

# Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2016

6:30pm

Notre Dame Parish Center

**Members Present:** Fr. Joe Giroux, Fr. Scott Belina, Jennifer Champagne, Madonna Champagne, Judy Pelkey, Pam Leduc, Neil Seymour, Linda Sprague, Jim Coughlin, Mary Hart, Andy Duso, Ruth Demarse, and Darlene Livernois

**Member Absent:** Deacon Bryan Bashaw

**Member Excused:** Molly McKee

**Others Present:** Nick Haas

**Opening Prayer:** Pope Francis Prayer for the Jubilee of Mercy was led by Fr. Joe.

**Review/Approval of Minutes:** The meeting minutes of November 16th was reviewed. A motion was carried to accept meeting minutes by Neil Seymour, seconded by Pam Leduc, and all in favor.

## Old Business:

**a. Malone Adult Center Property - Update:** The asbestos and air monitoring companies have been contracted out. Jeda Environmental Services out of Massena will be doing the asbestos abatement which will cost approximately \$57,000.00, and D.G. Cole out of Waddington will be doing the Air Monitoring which will cost approximately \$600.00 per day. They will be starting on January 10th with the air monitoring to do a preliminary look around and both companies will start on January 18th. It will take about 10 days at the most. Fr. Joe was approached by Howard Maneely, Town Supervisor of Malone to let the parish know that the county might be able to help with the demolition of the adult center. He will need to meet with the all the Town Supervisors and Highway Superintendents, which will then go through the County Legislators to get the okay for the county to help with the demolition. With a lot of the salvaging that has been done, there might not be much to take to the landfill. Mr. Maneely has also stated that he is looking at trying to get a lower tipping cost at the county dump. Should know more in the next few weeks.

**b. Oratories in Owls Head and Lake Titus - Update:** nothing new to report regarding the oratories. Fr. Joe stated that he has consulted with the neighboring pastors and they don't see any effect with them being sold. All information will now be sent to the Bishop regarding the selling of the properties and getting approval from him.

**c. Frassati House - Update:** Nothing new to report. Everything seems to be up and running and things are going well with a few ups and downs. The youth and young adult programs are continuing and there has been a positive response to them. There is a potluck dinner coming up on January 15th. Will be promoting a program for the upcoming Lenten season which will be a program around the study of the Year of Mercy.

**d. Advent and Christmas - Review:** There was a positive feedback on Advent and Christmas. Fr. Joe brought up that for the two 4:00pm Masses they didn't have two full churches. There has been a slowly decreasing in attendance at the 4:00pm Masses throughout the years. Having one Mass on Christmas morning seemed to work better than having the two Masses like in the past. Will be looking into Mass time changes for Christmas in the future.

**e. Lent, Holy Week, and Easter - Planning:** Ash Wednesday is February 10th. Working on planning to do what was done last year. Palm Sunday will be March 19/20 which will be the reopening of St. Joseph with just having the two Masses like last year. The Triduum will also be celebrated at St. Joseph's this year.

**f. Jubilee of Mercy (December 2015-November 2016):**

- **Jubilee** - Notre Dame Church was named as one of the pilgrimage site for the Jubilee of Mercy. There was discussion on the possibility of getting a banner for the lawn which would state that this church is a pilgrimage site.

- **40-Hours** - The 40-Hour Devotion done recently seemed to be a success. There was 188 confession on the Monday during devotion which ran from 6:30am to 10:30pm.

- **Potluck** - The dinner is being held on January 15th which a DVD on Divine Mercy will be showed.

- **Lenten Program** - There will be a Lenten program being offered on the Doors of Mercy.

- **24 Hours for the Lord** - On March 4/5 there will confessions and adoration held.

- **Divine Mercy Sunday** - This will be held on April 3rd at Notre Dame and will follow the same schedule as previous years.

- **World Meeting of Families Day of Adoration** - There will be a day of adoration in each of the pilgrimage locations throughout the Diocese. The tentative date for Notre Dame Church is on June 3rd, which there will be another 24 hours done.

- **Pilgrimage to Montreal** - There has been many parishioners who have been asking about having another pilgrimage to Montreal. There was much discussion on whether or not to do it again this year, but with much going on with the Jubilee of Mercy is was decided that it would be best to look at doing one in 2017.

- **Vocation Summit** - The Vocation Summit will be on September 25th at Lake Placid, which was planned on a Diocesan level. It was discussed about what our planned Masses will be that weekend so that people can attend the summit.

- g. "Culture of Vocations" Committee:** Nothing new to report.
- h. Establishing a "Grief Support Group":** Nothing new to report.
- i. Establishing a "Hospitality Committee":** Nothing new to report.
- j. Establishing a "Buildings and Grounds Committee":** Nothing new to report.

There was discussion regarding having a 2nd collection for fuel, which was felt that doing this would cut into our regular collection on that day. There was some discussion on the parking issues for the winter with the suggestion of having volunteers to help with that. Fr. Joe will first try and put something in the bulletin to get parishioners attention on trying to pay attention when it came to parking during the winter at Masses.

**New Business:**

**a. Ursuline Sisters in Malone:** It has been announced that the Ursuline Sisters, who have been in the Malone area since 1898, will be ending in July. The remaining two sisters who have lived on Morton Street will be leaving the Malone area. There will be no sisters replacing them, which leave no religious sisters at this point in Malone. On Sunday, July 17th, there will be a farewell celebration of their departure here in Malone.

**b. Long Range Planning:** There was much discussion on the next steps when it comes to the many buildings we have at St. André's Parish and what can be done with them due to the weekly decreasing contribution amounts and need to keep them up. It was mentioned that for now St. Joseph and Notre Dame roofs are in need of replacing but there isn't enough money to replace both of them right now. With Notre Dame's roof being approximately 12 years old and with every rainfall and wind storm there seems to be more and more asphalt coming off of the roof, which has included having some leaks in the roof. There was much discussion on the maintenance side for building repairs and how long can we continuing to keep repairing things with the decreasing Mass attendance and contributions.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 14th at 6:30pm at the Notre Dame Parish Center.

**Closing Prayer:** Glory Be was led by Fr. Joe.

Respectfully Submitted  
Darlene Livernois