



## Holy Family Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

**Holding to the truth, we pass on the catholic and apostolic faith.**

### MEETING MINUTES

**Thursday, February 19, 2015, 7:30 p.m., Classroom 10-11**

**IN ATTENDANCE: Fr. Andy Aaron, Mary Ann Jensen, Rick Hess, Jack Weaver, Franklin Daily, Ann Dowling, Loretta Haring, Doni Dondero, Mary Ann Sabo, Maureen Konschnik, Mike MacDonald, Sharon Graham, Dan Brown, Katherine Lemanski, Emily Rowe, Jeanne Catrow**

**Opening Prayer:** Fr. Andy

### Welcome and Announcements

**Approval of Minutes** - January meeting presented but not approved.

### Pastor's Remarks - Parish Updates

- Discovering Christ – Beginning in February.
- Passion and Purpose Seminar with Matthew Kelly, April 18, 2015, Severna Park, MD – Opening attendance to interested parishioners.
- Pastoral Leadership Training Sessions - 4/25, 5/9, or 5/16; 4/25 session is closest to Davidsonville; that is the session most council members indicated was of interest.
- Welcome Table - Council Working Group Needed
- Unity Hall – Consideration of use for recreational purposes to foster youth and parishioner activities. Pro and Con discussion was presented. Fr. Andy will check with the architect to see if he is available to present possible design concepts to the council at the March meeting. Further discussion was tabled until the March meeting.
- Alliance for the Chesapeake (Watershed) –
- Other – Fr. Andy reported the parish website is in the process of being redesigned.

### Reports

- PC Executive Committee - Met 2/5/2015; Next Meeting 3/6/2015
  - Modify PC Guidelines to combine Service and Stewardship Pillars and additional PC At-Large Member – Motion to modify presented under new business.
  - Holy Family Safety & Security Improvements – Lighting and building access was discussed and referred to committee.
  - Synod of the Family Questions – Discussion held during New Business.
  - Other – Senior Ministry request for additional funding letter presented and referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and action as appropriate
- Finance Committee - FY 15, 6 Month Financial Statements (July-December 2014) Presented and discussed. The budget process for FY 16 is beginning. Council and Finance Committee committed to the goal of no longer “budgeting to loss.”
- Pillar Reports – Comments and Questions
  - Evangelization – Written report received.
  - Religious Ed. – Written report received. |
  - Stewardship - Written report received. Dcn Tom's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration is May 17, 2015. Planning and ideas for the event were discussed and referred to committee.



### **Old Business**

- How can the Parish Council and the Pillar Representatives better engage with the parish ministries and groups – Re-engineering to improve communication, stewardship, and support – Discussion tabled due to time constraints.

### **New Business**

- Synod of Bishops – The Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and Contemporary World – Discussion regarding methods to strengthen the family in the modern age through church and spiritual involvement. Suggestions included: Loving responsibly; Fostering youth and adults of character; Strengthening the family unit; Better supporting “singles” of all ages; Sponsoring more parent/youth activities (but also respecting the youth-only activities); Presenting “Bicentennial Minute” type messages during the sermon; Solicit parishioner input (surveys and social media); Obtain available demographic resources from ArchBalt.
- Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay Proposal (Watershed improvements) - Discussion regarding methods the parish can employ to be more ecologically conscious and environmentally friendly. Referred to committee to develop action plan as appropriate.

### **Good of the Order**

- Table Banner – Consider having the Sew Time Ministry create a banner and/or Table cover for the Welcome Table.
- Parish Pilgrimage – RCIA group is planning a pilgrimage to Historic St. Mary’s City. Consideration of a future (or coordinated) parish pilgrimage was discussed.

**Final Blessing:** Fr. Andy

**Adjourn**

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

**Thursday**, March 19, 2015 at 7:30 PM – Classrooms 12-13  
Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 7:30 PM – Classrooms 12-13  
**Thursday**, May 21, 2015 at 7:30 PM – Classrooms 12-13  
Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at 7:30 PM – Classrooms 12-13

**Holy Family Catholic Church  
Parish Pastoral Council  
Monthly Report**

**To:** Parish Pastoral Council Members      **Month:** February 2015

**From:** Ann Dowling      **Pillar:** Evangelization

**Activities/Accomplishments: (Please include participation & financial data)**

RCIA

Approximately a dozen candidates; numbers have fluctuated due to new entries and others who had scheduling conflicts who will attend classes at another church or have a private tutor. January tour to the Shrine and Monastery organized by the Cooks. Classes taught primarily by Deacon Tom; however, Fr. Andy has taught several topics. Topics already covered include: What do Catholics believe? Sacred scripture, Prayer, Mary and the saints and the rosary, Church/people of God/ Body of Christ, Rite of Welcoming and dinner, Baptism and Confirmation, Eucharist, Marriage and Holy Orders, Social justice/human search for God -- missed for snow, but will be made up, Catholic moral teaching, Ten Commandments, Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick, Church history, What is Lent? Class doesn't meet on Shrove Tuesday.

Cenacles

Our Consecration Mass was totally anointed by the Holy Spirit.

Welcoming Committee

The Welcome Committee has made 8 calls to kick off the New Year. (Not all those people have needed to meet us for a tour, but they are all warmly welcomed.) We have been sure to invite them all to the upcoming Discovering Christ Lenten Series.

The committee members are working on registering with the Archdiocese as volunteers.

Respect Life

The National March for Life on Jan. 22 was an amazing experience for anyone who has never gone. Enormous crowds but well organized, peaceful and even cheerful. Catholic Lobby Night at the State House on Feb. 16 cancelled due to weather.

**Activities Planned in Next 2 Months: (Please specify estimated cost & source)**

Faith and Abilites

We have started our planning process for our Pampering Day that will take place on Saturday, May 30. We are asking all ministries if they have anyone that would benefit from the day of pampering. If anyone would like to submit a name, please let Christy Cosgrove know. Once we have names from our parish we will invite others from local parishes. We are also seeking volunteers. We are going to ask the Knights of Columbus and the Ladies Auxiliary to provide support to us. If anyone is interested in helping with this day of service, please contact Christy or me (Mary Ann Sabo).

## RCIA

Friday, February 20th - 2015 RCIA class will host the soup & bread dinner in Unity Hall Sunday,

February 22nd - Rite of Sending 11:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Family

Sunday, February 22nd - Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion 3:00 p.m. at St. John in Severna Park

Tuesday, February 24th - Class in the Chapel, Stations of the Cross; Social Justice, Human Search for God--make up the class that was cancelled for snow

Rehearsal is scheduled for Saturday, March 28 with candidates confirmed during the Easter Vigil, followed by a reception on April 4.

There will be an RCIA family dinner on April 28.

May tour of Historic St. Mary's City, first Catholic church and settlement in Maryland, organized by the Donderos

## Adoration

The Adoration board has organized a "Testimonial Weekend" for the parish. We are hoping that adorants speaking after mass will encourage more parishioners to join the ministry. The weekend is Saturday, Feb 28th and Sunday, March 1st. At each mass an adorant will speak, and a representative from the board will be available after mass for any questions.

## Respect Life

40 Days for Life campaign begins on Ash Wednesday. Holy Family is taking Tuesdays, 2-4, to pray at the Planned Parenthood Clinic on West Street. We will be participating in the Maryland March for Life on March 9.

**Calendar Notes: (Please identify if activity is approved & on calendar)**

**Problems/Concerns: (Please be specific with possible recommendations)**

## February Children's Religious Education Report

### Emergency Preparedness

After the tragic fire that claimed some of our own, I asked Sharon Graham to review with me our fire evacuation procedures. We have emergency exit maps posted in each classroom, each catechist brings his/her attendance outside. The office brings an attendance back up. Students and adults meet beyond the volleyball court behind the church. Each teacher wears a bright yellow vest similar to ones the construction folks wear so that it is easy for the parents to find their child's teacher. Ms. Graham checks with each class/teacher to see that all the children are accounted for. We have one drill in the fall. The question I failed to ask is how parents know if students are being held in the emergency evacuation area if classes are forced to end early.

### Educating our Leaders

Sharon, Christy and Mike attended MACC. Catechists and aides were encouraged to attend MACC, particularly on Saturday because of the many programs for their benefit that day. Ms. Graham emailed a colorful flyer with information. Fr. Andy also sent an email to the Catechists advising them of how important this conference can be.

### Student Activities

The children have been making valentines in class. Via the Faith Formation newsletter, Ms. Graham is seeking help to hand these out at all the Masses on Valentine's weekend. Ms. Graham is also recruiting third, fourth and fifth graders to do a Children's Stations of the Cross. It will be read/performed on Friday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Family Lenten vocational books are available for all parishoners.

In addition, I have recommended a First Communion remembrance book be offered. A pre-order form and copy of the book will be available outside the Children's Religious Ed office. Edgewater Books will donate 10% of the proceeds to the church.

### Recommendations and Suggestions

Review emergency evacuation procedures for any possible updates. Be sure all ministry leaders and staff are familiar with them.

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**To:** Parish Pastoral Council Members      **Month:** February 2015  
**From:** Loretta Haring                              **Pillar:** Stewardship

**Activities/Accomplishments: (Please include participation & financial data)**

Fellowship Committee by Joan Jenkins

- Jan. 24-25 – Wine and cheese/coffee and doughnuts following Saturday/Sunday Masses.
- Feb. 14-15 – Wine and cheese/coffee and doughnuts following Saturday/Sunday Masses

**Activities Planned in Next 2 Months: (Please specify estimated cost & source)**

Fellowship Committee by Joan Jenkins

- Feb. 20 – Soup and Bread hosted by RCIA, Unity Hall, 6:30 p.m. before Stations of the Cross.
- Feb. 27 – Soup and Bread hosted by Secular Franciscans, Unity Hall, 6:30 p.m. before Stations of the Cross
- March 7 – St. Patrick’s Family Dinner, 6:30 p.m., Unity Hall. Catered by Killarney House; \$25 for adults, \$12 for ages 12-14, \$7 for ages 3-11. Entertainment by Hunt School of Irish Dance.

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Fellowship Committee by Joan Jenkins

Deacon Tom Beals is celebrating his 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in May, and a reception has been scheduled for May 17. Fellowship always handles the food portion of such an event, but help is needed from the Pastoral Council in arranging a program. Program needs to be decided, along with master of ceremonies, other speakers. Plus request for donations for a gift. Generally a committee is formed, with members of council, fellowship and others. Should have first meeting soon.