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St. Mary's Parish Council Meeting Notes

Monsignor Reinbold Hall

September 10, 2025

ATTENDEES: Cathy Alegre, Michelle Bockin, Deacon Tony Fiero, Deacon Joe Fiorillo, Msgr. Ken, Denise Meisnest, Sandra Koenig, Christina Lejda, Anthony Kappmeier, Joe Martyn, Denise Meisnest, Mary Anne Moresco, Joe Morici, Tom Moresco, Msgr. Ken, Dominick Pizarro, Jim Stewart.

MEETING OPENED: Msgr. Ken opened the meeting in prayer at 7:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES: The August meeting notes were approved.

HOSPITALITY: Tom read a hospitality report which was provided to him by Missy.

- **FELLOWSHIP BREAKFASTS:** At the breakfast in the Pines there were 25 attendees at the 7:30 a.m. Mass and 80 (with many young families) at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. The next breakfast is scheduled for this Sunday (9/14) after the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses at Barnegat.
- **VISITING STATUES:** Parishioners are still signing up to receive the statue of Our Lady of Fatima. Visitations are scheduled up until December 2025. The home team has been blessed by praying with the parishioners. Still waiting to hear back from Lee about whether we can show the video in the church or in the hallways.

FAMILY MINISTRY: The next meeting of the family ministry is September 29 at 7:00 p.m., after Miracle Mondays, in the Rectory office. All are welcome. The Family Ministry will be planning many activities for the fall including a fall fest, and a costume parade. Cheryl and Joe will be coordinating.

LITURGY: Msgr. Ken reported that there are nine new altar servers in training.

HOMELESS MINISTRY: Denise gave a report on the Homeless ministry because Mike was out on a mission trying to help someone who is unsheltered. She indicated that this ministry is a 24-7 ministry, with someone always available to help.

- The ministry has given assistance to men, women, children and grandmothers—to help them find permanent housing.
- They have given out backpacks and blessing bags.
- The summer backpack program has been completed, and work has begun on a winter backpack program.
- They are working with the Knights of Columbus trying to coordinate an Applebee's fundraiser.
- This ministry is making a difference and getting the job done one person at a time.

WHO CAN WE HELP? It was decided that going forward, rather than having a different recipient group every month, the donation should be directed to: *A General Emergency fund for people in crisis who reach out to St. Mary's.*

MIRACLE MONDAYS: Michelle reported on Miracle Mondays.

- Miracle Mondays are going well.
- Coverage is needed September 29 and also November 24. Ed S. will help to cover.
- Msgr. Ken will select a ministry to cover these dates. Possible ministries are the St. Padre Pio Group, the Homeless Ministry, Eucharistic Adoration Ministry and Light of the World.
- Msgr. Ken said monthly Miracle Mondays will continue through next year.

HOLY FACE PRAYER: Tom read an update provided by Christine. The next prayer meeting of the Holy Face Prayer ministry is Tuesday, 9/16 at the Pines.

UGANDA: Msgr. Ken needs to pick a date when his trip presentation will be given.

HOLY COMMUNION REMINDERS: Msgr. Ken will again add pre-Mass reminders of how to receive holy communion and if you are coming for a blessing then please go to a priest or a deacon.

AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA RALLY: Joe Morici gave an update on this rally. It will be held at Barnegat at noon on Saturday, October 11. This needs to be added to the calendar. Joe agreed to make sure that Maria (Parish Scheduler) knows about the event.

MARIAN DISPLAY: Michelle gave an update on the Marian display.

- Saturday attendance was light. Sunday attendance was much better.
- Both rosaries and miraculous medals were given to attendees.
- Next year the suggestion was made that school children be invited on the Friday before this event
- Another suggestion is to look into the possibility of getting a copy of the display in Spanish.

MINISTRY CATALOGS: A total of 200 updated ministry catalogs were printed. It was decided they should be distributed as follows:

- 1/3 to the Pines
- 1/3 to Barnegat
- 1/3 to Rectory Office and New Parishioners

Msgr. Ken will talk to staff about including catalogs in the Welcome Packages. Tom will ask Alicia to put the updated catalogs at the Welcome Center.

PICNIC: Anthony and Msgr. Ken gave an update on the picnic. Msgr. reported that the picnic was a great success. Close to 400 people attended. Fifteen Knights and their wives were working, beginning at 8:00 in the morning. Next year, they may need more help for cleanup.

DATE OF THE ENOUGH/LAZARUS MASS needs to be changed to Tuesday, November 25th.

ADVENT: Msgr. Ken reported that the Fathers of Mercy (Fr. Joseph Aytona) will be running the parish mission beginning Nov. 16th.

- Fr. Aytona will cover some Masses on the weekend.
- It will be a four-day or five-day mission. (Topic is: To serve is to Reign)
- Fr. will cover 8:00 a.m. Monday through Thursday Masses.
- There will be confession and a Holy hour.
- There will be hospitality on the last night. Mary Anne will contact Missy to see if her group can cover hospitality on the last night of the mission.
- Msgr. Ken will arrange for deacons and altar servers

LENTEN RETREAT: Deacon Joe is trying to schedule someone from EWTN for our 2026 Lenten retreat.

GIVE AWAY BOOK DECISION: Msgr. Ken will look at Gus Lloyd books. The target cost per book is \$1.00.

POST CARD: Everyone liked the Bell Tower picture for the next postcard. We need to finalize the card by the next Parish Council meeting. We need to decide if we will do the Christmas mailing of the postcard.

BELL TOWER LIGHTING: The lighting of the Bell Tower is December 7.

TREE LIGHTING: The tree lighting will be held at the beginning of Advent and the end of November—this year it will be only at the Pines.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: This will include Santa Claus, live animals and a nativity story.

HOLY FAMILY: Barnegat will be getting a large outdoor nativity of the Holy Family. It will be bolted to the ground. The Knights of Columbus will build the manger. The Nativity and Manger will be facing West Bay Avenue.

MINISTRY ROUNDTABLE:

- **MINISTRY FAIR:** Dominick gave an update on the ministry fair. The Ministry Fair is currently tentatively scheduled for Saturday, February 14th. Suggested times are from 9:00 to 2:00 p.m. We will make a final decision next month.
- **ENOUGH!:** ENOUGH! pre-Mass talks are this weekend. Every Mass is covered except the 2:00 Spanish Mass. Those who do the talks will help staff the Welcome Center.
- **CHAPEL:** The chairs need to be cleaned or reupholstered. Msgr. Ken will follow-up.
- **DESIGNER BAG BINGO and FORMED:** Christina reported that this is sold out. She suggested the Practicing Catholic program on Formed.
- **HOMELESS MINISTRY:** Denise reported that a young man prayed and felt the library would be a safe place to go. That is how this man connected to the ministry.
- **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** The knights need more players for their golf outing.
 - On October 12 they will be part of the Columbus Day parade.
 - There will be a membership drive on Saturday, October 25-26. They will show a video of the Knights.

- There will be a flea market on Saturday, November 29 and the Knights will be cooking.

TOPICS FOR NEXT MONTH:

- Review Advent Events, Activities and Actions
- Make a decision about the Ministry Fair
- Select a book or pamphlet to give away at Christmas
- Ministries to cover Miracle Mondays

ACTION ITEMS:

- Msgr. Ken will:
 - ❖ Select a book or pamphlet for Christmas “give-away.”
 - ❖ Arrange for reupholstering of the chairs in the chapel
 - ❖ Reinstitute pre-Mass reminders about how to receive Holy Communion/e.g. if you are coming up for a blessing, then go to a priest or to a deacon.
 - ❖ Select ministries to cover Miracle Mondays (e.g. Padre Pio group, Homeless Ministry, Eucharistic Adoration Coordinators, maybe Light of the World.)
 - ❖ Pick a date for Msgr. Ken’s Uganda trip review.
 - ❖ Arrange for deacons and altar servers at the next retreat (in November)
 - ❖ Talk to staff about including Ministry Catalogs in the Welcome Packages.
- Tom will ask Alicia to put the catalogs at the Welcome Center.
- Mary Anne will contact Missy to see if there can be hospitality on the last night of the mission.

CALENDAR REVIEW: Time was given to review the calendar, and updates were requested and provided. These are reflected in Attachment 1.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Repose of the soul of Charlie Kirk
- Repose of the soul of Frank K.
- Repose of the soul of Joe’s cousin Lorraine.
- Repose of the soul of Aubrey Lauer and help for her two young children
- Healing of Julian through the intercession of St. Carlo Acutis
- Successful open-heart surgery for Joseph K
- Successful surgery for Deacon Joe
- Successful surgery for Ray
- Successful surgery for Michelle’s brother Michael

Msgr. closed the meeting in prayer at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Moresco
Recording Secretary

Attachment 1: CALENDAR OF MAJOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**AUGUST 2025**

Monday, August 25	Jubilee Miracle Mondays			Barneгат

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		Barneгат and the Pines
Sun. Sept 14	Breakfast at Barneгат	After 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Masses		Barneгат
Mon. Sept 15	Enough! Recovery Mass	Rosary begins at 7:00 p.m. with Mass beginning at 7:30 p.m.		Barneгат
Sun. Sept. 16	Holy Face Holy Hour	7:00 p.m.		The Pines
Sat. Sept. 20	Enough! Breakfast	After morning Mass		Barneгат
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.		Barneгат

OCTOBER 2025

Wed. Oct. 1	Seasons of Hope	Bereavement	1:30-3:30 p.m.	Barneгат, MR Hall
Sun. Oct 5	Respect Life Sunday and Life Chain; Welcome Center and			Barneгат

	podium talks; Second Collection			
Wed., Oct. 8	Seasons of Hope	Bereavement	1:30-3:30 p.m.	Barnegat, MR Hall
Sat., Oct. 11	America Needs Fatima	Rosary Rally		Barnegat
Wed. Oct. 15	Seasons of Hope	Bereavement	1:30-3:30 p.m.	Barnegat, MR Hall
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		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
Wed. Oct 29	Seasons of Hope	Bereavement	1:30-3:30 p.m.	Barnegat, MR Hall

NOVEMBER

Tues., Nov 4	Holy Face Devotion		7:00 p.m.	Pines
Wed., Nov 5	Seasons of Hope	Bereavement	1:30-3:30 p.m.	Barnegat, MR Hall
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
Mon. Nov. 24	Miracle Mondays	4:00 to 7:00 p.m.		Barnegat

DECEMBER:

Tues. Dec 2	Holy Face Devotion		7:00 p.m.	Pines
Sun. Dec. 7	Choir concert And Bell Tower Lighting	7:00 p.m.		Pines

Mon. Dec. 29	Miracle Mondays	4:00 to 7:00 p.m.		Barnegat
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