

St. Michael and St. Joseph Parishes Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Michael Church Hall

1. **Opening Prayer-** by Father Dan pertaining to St. Valentine.
2. **Introduction of Members / Distribute List**
 - a. **Installment of Newly Elected / Appointed Members by Father Dan.**
 - i. St. Michael- Mike Hassan, Steve Rutledge & Carl Yebernetsky
 - ii. St. Joseph - Chris Tarcson, Fran Marshall(absent)
3. **Council Reorganization / Officer Elections-** Matt Gabler was elected President, Chris Tarcson- Vice President, Kathy Ford- Secretary
4. **Approval of minutes-** from January 20, 2016. Motion by Matt Gabler, seconded by Carl Yebernetsky.
5. **Financial Reports- St. Joseph, George Kutskel-** CSA Update- St. Joseph Goal: \$21, 410, current # of pledges is 39 for \$10,355 leaving a difference of \$11,055. St. Michael: \$46,515, current # of pledges is 150 for \$35,365 leaving a difference of \$11,150. \$611 paid to Scott Stuart for Boiler repair and snowmelt under sidewalk.
St. Michael, Father Dan- Snow removal paid out so far this year \$720, versus last year \$3,155.
6. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **Holy Name Society- Carl Yebernetsky,** Valentine's Dinner planned for this Sunday, Feb. 21st at Luigi's.
 - b. **Rosary Society-**
St. Joseph, Mary Ann Nicometo- Last meeting Feb. 1st. Luigi's Day was held on Feb. 7th along with a basket raffle and 50/50 drawing. Vendor/Craft fair scheduled for March 19th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Church Hall. A soup / baked goods sale will also be held at that time. Bake Sale will also be held on Sunday, March 20th after the 9 a.m. Mass. Rosary is prayed every Tuesday evening at 6pm during Lent. Spring cleaning of the Church is scheduled for Saturday, March 12th starting at 9 am.
St. Michael- Matilda Illuzzi- Installation of officers for a 2 yr. period. Establishment of various committees. Profit from last nut roll sale was \$3,331.00 with 362 being sold. Discussion on spending our surplus income for various charitable organizations. Along with Holy Name Society covering the cost of painting of the Blessed Mother and St. Michael by Dallas Rensel. Next meeting March 2nd at 6:30 pm.

- c. **Knights of Columbus- no report.** Chris Tarcson did report that both he and Dallas Rensel joined as new members.
- d. **St. Michael Outreach- By Father Dan for Julie Felix,** Meeting held Jan. 25th. Put together about 25 Valentine Shut-In Bags for the elderly. Went out to 1st Friday Communion Parishioners and also the Shut in Buddies. March 12-13 will have a soup sale after each Mass including after the 9 am Mass at St. Joseph. \$7-quart, \$4- half quart. Bread to buy as well. Will co-host along with the Holy Name Society a Parish picnic in 2016 for both parishes. Next meeting April 18 will put together the Spring College Stress Boxes. Current balance is \$1,778.71.
- e. **Catholic Education**
 - i. **DuBois Area Catholic School- Father Dan,** will be having the Play- The Little Mermaid. Sister Mary Catechism will be held in March. Both Girls and Boys basketball in the playoffs. Catholic Schools week was successful. Had Mass the included Alumni. Will be having the Passion Play during Holy Week.
 - ii. **Religious Education- Meg Hough,** mandatory Child Protection Adult training has been completed, all catechists and volunteers were very cooperative. Added Child Protection information to our Parish website & any Parishioner can access through the Diocesan website also.
The Confirmation Retreat was attended unanimously by our Confirmation Candidates. Confirmation will be on April 15th. Candidates are hoping to hold an intergenerational session on the Passion of our Lord & Easter in March.
First Reconciliation preparation in homes with parents. The Church teaches that parents are the primary catechists of their own children; our program is designed in line with this teaching.
Candidates and Catechumens from RCIA Program attended Rite of Election on February 14th with Bishop Trautman.
Our Parishes are now subscribed to the "Best Catholic teaching available on the Internet or in other words Formed." Information to be presented at all Masses the last weekend of February.
 - iii. **Adult Education- Father Dan,** Bible Class on the 2 Books of Samuel. 4 Tuesday starting Feb 23rd, 3-4:30pm.

7. Old Business

- a. **Polish Festival Committee Update- Father Dan,** 3rd meeting, Co-Chairpersons are Matt & Alana Smiley. Next meeting Feb. 29th at 7pm, St. Michaels Church Hall. Festival will be Sunday & Monday. Have captains for about 13 of the 20 teams.. May scale down some areas if not enough help.
- b. **Diocesan Pastoral Planning Update- Father Dan,** Venango Catholic High School will be closing at end of this year, only 67 students enrolled. Parishes- On April 13th there will be a meeting in St. Marys where the Bishop will give proposals to committees. Final decisions will be revealed in September, to be enacted by the end of the year.

- c. **Thirsty Thursday Theology – Matt Gabler**, Matt explained the purpose of the group. Meets 2nd Thursday of the Month at the DuBois Diner. February meeting had about 10 young adults from St. Michael, St. Joseph and St. Catherine Parishes.

8. New Business

- a. **Parish Constitution / By-Laws- Deacon's Role- Father Dan**, Have Deacon Patrick be an Ex-Officio member of Pastoral Council. Matt will get a proposal to amend the Parish Constitution to everyone for review before the next meeting. Deacon can preach once a month at all 4 masses, help at one mass. Cannot say mass, but can perform Baptisms, marriage ceremony, funeral services. Possibly get involved in RCIA, Outreach and Festival, and rotate with Father Dan at Holy Name Society meetings.
- b. **Holy Thursday Adoration Schedule-** Begins at 8 pm will end at Midnight. Rosary Society will cover the first hour with the Holy Name Society to cover the last hour.
- c. **Other Concerns of Council members-**
 - i. **Father Matt in Manila**, paperwork being completed to go to State to be sent to Manila.
 - ii. **Matt Gabler** thanked all the council members for working well together as partners.
 - iii. **Cleaning of Churches-Father Dan**, job positions submitted to DuBois Central Catholic to see if any parents volunteer to help defray tuition cost.
 - iv. **Father Dan** said Veronica Payne was looking to see if a small corner in St. Joseph church would be available to have books on hand to loan out to Parishioners. She would provide the shelves. Council Members of St. Joseph's felt this would be a good idea & agreed to pursue. Father Dan will let Veronica know.
 - v. **Father Dan and Father Walk looking for a cook-** 6 days a week just for supper. 16 hours or less. Can come in one day and cook for two days suppers. Let Father know if we know of anyone.

9. **Next meeting:** Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at St. Joseph Church Hall, 7pm.

10. **Closing prayer-** pertaining to George Washington

11. **Adjournment**