

## PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

November 29, 2017

**OPENING PRAYER:** Honorine began with a video called “Compassion” which reflected “why we are here in this room”?

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Marie Morosco, Fr. Joe, Dominick Pepe, Fr. Tom, Honorine Wallack, Roger Cleveland, Robert Cheron, Steve Deery, Larry Hagan.

**GUESTS:** Evana Sullivan, Peggy O’Toole and Janet Blaney from the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee.

All members of the parish are welcome to attend all meetings.

**MINUTES APPROVED:** The monthly minutes will be available in the back of Church and on the parish website.

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** – the committee members present gave a progress report as follows:

Events:      February 11, 2019 – Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes  
                  March 9, 2019 - Mid-Winter Party  
                  May 5, 2019 – Celebratory Mass with the Bishop  
                  May 5, 2019 – Dinner Dance at Harts Hill Inn  
                  July 21, 2019 – Ice Cream/BBQ Social  
                  September 15, 2019 – Concert  
                  December 8, 2019 – Winter Party

Note: there may some concerns about First Communion.

**Joint Bulletin** – an example of our proposed joint bulletin with Our Lady of the Rosary was given to those present. Comments, concerns or questions are to be directed to Jim Powers.

**School Lease and Maintenance Agreements** are finalized and signed by all parties and are in place. Over the next 7 years, the church, school system and the diocese will fund a maintenance account for future repairs needed at Notre Dame Elementary School.

**Advent Mass Changes** – there will be no morning Masses on the Wednesdays during Advent. An evening Mass will be offered at 7pm in its place. Confessions during Advent will be before the Wed. Mass and not after the 4pm Mass on Saturdays.

Fr. Tom presented a graph of the actual **October counts** for each Mass by years from 2012-2017. Basically, total counts within the parish have flat lined since 2014. In addition, measurement of on-monetary investment (ministers to attendance count) for each Mass was provided. The Sunday 5pm Mass had the lowest investment and the 7:30am Mass had the highest.

Retirement!!! – **Larry Hagan** will be retiring as of December 31, 2017. We give thanks for his many years of service and friendship to and with our faith community. Best wishes for your retirement years ahead.

There will be no December 2017 meeting!

CLOSING PRAYER: Fr. Tom

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, January 23, 2018, 6:30 at Seton Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie A. Morosco