

St. Dominic Parish
15 Union St., Westfield, NY 14787

14th PPC Meeting in Brocton on December 18,2017 (Monday) at 8:00 PM

Agenda:

1. Paul Graham's offer
2. St. Dominic RCC Board of Trustees annual meeting report: Fr. Romy (see attached copy)
3. Evaluation of One-Year Parish Plan 2016-2017 (read attached copy and the previous minutes)
4. PPC Member Nomination: a. Linda Wolfe b. PPC term of office & election of officers – on hold
5. Reports from PPC Committees:
 - 5.1. Education & youth below 18yrs old. – Dianna Giambra; Above 18yrs old – Bob Ducato
 - 5.2. Worship/Liturgy – Fr. Romy
 - 5.3. Parish Community Life Services: Brocton – Fran Lus, Westfield – Jim Crolle
 - 5.4. Building & Grounds: Pat Tate, Joe Giambra
 - 5.5. Cemetery – Bob Ducato
 - 5.6. Finance – Camile Belcher, Phil Baideme, Jim Crolle, Betty Deland
6. Others: Agenda coming from the reports and minutes

13th Minutes of the Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on November 20, 2017

Presider: Dan Quagliana presided over the meeting. He also led the opening prayer.

Attendance: Dan Quagliana, Dianna Giambra, Joe Giambra, Jim Crolle, Phil Baideme, Fran Lus, Pat Tate, Betty Deland, Camile Belcher, Fr. Romy and Debby Ruland

Absent: Bob Ducato

Opening Prayer: Dan led the prayer.

Dan started the meeting by asking our guest speaker, Maria, from Catholic Charities to speak. She is from the local Catholic Charities Chapter in Dunkirk/Jamestown. She would like ideas of what Catholic Charities should be doing for the needs our Parish. Also, the needs in our community. She wanted to meet with Parishes to understand what is needed. Are there needs that haven't been met. Joe asked if we had more pamphlets that we could have available to give out would be helpful. Debby stated that there is a need for help with prescriptions and transportation. Catholic Charities helps with food vouchers and clothing when someone is in need. They do not go to homes because they do not have enough staff. People need to contact them. Jim asked, if we had a parish event, would they attend it and she responded, of course. Dianna asked if the school has their information because they would know more about the families than we would. Betty stated that she would contact the school and have them put it on their website. Jim suggested that this be understood

that Catholic Charities is for all denominations not just Catholics. Maria stated that they serve more non-Catholics than Catholics. Maria also stated that when they get clothing, they put in in their lobby and people can come and take for free. Maria informed the Council that they have professional counseling and depending upon the client's income there may not be a charge. All requests are handled with a voucher they do not ever give cash. She invited us to call or come to their office and see them anytime. If there are any programs we would like to see, please make them aware of it. Father asked about drugs and she stated that they don't have anything in this area however in Buffalo they do. They have a clinic in Buffalo. Maria said that we have many places in this area and they do not like to duplicate services. She thanked us for having her come talk with us and she will send us some flyers that we can put out.

Approval of the Minutes from the Last Meeting: Phil motioned to accept the minutes and Camile seconded. All were in favor.

1. Unfinished Business:

1.1 Bishop Malone's visit and confirmation: Mass in Brocton at 4pm on December 16, 2017. There will be no 5:30 pm Mass in Westfield that weekend. Make sure that this is announced many times so people are aware.

1.2 Parish Picnic after the Mass in-charge: Brocton c/o Fran and Westfield c/o Jim. This will be held in the Parish hall. Jim asked, what exactly are we doing for this, a dinner, what? We really can't afford to have this catered and we need to send a message to the Bishop. Camile suggested taking up a couple of collections for maybe roast beef and potato, etc. Father wants the whole Parish invited to attend this dinner. Dianna suggested someone write up what we need and then call people to bring this or that in. We should figure on at least 75-80 people. It was decided that the societies should supply the meal items. Buildings and Grounds could set up the Hall. Camile said she will donate the cake. After much discussion.....it was decided that we would have beef on wick, Joe & Dianna, Debby & Randy and Phil & his wife will go in on the roast beef. Pat suggested calling Tony who is the President of Holy Name to see if they would donate toward the meat. Pat did hear from Tony and Holy Name will donate \$100 towards the meat. For one beef it is over \$300. We should also have ham. We could have cooked potatoes either scalloped or parsley red potatoes. It was suggested that A & R take care of the potato dish. They are to call the parish members to donate a potato dish. Knights of Columbus will oversee the salad. Legion of Mary can do the refreshments. The food needs to be at the Hall on Saturday by 3:00 p.m. There will be people there early to make sure things are all set up. Fran will get a crew to be in the kitchen to keep things organized. We will all help clean up. Father Sean and Msgr. Clody will be invited to attend this. We can invite neighboring priests.

1.3 Worship & Liturgy: Music improvements and Christmas Novena Mass Dec. 16-24, 2017. Dan counted and said that if we started the Novena on the 16th and go to the 25th it's too many days. So, we will start the

17th at 7:00 p.m. and go to the 25th at 10:30 a.m. Father stated that there is a demand for some lively music. Advent season is like Lent but at Christmas it should be lively. We will change the "Glory" to be livelier. No more Latin, it should be in English. Lamb of God should be sung in English. Especially during Christmas. Father will talk with Paul and Philip.

2.0 Reports from PPC Committees:

2.1 Education & Youth (below 18 yrs. Old)– Dianna reported that they will be delivering all the food Tuesday, Nov. 19th to the Soup Pantries. The kids did very well with this. The children made the advent wreaths and had a lot of fun doing it. Thank you to Pat and Joe for making the foundations. She also provided a sheet with all the meanings in regard to the Advent wreath for the children and their parents. The schedule for Confirmation is being worked on. Class attendance has been well attended.

2.2 Education & Youth (above 18-Adult) – Bob Ducato was absent. Father stated that his next seminar will be for Lectors (new and old).

2.3 Worship/Liturgy - Father reported that he is planning to make the music livelier and have it all done in English.

2.4 Parish Community Life Services – Fran Lus for Brocton. Fran had no report at this time.

Jim Crolle for Westfield/Ripley – Our meeting is next Monday, and I have not called anyone at this point. Father and I had been talking about an outreach to Ripley. We are going to try and get a list of past members from Ripley and invite them to a service at Meeders. They will allow us to use the room at no charge and do a modest soup/salad and bread meal for \$6/person. We want to invite as many Catholics there as possible to attend this. It would be nice to have the Parish pay for this and maybe have a good will basket. Camile asked where do we go from there. Jim said to try and stay a consistent presence. Father would like to resurrect a Chapel there in the distant future.

2.5 Buildings & Grounds – Pat had nothing to report. Jim brought up that there has been a problem with the boiler at the Westfield site, it has not been coming on. Bill felt it was a switch. We need to follow-up on this.

2.6 Cemetery – Bob is working throughout the southeast and Florida. He would like to report that on the 4th John Billerio and Bob along with three parishioners cleaned up the cemetery and put the barrels in the chapel for winter storage. At the January meeting we should have figures for the columbarium.

2.7 Finance Report – Camile reported that they met with RJ Financial and bid them farewell. The net result for last year we operated at a deficit of \$32,232 again. Next year we are projecting another deficit of approx. \$19,468. Our investments did very well this year. Going forward, if someone needs to do something capital expenditure wise,

tell us how you are going to raise the money to do it, don't expect to get the money from us. We owe the Diocesan Assessment \$98,000 and we would like to try and pay this off eventually. Joe felt we should plan on special collections to pay for the insurance and the assessment. Father said we can have a special collection for the nine days of Novena. We could put it in a special account.

3.0 Others: Agenda coming from the reports and minutes. Everything has been discussed at this meeting, so we are good. We talked about the missals. Debby reported they are in and about ready to be distributed. Just about all 100 missals have been sold. Missals that were designated for "In Memory Of" will be left in the Church. We should have them on the back table so when people come to Church, especially visitors, they can grab one and at the end of the Mass return it to the table.

It was also brought up the when someone uses the Parish Halls there should be a fee. This would be to help with the cost of heat, electric, garbage bags, etc. Right now, we get proof of insurance and \$50 dollars which is returned to them if the hall is left clean. There is something in writing that states what the fee should be. The Finance Council will discuss this and get back to us at the last meeting.

Debby brought up about the candles. Hofmann's is offering a special deal but we must order 75 cases at one time. That would be 35 cases at each site which should last a little more than a year. The cost would be \$2,925.25. \$47.35/cs normally with no breaks. These are the votive candles. Are there other sources that we could check out? Debby will look into. Jim said it would be approx. 1% a month savings, doesn't seem worth it. Father had another alternative.....in Manhattan they have electric candles. They are fifty cents, or seventy-five cents and they turn them off at night. The Cathedral uses them also and by using these candles it keeps things cleaner. We would like Father to find out where we could get them. Father asked Jim to look into this. We could use the money we collect from the Novena for the electric candles.

Dan asked if there was anything anyone needed to discuss. Jim motioned to adjourn. Our next meeting is December 18th which is during Novena, so we will meet following the Mass in Brocton.

Jim said the closing prayer.

Recorded by: Debby Ruland, Secretary