

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

St. Agnes + St. Paul of the Cross + St. Rose

Date: January 10, 2017
 Time: 7:00 p.m.
 Place: St. Rose

Chairperson: Daniel Marcellus
 Prayer: Joseph LaGreca

ATTENDANCE: Father Michael Fowler, Daniel Marcellus, Elizabeth Dowd, Ryne Raffaele, Joseph LaGreca, Daniel Cochrane, David Shaffer, Frank Reynolds, Joan Reid

EXCUSED: Barbara Kolstee, Steve Kruk,

ABSENT: Cindy Drexler, Stephen Worboys, Lorraine Hoffman

TRUSTEES: Roger Greiten, Barbara Herman, Ted Zornow

GUEST: Christine DeVito

Report	Discussion
WELCOME DANIEL MARCELLUS	Daniel Marcellus opened the meeting at 7pm and welcomed everyone to the January meeting.
PRAYER STEVE WORBOYS	Joseph LaGreca led us in the opening and closing prayers.
INTRODUCTIONS DANIEL MARCELLUS	Daniel asked everyone to introduce themselves and identify the parish that they are from.
PASTORAL COUNCIL DANIEL MARCELLUS	Daniel asked for clarification as to how the minutes of the preceding month were approved by the Council. Joan said that she had sent them out after making the recommended corrections. The members and Father said that they had not received them. She will send them out tomorrow for final approval.
CHRISTINE DeVito	Christine shared the progress of the Faith Formation group. The Hands of Christ nominations are: St. Agnes – Will Brinkerhoff, Natalie Mignemi, Andrew Page, Michael Salvati, Matthew Smith, John Steele III, St. Paul of the Cross- Alyssa Coates, Eric Davis, Jena Willey, St. Rose – Mikaela Burke. There will be a celebration honoring them in February. There are 18 candidates for Conformation in 2017 and 18 in 2018. This is a 2-year preparation. Confirmation will be May 18, 2017. There are 38 children in the Reconciliation Program. There are 11 families registered in the Monthly Faith Formation Program. A parent accompanies each child to these sessions. There are 63 families registered in the Bi-weekly program. They meet at St. Rose at 9:15 on Sunday 2x a month. The Christmas Pageant was very successful. It was an opportunity for families to participate together. She will be looking for more such opportunities. Upcoming events include the 1 st Reconciliation Luncheon, Cookies for the Hands of Christ celebration, basketball clinic, Boy Scout Sunday in February, Girl Scout Sunday in March, 1 st Eucharist Preparation, World Marriage Day, Confirmation Interviews, Altar Server Training, Day of Penance, Confirmation Retreat, and preparation for NCYC in Indianapolis. There will be an informational meeting on 1/12 for those who are interested in attending. She is seeking someone with a medical background to present at a Medical Ethics class on January 22 nd . The talk would include a personal example or witness story of faith and Medical Ethics.
DANIEL MARCELLUS	Dan asked for 5-8 people to form a group to read and discuss the book, “Rebuilt”. At the last meeting the preface and first chapters were reviewed by David Shaffer and Lorraine Hoffman. The workbook really explains what needs to be done. Ryne said that he was really impressed with the book. It was suggested that perhaps more of the parishioners should read this book in order to participate in the goals that would be established by the groups who are leading this discussion. David asked what the format for this discussion would be. He suggested that a format be developed so that the people involved would know what would be expected of them. Dan suggested putting an informational flyer in the Bulletin to inform the parishioners. It was also suggested that members of the PC could hand out this information at the close of Mass. The diocese would like the PC to publish a newsletter that would include events and what specific groups are doing.
OPEN TOPICS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dan passed out copies of “Pastoral Council Faith Sharing Sessions” for the Councils review. 2. Pastoral Council Update – work on a newsletter for the parishioners. 3. Dan suggested putting everyone’s e-mail addresses into a g-mail file so that all information would go out to everyone at the same time. Everyone would have access to all and any information. 4. Roger shared a flier about a “Winter Gathering” at Mendon Ponds Park, Hopkins Point Lodge, on January 21st from noon until 5pm. There will be soups, desserts, coffee, and hot chocolate. You are invited to bring your winter sports equipment or indoor games. 5. Father shared that the results of the fund raiser at Peppermint’s was successful. There was a

	<p>second one tonight.</p> <p>6. Photos of the Council need to be updated for the posters at each church. Please send them to Anne. Trustees should also be included on this poster.</p> <p>7. Where do we stand with the Finance Committee? Father said that it is alive and well. Candidates are being reviewed for this committee.</p> <p>8. Thank You to Father Michael and Father Fred for the beautiful liturgies during the Christmas season.</p> <p>9. David asked if those who cannot get themselves to Mass or other services have been identified. Perhaps a few folks at each parish could be identified on a list and those needing assistance could call the office and then someone could be assigned to assist them.</p> <p>10. The property at 37 Monroe St. has been sold. The property at 33 Monroe has been refurbished for the Food Pantry and the Parish Office.</p>
<p>MASS SCHEDULE FATHER MICHAEL</p>	<p>Father Michael spoke about the group who had attended a previous meeting to discuss their concerns about the Mass schedule at St. Agnes. He has met with the Vicar-General who is not opposed to changing the noon Mass to 10:30, but keep in mind that Father Fred is a one year appointment. If he were to be assigned elsewhere, we would have to revert to the one priest schedule. Today there are 2 priests available, however, this does not allow for vacations or the possibility of one becoming incapacitated. It might be best to leave the schedule as it is until the June appointments. Dan hoped that the decision not be based on fear but on compassion. Let St. Agnes have the 10:30 Mass as long as the priest schedule remains as it is. Ryne said that he felt that we should reflect and pray about this issue. David wondered if the “sense of community was at the Cluster level or the Council level? After further discussion, Father suggested leaving everything else as it is and just change the noon Mass to 10:30am. Father agreed to change the time to 10:30 at the end of the first quarter. There will be a new deacon assigned in September.</p>
<p>NEXT MEETING LOCATION & DATE</p>	<p>The next meeting will be February 14, 2017 at St. Agnes, Avon, NY at 7 pm.</p>
<p>PRAYER & REFRESHMENT</p>	<p>Elizabeth Dowd will provide the opening and closing prayers and refreshments.</p>

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Joan Reid