

ST. JOSEPH'S

PARISH



COUNCIL

Please see our Parish bulletin, website and calendar
for news and upcoming events
www.stjholland.org

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH COUNCIL

Date: November 12, 2019

Time: 7:00PM

ATTENDEES:

Deacon Mark
Katie McMicken
Norm Turner
Pam Turner

ABSENTEES:

Fr. Benjamin
Kathleen Gray
Cathy Levesque
Nancy Palumbo
Bill Place

Opening prayer by Norm

November 12, 2019

Action Items and Needs Identified During This Meeting

Action Item (Old Business)	Completed/Notes
Respect Life	Completed
Women's Breakfast	Completed (*See New Business)
Committee Responses	Completed
Giving Tree	Sign up sheet for tags in order to ensure all gifts were received
Flocknotes	Include reminders for collections for charities and for events that parishioners would need cash for that are held after Mass ex. Bazaar, Food collection, Holy land gifts
Action Item (New Business)	Completed/Notes
March for Life	Pam will talk to Cathy about displaying March for Life 2020 information in the Parish basement and/or vestibule for Parishioners interested in attending this year's event.
Women's Breakfast	New Date: February 23rd. Discuss Ladies Tea details
Library	Organize and repurpose

OLD BUSINESS

- **Respect Life**

- Spring (May) outreach to pregnancy center
 - St. Teresa House or C.H.O.I.C.E.S.
- Focus on 2 main events per year: Outreach and Life Chain
- March for Life January 23-24 bulletin board with information
 - Deadline is December 27th
 - Buffalo Dioceses coordinating bussing to March for Life
 - Ask Cathy to create bulletin with March for Life information displayed

- **Women's Breakfast**

- Cancelled Women's breakfast because of lack of ticket sales
- Possible February 23rd
- Ladies of all ages Tea
- Details will be discussed at upcoming meetings

- **Committee Responses**

- Deacon Mark asked a few Priest and Deacon friends about having a comment box and they all said no to a comment box
 - It's tended to be used as a gripe box.
 - It doesn't provide any valuable information
- *Questionnaire should be specific
 - Check a list of ministries
- More word of mouth

- **Giving Tree**

- Tag are in
- Cathy Clipboard with tags as reminder of who took what

- **Flocknotes**

- Lost 2 people
- Include reminders for collections that are upcoming.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Pastor's Report**

- Fr. Larry's last weekend with us
- Confirmation will be held at St. Aloysius in Springville this year.
- We are part of the tri-county vicariate. We are in Erie County. Tri-County lay vicariate group members for St. Joe's are Becky Russell and Nikera Kolecki. They have meetings and need to get info back to Holland.
- Alternate go to meetings so we can be informed about upcoming vicariate held events in surrounding parishes.
- November 30th: Church cleaning will take place on the 1st Saturday of Advent in order to change books for new Liturgical year.
- Life After Loss will host one more meeting and then have reunion meetings occasionally.
 - Life After Loss was a successful ministry for the parish.

- **Women's and Men's Breakfast**

- February 23
- June 7th

- **Library**

- Consider use of Library for different use.
- Repurpose the current library by organizing materials/books currently in the library and consider using it for a different purpose. Such as a resource for Religious Education etc.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm, with closing prayer by Pam

NEXT MEETING IS Thursday December 5th AT 7:00PM in the Parish Hall
Opening prayer will be offered by Katie
Closing prayer will be offered by Nancy

November 12, 2019