

## MINUTES

### St. Paul of Tarsus Pastoral Parish Council

September 21, 2017

**Present:** Deacon Marc, Mike Laretti, Mike Linden, Bea Ladochi, Marty Winiarski, Denny Kubczak, Marty Winiarski, George Trapp, Jim Rohde, Tom Loria, Ray Ignatowski, and Alina Amore.

**Excused:** Chris Bonkowski, and Saad Mishkoor.

**Opening Prayer:** Mike Linden led us in Opening Prayer.

Welcome to our new Youth representative Alina Amore.

#### **Old Business:**

##### **Finance Council:**

- Tom Loria gave the report from the Finance Council. Bell Tower took a direct hit by lightning. Every circuit was fried. We had a company out and are waiting for parts and a cost. It will be quite a long time before it can be repaired. Hopefully this will be covered by insurance.

**Central Macomb Vicariate:** No Report.

##### **Youth Update:**

- Sunday, September 10 was the kickoff information and introduction meeting.
- Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup> the youth hosted coffee and donuts.
- Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup> the youth group is going to Blake's Cider Mill on an outing.
- October 20-22<sup>nd</sup> the Teen Retreat @ Subiaco will take place.

##### **Worship Commission:**

We welcomed Father Jerry Slowinski to our meeting.

- Environment: Fall decorations will be up by October. The fourth Sunday of Advent is also Christmas Eve, therefore, Christmas decorating will have to be done during the week before but the trees will not be lit nor any flowers in place until the Christmas Masses.
- Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Sally Gryniewicz has agreed to head up this Ministry. Some discussion was held regarding the availability of low-gluten hosts for those with Celiac disease.
- Ministers of Hospitality: We need volunteers for this Ministry especially for the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Clara may speak at all the Masses regarding our need for volunteers in all of the Ministries.
- Sacristans: The Marotta's moved out of state and we are in need of someone to head this Ministry.
- Deacon Marc reported the possibility of having a man in the Deaconate program shadow him for the next few months before he is ordained in 2018. The assignment board has not yet made the choice of parish.

- Ministry Fair: We need to find a way to grow our volunteer base. Discussion was held regarding the best way to do this, including articles in the bulletin or tables set up at Coffee and Donuts after the Sunday Masses.
- Christmas/New Year Mass Schedule:
  1. Saturday, December 23 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent): 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. (*added one Mass*)
  2. Sunday, December 24 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent): 9:30 a.m. (*eliminated two Masses*)
  3. Sunday, December 24 (Christmas Eve): 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.
  4. Monday, December 25 (Christmas Day): 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.
  5. Saturday, December 30: 4 p.m.
  6. Sunday, December 31: 7:45 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.
  7. Monday, January 1: 10:00 a.m.
- Additional Masses Scheduled:
  1. Mass of Remembrance: Sunday, October 29 at 2:00 p.m. (This will count as Sunday obligation)
  2. All Saints Day: Wednesday, November 1 at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
  3. Immaculate Conception: Friday, December 8 at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- It was brought up that we are again running out of hosts for the weekend mass. Tom Loria contacted the business manager who said we will have enough to get us through till our normal shipment arrives as he was aware of the situation.

### **Religious Education:**

#### Summer Program Update:

- The children's Vacation Bible Experience was attended by 36 children. Registration was tripled from last year when the event had to be cancelled. Many parish teens volunteered to help out as well.
- The Summer Middle School Program continues to be a favorite for families. It is very well attended and ran very smoothly thanks to Teresa Szypa and Janice Krygowski.
- Summer Scripture Series with Deacon Paul Lippard was very well attended.

#### Religious Education Program Update:

- The Confirmation Preparation Program began in August with a parent/candidate meeting. Currently, there are 34 student candidates.
- The fall program "kick-off" for After-School and Home Teach Programs was Tuesday, Sept. 19. Families gathered for Mass where catechists were commissioned and parents received a blessing. Following Mass, parents and students went to the parish hall to pick up text books, schedules, family handbook, and to meet the catechists. Starting the year all together with prayer and worship sets the tone for faith-sharing during the upcoming catechetical year!
- The After-School Program classes begin at Miami Elementary on Monday, September 25 and Tuesday, September 26.
- The Home Teach Program session will begin on October 11.

#### Sacramental celebrations are scheduled as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation – Saturday, January 20, 2018
- Confirmation – Sunday, March 11, 2018, @ 3pm
- 1<sup>st</sup> Communion – Sunday, April 22, 2018, @ 1:30 pm

1. This extra Mass was scheduled because the group is too large to celebrate at a regular weekend Mass, BUT by having it on Sunday, it not only fulfills the Sunday obligation for families, but we are hoping that more parish ministers may be available to assist.

R.C.I.A. – Sessions begin Monday, October 2. Two candidates so far.

Adult Formation:

- October – Our Call to Holiness (date: TBD)
- October – Living Rosary (open to all)
- November – Parish Mission
- December 6 – What’s In a Name? (Advent presentation looking at the names of Jesus)
- December 13 – Advent Adventure (geared toward families, open to all)

**Christian Service:**

- Christian Service Report for the September PPC Meeting
- Our last Christian Service Commission meeting was on 9-7-17.
- Christian Service just finished with the Backpack and School supplies for CCSEM. It was a HUGE success! Thanks to all who donated. CCSEM was very impressed with St. Paul of Tarsus’ generosity.
- **Christian Service is working on the following projects for September and October:**
- Tickets requests for the Beatification of Venerable Fr. Solanus.
- PATH pre-diabetes class through Ascension Health begins 9-12
- Parish Ministers day of reflection on 9-16~in collaboration with Worship, Faith Formation, and Evangelization.
- Flu Shot Clinic after all Masses on 9-23&24 provided by Walgreens
- Ascension-St. John Providence presentation on Hospice and volunteering on October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Follow-up volunteer training on 10-16&17.
- Mercy in Action Day 10-14~outreach to the Carmelites and Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers. In collaboration with St. Michael, St. Ronald, and St. Martin DePorres.
- **On the Rise Bakery also on 10-14.**
- **All other groups remaining active and on schedule:**
  - American House      Coffee and Donuts      ClintonAire
  - Communion to the Sick and Homebound      Food Pantry
  - Funeral Ministry      Health Ministry/Parish Nurses      Journey Men
  - Martha T Berry Ministry      Men’s Group      Prayer Shawl
  - Respect Life      Rose Senior Living      Sandwich Saturday

**K of C Report:**

- On the weekend of July 29<sup>th</sup>, the Council’s annual Ice Cream Social was held (after all Masses) as way of saying thanks to all the members of St Paul of Tarsus parish for their support given to the Knights of Columbus.
- On September 10<sup>th</sup> the K of C Pancake Breakfast was held, Proceeds will go to McRest.
- On September 17<sup>th</sup> our Corporate Communion mass was held.
- September 28th 7:00 pm Officers meeting.
- September 30th 5:00pm K of C Euchre Tournament (set up at 4:00pm).

**New Business:**

- Prayer assignments were made for the upcoming meeting schedule.
- Parish administrator and weekend assistant assignment was discussed.
- Parish Council Coffee and Donuts schedule for next two months was revealed. (September 24<sup>th</sup> and October 22<sup>nd</sup> after 11:30am mass)

**Review of Previous Meeting Minutes:** The minutes from the meeting of May 18, 2017 were reviewed and approved.

Our next Parish Council meeting will be held on October 19, 2017 at 7:00 pm. Bea Ladochi will lead us in prayer.

**Closing Prayer:** Mike Linden led us in Closing Prayer.