

St. Basil's Parish Council

Meeting Minutes from January 18, 2018

Summary

- ◆ Pastor's Update: the Parish Lenten dates are March 19 and 20; Father Mendonza will be speaking.
- ◆ There are many volunteer opportunities in the Outreach Ministry, and Green Church.

Pastor's Update

- ◆ The Lenten schedule is in the Bulletin
- ◆ The Lenten mission features Father Mendoza, a military chancellor. His biography will be published
- ◆ Strong consideration is being given to moving the announcements from the beginning of the mass to after communion in order to ensure that late-comers still receive the important information about what is happening in the church
- ◆ The Bulletin Boards are up

Update from Commissions

- ◆ Kathy Czerny from the Outreach Ministry came to Pastoral Council to discuss the Ministry's work.
- ◆ Mission and Social Justice and the Refugee Committee focusses on outreach and engagement in global issues, while the Social Action Committee is focussed on Ottawa-based initiatives, like the Food Cupboard, our Christmas Drive, and the Carlington Community Chaplaincy.
- ◆ The Social Action Committee is one of several churches to support the Carlington Community Chaplaincy, which provides support to the residents of the Carlington area. The Social Action Committee would like to note that volunteers in this area are always welcome.

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Update from Commissions (Cont.)

- ◆ Mission and Social Justice works in the Parish to raise awareness for broader, global issues. Their latest initiative is a series of soup lunches with volunteer speakers, to help raise awareness in an informal setting. Mission and Social Justice is currently focussed on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and Laudato Si (Pope Francis's encyclical on the environment).
 - ◇ Mission and Social Justice has been leveraging the resources Kateri Ministry to help raise awareness of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.
 - ◇ Mission and Social Justice's work with the Laudato Si helped lead to the formation of the Green Team at St. Basil's
- ◆ The money in the envelopes marked Charitable Works of St. Basil's is split three ways: Mission and Social Justice, Social Action/Food Bank, and Pastoral Outreach. The first two are run by committees and the third is administered by the pastor. As such, volunteers and donations are always appreciated. New team members are always welcome.

RCIA

- ◆ The RCIA process is quite extensive, involving a period of evangelization followed by the catechumen, rite of election and baptism at the Easter vigil. RCIA candidates meet weekly to discuss their faith journey and learn more about the Catholic Church.

First Communion

- ◆ There are 21 children preparing for First Communion this year.
- ◆ There are family programs planned for part way through Lent and on Good Friday morning.
- ◆ Pastoral Council is looking for a new coordinator for First Communion

Green Church

- ◆ Saturday February 24 and Sunday February 25 will be the launch of the "Give it up for the Earth" campaign.
- ◆ March 4th there will be a presentation on The Greening of Sacred Spaces

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Reception for Father James

- ◆ The reception for Father James will be on June 10th. Consideration is being given for holding a single mass at 10:00 on that day.
- ◆ The MC has been selected. Consideration is being given for ordering a microphone for the Church Hall
- ◆ A sandwich lunch will be catered. Pastoral Council will prepare fruits, vegetables, and desserts. Additional volunteers are most welcome.

Next Meeting: March 15, 2018