

## **Saint George Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes    October 6, 2024 Minutes**

**Present:** Father Dillon, Yolande Eldridge, Jody Fay, Fran Wainer, Debra Falvey, Betty Jane Schiller, Isabel Torello, Bob Keiser, Regina Beausejour, Maggie Bruno, Noreen Wolleben, Jeri Perkins, George Goulet and Enzo Taverna

**Absent:** Nancy Talalas & Valerie Campanelli

**The meeting began at 11:40 am with an opening prayer from Father Dillon.**

**Yolande:** Thank you cards went around for all to sign, thanking Thom Duffy and Bill White for their service on the council. Prayers were requested for various parishioners with health issues. October is breast cancer awareness month. The Guilford Person of the Week is Isabel Torello, our Youth Ministry rep. All congratulated her on this honor. Izzy will be attending Sacred Heart University.

**Father Dillon:** Our parish put a congratulations in the Catholic Transcript for Archbishop Coyne. All priests in the Archdiocese of Hartford are attending a convocation this week so no mass on 10/8, 10/9 or 10/10. The Blessing of the Animals on the green was successful-mostly dogs and cats. The Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi is today at 4 pm. Public Rosary Recitation will be on Saturday October 12<sup>th</sup> @ 11:45 am in front of the church. This will be in honor of Our Blessed Mother on the 107<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the great miracle at Fatima. Sister Kathleen is hosting the annual Thanksgiving Luncheon in the hall, at noon. Attendees are requested to bring an item for the food pantry which is very bare right now.

**Fran:** CCD has begun, and 563 children are enrolled, and late sign-ups are expected. We need more teachers and classes are on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

**Izzy/Enzo:** The opening mass for confirmation was held last Monday for the candidates and their parents. Increasing their attendance for regular mass is a goal for the peer ministry. George volunteered to assist with this initiative. 65 peer ministers signed up to teach CCD.

**Betty Jane/Fran:** The response for volunteers has been good. We have 18 ministries signed up thus far. A few leaders cannot attend. The Knights are assisting after all masses with cider and are using their own funds. We need set-up volunteers at 10 am on 10/26 . A sign-up sheet was sent around. The booklet is in printing, and we will have 500 hard copies and it will also be available online. Father will invite everyone to attend the Ministry Fair after each mass.

**New Ideas:** Ideas for books were discussed. Deb suggested a book, "Behold, Believe" for the parish to read during the winter. Yolande suggested a book on the holocaust. Ideas for pilgrimage trips were discussed. Deb suggested trips to Lourdes in Litchfield and Divine Mercy Trip. George is looking into organizing bus trips for the parish to Radio City Music Hall and perhaps a baseball trip.

Fran mentioned upcoming events are Baby Bottle Boomerang, Thanksgiving and Christmas Sharing and our annual Coat Drive.

Jeri mentioned highlighting a ministry in the bulletin as a "Ministry Minute". Yolande and Jeri will work together on this.

Closing prayer by Father at 12:43 pm

**Our Next Meeting is November 17, 2024 after the 10:30 am mass.**