

DATE: 28 June 2015

RE: PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

IN ATTENDANCE WERE:

Fr. Scott, Fr. Ixon, Deacon Ray, Deacon Paul, Terry Beecroft, Karen Bucyk, Carol Casey, Catherine Clinch, Gene Cote, Marc Dodier, Maureen Donahue, Joanne Levesque, Jack Luz, Dianne and Ed Mills, Marie Shattuck.

The meeting was held at the Father Morgan Hall, Star of the Sea Church. It started with an opening prayer provided by Dianne Mills.

Fr. Scott and Deacon Ray gave an update on the Pastoral Plan Writing Team meetings. The team has been given an assignment to come up with a slogan for the collaborative. The team will also be using some of the results of the Disciple Maker Index to plan out the team goals of Purpose, Vision, Values and Priorities.

Fr. Scott spoke about the Anonymous Catholic update and sent the team members the link for us to review.

Fr. Scott spoke about the need to consider a Mass schedule that is doable by one priest given current needs and the possibility of being a single priest collaborative at some point in the future. How to make it possible for one priest to preside over numerous Masses during the weekend at both parishes?

The team reviewed Gateway moments concerning Baptism and gave Deacon Paul and Deacon Ray an overview of our prior discussion on these ideas.

Miscellaneous items discussed were:

- Relay for Life. A success and planning on attending again next year.
- Possibility of having a Ministry Fair.
- Re-establishing the Annual Memorial Mass for all those that had passed in the last year.
- Offering the Anointing of the Sick during the final hymn of each Mass on the last Sunday of every month.
- Having a Birthday Blessing on the First Sunday of the month.

Upcoming Events:

July 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, Divine Word Missionaries

July 29<sup>th</sup>, Catholic Night at the Red Sox Game

Next meeting to be held on September 20<sup>th</sup> in the first floor conference room at the Parish Center in Amesbury.

Refreshments to be provided by Joanne Levesque.

Deacon Paul will provide opening prayer and Jack Luz will provide closing prayer.

The meeting concluded with a closing prayer provided by Maureen Donahue.