

DATE: 29 APRIL 2015

RE: PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

IN ATTENDANCE WERE:

Fr. Scott, Fr. Ixon, Terry Beecroft, Karen Bucyk, Catherine Clinch, Gene Cote, Marc Dodier, Maureen Donahue, Miriam Hefron, Joanne Levesque, Jack Luz, Dianne and Ed Mills, Jolene O'Brien, Marie Shattuck

The meeting on the 26th was held at the Fr. Morgan Hall at the Star of the Sea Church. It started with an opening prayer provided by Dianne Mills in the absence of Carol Casey.

Fr. Scott spoke about the Anonymous Catholic Program. It is in process and will continue until June 7th and will include all Masses.

Fr. Scott gave us an update on the Pastoral Writing Training Session. Most of the attendees found it to be overwhelming. Fr. Scott mentioned that the next session, to be held in Wilmington on May 12th, will cover the results of the survey, Disciple Maker Index.

The group reviewed the Holy Week and Easter offerings. Other than needing to order more palms, the services offered were well attended. It was mentioned that maybe fewer flowers on the altar (Star of the Sea) next year.

Fr. Scott mentioned utilizing the newspapers for advertising Christmas and Easter Mass Schedules.

Marie offered her collection of religious movies on DVD to be viewed by the parishioners.

Fr. Scott talked about the Gateway Moments for evangelization during Baptism. We broke off into 3 groups to brainstorm on ideas for the Preparation, Celebration and Follow-Up of this opportunity. They included: bringing in the God Parents and encouraging them to attend Mass, having a narrator for the non-parishioners during the ceremony, and following this newly baptized family through the next few years of Catholic life.

Fr. Scott updated us on the upcoming events:

May 16th, Father Morgan Hall, Potluck Supper

May 17th, HFP lower church, Joint Meeting of Pastoral and Finance Councils at 5:45 pm.

May 18th, HFP lower church, Showing of the Romero movie at 7pm.

May 25th, St. Joseph Cemetery, Memorial Day Mass

May 31st, HFP Hall, coffee social after the 7:30 and 10:30 am masses.

June 20th and 21st, Amesbury Landry Stadium, Holy Family Parish Relay Team

July 18th and 25th, Missionary Guests

July 29th, Catholic Night at the Red Sox Game

Next meeting to be held on May 17th at the HFP lower church with the Finance Councils. Refreshments to be provided by Miriam Hefron, Maureen Donahue, and Jolene O'Brien. Opening prayer will be provided by Carol Casey and closing prayer will be provided by Terry Beecroft. The meeting concluded with a closing prayer provided by Gene Cote.