

**Meeting Notes of St. Mary's Parish Council**  
**Monsignor Reinbold Hall**  
**August 12, 2025**

**ATTENDEES:** Cathy Alegre, Michelle Bockin, Mike DeVilliers, Deacon Joe Fiorillo, Christine Flynn, Missy Gervasini, Deacon Joe, Sandra Koenig, Msgr. Ken, Christina Lejda, Kyle Lewis, Joe Martyn, Mary Anne Moresco, Tom Moresco, Jim Stewart, Fran Thompson.

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

**ADMINISTRATION:**

**MINISTRY CATALOG:** Tom provided an update on the parish ministry catalog.

- Tom will talk to the rectory about making more copies of the ministry catalog booklet.
- Changes to the booklet should be sent to either Tom or to Michelle.
- Tom will ask Dan to send out a request to ministry leaders for them to update their ministry description, offering ministries one week to provide updates.
- Tom will check with Dan to see if the booklet can be posted on the website.
- “Linens for the Lord” needs to be updated.

**MINISTRY CONTACT LIST:** This list was circulated with a request that updates be provided to Tom.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**HOSPITALITY:** Missy reported on the Hospitality Committee.

- The hospitality committee helped at the carnival and this went well.
- On the most recent hospitality Sunday, at the Pines, 60 people came to the breakfast.
- This upcoming Sunday is the last Sunday at the Pines.
- Future dates in Barnegat are as follows: 9/14 10/19 and 11/16.

**VISITING PILGRIM STATUES:** Missy reported on the visiting pilgrim statues.

- Missy has been working on obtaining testimonies for the visiting statues. So far, she has reached out to five people for testimonies.
- There are 17 families left on the working list to receive a statue, and the current schedule continues until September 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Signups are going well, and many are asking to have the statue back.
- Missy will check with Dan to see if there could be a link on the website for the visiting statue video to be shown and maybe check with Lee to see if it could be shown one day before Mass—perhaps as part of the ministry adopted weekend.

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT:** A free ice cream truck was at this event.

**PRE-ADVENT MISSION:** Msgr. reported that a priest from Fathers of Mercy will preach at this mission.

**HOMELESS MINISTRY:** Mike DeVilliers provided an update on the homeless ministry.

- This ministry has adopted a vision and a mission statement, which needs to be included in the ministry catalog—keeping in mind the one paragraph limit. Both the Mission Statement and the Vision Statement for the Homeless Ministry were given to meeting attendees.
- There are two separate backpack campaigns. One is a summer campaign, and one is a winter campaign.
- Many of the ministry leaders' positions have been filled. For example, resource development coordinator, ministry treasurer and volunteer coordinator have been filled. The ministry still needs a fund development coordinator.
- Work is being done to establish a committee for approval of its 501c3 status. Tom will insert their mission statement for this group in the ministry catalog.

**WHO CAN WE HELP?** Fran reported on the “Who Can We Help?” Program.

- The program is going well.
- In Barnegat the collection box will be moved to the rectory due to recent thefts.
- The Council agreed that next month the collection should go to Family Promise.
- Going forward, Msgr. suggested asking parishioners to help identify recipients of this collection.

**MIRACLE MONDAYS:** Michelle reported on Miracle Mondays. This continues to go well.

- On September 29, coverage is needed beginning at 5:00. On November 24, extra coverage will be needed. Msgr. will identify a group to assist with coverage on these particular days.
- Tom asked if the group could possibly consider having a scheduled period of sacred silence during the Miracle Monday exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. This will be further addressed at a future meeting.

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

- The second large image was obtained and displayed during the Parish Carnival in the church.
- Last night (Tuesday, 8/12) was the second Holy Face Holy Hour at the Pines. Twenty-five people attended.
- The overall feedback has been positive.
- A request was made to put the kneeler in front of the image, but the concern was that this might cause distraction.
- A suggestion was made to have the image displayed for ½ hour before and ½ hour after the Holy Hour.
- Gregorian Chant was playing before the hour of prayer and this was well received.
- Christine intends for the Holy Face Ministry to adopt a weekend at the Welcome Center.
- The next Holy Hour of the Holy Face is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16.

**UGANDA MINISTRY:** Msgr. reported on his recent trip to Uganda.

- He hopes to write a travel log.
- Everywhere he went people were thankful. This ministry is making an impact.
- They began building the Parish Hall and they have the bottom floor completed. The Parish Hall is next to St. Augustine grammar school where there are 1,000 children.
- Msgr. and Fr. Vincent went out to the bush bringing food and clothing to the children. The lifestyle is very different, and the children do not otherwise have new clothing. Msgr. has wonderful memories of this trip. Education is very important. Going to school provides a huge opportunity for their future. He hopes to provide an overview of his trip at a future Uganda Ministry meeting.

**RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE:** Mary Anne provided an update on the Respect Life Committee, as follows:

- National Day of Remembrance for aborted children in Tom's River. (9/13)
- Diocese of Trenton Mass and March for life. Ocean County Right to Life is sponsoring a bus, stopping at St. Joe's then St. Mary's; 15 people/parish. (\$10) (9/25)
- Pink and Blue Flags (first two weeks in October)
- Respect Life Sunday—Give out RL information/Life chain (10/5)
- Guest speaker for the Respect Life Breakfast—Rosemarie from the Abortion Survivors network; (10/25)

### **RECAP OF RECENT EVENTS:**

**CARNIVAL:** Msgr. reported that the carnival was a success, with about \$80,000 in profit for the parish. The evangelization table went well. The Holy Face image was in the church, with a kneeler in front of the image for prayer. Those who went into the church had the opportunity to light a candle. Tom reported that there were approximately 80 candles lit, providing a rough representation of the number of people who visited the church during the week. There was a miscommunication about the ministry catalog, and it was given out in the church instead of at the Evangelization table.

**LIGHT OF THE WORLD:** Tom provided a report from Felicia that the Light of the World retreat was fruitful and beautiful. Fr. Marcin was able to visit and give a talk to participants. Michelle provided an additional summary saying it was well attended with many people from outside the parish in attendance.

**HEALING MASS:** Tom reported on the healing Mass with Fr. Pio Mandato.

### **UPCOMING ACTIONS, ACTIVITIES and EVENTS:**

**MINISTRY ADOPT A WEEKEND:** We need to continue to solicit ministry signups from ministry leaders. The ministries desiring to adopt a weekend at the Welcome Center should contact Claudia for available dates. The Holy Face Ministry, Dusting Angels, The Homeless Committee, the Enough! Ministry and Respect Life all expressed an interest in having a ministry sign-up. Coordinators for these ministries should contact Claudia at the rectory to identify a date. Tom took action items for writing bulletin and Flocknote announcements.

**ENOUGH!:** Sandra reported on the ENOUGH! Ministry.

- September is national recovery month. They are planning to do talks at the podium from September 13-14.
- This ministry had good representation at the carnival, including both English-speaking and Spanish-speaking folks who visited the table.
- Enough! Recovery Mass is September 15
- Combined Enough! Memorial Mass and Lazarus Mass is November 19 at Barnegat.

**MISSION:**

- The Fathers of Mercy mission is scheduled for some time in late November. It is a four-day retreat. Msgr. will double check the date.
- The choir concert is scheduled for December 7.

**GIFT BOOK IDEAS:** Christina provided an overview of possible books which we could give away as a Christmas gift.

- *The Forgotten Way* calls us to engage the brain before we open our mouths. It addresses self-talk and how we talk to ourselves.
- *Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality* addresses the precepts of the church as well as other areas of Catholic Spirituality.
- The books are \$2 each. Msgr. thought that *The Forgotten Way* might be a good option for the parish and the *Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality* for CCD and school parents. He will review them and decide.
- Tom took an Action Item to get Msgr. the books if he does not already have them.

**AGENDA TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING:**

- **POSTCARDS:** Tom is asking Parish Council members to submit ideas for the Christmas postcards. Kyle will send the pictures of St. Mary's from last Christmas to Tom.
- **CHRISTMAS TREES:** The dates for this are needed. This year, the trees will be displayed only at the Pines.
- **LENTEN RETREAT:** Deacon Joe reported that he is trying to work out a 2026 Lenten retreat with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal from EWTN.
- **MIRACLE MONDAYS:** A request was made for discussion about the possibility of at least some time of sacred silence during Miracle Mondays.

**MINISTRY ROUNDTABLE:**

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

- The Knights will be cooking at the parish picnic on September 7.
- September 22 is their golf outing.
- The Knights will have a membership drive on October 25-26
- A flea market is being planned. More information to follow.

**GARBAGE DUMPING:** Jim reported that garbage was dumped in the middle of the night by the dumpster and there is clutter around the donation bin. We may need to put a light there— Msgr. will follow up. Jim offered to help with cleanup.

**HOLY FACE:** Christine reported that at the Padre Pio Center in Barto there was a replica of the holy Face at the moment of the resurrection. This replica was touched to the Holy Face of Manoppello and she said it has the same status as the original.

**PARISH PICNIC/MARIAN APPARITIONS:** Michelle reported that The Marian Apparitions exhibit will be on display Saturday, September 6 (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) and Sunday September 7 (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.). The picnic will be on September 7.

**ADVENT PREPARATIONS:** Tom will put together the information for the Christmas postcard and will contact Claudia to confirm the dates.

**WHO CAN WE HELP?** This program will be opened to the parish to nominate a cause. Still discussing how to implement.

**CALENDAR REVIEW:** The calendar was reviewed, updated and is included as Attachment 1.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Msgr. will review the books for the Christmas gift and make a decision.
- Msgr. will follow up on possibly putting a light by the charity bin and by the garbage bin.
- Kyle will send the pictures of St. Mary's to Tom.
- Tom will talk to the rectory about making more copies of the ministry catalog booklet after it is updated.
- Tom will ask Dan to send out a request to ministry leaders for them to update their ministry description, offering each ministry one week to provide updates.
- Tom will check with Dan to see if the booklet itself can be included on the website.
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- Tom will insert the mission statement for the Homeless Ministry in the ministry catalog.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

- Andrew S. who will be joining seminary
- Peter Galvano who has an infection with a 104 fever
- Repose of the soul of Patti Golden
- Protection from fentanyl lacing
- Thanksgiving that Msgr. returned safely from Uganda
- Repose of the soul of SMTAPHC mom Angela's grandmother
- Continued healing for Tom and Mary Anne

**MEETING CLOSED:** Msgr. Ken closed the meeting in prayer at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Moresco  
Recording Secretary

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**Attachment 1: CALENDAR OF MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

**AUGUST 2025**

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; Knights of Columbus will be cooking.			The Pines
Sat, Sept 13	National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children	Ocean County Memorial Park Cemetery 10:30 a.m.		Tom's River
Sat. and Sun. Sept. 13,14	Enough! Ministry Talks at the podium	National Recovery Month		Barnegat and the Pines
Sun. Sept 14	Breakfast at Barnegat	After 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Masses		Barnegat
Mon. Sept 15	Enough! Recovery Mass	Rosary begins at 7:00 p.m. with Mass beginning at 7:30 p.m.		Barnegat
Sun. Sept. 16	Holy Face Holy Hour	7:00 p.m.		The Pines
Sat. Sept. 20	Enough! Breakfast	After morning Mass		Barnegat
Mon. Sept 22	Golf Outing	Knights of Columbus		
Thurs. Sept. 25	Diocese of Trenton Mass and March for Life	Bus		Trenton
Mon. Sept 29	Miracle Mondays	4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.		Barnegat

**OCTOBER 2025**

Sun. Oct 5	Respect Life Sunday and Life Chain; Welcome Center and podium talks			Barnegat
Sun. Oct 19	Breakfast at Barnegat	After 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses		Barnegat
Sat. Oct 25	Respect Life Breakfast	Rosemarie from the Abortion Survivors Network		The Pines
Sat., Sun. Oct. 25-26	Membership Drive	Knights of Columbus		Barnegat and the Pines
Mon. Oct. 27	Miracle Mondays	4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.		Barnegat

## NOVEMBER

Wed. Nov. 19	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
Mon. Nov. 24	Miracle Mondays	4:00 to 7:00 p.m.		Barnegat

## DECEMBER:

Sun. Dec. 7	Choir concert	7:00 p.m.		Pines
Mon. Dec. 29	Miracle Mondays	4:00 to 7:00 p.m.		Barnegat