

Our Lady of the Valley Parish

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes of March 30, 2016

Present: Fr. Doug, Tom Gallivan, Peg Graham, Billy Labrie , Joan Marek, Jay Oelrich, and Tom Neill.

Excused: Bozena Dabek and George Zoltowski. **Absent:** Jay Oelrich,

The meeting was opened at 6:30 pm by Father Doug.

Father Doug led us in the opening prayer.

Minutes of the February 24th meeting were reviewed and accepted as corrected relative to item #5 in the Pastor's report regarding the snow blower purchase.

Pastor's Report – Fr. Doug

1. Holy Week went smoothly.
2. The new altar is under construction.
3. Festival planning is well underway. Raffle tickets are being printed.
4. The K of C expressed interest in holding an event on the eve of the festival.
5. The second evangelization event is in the planning stages for Sunday, April 10.
6. Fr. Has not contacted prospective new council members, but will soon.

Learned that we are getting a seminarian for the summer.

Finance Report - Fr. Doug

The finance council is meeting next week.

Committee Reports:

Communications: - Jay

No report. Timeline for February is attached.

Outreach: - Joan

Mission Committee:

Preparing for annual craft/tag/bake sale on Saturday April 23..

Take & Eat:

Nothing new to report.

Cot Shelter:

Nothing new to report.

Clubs & Events:

Women's Club:

The Club held its fourth business meeting of the year on Saturday, March 12 at which they also prepared Easter cards for nursing home residents and home-bound members. They also filled 2,000 Easter eggs.

The club held an Easter egg hunt on Sunday March 20, at the festival grounds.

Members spent several hours supporting the First Communion Class in students and parents making the pretzels for distribution on Holy Thursday.

The Club began to advertise the Gilda Burnett Scholarship.

A family entertainment event with Ed "The Balloon Man" Popielarczyk is planned for the end of the April school vacation week, April 24.

Knights of Columbus:

The annual Parish St. Patrick's Dinner on Sunday, March 13 went well. Ninety-four people attended and a good time was had by all.

Scholarship applications are available and are due back by April 30.

The council is meeting with other parish organizations to plan a spaghetti dinner/fundraiser/farewell event for Fr. Adolf.

Holy Rosary Sodality:

No report.

Religious Education:

Banners for the First Communion Class were started on February 21 at a very enjoyable event.

Pretzel making was conducted on Saturday, March 12 and March 19. The Women's Club helped with the prep work and clean-up. Snacks and beverages were provided by the teachers. REY is grateful to the Women's Club for their interest and help. Jay Oelrich took photos during the event.

On Holy Thursday, 10 children distributed the pretzels after Mass.

The Grade 11 Confirmation class attended the Chrism Mass on Monday, March 21 at the cathedral. Parishioner Dan Polonis paid for the bus. Teachers Justin and Kelly Brown purchased pizza and refreshments for the students.

Jen McDonald's second grade class made their second confession on Sunday, March 13. Laurie Lamothe's second grade class will their second confession on Sunday, April 3.

The 10th grade class cleaned the church on Thursday, March 17 as part of their community service requirements.

Youth Group:

The next meeting is scheduled for April 1, otherwise there is nothing new to report.

Music: - George

Both choirs are selling tickets for Fr. Adolf's farewell fundraiser, The Family Choir is collecting scratch tickets and money for a lottery ticket tree. The St. Cecelia Choir is collecting money for a liqueur basket.

The family choir has requested to sing at Fr. Adolf's last Mass at OLV given their close connection to him at both OLV and previously at Notre Dame.

A back-up plan is being requested for 2018 (should this read 2017?) for the 7:15 Resurrection Mass in the event that Fr. Piotr is unavailable to celebrate that Mass as was the case this year. Since this is the only all-Polish Mass during the year, and given its importance, a plan should be in place. Several suggestions have been made in the past, including approaching St. Stan's in Chicopee.

Technology: - Fr. Doug

Thinking of going to an online server back-up.

Need to get the new lighting installed at the rear of the church.

Liturgy: - Bozena

Divine Mercy Service is Sunday, April 3 at 2:30 PM.

The Living Rosary will be Sunday, May 15th at 2:00 PM.

Old Business:

The Council plans to honor Pat Baran are in the works.

The date for Fr. Adolf's fundraising/farewell dinner is set for Sunday, April 17 at noon.

Fr. Adolf will speak at all of the Masses on the weekend of April 16- 17 and a special second collection will be held on the following weekend to raise money for his new parish.

New Business:

The Council voted to contribute a wine basket to the fundraising raffle for Fr. Adolf.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM after the closing prayer.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 27 at 6:30 PM.

Respect fully submitted,

Tom Gallivan, secretary

Jonathan K. Oelrich Parish and Kof C Council Activity Reports		PC meeting	Publicity	Activity	Concerts	w ebsite	Mass Video	liturgy	Pro-Life
Feb 2016									
2/7/2016	7:15 altar server							1	
2/7/2016	Mass video edited and prepared for TV						4		
2/12/2016	Stations of the Cross video							4	
2/14/2016	7:15 altar server							1	
2/14/2016	Mass video edited and prepared for TV						4		
2/18/2016	Chalice of salvation altar server							1	
2/21/2016	7:15 altar server							1	
2/21/2016	Mass video edited and prepared for TV						4		
2/24/2016	PC meeting	2							
2/28/2016	7:15 altar server							1	
2/28/2016	Mass video edited and prepared for TV							1	
added photos and information to w eb pages about									
	Added church activities to Google calender					0.5			
	OLVeasthampton.org updates					4			
	Altar server mailings, emails, etc							5	
	kofc1116.org updates					4			
Feb 2016 Totals		2	0	0	0	8.5	12	15	0

