

DATE: 4 FEBRUARY 2018

RE: JANUARY 2018 PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE WERE:

Fr. Scott, Fr. Chris, Jon/Kate Ayers, Terry Beecroft, Claire/Paul Brewer, Jen Brown, Karen Bucyk, Maureen Donahue, Marian Hefron, Joanne Levesque, Dianne/Ed Mills, Jane O'Connor, Meredith Smith, Bob/Sue Taft.

The meeting was held at Star of the Sea Parish - Father Morgan Hall. The meeting started with an opening prayer provided by Dianne Mills and refreshments were provided by Terry Beecroft.

The Council members reviewed several initiatives of the Advent and Christmas seasons.

- Christmas gift: People seemed to choose the book, Perfectly Yourself, more often than the DVD, *Reborn*.
- Satellite parking/shuttle bus: Wasn't utilized as much as it could have. Should consider offering it again with more advanced notice and encouragement.
- Outreach at the Amesbury Santa Parade: Those involved have made suggestions if we decide to do this again next year.
- Blue Christmas Prayer Service: This service has been coordinated with the NBPT/W. Newbury/Merrimac collaborative for the past 2 or 3 years. Poorly attended this year. Considerations if we decide to do this next year: In this best as an inter-collaborative initiative? Better ways to promote participation?

The Council is taking a yearlong look into a schedule of Masses for our parishes with a goal of creating a Mass schedule that could be done by one priest, if necessary. The group divided into two groups to brainstorm some possible new Mass schedules for both Star of the Sea and Holy Family Parishes. Any changes should be made pastorally.

The new ChristLife (Discovering Christ) program will be starting on February 8<sup>th</sup> and running for 7 weeks. It is a gathering that will include a meal, video and small group discussion. 81 have registered to date. The meal for the first night is being provided by the Hospitality Team.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 25 at Star of the Sea Parish's Father Morgan Hall at 6:45pm. Hospitality to begin at 6:30pm.

Closing Prayer was provided by Joanne Levesque

Refreshments for the next meeting will be provided by Karen Bucyk and Kate Ayers

Opening Prayer will be provided by Marian Hefron

Closing Prayer will be provided by Terry Beecroft