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St. Mary's Parish Council Meeting Notes Monsignor Reinbold Hall October 8, 2025

ATTENDEES: Cathy Alegre, Christine Flynn, Missy Gervasini, Erin Golden, Msgr. Ken, Sandra Koenig, Christina Lejda, Kyle Lewis, Diana McCumiskey, Denise Meisnest, Mary Anne Moresco, Tom Moresco, Dominick Pizarro, Kait Ryan, Jim Stewart, Fran Thompson, Gary Thompson

MEETING OPENED: The meeting was opened in prayer by Tom at 7:07 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE/HOUSEKEEPING:

APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES: The meeting notes were reviewed and approved.

MINISTRY LIST: The ministry list was circulated, and updates were requested.

ADD TO CALENDAR: The following updates need to be made to the calendar:

- October 26—Fall fest at 1:00 p.m.; lineup at 12:30 p.m.
- November 16 to 20—the parish mission at 7:00 p.m.
- November 9—flag raising
- First two weeks in November: Visit from Fr. Vincent
- December 6—tree lighting at the Pines at 7:00 p.m.
- December 7—breakfast beginning at 9:00 a.m.
- December 7—Bell Tower Lighting (Knights) 7:00 p.m.

HOUSE KEEPING ITEMS: Parish Housekeeping items are as follows:

- There is a hole in one of the cushions on the right side (last pew) at the Pines. Msgr. will follow up.
- The lettering on the sign outside the Pines, at the corner of Bishop Way and McKinley Ave. needs to be fixed, and the shrubs need to be trimmed. Gary will take care of the shrubs. Msgr. will follow up to correct the situation with the peeling letters.
- The chairs need to be cleaned in the chapel. Msgr. will follow up.

MINISTRY REPORTS:

HOSPITALITY: Missy reported on the Hospitality Committee.

- **OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION:** Eighty families have received the Our Lady of Fatima statue. Visitations are scheduled through the end of December.
- **BREAKFAST:** In September, 125 people attended the breakfasts between the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses. The next breakfast is October 19, followed by November 16—both at Barnegat. Diane has been doing crafts with the children.
- **TREE LIGHTING:** On October 28, Missy will meet with Gary and Fran to go over hospitality plans for the tree lighting event.

FAMILY MINISTRY: Msgr. reported on the Family Ministry. The next Family Ministry event is the Fall fest on Sunday afternoon, October 26. There will be pumpkin decorating, games and a costume parade in the parking lot of the parish center. Joe and Cheryl Messina are coordinating.

PATH (FORMERLY HOMELESS) MINISTRY: Denise reported on the PATH ministry.

- The homeless ministry has been renamed. The new name is the PATH Ministry (Programs Assisting the Homeless).
- The goal is determining ways to prevent people from becoming homeless.
- On October 18-19 the PATH Ministry will be at the Welcome Center. This ministry will explain what they are about in pre-Mass announcements.
- The winter backpack program is starting now.
- There is much gratitude to the people of St. Francis who are giving guidance on how to reach people.
- This ministry is always in need of volunteers and more leaders.
- The meetings of PATH are on the second Saturday of every month at 1:00 p.m. in Monsignor Reinbold Hall.
- This ministry is currently helping a seven-month-old as part of a 5-member family (three children) who are homeless. Denise will connect with Mary Anne so that St. Michael's can give assistance to this family.

ENOUGH! MINISTRY: Sandra reported on the Enough Ministry.

- The parish podium talks went well, and the feedback was good, with people signing up for the ministry.
- *Leadem* counseling representatives were speakers for the Recovery Breakfast. They will be giving a separate seminar on helping families where there is addiction, and the hope is that this can be video recorded.
- Information on the *Leadem* seminar will be in next week's bulletin. This event will be separate from the ENOUGH! Ministry.

RESPECT LIFE: Tom reported on Respect Life.

- This year, there were 30-40 people for Life Chain. St. Theresa's has started their own life chain.
- St. Michael the Archangel now has 501(c)(3) status as a non-profit charity.
- The Respect Life breakfast (reported by Mary Anne) is October 25 with Mass at St. Mary of the Pines and then breakfast at the Parish Center. Guest speaker is Rosemarie from the Abortion Survivor's Network.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Kyle reported for the Knights of Columbus.

- There will be a Christmas market on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. If you would like to be a vendor, contact Anthony.
- On December 7 the Knights will be cooking for the Christmas breakfast.
- Repairs are being made to the Bell Tower.
- On November 9 there will be a flag raising ceremony

WHO CAN WE HELP: Fran reported on the Who Can we Help Program. This is going well.

- Last month donations (over \$400.00) were given to Family Promise.
- The suggestion was made to print an envelope to be given to the ushers.

- Tom will make the envelope—beginning with about 20 to see if they go or not. There needs to be a statement that says do not leave money on the counter.
- Ed Massari needs to be contacted to make him aware of this, so that he can inform the ushers.

HOLY FACE MINISTRY: Christine reported on the Holy Face Ministry.

- The September Holy Face prayer meeting went well. The weather was bad, so some people may have been dissuaded from attending.
- There were about twenty people in attendance.
- Overall feedback has been good.
- For 2026, the third Tuesday of every month is available for Holy Face prayer meetings,
- There is some concern about security. Christine will email Dominick to ask that either the Knights or ushers volunteer to be there for security purposes.

UGANDA MINISTRY: Msgr. Ken's presentation on his recent travels to Uganda went well and was well attended. Father Vincent will be visiting during the first two weekends in November.

YOUTH MINISTRY: Kait reported on the youth ministry. This ministry recently put the flags in for Respect Life at the Pines. Security at the Parish Center is a concern at night. Msgr. will see if there is a way to put some type of frost over the windows so that people cannot look in.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIONS:

CHRISTMAS BOOK GIFT: Msgr. will make a decision about which book to give to the parishioners as a gift. He will decide by next week.

CALENDAR OUTREACH POSTCARD: We hope to have a limited mailing. We need to determine how we can reach the 500 to 1,000 who do not attend Mass. Tom will ask Maria when the dates will be finalized for the postcard. We need to get the postcard out early—by the day after Thanksgiving.

OUTREACH TO PEOPLE: Msgr. will reach out to Dan Donlon about what avenues can be used to attract people on social media.

DIGITAL NEWSLETTER: Michelle is working on a digital newsletter. Msgr. will ask Dan about ways to push the newsletter.

TREE LIGHTING: Gary reported that he will soon be picking up the houses and bringing them to the Pines. He plans to start putting lights on the trees by the end of next week and to begin selling earlier than last year.

MINISTRY FAIR: Dominick reported on the plans for the Ministry Fair. The date for the Ministry Fair is scheduled for Valentines Day. The Parish Council has reserved that day. We need to have this as an agenda topic for the next meeting.

CATHOLIC WOMEN OF ZION: Christina reported on Catholic Women of Zion.

- The next retreat is November 15. Fr. Dean will be talking about "The apparitions of Our Lady of Rwanda."
- The retreat will go from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., with Mass at the Pines and talks at the Parish Center.
- Admission is \$25.00.

TORCH LIGHTING: On Tuesday, November 4 at 7:00 p.m. there will be a lighting of the Our Lady of Guadalupe torch at Our Lady of the Pines.

NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA: The agenda for next month should include:

- Ministry Fair logistics
- Last Minute Advent Logistics
- Social Media aspects to add to increase outreach

SCHEDULE: The attached schedule (Att. 1) was reviewed and updated.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Msgr. Ken will follow up for fixing the hole on the cushion in the last pew at the Pines, right side.
- Msgr. Ken will follow up to have the lettering of the sign at Manahawkin fixed
- Msgr. Ken will follow up to have the chairs cleaned in the chapel
- Msgr. Ken will make a decision about what to give as a Christmas gift to parishioners
- Msgr. Ken will ask Dan what avenues are available for improved social media outreach
- Msgr. will see if there is a way to put some type of frost over the windows at the Parish Center so that people cannot look in.
- Gary will cut the shrubs at Manahawkin
- Tom will ask Maria when the dates will be finalized for the postcard
- Tom will develop an envelope for the Who Can we Help Program.
- Christine will email Dominick to ask that either the Knights or ushers volunteer to be at the church for security purposes during Holy Face services.
- Denise will follow up with Mary Anne to have St. Michael's assist the family of five.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Repose of the soul of Jerry D.
- Repose of the soul of Gabe Saldana (17-year-old) who passed away in a car accident
- Repose of the soul of Mary Anne's Aunt Norma
- Successful brain surgery for Dayton
- Healing of Lane from brain surgery (mother is Jenn Fulweiler) through intercession of Our Lady of Champion, Champion, Wisconsin.
- Home and stability for family of five with 3 children including a baby
- Missy's son and girlfriend Maria, soon to be engaged
- Thanksgiving for Dominic for successful surgery
- Thanksgiving for healing of Julie
- Thanksgiving for birth of great niece of Missy, Charlotte Rose
- Thanksgiving for healing of Julien

CLOSING PRAYER: Msgr. Ken closed the meeting in prayer at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Moresco
Recording Secretary

Attachment 1: CALENDAR OF MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

OCTOBER 2025

Wed. Oct. 15	Seasons of Hope	Bereavement	1:30-3:30 p.m.	Barnegat, MR Hall
Sun. Oct 18,19	PATH Ministry will be at the Welcome Center	All Masses		Pines and Barnegat
Sun., Oct. 19	Breakfast at Barnegat	After 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses		Barnegat
Tues., Oct. 21	Holy Face Devotion	7:00 p.m.		Pines
Wed., Oct. 22	Seasons of Hope	Bereavement	1:30-3:30 p.m.	Barnegat, MR Hall
Sat. Oct 25	Respect Life Breakfast	Rosemarie from the Abortion Survivors Network	Mass at 8:00 at the Pines and breakfast immediately after.	Pines
Fri. Oct 26	Family Ministry	Fall Fest	1:00 p.m. with 12:30 p.m. lineup	Pines
Sat., Sun. Oct. 25-26	Membership Drive	Knights of Columbus	After Masses	Barnegat and the Pines
Mon. Oct. 27	Miracle Mondays	4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.		Barnegat
Wed. Oct 29	Seasons of Hope	Bereavement	1:30-3:30 p.m.	Barnegat, MR Hall

NOVEMBER

First two weeks in November	Visit from Fr. Vincent			
Tues., Nov 4	Our Lady of Guadalupe Torch		7:00 p.m.	Pines
Wed., Nov 5	Seasons of Hope	Bereavement	1:30-3:30 p.m.	Barnegat, MR Hall
Sun, Nov 9	Flag Raising Ceremony	Knights		Pines

Wed. Nov. 25	Enough! Memorial Mass	Combined with Lazarus Mass	7:00 p.m.	Barnegat
Sun, Nov. 16	Breakfast at Barnegat	After 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Masses		Barnegat
Sun., Nov 16 to Nov. 20	Parish Mission	7:00 p.m.		Pines
Mon. Nov. 24	Miracle Mondays	4:00 to 7:00 p.m.		Barnegat
Sat., Nov. 29	Christmas Market	Knights of Columbus		Pines

DECEMBER:

Tues. Dec 2	Holy Face Devotion		7:00 p.m.	Pines
Tues. Dec. 6	Tree Lighting		7:00 p.m.	Pines
Sun. Dec. 7	Knights will be cooking for the Christmas Breakfast in the morning. Choir concert And Bell Tower Lighting in the evening	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.		Pines
Mon. Dec. 29	Miracle Mondays	4:00 to 7:00 p.m.		Barnegat