

Schuyler Catholic Community Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes for 9/11/2019

Present: Fr. Steve Lape, Rose Nabogis, Isabella LaFace, Lisa Hanley, Cindy Kain, Richard Decker, Nancy Dickerson, Maria Rondinaro, Jeanne Pavlina Excused: Nan Letteer, Jocelyn Moglia Opening:

Prayer: Fr. Steve

Choosing Officers for Parish Council: Chair: Cindy Kain; Vice-Chair: Lisa Hanley; Secretary: Maria Rondinaro

Conflict of Interest Statements: Father Steve distributed forms that were read, signed, and returned by council

Covenant read, reviewed—Fr. Steve added council members must be registered & in good standing w/Church

Religious Ed. Remarks: Jeanne Pavlina

- Recognition and blessing of parish catechists on at 10 a.m. Mass on 9 /15 (Catechetical Sunday); Faith Formation sessions resume 9/15; Home School Family session on 9/22
- Retreat for our parish Confirmation preparers at St. Benedict on 9/28 from 12:30-6 p.m.
- Parish Mission at St. Mary's Church in Elmira on 10/1, 7 p.m. w/ Fr. Geoff Rose
- Penance prep begins 10/15 at 6 p.m.
- Trying new tactic--introducing "Messiah Money" to encourage Relig. Ed. Kids to attend Mass—when kids attend Mass, they receive "Messiah money" which is redeemable for stickers, prizes.
- CROP Walk for Hunger on Sun. Oct. 20 as a service opportunity.

Pastoral Minister's Remarks: Rose Nabogis

- Living Rosary 10/6, 4 p.m. (hosted by Arts & Environment Committee)—refreshments after
- Women's Retreat at Notre Dame Retreat House Oct. 18-20
- A regional Pastoral Council Forum on October 28 in Elmira (flyer handed out)
- RCIA going well (w/2 Candidates & Sponsors, one Confirmand, several parishioners attending.
- Rose recruiting volunteers to assist with parish activities
- slide presentation showed recent improvements at our 2 cemeteries (new signs, paving, drainage, etc.)

Pastor's Remarks: Father Steve

- CMA launches here 10/5-6--diocese freezing goals this year for all parishes, so ours are same as last year (St. Mary—around \$39,600; St. Benedict—around \$5,400); St. Benedict--parish w/ highest % of goal-reaching in whole diocese for past 2 years—both churches have reached their goals for past 5 yrs.; Fr. Steve will renew his \$2,000 challenge (will add that amount to each church if St. Mary has at least 70 parishioners pledging \$200 or more, and if St. Benedict's has at least 10)
- Walk for Life on 9/28 at Thorne Street Park in Horseheads to benefit Southern Tier Pregnancy Resource Center in Elmira. Fr. Steve & several parishioners will walk this year & raise money in the parish
- Knights of Columbus growing and thriving here (sufficient membership to form a Council; monthly 4th Tuesday meetings open to Knights only (occasional public info meetings); did service activities (Comm. Table)
- Plans are underway for 10th parish bus trip in Oct. to Rochester's Sacred Heart Cathedral, Art Gallery

Views from the Pews:

- video of 10a.m. Mass will continue not to aim camera at people receiving Holy Communion, since some expressed displeasure with being filmed receiving
- Parishioners & visitors have commented positively about the new pew ends & kneelers.
- parishes not meeting CMA goal have to make up for it out of their Sunday collections
- food truck hasn't been at Parish Center on Saturdays; Rich Decker to call Catholic Charities about this
- our church bells not ringing lately--electrical problem? Staff looking into it
- several people concerned re: disruptive kids at Mass—library a place to go if kids need break.
- Isabella expressed concern re: repetitive hymns & lack of modern songs in Masses—will speak to choir

Next meeting: Wed., Oct. 9, 7p.m.(Jocelyn has opening prayer)—Other meetings: 11/13 (6p)(Nan), 1/8 (Isabella), 2/12 (Lisa) ,3/11 (Cindy), 4/15 (Richard), 5/13 (Maria), 6/10 (Nancy)