

**Pastoral Council Meeting**

**September 17, 2018 6:30 pm**

**Notre Dame Parish Center**

**Members Present:** Father Joseph Giroux, Malcolm Miner, Jeffrey Scharf, Deacon Brent Charland, Deacon Nicholas Haas, Bob Main, Molly McKee, David Petrelli, Mary Haas, Trustees – Jamie Pelkey, Greg Paye, Administrator – Andy Duso, Darlene Livernois

**Members Excused:** Fr. Scott Belina, Jennifer Champagne, Aimee LeRoy, Ciara LeRoy, Deacon Brian Bashaw

**Members Absent:** None

**Visitors:** Linda Sprague, Maureen Dumont, Paul Normandeau

1. **Opening Prayer:** Led by Father Joe
  
2. **Review/Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the regular meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup> were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Bob Main and seconded by Greg Paye. All in favor to approve the minutes.
  
3. **Old Business:**
  - a) **Pastoral Plan:** No opposition to selling St. Mary's. Mass attendance and the collection are steady. Things are quiet. There seems to be a decent feeling among folks.  
  
St. Mary's: decree was signed. It was a little late due to the fact that the notice had to be run in the bulletin for three weeks.  
  
St. Joseph's: two appraisals will be completed next week. It will be 3-4 weeks for the final appraisal. Each appraisal was \$2000.

St. Joseph's in Owls Head: waiting for the purchase offer to sell to the town of Belmont

West Street Property: close to closing on this property

Parish Office Space/Catholic Charities: Catholic Charities will be moving to a new location in Malone. Their projected date to move out is November 1<sup>st</sup>. The parish office will be moving into the space vacated by Catholic Charities. The Good Samaritan Food Pantry which has been run by Catholic Charities will now be the responsibility of our parish. We will be seeking volunteers to help run the food pantry. A regional training provided by the Food Bank of Northeastern New York will be held on October 24<sup>th</sup>, in Lake Placid.

Discussion was held about holding 12:05 daily Mass at St. John Bosco once the parish offices have been relocated downstairs.

- b) **Diocesan Capital Campaign:** Charles Resznik is here from Ohio to help us in this endeavor. Our parish committee members are: Darcy Gervais, John Mahoney, Molly McKee, Greg Paye, Jason & Jamie Pelkey, Vern & Dot Williams, Deacon Brent, Andrew, and Darlene. We have had an amazing response to the campaign so far. We have a total of 63 volunteers as a result of the cards in the pews at Mass last Sunday. The "Case Statement" is as follows: replace the roof on Notre Dame Church & rectory, repair the roof of the parish hall at St. Helen's, redo the front steps at Notre Dame Church, renovations at St. John Bosco to expand our food pantry and thrift store and create a community outreach center.

#### 4. New Business:

- a) **Holy Harvest Festival:** number of meals exceeded last year's total. It was very busy and people seemed to hang around and visit and listen to the music. Positive comments were received about the new location, which was also a good outreach to the community.
- b) **Daily Mass Schedule:** Discussion was held regarding keeping the Thursday Mass at 5:15pm or returning it to 6:45am now that we have two priests again. The decision was to keep the Mass at 5:15pm.

- c) **Advent/Christmas 2018:** Discussion was held regarding the Giving Trees. We will continue to work with Catholic Charities to provide gifts for families (maybe a bit more personal than the generic ones we have had in the past), and we will continue to give gifts to our homebound parishioners.

The Christmas schedule will be a bit trickier this year since we are down to two churches. Three scenarios were proposed that will be placed in the bulletin for parishioners to weigh in on. The three scenarios are:

Scenario #1	Scenario #2
Dec. 24 4:00pm ND	4:00pm ND
6:00pm ND (Children's Mass)	7:00pm ND (Children's Mass)
7:00pm SH	7:00pm SH
10:00pm ND	10:00pm ND
Dec. 25 9:30am ND	9:30am ND

Scenario #3

Dec. 24 4:00pm ND
6:00pm ND (Children's Mass)
7:00pm SH
12:00am ND (Midnight Mass)
Dec. 25 9:30am ND

- d) **Other Business:** On September 22 & 23, Fr. Scott will be preaching at all the Masses. There will be a reception for him in the chapel following the 11:00am Mass.

Presently, there are 71 students enrolled at Holy Family School.

There will be a proposal presented to the Bishop regarding a reduction in the subsidies the Catholic parishes in our area are sending to Holy Family School. This proposal will be presented to the Education Council at Holy Family on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

**5. Next Meeting: Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm, Notre Dame Parish Center**

**6. Closing Prayer:** Led by Father Joe

**Motion to Adjourn:**

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Haas