

DATE: 29 October 2017

RE: OCTOBER 2017 PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE WERE:

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

The meeting was held at Star of the Sea Parish's Father Morgan Hall. The meeting started with an opening prayer provided by Maureen Donahue and refreshments were provided by Joanne Levesque and Sue Taft.

The council members discussed the options available for the handouts at the Christmas Masses. Fr. Scott will take the feedback into consideration as he prepares to make his decision. Fr. Scott mentioned the Formed.org website. Those who watched the Reborn episodes thought it was a good fit for the Baptism program. It was suggested that the Lenten episodes, Forgiven, might be an option with a discussion group after watching each episode. It was also suggested that we hand out the gift using the collection basket, instead of just handing out at the doors. Magnets were also mentioned as a possible handout. The magnets would state the mass times and the website address.

The Holy Family group broke off and discussed the possibility of being part of the Amesbury Santa Parade. The suggestions were to have the Knights of Columbus be in the parking lots to assist with parking. Council members would hand out water bottles and candy canes. Each item would have a sticker on it, listing the Christmas Mass schedule and the parish website.

The Star of the Sea group broke off and had a discussion about the handicap access at the Salisbury Town Church.

The council is taking a yearlong look into a mass schedule that would be possible for a one-priest collaborative, with a maximum of 6 masses covering each parish. Once a possible schedule is suggested, then the parishioners would be surveyed for their input. It was also suggested that Fr. Scott put a notice in the bulletin in preparation for this upcoming announcement.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 3rd at Star of the Sea Parish's Father Morgan Hall at 6:45pm. Hospitality to begin at 6:30pm.

Closing Prayer was provided by Fr. Chris

Refreshments for the next meeting will be provided by Sue Taft

Opening Prayer will be provided by Marion Hebron

Closing Prayer will be provided by Jenn Brown