

**Saint Mary Pylesville
Parish Council Meeting
December 10, 2019
7:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Father Henry Kunkel, Jim Edwards, Joanne McConnell, Bob McConnell, Paula Mackey, Jeff Kline, Phil Seneschal, Jackie Seneschal

Staff Present: Barbara Sadler

Opening Prayer: Jim Edwards

Minutes: Minutes from the 11/11/2019 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Pastor's Report

- Please encourage all to sign-up for lighting the Advent Wreath and for Christmas Masses.
- Jackie Seneschal will send out an email 12/12/19 with the number of altar servers, ushers, and Eucharistic Ministers needed for each mass.
- Phone calls will be made after Saturday.
- Christmas is an important opportunity for evangelization for those who come to church only a few time a year.

New Business

Parish Website

- Parish website needs to be updated.
- Need a volunteer to be in charge of website, Communications Director
- Bob McConnell will contact John McCarty before there are any bulletin announcements

Parish Programs

- Vacation Bible School needs a new coordinator, otherwise will default to Janet Young.
- We don't want this program to fall by the wayside.
- It was suggested that a meeting be organized to include those that have previously helped with VBS and include Faith Formation teachers.

- Choir – need more members.

Committee Reports

Small Faith Sharing Groups (Jim Edwards)

- There has been a request for facilitators in the bulletin the past couple weekends.
- There have been no responses yet.
- Jim has started sending emails to ask individuals to be facilitators.
- Eight to ten facilitators are needed by the first of the year.
- There will be information and sign-ups beginning in February.
- Groups will start by Lent.

Knight of Columbus (Bob McConnell)

- The Belles/Knights dinner was held 12/09/19.
- Concerns were expressed about lack of lighting out back by The Pit.
- Barbara Sadler reported that work is in progress with the lighting.
- Help will be needed moving the Christmas decorations to the church after the 11:15 Mass on 12/5/19.
- Winter roadside clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, 12/14/19.

Men's Ministry (Jeff Kline)

- Knights will be sponsoring a retreat on March 29, 2020 with Fr. Schleupner
- The next program for men is *Into the Breach*.
- It is 8 weeks long and does not require videos or other ancillary materials.
- Tentative starting date is Friday, January 17, 2020.

Fr. Kunkel's 50th Anniversary (Jackie Seneschal)

- Plans are coming together.
- At the first of the year there will be bulletin announcements to others that want to help aside from the core group.
- Phil Seneschal will plan the Mass
- Ken Kiedrowski is in charge of the program for the night of the dinner.
- There will be a smaller program for the reception after the Mass.
- Decorations are in progress.

Closing Prayer: Father Kunkel

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: 01/14/2020

Respectfully submitted by Paula Mackey, Parish Council Secretary