 18 people to sign up for pictures in order for Lifetouch to come back.

- **Flocknote:**
 - Norm will implement a Tops gift card drawing for current Flocknote users and those who are new to signing up.
 - Prized will be for one \$25 gift card to Tops and a \$10 gift card to Tops.
 - In order to be eligible for drawing you must already be a Flocknote user or sign up by May 15th.
 - Will notify each winner.
 - 46 users currently signed up for Flocknote.

- **Men's Club (Norm):**
 - 30 day challenge called Rise, begins March 12th, it is an online program, for men, \$32 for access all year.
 - MenRiseUp.org
 - No future meetings planned.

- **Faith Formation:**
 - Carolyn gave Cathy the signed Confirmation Cards from Parish Council.
 - Carolyn purchased chocolate candy crosses for each of the Confirmation Students.
 - Confirmation Students Retreat is Saturday (April 14th)
 - Approximately 16-18 Confirmation Students
 - Confirmation: May 19th - 5pm Mass with Bishop Malone
 - 9 Students will be making their First Communion on May 6th.
 - April 22 will be the Intergenerational Faith Formation and a Mandatory Class for Faith Formation students. There will be 3 stations discussing Virgin Mary (May), The Ascension and Pentecost. Then there will be Mass at 10:30am and a lunch to

follow. People are asked to bring a dessert or bread to pass.

- **Parade for Holland Bicentennial Tulip Festival:**

- Thursday, May 10 through Sunday, May 13 (Mother's Day weekend)
- Parade line up begins at 12:30 with the Parade beginning at 2pm
- 2018 Theme is Happy Birthday Holland!
- McMicken Family will tow and decorate the float according to the Happy Birthday Holland theme.
- Deacon Mark will write up something in the Bulletin, asking Parishioners to volunteer in helping to decorate the morning of the Parade.
- Katie will look into ordering shirts for the kids to wear that represent St. Joseph's.

- **Excavating for Sinkhole:**

- Cathy contacted an excavator for a quote. Then the internet was down in the office. Cathy may have received a quote via email but hasn't been able to access her emails because of the internet not working.
- Cathy will call Doug about quote.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Catholic Charities Appeal:**

- Mailings were sent to parishioners.
- There has not been a table set up to collect for Catholic Charities.
- There is signage in the Church making Parishioners aware of the Catholic Charities appeal.
- Fr. Benjamin did not want to push too hard asking parishioners to support the Catholic Charities appeal after the Upon This Rock campaign.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm, with closing prayer by Carolyn Kramer

**NEXT MEETING IS Tuesday, May 8th AT 7:00PM in the Parish Hall
Opening prayer will be offered by Carolyn Kramer
Closing prayer will be offered by Katie McMicken**