

Parish Council Meeting
Sept. 24, 2018
7:30 pm

In attendance: Fr. Backes, Kevin Sullivan, Andrea Tighe, Chris Andrews, John Fumo, Mary Ann Thompsett, Fred DeWald, Mary Angela Boyle, Godfrey Pinto, Michelle Igoe, Andy Igoe, Nancy Dunn, Dawn Andrews, Barbara Schollmeyer, Kurt Schollmeyer, Jim Donnack, Marge Sullivan, Diane McCarron, Bob Sanford.

Parish Picnic this Sunday Sept 30: We would love more people to sign up. Concerns about parking and bees were discussed.

Abuse Charges and Claims of Cover Up Discussion:

- Review of Fr Jay's letter in the bulletin on Sept 16: What can we do? What should we do? What WILL we do?
- Proposed meeting for parishioners to attend to discuss this. Can the parish committees brainstorm to come up with suggestions as to how to approach the meeting.
- November 5th or 6th there will be a Deanery service
- Novena prayer to St Michael designated by Cardinal Dolan
- Petition in Prayer of the Faithful each week
- Fr Jay is talking with the office of Sue Serino to better understand the proposed NY State legislation on handling child abuse.
- Hotline phone # has been in the bulletin for those who need to report abuse
- The biggest frustration expressed by the Council was with church leaders: the coverup of the abuse and a lack of transparency.
- It was agreed that St Stanislaus will strive to ensure that every parishioners child is safe in our parish, even beyond SAFE Environment
- Some suggestions:
 - 24 hour prayer by parishioners
 - Guest speaker/professional speaker at a future parish meeting to guide us through this crisis
 - Prayer service
 - Perhaps tie something in to St Francis' feast day Oct 4 as his call from God was "Rebuild My Church".
 - Each member of the parish council makes a commitment to some action to offer up for reparation for the Church like fasting, or saying the rosary, etc.
 - Make Oct 4 a day of fasting for our parish or other Lenten sacrifice, use our Lenten cross and add nails to represent each sacrifice.

***** There will be a Holy Hour on October 4 at 7:30 to begin the process of healing and reform.**

Other:

Security volunteers are requested to watch over our children and our facilities during religious education class times.

Knights of Columbus would be a good starting point to find volunteers to do this.