

DRAFT
St. Mary's Parish Council Meeting
Monsignor Reinbold Hall
June 11, 2025
Meeting Notes

ATTENDEES: Cathy Alegre, Michelle Bockin, Mike DeVilliers, Deacon Joe Fiorillo, Christine Flynn, Missy Gervasini, Monsignor Ken, Christina Lejda, Mary Anne Moresco, Tom Moresco, Denise Meisnest, Dominick Pisarro, Jim Stewart.

MEETING OPENED: Msgr. opened the meeting in prayer at 7:08 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS: The Action Items were reviewed and updated as reflected in these notes.

HOSPITALITY: Missy reported on the hospitality committee

- **VISITING PILGRIM STATUE:** There are twenty new Our Lady of Fatima recipients. The Hospitality Committee recently conducted a recruitment at Sunday Masses, including the Spanish Mass. One statue has been scheduled until September 23 and the other is scheduled until the 23rd of July.
- **HOSPITALITY BREAKFASTS:** Breakfasts are going well with many people being served.
- **CARNIVAL PARTICIPATION:** This committee will be helping with the dessert table at the carnival.

FAMILY MINISTRY: Msgr. Ken reported on the family ministry.

- This ministry met on Monday night and there were many good ideas discussed.
- On August 7 there will be an outdoor movie night with popcorn, and hopefully an ice cream truck at the Pines.
- A music night is being planned for the fall.
- Other ideas are candy bar bingo, pumpkin night, the outdoor burning bush (as part of Adoration).

HOMELESS MINISTRY: Mike and Denise reported on the Homeless Ministry.

- Thirty backpacks have been delivered for the homeless to Toms River.
- This ministry is working with people and agencies to develop a process to handle homeless situations.
- New committee members are needed for this ministry, including nurses and accountants. They are currently meeting at 1:00 p.m. on the second Saturday of the month.
- A two-pronged approach is used by educating the community as well as raising funds to help with emergency housing.
- The goal is to build a coalition to get the word out.
- Dominick added that there are families living with their children in the woods behind Costco. Mike asked for intelligence on this so that he can demonstrate there are at least ten homeless individuals in need of housing and from there get help

WHO CAN WE HELP MINISTRY: It was decided that funds collected in August from this ministry would go to the Homeless Ministry.

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

- There are three different miraculous images connected to the Holy Face.
- Eighty prayer packets have been put together for Holy Face hours of prayer.
- This effort has been advertised in the bulletin, and the first hour of prayer was held this week with about 20-25 people attending. They alternated between periods of vocal prayer and silence.
- Pamphlets will be provided during the carnival at the Parish Center.
- Christine has purchased a second Holy Face image, and it is hoped that this image will be displayed at least some days during the Carnival when the church is open for prayer.

UGANDA MINISTRY: The Uganda Ministry has requested to be more frequently highlighted on the parish website. The Uganda Ministry will have a table at the carnival. Msgr. will be travelling to Uganda from August 4 to August 13.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL: Msgr. Ken reported on the ice cream social. He said it went very well but next year should be held after school was out for the summer.

CORPUS CHRISTI: Michelle reported on Corpus Christi. This year the Corpus Christi procession was moved inside due to the heat. The event went well.

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS EUCHARISTIC MIRACLE EXHIBIT: Michelle reported on the Blessed Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit. Approximately 240 people registered as having viewed the exhibit. Some non-Catholics came through. Fr. Walter gave a great talk. The canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis is scheduled for September 7.

PARISH EVENTS: Upcoming major events from the June notes were reviewed.

PARISH PICNIC: Msgr. would like to add a Foam party outside on the grass at the parish picnic.

MINISTRY CATALOGUES: Tom will bring the ministry catalogues to the evangelization table at the parish picnic.

LIGHT OF THE WORLD: The retreat is scheduled for August 2-3 (Saturday and Sunday). So far, 39 have registered. The statue of our Lady of Fatima will be at the retreat.

MINISTRY BOOKLET: The Laundry for Linens needs to be included in the ministry booklet.

MINISTRY FAIR: Dominick reported that potential dates for the ministry fair are January 23 and 24; February 20 and 21 and March 6 and 7. He will go back to Claudia for more dates including dates in spring/summer.

MINISTRY SUNDAY: Msgr. reported on Ministry Sunday.

- To help promote joining ministries, Ministry Sunday was discussed. For this, people would be invited to join a particular ministry and give a short talk before Mass.
- The ministry would staff the Welcome Center and give out information pertaining to their particular ministry.

- Dusting Angels will adopt a weekend.
- Respect Life is usually at the Welcome Center on the first weekend of October.

INTERFAITH DESIGNER BAG BINGO: Christine reported that tickets are available for this event (Friday night, September 19) and that those interested should contact the interfaith office after August 11. The cost is \$40 including games. Additional cards are \$15.00. This is the biggest fundraiser for Interfaith.

BACKPACK DRIVE: Dave and Denise reported that a backpack drive will be held soon for the homeless. More information will be provided next month.

TOPICS FOR NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA: The topics for next month include the following:

- Parish Mission in late November: Fathers of Mercy
- Advent
- Tree lighting at the pines
- Seven Pillars

ACTION ITEMS:

- Dominick will check with Claudia for additional dates for the parish ministry fair.
- Cathy (Dusting Angels) and Mary Anne (Respect Life) will sign up for a ministry weekend.
- Tom will bring the ministry catalogues to the evangelization table at the parish picnic.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Healing of Patty Golden
- Thanksgiving for Dominic's successful surgery
- Successful Light of the Retreat Conference
- Those who are homeless
- Good weather for the carnival
- Successful surgery for Tom
- For the victims of the Texas floods and for peace and consolation for families and friends

MEETING CLOSED: Msgr. closed the meeting in prayer at 8:23 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Moresco
Recording Secretary

Attachments (1)

Attachment 1: CALENDAR OF MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

JULY 2025

Monday, July 28	Jubilee Miracle Mondays			Barnegat
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AUGUST 2025

Saturday and Sun. August 2-3	Light of the World			The Pines
Sunday, August 24	Coffee and Bagels			The Pines
Monday, August 25	Jubilee Miracle Mondays			Barnegat

SEPTEMBER 2025

Sat. and Sun. September 6,7	Marian Appeals and Apparitions			The Pines
Sun, Sept. 7	Parish Picnic			The Pines
Sat. Sept. 20	Enough! Breakfast	After morning Mass		Barnegat