

SPIRITUAL LIFE MINUTES, ST. JOHN PAUL, 9/16/19

Members in attendance: Mary Whitman, Karen Ketcham, Mary Ann Wojtaszek, Pat Clairmont, Barb Armata, Deacon Greg, and Robin Loughman.

Opening prayer was given by Deacon Greg.

The last meeting's minutes were previously accepted by email.

Upcoming events:

A volunteer fair will be held Monday, September 30th, at 6 pm, in Kolbe Hall. The parish encourages folks to attend and see how they might share their time and talents.

Unfortunately, due to decreased interest, there will be no October Rosary Devotions this year.

All Saints Day, a Holy Day of Obligation, is Friday, November 1st. The Vigil Mass will be held at Notre Dame at 7 pm on Thursday, October 31st. On November 1st the Mass will be at St. Stanislaus at 10 am.

Because All Souls Day is on Saturday, there is no way to have our traditional Mass of Remembrance this year. There was a discussion about possibly incorporating this into the Vigil Mass for All Saints. Deacon Greg thought it would be acceptable to read the names of deceased parishioners from the past year, though it would not technically be a Mass of Remembrance. [note: Father Steve later approved at the Parish Council meeting so it is scheduled] Pat will set up the candles if it's okay to include them.

Thanksgiving Mass will be held at Notre Dame at 9 am.

Immaculate Conception (December 8th) falls on a Sunday this year, so it is not a separate Holy Day of Obligation.

Bishop Rozanski will be visiting our parish on Tuesday, September 24th. He will celebrate the 8:30 am Mass at Notre Dame. He encourages parishioners to attend and meet with him afterwards. He will be meeting with members of the Parish Council and Finance Committee in the evening.

On September 28th there will be a day-long class for parishioners who distribute Communion at church or to parishioners at home. This is a new, mandatory requirement from the diocese. Deacon Greg noted that lectors and CCD teachers will likely also have their own certification classes in the future.

Over the summer, Father Steve was named the Pastor of St. Mary's Church in Cheshire. He will continue with two Masses at St. Mary's and three Masses in Adams on the weekends.

Under new business, Mary mentioned she'd attended a different church recently and saw that they had one-year memorial candles. The parishioner's name is put on the candle and it would be displayed in church somewhere. Our parish might not have the room for something like this, but it seems worth looking into. Mary said she would investigate where to get some, the cost, and the expected donation for each candle.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 27th, 6 pm, in Kolbe Hall. (This coincides with the next Parish Council meeting) Deacon Greg gave the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 6:55.

Respectfully submitted, Robin Loughman