

DATE: 7 APRIL 2018  
RE: MARCH 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, Joanne Levesque, Dianne/Ed Mills, 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 Claire Brewer and refreshments were provided by Ed/Dianne Mills.

The council has been brainstorming some ideas of a new Mass schedule for both Star of the Sea and Holy Family parishes that is doable by one priest.

Possible schedule is:

Saturday

- from Memorial Day to Columbus Day, 4pm at SOS Beach and 6pm at HFP.
- Columbus Day to Memorial Day 4pm at HFP and 6pm at SOS.

Sunday

- 8 (Beach Memorial Day to Labor Day, Town Labor Day to Memorial Day & 11am (Town) at SOS
- 9:30am & 5:30pm at HFP

As part of this conversation, we have to take into consideration the sizes of each parish church, handicap accessibility, current Mass attendance, those we hope will return to Mass, and beach travel during the summer. The daily Mass schedule will also need to be developed.

The council discussed Rev. Nathan Baxter's (All Saints Anglican) approach concerning ecumenical opportunities between the congregations. Possibilities are evening prayer group, youth involvement, and volunteerism.

We discussed outreach ideas:

- Having a sunset service on the beach.
- Leaving bulletins at the Reservation area.
- Using the Parish Hall on days of weather emergencies.
- Being involved with Amesbury Days and the block party
- Cookout on the beach for the Blessing of the Water.

The farewell festivities for Fr. Chris and Maureen were discussed. Should the Parish Council be involved? Each parish have their own council members take lead in preparations.

We briefly discussed the following -

- Parish Council Rotation – time for new members.
- Revisiting the Pastoral Plan

The next meeting is scheduled for April 29th at the lower Church at Holy Family Parish at 6:45pm.  
Hospitality to begin at 6:30pm.

Closing Prayer was provided by Paul Brewer

Refreshments for the next meeting will be provided by Joanne Levesque and Sue Taft  
Opening prayer will be provided by Karen Bucyk and Closing Prayer will be provided by Maureen Donahue