

DATE: 30 APRIL 2017  
RE: APRIL 2017 PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE WERE:

Fr. Scott, Fr. Chris, Terry Beecroft, Karen Bucyk, Carol Casey, Gene Cote, Marc Dodier, Maureen Donahue, Marian Hefron, Joanne Levesque, Dianne and Ed Mills

The meeting was held at Holy Family Parish Center. The meeting started with an opening prayer provided by Marian Hefron and refreshments provided by Dianne Mills.

It was decided by the Parish Council that prior to each meeting, a report would be distributed giving the updates on certain projects that do not necessarily need to be discussed at the meetings.

Knights of Columbus – The Knights sponsored a blood drive at the Holy Family Parish Hall on February 25<sup>th</sup> for the benefit of the Boston Children's Hospital. They also supported Vocations Breakfast sponsored by the Pastoral Plan Vocations Team.

24 Hours for the LORD/Holy Hour for Children – Thanks to the PPC for coordinating and staffing this event.

Evangelical Catholic – 6-week faith sharing community meetings have been completed with 60 parishioners meeting on a weekly basis.

Vocations Team Breakfast – The successful event had 120 participants.

Merrimack Valley Catholic Youth Conference – Fr. Chris and the Confirmation Candidates attended this conference in March.

St. Vincent de Paul Lenten Suppers – The lighter fare offering this year was well received.

Corn Beef Cabbage Dinner – This event was a success and raised about \$400.

Staffing Updates – The Parish is still seeking a Director of Lifelong Faith Formation. One of the custodians will begin working the Saturday to Wednesday shift so that the Parish has weekend custodial coverage.

Palm Sunday and Holy Week – Great job by the altar servers, as well as, the greeters that volunteered to pass out the Easter gift book.

Vocation Bible School – The Parish is still looking for volunteers to help with this event being held on June 26-30.

Faith Community Nursing Program – This program is in the beginning stages and hope to have it up and running in the fall. Monica Mulkern is also considering taking the Faith Community Nurse program in the fall.

Pastoral Plan Team Updates –

Faith Formation – Fr. Chris – The team is looking into a multi-generational faith learning program. It would meet twice a month and be geared for all family members. It would be connected to the Mass.

Hospitality – Maureen – Confirmation kids assisted in the greeting of the parishioners during Holy Week. The greeters and presenting the book at Mass was a success. Many positive comments regarding the Holy week events and Masses.

Finance request for upcoming year has been submitted.

Evangelical Catholic – Fr. Chris – 60 Parishioners met through the Lenten Season. Questions as to whether to continue with small groups and Evangelical Catholic will be discussed.

Service/Justice – Ed – Sub-Teams have been formed for Military Service Outreach, Habitat for Humanity, Cor Unum, Community Garden

Vocations – Fr. Scott – Vocation Breakfast was a success. Team members will lead the rosary for vocations prior to each Mass on May 6 & 7 (World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Greeters will be handing out prayer cards.

The PPC discussed taking the lead on a fall Ministry Fair.

The lower Church in Amesbury will now be open during the week from 9am – 3:30pm for those that would like some quiet prayer and reflection time.

Fr. Scott asked for recommendations concerning the announcements and petitions during the Masses.

Fr. Scott discussed the up-coming transitions of PPC members. There will be an announcement in the bulletin regarding new membership and an invitation to the next meeting being held on June 4 in the lower church.

Refreshments will be provided by the current PPC members.

Opening prayer will be provided by Joanne Levesque and closing prayer will be provided by Marc Dodier.