

**ST. JOSEPH'S**

**PARISH**



**COUNCIL**

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**ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH COUNCIL**

**Date: February 01, 2018**

**Time: 7:00PM**

**ATTENDEES:**

Dustin Bliss  
Carolyn Kramer  
Cathy Levesque  
Katie McMicken  
Norm Turner  
Michael Walkowiak  
Deacon Mark Kehl  
Dustin Bliss

**ABSENTEES:**

Fr. Benjamin  
Amy Rogers  
Kathleen Gray  
Joe Levesque  
Jim McBride  
Bill Place

Opening prayer by Mike Walkowiak

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Finance Committee:**
  - No new updates.
- **Signs In/Out of Town:**
  - Mike will call Tom, at St. George's Parish, and speak to him about the signs Tom made for St. George's.
  - The old signs are now broken and really beat-up.
- **Lifetouch Photo Book (Cathy):**
  - Around 45 families participated in having their picture taken. The book is in the process of being completed. In March, solicit new families that may have missed the opportunity to have their picture taken. If there are at least 18 new families that are interested in having their picture taken, Lifetouch can come back and recreate a new book, free of charge. May/June would be the next available time for the Parish, for Lifetouch to return. Cathy will not pursue Lifetouch coming back until there is enough interest from new families.
- **Flocknote:**
  - 44 new people were added to Flocknote. Norm will send weekly schedule reminders (communication) on Fridays. There are no sub-groups set up as of yet. Fr. Benjamin wants Flocknote used for communication.
- **Men's Club (Norm):**
  - 4 People attended last month's meeting. Meetings will now take place every 2nd Monday of the Month.
- **Faith Formation:**
  - Confirmation Students will attend a retreat April 14th. Service project has started.
  - Intergenerational Event will be held on April 23rd.
  - There is jovial involvement in praying the Rosary before Faith Formation classes begin. The children seem are enjoying reciting the Rosary!

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Lent:**
  - Ash Wednesday is on February 14th with a blessing service at 7am, Mass at 8am and 7pm. Starting Friday, February 16th through Good Friday, there will be Soup and Stations starting at 6pm. Adoration will still be on the 1st Friday of March at 7pm following the Stations of the Cross. Thursday, March 8th will be First Reconciliation and Lenten Penance Service at 7pm.
  
- **Lenten Retreat (Cathy):**
  - Tuesday, March 20th at 7pm: Deacon Greg from Our Lady of Pompeii will speak on Baptism. The charge is \$100/hour. Will ask parishioners to make a free will offering to deter costs to the Parish.
  
- **Father/Son Breakfast (Mike):**
  - Breakfast will be held of Sunday March 4th after 8am Mass. Guest speaker will be WWII Veteran. Mike will contact Patty Schumacher for food.
  
- **Respect Life:**
  - Deacon Mark asked the Respect Life ministry to update Respect Life corner. Deacon Mark would like to reach out to support more families who are in a crisis pregnancy situation and help them with their needs.
    - **Dates:**
      - Ash Wednesday - February 14th
      - Soup and Stations - February 16th (Friday) through Good Friday
      - Adoration - Friday, March 2nd at 7pm (after Stations of the Cross)
      - Father/Son Breakfast - Sunday, March 4th
      - First Reconciliation and Lenten Penance Service - Thursday, March 8th
      - St. Joseph's Table - Sunday, March 18th after 10:30 Mass
      - Lenten Retreat with Deacon Greg - Tuesday, March 20th
      - Palm Weaving - TBD Saturday, March 24th??
      - Confirmation Retreat - April 14th
      - Intergenerational Event - April 23rd

Meeting was adjourned at 8pm, with closing prayer by Dustin Bliss

**NEXT MEETING IS Thursday, March 1st AT 7:00PM in the Parish Hall  
Opening prayer will be offered by Katie McMicken  
Closing prayer will be offered by Carolyn Kramer**