

Good Shepherd Parish
5050 Oak Street
Hope Mills, NC 28348

***Parish Council Meeting
March 20, 2018***

Opening Prayer

Minutes Review/Approval

Agenda Review/Approval

Ministry Reviews:

Pro Life – Karinna

Stewardship/Finance – Steve

Catechesis – Tricia

Youth – Nathan

Evangelization – Deacon Pat

San Isidor – continues to provide a new rep

Old Business:

- Music Ministry – solicitation for members presented 1/14/18 – on-going
- Adoration Chapel – tabled due to financial support availability
- Memorial Candle and Rosary Garden update – 4/15 start by Confirmation Class
- First Friday Adoration – Starts after Easter – time is 6:00 p (1800) to 08:00 a (0800) – update
- Office Expenses category – Janice to research and update

New Business:

- Parish Suggestions

Pastor's Comments

Next Meeting – Tuesday March 20th @ 7:00 p.m.

Closing Prayer

Minutes

Good Shepherd Catholic Church
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
March 20, 2018
7:00PM Room 4

Regular meeting of the Parish Council held on the above date.

Following the opening prayer led by Father Gaul, the meeting was called to order at 7:06PM.

Parish Council members present: Wayne & Deborah Aberg, Joe Bierkorte, Karinna Brown, Brian Chase, Steve Graybill, Sandra Hall, Ron Macaluso, Nathan Reilly, Justin Shobe
Staff: Patricia Martin-Kamionka, Janice Scott
Clergy: Deacon Pat, Fr. Gaul
Parish Council members absent: St. Isidore Rep & Frank Hogan

Minutes were reviewed and approved as read.

Committee Reports

Respect Life and Social Concerns – Karinna – See Report

Addition to the minutes - 3 more babies were saved from abortion this AM.

Deacon reported fight not over for Schools for sex education. A new school board member is running for school board and they are trying to bring Comprehensive Sexual Education (CSE) back to the middle school. The program is still in the High Schools. They are disguising anti bullying program for their agenda. Trish said she went on the website for Planned Parenthood program and it is disgusting what they are showing and teaching as part of their curriculum for the schools.

Also, Karinna reported she received a grant application from the Diocese for Parish Repairs and needs to be turned in by April 6. She will give to Janice.

Catechesis - Trisha - See Report

Youth Representative - Nathan Reilly - Nathan reported they will be doing a collection of bedding and towels as they did for the coat collection. The community has a big need for this. They will start the collection the middle of May at the end of Religious Education.

Stewardship/Finance – No Report

Evangelization – Deacon Pat – Discovering Christ 2nd round, Following Christ program, just completed and Sharing Christ, the next round, will begin April 23. Very impressed with the Team and how they have handled the program so far. Program will be expanded for next year to all parishioners and community.

St. Isidore - No Report - No representative as of yet. Ron asked if Deacon Nay could attend and Deacon Pat stated that due to being a parish administrator for St Isidore and a school teacher, his schedule is really full. Janice said maybe Ron could send an invitation to St. Isidore. Ron stated he would send out an invitation for a representative from St. Isidore to attend a Parish Council Meeting in the future.

Old Business

Music Ministry - can be dropped from agenda per Father Gaul.

Adoration Chapel – On hold as the discussion continues on location and cost.

Memorial Candle & Rosary Garden Update – Bricks will be laid April 15 following the 11:30am Mass by the Confirmation Class. We can remove from the Agenda for next month.

Adoration Eucharist – will be started first Friday of every month. 6:00PM. Sign up sheet in Gathering Area. There is an indulgence to attending this Mass as Father explained in length. We have cameras for security per Janice.

Action Item – Finance Report from last month - Janice reported - We are over 100% for cleaning team. It is listed under office expense. It is \$1000 per month. We will move to personnel section of accounts. We need to cover 4 months of this expense.

New Business:

Parish Suggestions - None Submitted

Good Shepherd Sunday - April 22 with Easter Egg Hunt and games. Will try Adult Bingo. Bouncy house for youth. Steve Byrnes might have supplies for Bingo per Deacon Pat. He suggested contacting him. Candy will be given out for prize.

Pastors Comments

Next meeting: Monday, April 16, 7:00PM, Room 4

Prayer to Close a Meeting was read by all for closing prayer. Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.

Respectively Submitted,

Sandra Hall

Approval of minutes:

Rev. Thomas J. Gaul

Chairperson

Attachments: Copy of Agenda, Respect Life and Social Concerns Report, Finance Report, Catechesis Report

Respect Life and Social Concerns

Monthly Overview:

1) General RLSC Ministry

- a) Two new fundraisers (raffle and pancake breakfast)

2) 2 MAR Way of the Cross for Victims of Abortion (GSCC)

- a) At least 50 participants.
- b) Great way to get GSCC involved in pro-life and bring abortion to the forefront.

3) 2 MAR 40 DFL Midpoint Rally

- a) Speakers Pastor Dowden (he and wife newcomers this campaign), Cindy Pridgen (RN with Your Choice Resource Center in Rocky Mount-she brings the mobile ultrasound unit), and Trisha (our DRE 😊)
- b) About 20 participants during the Rally
 - i) To include newcomers, three young soldiers.
- c) A group of about 15 came after the Rally from Sacred Heart in Dunn. They weren't able to arrive earlier.

4) 10 MAR HT Forum

- a) Speakers Tammy Harris of Redeeming Joy, Pete Twedell and Dianne Kemppanien-Ziacsik of 5 Sparrows
- b) Information well received. Connections made.

5) 23 MAR Way of the Cross for Victims of Abortion (PP)

- a) 1900 this Friday at Planned Parenthood
- b) ALL are welcome to attend *(hint, hint, NUDGE, NUDGE)*

6) 25 MAR 40 DFL Closing Celebration

- a) 1600 Rockfish Church Raeford

Next Month:

- 1) April is Abortion Recovery Awareness Month
- 2) Project Rachel is 27 April – 29 April

RCIA:

- We have 1 Candidate, 6 Catechumen (5 adults/one child) to be received into Full Communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 31.
- One adult candidate to be confirmed at the cathedral on Pentecost Sunday.

Faith Formation Sessions for Children and Youth:

Attendance is at a low point – hoping this will change as we are at the end of the flu season.

Sacramental Preparation Confirmation:

- Rehearsal for Confirmation took place on Sunday, March 18 – attended by all.
- Confirmation will take place Thursday, March 22 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Patrick Church.
- There are 18 teens from our parish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Sacramental Preparation First Holy Communion:

- Rehearsal will be on Saturday, April 2. Reception of the Sacrament of First Holy Communion is Sunday, April 29 at 8:30 and 11:30 Mass.
- We have 25 children/youth this year.

Whole Family Catechesis:

- 25 boxes and several bags for newborns and Moms have been returned so far. All items will be taken to Catholic Charities after Easter.

Youth Ministry/ Stations of the Cross:

- HSYM & MSYM have joined together to prepare for the Living Stations of the Cross.
- Living Stations of the Cross will be presented by our youth this Friday, March 23/7:00.

Rosary Garden Update:

- This is the 2nd Year Confirmation Project.
- All necessary pavers have been donated by a parishioner.
- The garden is scheduled to be placed in the area to the left-end of the driveway as you enter the parking area following the 11:30 Mass on Sunday, April 15.

Rice Bowls: Turn in is April 8.

Novena of Divine Mercy and Divine Mercy Sunday:

- Pamphlets for the Novena of Divine Mercy can be found on the welcome table/gathering area. The novena begins on Good Friday, March 30.
- Please join us for the recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy on the Solemnity of Divine Mercy on April 8th at 2 p.m. in the nave.

Respectfully submitted,



D.R.E.

Information regarding the Solemnity of Divine Mercy

- One of the requests of Our Lord which the Church has acted upon is the Feast of Mercy.
- On 30 April 2000, at the Canonization of Sr. Faustina, the Pope responded to this request by establishing on the Sunday after Easter a Feast dedicated to the Divine Mercy.
- The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments officially notified the world's Bishops of this decree on 23 May 2000.
- Today, the liturgical calendar, or Ordo, of all dioceses in the world now reflect that the Sunday after the Solemnity of Easter is the "Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday".

Some confusion exists over the fact that this day is not officially called "The Feast of Mercy". Feast can be understood in two senses, as a liturgical class, or as a general way for referring to all special days regardless of their liturgical class.

According to the first sense, liturgical class, Mercy Sunday is a Solemnity, the highest possible liturgical class (solemnity, feast, memorial, optional memorial). Beginning with Easter Sunday, the Solemnity of Solemnities, the Church celebrates an octave (8 days) of the Resurrection. This practice goes back to the Old Covenant and the Jewish practice of celebrating feasts, such as Unleavened Bread (of which Passover is a part), for eight days. **Each day of the Octave is a Solemnity, in essence an extension of Easter Sunday.** The principal prayers of the Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours are those of Easter Sunday. This octave concludes with the Gospel account of Easter night, in which Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Penance, that is, of His Divine Mercy.

According to **the general sense of feast**, it is legitimate to refer to Divine Mercy Sunday as the *Feast of Mercy*, **even though it is a Solemnity.** A *feast* is the celebration of a saint or a special day. Regardless of liturgical class, we refer to a saint's day as his or her feast day. Thus, it is appropriate here, too, to speak of the Feast of Mercy, or Easter, or Pentecost, all of which are Solemnities.

The Promise.

According to St. Faustina, Our Lord promises to those who go to confession and communion on this day, the remission of the guilt and the punishment of sins.

*On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. **The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.** On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. (Diary of Sr. Faustina, 699)*

Many take this to mean that they must go to Confession ON Mercy Sunday. This is not true. To receive the benefits of the Promise one must be in the state of grace. The Lord does not promise the absolution of grave sin on Mercy Sunday, but points us to the Sacrament of Penance. To receive the grace we should be disposed. This is done by a confession near the time of Mercy Sunday.