

**October 2016 Ministry Reports
St. Francis and St. Mary's**

St. Francis – Administration Ministry

St. Francis Administration Ministry did not meet this month, as I am out of town. The parking lot project has been started at the Church however, and it is hoped that it will be finished by the end of the week of 10/7. Thank you, Kathy Roberts

St. Mary's Administration Ministry

ST. MARY'S BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Estimates were submitted to Joe Lupia and approved for carpet and pew cushions cleaning. A tentative cleaning date is set for Friday, October 21st.

Estimates have also been submitted for repair/repaving of the upper and lower parking lots. We have not had a response to those as of this writing.

We are also in the process of obtaining estimates for restoring some of our outdoor statues, as well as plastering where needed in the church.

Fall clean-up day is planned for Saturday, October 22nd.

Submitted by: Joe & Jeneane Ciancaglini

No report for Finance Committee

No report for Collection Counters

No report for Fund Raising

Submitted by: Barbara Falkowski, Interim Administration Ministry Chairperson

Faith Formation Ministry

Since this seems to be a busy time of year for everyone, Pat, Lori, and I have decided not to continue to have regular Faith Formation Ministry meetings, unless there is a special reason for doing so. However, Lori still needs to have a brief update on what's happening in your ministry that she can share it with the Pastoral Council and with the head(s) of each sub-ministry. This will insure that the sub-ministries are informed about what is going on in each one. So, sometime during the first week of each month, please email Lori with the information. Her email address is loric19@twcny.rr.com.

Lori, Pat, and I met tonight, 10/4. Below is a summary of information we had or received.

St. Francis Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) - They started up on Sept. 18. About 4-5 children participate each week.

St. Mary's Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) - They also started up on Sept. 18. From 3-9 children participate each week. Lori will be putting a notice in the bulletin encouraging more children to come.

Youth Group - Dave does a summary each week in the bulletin.

Monday Morning Book Club - They are still reading **Rediscover Jesus**.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) - They have started up again. There is a notice in the bulletin inviting interested people to attend the meetings.

Tuesday Catholic Conversations - They started up again on October 4. There is a notice in the bulletin inviting people to attend.

Thursday Night Adult Faith Formation - They are using Sunday by Sunday for information about the readings for the upcoming Sunday.

Monday Night Holy Name Men's Ministry - They discuss the readings for the upcoming Sunday. They also use the related meditation from Word Among Us with questions about each reading.

1-8 Grade Faith Formation - Information from Chris Vieau:

As of now St. Matthews has 18 children that will be receiving the sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. First Reconciliation is scheduled for Saturday, Feb 11 @ 11:00 for all three of our linked parishes together at St. Mary's. First Eucharist is scheduled for Sunday, May 7th @ 10:30 Mass @ St. Matthews. First Eucharist is scheduled for Sunday, April 30 for St. Mary & St. Francis. Confirmation is scheduled for Thursday, May 4 @ 7:00 @ St. Matthews for all three of our linked parishes. Presently we have 19 students preparing for Confirmation. Parents are still registering their children so numbers probably will be changing.

Again, if you have any concerns that you would like Lori to bring to the Pastoral Council or any issues that you think our group could help with, please let Lori, Pat (ppowers15@twcny.rr.com), or me (sbartholomew46@gmail.com) know. Peace, Sharon Bartholomew

Parish Life Ministry Minutes

September 2016

OLD BUSINESS

Coffee Hour / Hospitality = no problems at St Francis & St Mary's

Bulletin request for more bakers - Lew

Look into Panera freebies to use - Lew

Greeters = no problems at St Francis

St Mary's & St Matt's - *need person willing to schedule greeters on rotating basis*

Calendar – Please inform Patti of any dates for events to be included in the online website calendar

Also working towards creating PCA calendar event bulletin insert

Cards for new parishioners – n/a

Parish Communications – Next Newsletter is October-November-December 2016

Get well / thank you / thinking of you card this month to:

Fr. Amodeo Guida – Thank you for healing masses *Pat P*

Picnic

Will be at St Francis next year.

Speak to Fr. Sean about date that he can attend - July 30 or August 13

NEW BUSINESS

Parish Council news – Shared staff changes and need for new member from St Francis due to Kathy Roberts being appointed as Trustee.

Fr. Nevin Hammon 80th birthday – October 15th - Cake at social hour

Yearly event planning outlook

(Winter) January 29 – Winterfest @ St Francis

(Spring) April 30 – New Christians Celebration @ St Matthew's

(Summer) – Picnic @ St Francis

(Fall) –? @ St Mary's

Pumpkin Carving – October 30 at St Francis

Pick and purchase 50 pumpkins on 10/23

Ask youth group if they want to assist with picking the pumpkins - Amy

Bulletin notice and flyer to promote – *Pat P*

Next Meeting: November 29, 2016 @ St. Francis PC @ 6:00

No meeting in October

St. Mary's Community Service Report

Submitted by Margie Bowhall and Rita Peisel

CONNECTIONS: (Patty Hubbard) - Patty reports Connections is doing well but their desire would be to get back to the Parish Center because they are cramped at St. Matthews. Is this possible in the future? (Pat Piwinski has advised Patty that this request needs to be discussed directly with Fr. Sean.)

CONNECTIONS: (Sharon Bartholomew) - Connections Prayer Shawl Ministry meets every first and third Wed. in the St. Matthew's parlor from 1-3 pm. We have members from all three parishes, as well as from other neighboring parishes, but are always looking for new members. Besides the ladies who attend the meetings, other ladies crochet or knit items at home. We make mostly shawls, but also lap robes and baby blankets. We provide patterns and all the supplies needed to make an item. We give the items we create to individuals, nursing homes, crisis pregnancy centers, hospitals, the Rescue Mission, the separated and divorced who are attending a retreat, those attending a Rachel's Vineyard retreat, as well as to people in other areas who have experienced a disaster. We have given over 3000 items away since we started. All items are given as free-will offerings. We do accept donations for future project supplies, but never sell the items.

If anyone wants information, they can contact Patty Hubbard at email: natesnana@gmail.com phone: 575-8132 or Sharon Bartholomew at [email:sbartholomew46@gmail.com](mailto:sbartholomew46@gmail.com) / phone: 656-8910.

ECUMENICAL COUNCIL: (Duane Groesbeck) - No report at this time.

FUNERAL LITURGY PLANNING MINISTRY: (Barbara Falkowski)

There have been two funerals since the last report to Pat Piwinski.

1. George (Joe) Durr Funeral: September 2, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. with a full luncheon for 61.
2. Lucy Chiaravalloti Funeral: September 21, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. with no luncheon.

HEAVEN'S PANTRY & OUTREACH: (Sue Dodge) - Delivery of food is on the Monday before the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Food is distributed on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Heaven's Pantry services between 60 - 75 families each month. They are doing well but can always use extra hands to help stock shelves, sign in families, and carry out groceries. Articles are put in the bulletin when needed. They expect to serve 100 to 105 families at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

HOPE MINISTRY: (Toni Carguello) - We had a fairly good response to our plea for luncheon or brunch cooks & bakers however, we very much need another team with a leader who will be able to replace one of the teams we no longer have. Since many of us have been on this ministry quite awhile, it is becoming difficult to find replacements for those who can't lead any more. Hopefully when our new list comes out, we will find at least one more team. When we get the list, we will need to follow up with phone calls, as the bulletin said. This ministry has been very profitable for our church as many good & grateful families have donated very generously. We pray we can keep it going for many years but we need younger parishioners to join us. Amen!

MINISTRY OF CARE: (Margie Bowhall)

Margie asked Barb to revise the contact list to take off the words "Ministry of Care" and replace with:

Prayer Line (instead of Chain)

Nursing Home Eucharistic Service & Visits - Homebound Visits

Petition Box

OUTREACH: (Sue Dodge) - No report at this time.

RESPECT LIFE: (Betsy and Jim Mostrom)

- 1.) The Mostrom's will contact the church office about the homily this coming weekend (Oct. 1 & 2) being dedicated to Respect Life and using Respect Life petitions during the Mass.
- 2.) The Mostrom's will check with Father Sean to get permission to say a decade of Rosary after the 9 a.m. Masses during October
- 3.) The Mostrom's will talk to Father Severine about speaking at the Masses about end of life issues
- 4.) The possibility of having Lisa Hall from the Diocesan Respect Life Office talk at our Masses.
- 5.) Promote the January March for Life at the MOST & the 9 Days of Life Novena (?) in January
- 6.) Hold a 'Baby Shower' on Mother's Day 2017.
- 7.) Prepare Respect Life bulletin notices or inserts and write articles for the quarterly newsletter. Barb will ask Patti Koch to add the Mostrom's e-mail address to her distribution list requesting articles for the quarterly newsletters.

We were hoping to talk with Lisa Hall and get her help in organizing an End of Life educational evening event where we could bring in speakers to address this topic. This format and event has been successful in several parishes. In the past we have had one of the doctors from the local guild of Catholic Medical Association and Kathy Gallagher or Lisa Hall speak as well. The event would be open to all 3 parishes. We will plan to talk with Fr. Sean this weekend in person and get back to you. It takes some work to get this event organized so it probably would not happen until the first of the year.

We did talk to Fr. Severine about being one of the speakers addressing spiritual care at the above mentioned event and he sounded very interested.

I did send out "homily helps", a publication from USCCB for Respect Life Sunday to the parish office on Sunday for Ann to forward on to priests and Deacon for this weekend if they should choose to use the material.

We were able to connect with Fr. Sean by email. Got a positive response. He wants us to work with Fr. Tassini and we will meet with him soon to discuss ideas and events. We will report on progress at next meeting.

TIME OUT FOR MOMS: (Toni Carguello)

This Ministry runs on the school season. They have just started back up.

Time Out for Moms is a ministry of care for young pre-school of all ages. Babies thru 4 year olds are all welcome, while their Moms get to enjoy adult companionship. Our Nannies are all very experienced grand-mothers who have gone through the Virtus program for Protection of Children and the Elderly.

On the second and fourth Fridays of the month, we play with the children and try to teach them fair play and bring God into their minds with pictures and stories. At 10:30am, we give them treats & drinks that are wholesome and approved by the Moms. This ministry was started in 2008 by St. Francis, Terri and myself and has flourished for many years. Unfortunately, we rarely see any Catholic women taking advantage of this time with adult mothers. It still is great though for many other Christian women and we have very good rapport with the mothers. 2 hours of free time with adult friends would have wonderful years ago.

VEGETABLE GARDEN: (Duane Grosbeck) - The garden is doing well. The Troast family is helping Duane on Saturday mornings. The vegetables are being taken to St. Matthews every Thursday, to Fyler Road church twice a month and to St. Mary's and St. Francis' each month for their food pantries.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Piwinski. Community Services Liaison

St. Francis Community Service Ministry

Meeting Notes from 9/13/2016

- Agape gave 2 luncheons over summer months. Four funerals were held since May 27. Funeral planning: we will mention to people if they want to have luncheon that donations may be given to Mickey or Marge and we will get it to office. Duck race was a success. Computer # were brought by Marie and shared. July and August numbers are up from last year. School supplies will be delivered by Debbie.
- Laura was absent, but Mickey mentioned ad about John Katko not in support of funds to planned parenthood.
- Prayer chain requests prayer for Thomas Hill and Ed Karl. Dot Lochner moved to Buckley Landing.
- Fr. Nevin says that he does not want a big celebration for birthday on Oct 15th, but hope to have cake at coffee hour.
- Marie Behr is our new PC liaison. She asked if our Parish Council still functioning and we discussed chain of communication. Frustration with a sense of not knowing who to ask for some direction or permission to address ministry needs. There feels like a lack of awareness or representation of St Francis in front office.

Our meeting was interrupted by burning smell and water dripping in store room. Father Sean was in building. At about 7:30 Mickey called Jim Macadam to investigate and we were advised to call 911 and evacuate building. Town of Cicero voting was given the information and we adjourned to parking area to await Fire Department. They arrived approximately 7:45 and removed smoldering insulation from ceiling. It seems like a good idea to have ability to have emergency contact information available other than leaving message on office answering machine. Fr. Nevin was advised as to what was happening and efforts were made to reach Fr Sean via Deacon Dean after I got home. Fr Sean and Fr Peter did return and are aware of situation as well as Maintenance man Todd Taylor. Building will be closed for at least a week while code and electrical, fire inspections completed.

Evangelization Ministry Report

September 27, 2016 ...7:00pm

OLD BUSINESS:

v Phone Ministry: No Report

v Book Club: Continuing reading Rediscover Jesus

v Fellowship Quarterly Events: the following events are planned for our Parishes:

- 1.) Tri-Parish – Summer 2017 – July 30, 2017 at St. Francis of Assisi Parish Center
- 2.) Sunday January 29th 2017 Winterfest Chili, Chowder and Mac-n-cheese Cook -off at St. Francis Parish Center following the 10:30 mass.

3.) April 30, 2017 – A meet and greet at St. Matthew's "A Community Celebration of New Christians" i.e. Infants Baptized and adults who completed RCIA and their families would be invited to a party on or about April 30, 2017. Some ideas were: cake, punch, balloons, a book, The One Thing (a book from Dynamic Catholic that St. Francis already has purchased) will be given to each family. We may also have information to distribute i.e. The MOMS group that meets at St. Mary's, Catholic Family Websites, etc.

v .How to Get People in the Pews? PRESENTATION BY MARY HALLMAN–no report

v Greeters – Letha, Cathy Crandall and Anne Karkruff

v Prayer group report: no report

v NEW BUSINESS

1. Pastoral council Report

2. Burt is talking to Kristin and Eric Dievendorf about working on this Ministry

Next Meeting: October 25, 2016 @ 7:00pm St. Francis Parish Center

Worship

No Report