

## St. Michael and St. Joseph Parishes Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church Hall

1. **Opening Prayer-** by Father Dan pertaining to St. Patrick Feast Day
2. **Approval of minutes-** from February 17, 2016. Motion by Chris Tarcson (Matt Gabler absent), seconded by Steve Rutledge.
3. **Financial Reports- St. Michael, Larry Cyphert-** Resignations of Cheryl Johnson and Maddie Cherry accepted due to Bishop Persico's advisement that any member of the Finance committee will have a minimum term of 3 years but not more than 12 years. Concerning the wish list for repairs, A/C in wall, paving of parking lot, replace the sidewalk heating boiler, have been tabled until after the Diocesan Pastoral Planning update. CSA update: Goal \$46,515, 209 pledges to date for \$49,735.  
**St. Joseph, Barb Ross-** Finance committee met on February 24, 2016 and reviewed the actual profit/loss with comparison to the budget with 2/3 of the year already past, found to be about \$10,000 under budget. CSA update- Goal \$21,410 with 69 pledges to date in the amount of \$20,125. Repairs to the Church- Lock in the front entrance middle doors repaired, Furnace for the upstairs repaired. Future repairs- concrete in the front repaired that was damaged by skateboarders, A/C in the church and also church hall kitchen, steps on the parking lot side and parking lot exit, landscaping around the shrine of St. Joseph at the entrance of the parking lot. These will all be tabled for future discussion after Diocesan planning update. Both parishes were looking into the setup for automatic credit card payments coming directly from the bank or credit unions automatically for monthly contributions. Father contacted Netcharge regarding this setup and was advised of a 6% fee on all payments. It was the decision of council not to pursue this any further.
4. **Committee Reports**
  - a. **Holy Name Society-Steve Rutledge, Carl Yebernetsky,** Discussion on the painting of statues, Parish picnic –working with Julie Felix and the Outreach group to have one mid-July. Thinking of having directly after 11:00 am Mass with games & basket raffle. Holy Name Society will volunteer their time selling tickets at the Festival this year. Balance in account \$2,022.53.
  - b. **Rosary Society- St. Joseph, Mary Ann Nicometo-** Spring cleaning was held on March 12 with many volunteers. Spring Vendor/Craft Fair on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> in the church hall from 10 am to 3 pm. Rosary Society will be holding a soup/bake sale at the event. Palm Sunday bake sale in church hall after the 9 am Mass. St. Joseph Brunch will be held Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> in the church hall after 9 am Mass. Summer Rummage sale scheduled for June 10 & 11 in the church hall. To provide more opportunities to come together as a church community, the

Rosary Society will be hosting doughnuts and coffee after the 9 am Mass the first Sunday of each month beginning June 5<sup>th</sup>.

**St. Michael- Matilda Illuzzi-**Last meeting was on February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the church hall. St. Michael statue was returned from being painted. Cost was \$650 with \$200 paid by the Holy Name Society. Blessed Mother will be painted in the spring. Sacred Heart vestment arrived for Father Dan along with the new Alb. The Rosary Society will have a pilgrimage on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> to St. Cosmas & Damian Church in Punxsutawney to receive indulgence by passing through the Holy Doors. Mass followed by history of the church by Monsignor Ricardo. Father Dan will also attend. Rosary Society's description and any upcoming events are now on the church website.

- c. **Knights of Columbus- Dave Straub-** Dave has been the ex-officio Council member representing the Knights of Columbus for the past 2 years and according to the Constitution can continue for a second term since no other volunteer is available at this time. The Knights will be having their Reverse Raffle Fundraiser on April 23<sup>rd</sup> starting at 5:30 with refreshments and the raffle at 7:00pm. Cost is \$40.00/couple. \$2,900 in cash prizes to be given out.
- d. **St. Michael Outreach- By Father Dan for Julie Felix,** Meeting held on January 25<sup>th</sup>. Soup sale March 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> held after every weekend mass. 24 cooks from the group made a variety of soups with fresh bread from Mike's Bi-Lo. Raised \$1,469.00. Will be co-hosting the Parish picnic along with the Holy Name Society. Next meeting April 11<sup>th</sup> at which time will put together the College Stress Boxes. Current balance is \$1,778.71 not including the past weekend fundraiser.
- e. **Catholic Education**
  - i. **DuBois Area Catholic School- Father Dan,** Students are working on the after Easter play, The Little Mermaid. End of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr., Baseball, Softball, Track & Field are all starting. Basketball season ended with the team in the playoffs, but unfortunately didn't go too far.
  - ii. **Religious Education- Meg Hough-**Parish satisfactorily passed the Child Protection audit that was completed on March 14<sup>th</sup> by Deacon Bill Gibson on behalf of the Diocese of Erie. Last Confirmation session will be held on Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Candidates completed their final group service project on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> by hosting the intergenerational event. Practice for Confirmation will be on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at St. Tobias in Brockway where Confirmation will be celebrated on Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. First Reconciliation was celebrated at St. Michael's on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> for a total of 19 children from St. Bernard, St. Joseph and St. Michael Parishes. Preparation for First Communion continues with the Religious Education children and their parents, First Communion will be celebrated at all 3 parishes on May 1<sup>st</sup>. RCIA catechumens and candidates participated the last 3 weeks in the Scrutinies and will attend a retreat on Holy Saturday in preparation for the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation and reception into the Catholic Church. FORMED committee continues to meet and the next program is a study entitled "Lectio- Peter." Will begin on April 20<sup>th</sup> and last 10 weeks. You can access the FORMED site by visiting the St. Michael/ St. Joseph web site and click on FORMED.

- iii. **Adult Education- Father Dan**, Bible Class on the 2 Books of Samuel was held for 4 weeks with 7-20 in attendance. All enjoyed the classes and Father Dan enjoyed giving them.

## 5. Old Business

- a. **Polish Festival Committee Update-Steve Rutledge**, walked the grounds, most captain positions are filled with some co-captains. Food was broken into 3 groups, tentatively starting cooking in July. Festival will be held on Sunday & Monday.
- b. **Diocesan Pastoral Planning Update- Father Dan**, April 13<sup>th</sup> will be next meeting with the Bishop at which time he will present his proposals. 10 parishioners from each parish to attend.
- c. **Thirsty Thursday Theology – Kathy Ford for Matt Gabler**, Group met again this month with a growing attendance. It has brought unity and shared purpose among members of the several local parishes and continues to be a great opportunity for young adults to discuss life in the Catholic Faith. Next month the group plans to utilize the FORMED online resources and is very thankful to the parishes for the financial support and ongoing encouragement.
- d. **Parish Breakfast / Reception** –discussion by council members on turnout and whether to repeat this next year. Due to poor turnout at the 5:30 mass, considering moving to one of the morning masses at St. Michael's. No decision made at this time, will wait until we know more of next year's Mass schedule.
- e. **Parish Constitution / By-Laws**, distributed written proposal to have Deacon Patrick be an Ex-officio member of the Pastoral Council. To vote on this at the April meeting.
- f. **Follow up on Church cleaning-** Letters went out to parents of students who attend DCC. Did get some responses. Discussion pertaining to a Parishioner that was concerned that only parents of children attending the Catholic School were contacted. Parishioner thought this should be made available to all such as College students. The precedent set before was to support Catholic Education.
- g. **St. Joseph Library-** Veronica Payne spoke to others about the idea, and felt it wasn't well received so decided not to pursue.
- h. **Rectory Cook** – Couple of people interested per Father Dan.

## 6. New Business

- a. **Community Days-** Father Dan read a letter to both Parishes looking for sponsorship. \$400 would secure an Ad and Booth at Community Days on June 17& 18. Nothing has been done in the past. Tabled until April meeting for further discussion.
- b. **Letter from Bishop Persico concerning Supreme Court read by Father Dan-** St. Michael Rosary Society to pray the rosary next Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 in front of the Blessed Sacrament for intentions concerning Supreme Court.
- c. **Other Concerns of Council members-**
  - i. Men's Retreat with Bishop Persico- Concerning the Revitalization of the Catholic Church. Chris Tarcson, reported he attended this retreat in Erie along with Tom Tarcson, Don Aravich and Tony Rasavage.

- ii. Dave Straub along with other Council members commented on the beautiful job the Religious Education students did portraying the Stations of the Cross held at St. Joseph Church.
  - iii. Carl Yebernetsky brought up concerns regarding the tear down of the garage and the use of it for storage. New garage will be built to replace. Also concerning the paving of the parking lot, looking into placing electrical wiring underground before the paving is done. Some of this electrical work has already been done, would be good to finish the rest.
- iv. **Next meeting:** Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at St. Joseph Church Hall, 7pm.
  - a. Note: Will not be held at St. Michael's to accommodate Deacon Pat's Bible course.
- v. **Closing prayer-** pertaining to St. Joseph's Feast Day.
- vi. **Adjournment at 8:10 pm.**