

ST. JOSEPH'S

PARISH



COUNCIL

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ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH COUNCIL

Date: February 5th, 2019

Time: 7:00PM

ATTENDEES:

Fr. Benjamin
Deacon Mark
Nancy Palumbo
Carolyn Kramer
Cathy Levesque
Katie McMicken
Norm Turner
Pam Turner

ABSENTEES:

Dustin Bliss (out of town)
Kathleen Gray
Joe Levesque
Jim McBride
Bill Place
Amy Rogers

Opening prayer by Pam Turner

OLD BUSINESS

- **Flocknote:**
 - No Updates
- **Faith Formation (Cathy):**
 - Service project in progress
 - March 16th Confirmation Retreat
 - St. Joseph's Church has 9 Confirmation Students joined with St. George's, in West Falls, to make a total of 18 for both parishes.
 - Confirmation will be June 1st at 5pm at St. George's, and will be celebrated by Bishop Edward Gross
- **Bereavement Ministry:**
 - Policy and Procedures were completed by Pam Turner. Carolyn Kramer has to review it and it has to go back to Cathy
 - Cathy wants to include music to Bereavement luncheon, because it's too quiet
 - Bill played soft music at last luncheon
 - Cathy's suggested personal calls first made to volunteers, prior to posting on before flocknotes
 - Pam will have a meeting to discuss cost of bereavement luncheon
 - Funeral homes collect for bereavement luncheon - funeral home sometimes gives us more or less for per person price.
 - Pam read aloud what she added to the policy and procedures.
 - Questions:
 - Who handles the money?
 - How to estimate the number of people that attend versus those who actually come?
 - Changes/To Do's:
 - Let the family members know about the luncheon and have Pam handle the rest.
 - Contact the funeral home to see who handles the check, it should then come from the Parish.
 - Call all the volunteers and let them make the decision to come if needed.
 - Have a separate salad bar and expand the buffet.
 - Put up the privacy curtain in the kitchen window.
- **Respect Life:**
 - New York State abortion bill and new federal legislation on abortion laws requested to be addressed on the pulpit
 - Research March for Life 2020

- **Mother/Daughter and Women of the Parish and Father/Son Men of the Parish Breakfast:**
 - Men Breakfast June 2nd
 - Women Breakfast October 20th
 - Tickets to be sold - Pam to order the tickets and do not put dates on them.
 - \$5 per person and children under 5 are free
 - Pam and Norm are coordinators for both breakfast events

NEW BUSINESS

- **Wifi:**
 - No passwords given out because everyone will get access to Cathy's computer until now
 - Go to Settings on personal devices, select St. Joe's guest, and you will get in
- **"Five Qualities of a Small Church that Make a Good Impact" Article:**
 - Deacon Mark discussed the article "Five Qualities of a Small Church that Make a Good Impact"
 - Areas where we're doing well, where we need help
 - Food for thought
 - Cathy to send to parish council members
 - God does big things in small churches
- **Liturgy:**
 - March 6th Ash Wednesday: 7am ashes, 8am Mass, 7pm Mass
 - Adoration on Friday, March 1st 6:30pm-8:00pm
 - Every Friday of Lent stations, every other Friday soup and stations 6pm soup and 7pm stations
 - March 15th tri-county meeting
 - Confirmation students retreat at the Parish on March 16th
 - March 19th 6pm Mass St. Joseph's table followed by dinner (Paulette is the coordinator for St. Joseph's table)
 - March 28th First Reconciliation and Lenten Penance Service - Fr. Joe and Msg. Wall to join

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm, with closing prayer by Norm Turner

**NEXT MEETING IS Thursday, March 7th AT 7:00PM in the Parish Hall
Opening prayer will be offered by Nancy
Closing prayer will be offered by Carolyn**