

Parish Pastoral Council Notes — October 16, 2017

Team Focus: Social Outreach

In Attendance

Anne Bell, Lisa Bianculli, Renee Connor-Flint, Bill Crandall, Greg Dankey, Jacob Fuhrman, Adam Greenly, Duncan Harris, Eric Heinen, Paul Hogan, Amy Johnson, Cathy Kamp, Mark Kukuvka, Mary Ann Lovelock, Jeanne Mooney, Mike Nesbitt, Claudia Reyda, Dave Roberts, Ned Sayegh, Carolyn Schlageter, Fr. Jim Schwartz, Marilina Shaughnessy, Sr. Rosemary Sherman, Steve Smith, Nancy Veronesi

Chair's Welcome

Ned Sayegh & Cathy Kamp

- on our “Eye on 2020” and our 5 Year Plan: need all teams to update your section. Where we are now, and where you think you’ll be in 2020.
- 6 from St Joseph’s went to Steubenville, OH, for ChristLife training in September.
- The ChristLife program will be rolled out to the parish in Lent of next year, but we are preparing for that by having a pilot for learning and training purposes this fall. This pilot will be on Tuesdays from Nov 7 through December 19, plus a retreat on December 9th. An initial core team training session will be held Oct 28th. To learn more about ChristLife and to register for the Fall training and pilot OR for Lent, please visit: <http://www.sjcpenfield.com/christlife>
- The ChristLife initiative has also impacted our original PPC Meeting schedule for this year. The two major dates impacted are:

The February 12th meeting has been changed from

February 12 – Faith for Life/ChristLife

to

*** February 12 – First session of Lent
ChristLife/Discovering Christ,
Mondays, 6:00-8:30PM with dinner
Feb 12 – Mar 26**

The March 2 and 3rd Leadership Retreat weekend has been revamped. It was

**Fri-Sat, March 2 (6-9PM) – March 3 (8am-Noon)
Leadership Retreat Weekend
Focus: Stewardship & Becoming a Church of Mercy**

and has been replaced with

**** ChristLife Retreat
March 17, 8:00AM Mass, 9:00 – 3:00PM Retreat
(replaces Council retreat Mar 2-3)**

(Please note that the dates have also changed for this: from March 2 & 3 to March 17)

If you didn't pick up a copy of the updated calendar a copy of it can be found our website here: [PPCMeetingSchedule](#).

Pastor's Report

Fr. Jim

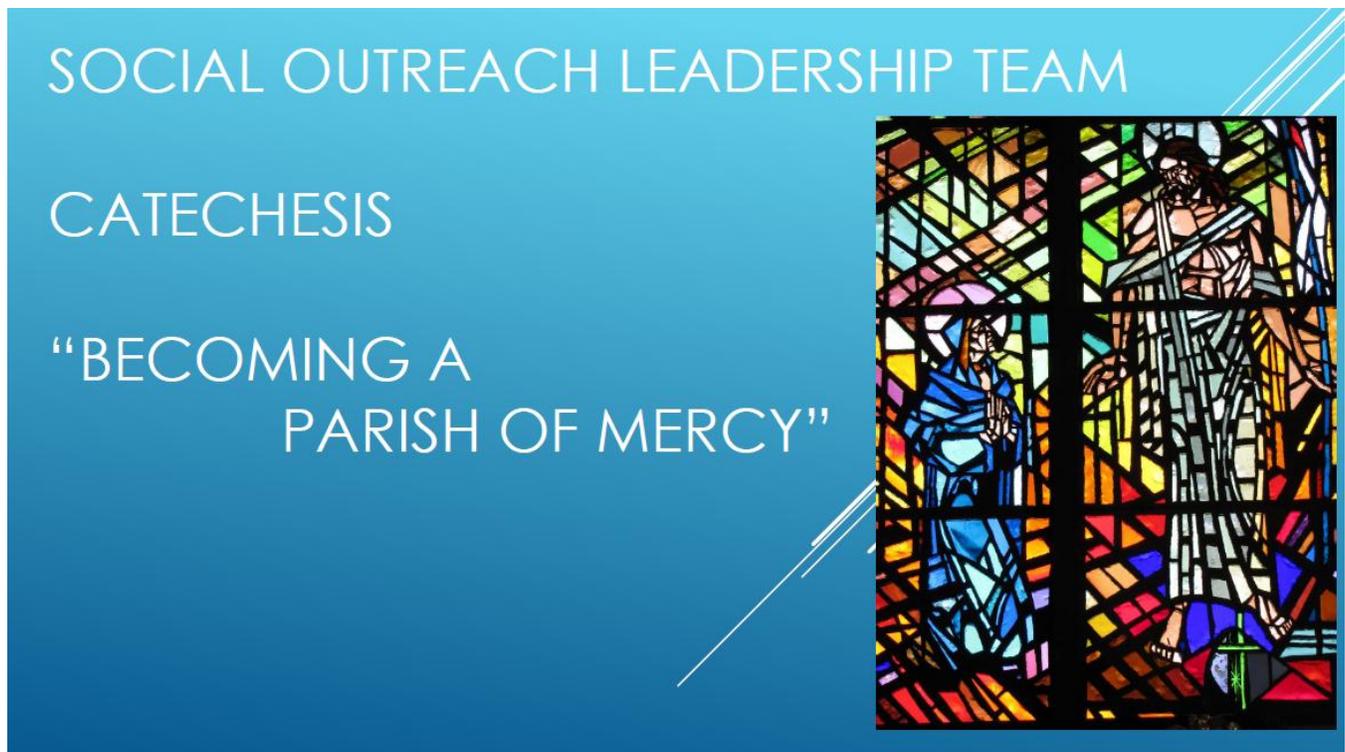
- want to affirm our parish commitment to ChristLife. We need to invite Christ into our hearts and into our lives. Through this ChristLife initiative we will more fully invite Christ into our lives.
- “A Parish of Mercy” is more than just a book, it is our goal. We need to regard Mercy as part of our DNA.
- Stewardship Renewal: this Sunday is Stewardship Commitment Sunday. Our role as Christians challenges us all to be partakers and leaders. Our goal for this weekend is to empower more people within the life of the church.
- CMA Update: we have pledges so far from 252 donors. Since our parish is made up of over 1,000 households we still have a lot of people to hear from.

Team Focus/Catechesis: Social Outreach

Deacon Duncan Harris

Duncan based tonight's catechesis on the “**Becoming a Parish of Mercy**” publication, where the assignment coming into tonight was to read the **Introduction** and **Chapter One “Catching the Vision: Mercy as Love, Gift, and Liberation.”**

Catechesis Presentation



A presentation slide with a blue background. The text is white and reads: "SOCIAL OUTREACH LEADERSHIP TEAM", "CATECHESIS", and "“BECOMING A PARISH OF MERCY”". On the right side, there is a colorful stained glass window depicting a religious scene, possibly the Resurrection, with a figure in a white shroud and another figure in a blue robe.

Chapter 1:



“Catching the Vision:
Mercy as Love, Gift, and Liberation”

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Major Themes in Chapter 1 :

- ▶ God Draws Straight With Crooked Lines – We all have crooked paths in our lives. God always journeys with us.
- ▶ Mercy as Gift - Mercy is a gift we need to give and receive.

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Major Themes in Chapter 1 :

- ▶ Mercy as Liberation – We liberated by God's Mercy and saving grace.
- ▶ Mercy as an Open Door – Christ opens the door of Mercy for us - What kind of door are we?

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Question

Question for Reflection:

- **Being merciful means that we make room for others. How can you “make room” for others in your life?**



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Discussion notes

- be patient
- don't close off people
- welcome people warmly

- open our doors wider
- need to understand emotions and feelings
- you can make a difference in someone's life
- meaning solutions
- make room for others by listening to them and their needs
- Mercy is a two-way street

Leadership Team check-ins

Dave Roberts

Stewardship [Steve Smith, Cathy Kamp]

- Appreciation events are being held after every Mass this weekend (Oct 21st, 22nd)
- We will be showing the new witness talk video at each Mass. [Duncan Harris then played the video so the parish council members could preview it]

Faith for Life [Eric Heinen, Jeanne Mooney]

- Preparing for ChristLife
- provide training for how to pray, and how to include others in prayer
- ChristLife is not a once-and-done event; ChristLife is a journey:
 - Discover Christ
 - Follow Christ
 - Share Christ
- ChristLife is a new element of Faith for Life; the Faith for Life focus is now being reevaluated and restructured in light of the ChristLife effort.

Faith for Life – Youth Ministry [Lisa Bianculli, Ned Sayegh, Fr. Justin Miller]

- 6th and 7th Grade: EDGE nights are going well so far. (EDGE is a new program that we are using the middle school version of Lifeteen.) The teens have dinner, hear a short intro for the night, play a game, listen to about a 10 minute talk about the topic of the night, break up into small groups to discuss what they heard, and they end the night in prayer. My favorite part so far is praying with a group of 6th Grade boys who were very sincere in their prayer.
- Confirmation is going along - the numbers are still high and we hope that they continue to come to youth group after Confirmation.
- The senior high (post-Confirmation) group is a really fun group of teens. We have about 30 coming - tripling the typical numbers for that group from last year. This is encouraging because it shows that we must have touched them in some way if they want to continue coming to youth group, even when they don't have to.
- The Long Acre Farms trip is coming up this weekend and the kids are really excited about it.

- Another encouraging thing to see is that teens are inviting their friends to youth group - it's a good sign.

Worship [Bill Crandall]

- All souls mass Nov 2nd , dedicated to all that have passed away. Invitations have been sent out to the families of all parishioners who have passed in the last year.
- Preparation sessions start for 97- 1st reconciliation candidates this coming Sun/Tues 10/22/24.
- Low gluten hosts will be available for all masses. We ask that the need at each mass be communicated to Nancy Veronesi and or Bill Crandall

Social Outreach [Anne Bell]

Social Outreach's mission to engage the St Joseph's community to encounter and serve the poor and vulnerable is reflective of God's merciful love. We have 13 active ministries that serve the local area (Penfield, city of Rochester, NY) state as well as a Global reach (e.g. Tanzania). We are preparing for the Day of the Poor, Thanksgiving Meal which will be held on November 19th, where we will serve Bethany House, Gift Card recipients, Habitat for Humanity Homeowners, Mary's Place Refugees.

As a leadership team, we are addressing how we best integrate advocacy across our various ministries addressing the greatest need.

Pastoral Care [Sr. Rosemary Sherman]

The Pastoral Care Leadership Team is reflective of God's merciful love in many ways. We minister to those in need in a variety of settings. The homebound, those in Nursing Homes and Care Facilities like Monroe Community Hospital, those hospitalized. Those grieving a loss of a little one with our Elizabeth Ministers, or our Stephen Ministers whose care receivers have a variety of needs as does our cancer ministry. The prayer line assists those in need who have asked for assistance. Our Parish Nurses assist with blood pressure checks and our Prayer Shawl ministry provides the prayers and comfort of a beautiful shawl or a cancer cap, sometimes hat and mittens. Our caring cards show our concern and involvement for a variety of needs and respite care through Lifetime Care helps as well. Shepherd Home provides God's merciful love as only hospice care can do. Martha Ministry provides comfort and support as well, making the reception after a funeral a blessed time for all involved.

Operations [Mark Kukupka]

Steve Howell of the maintenance group was able to pour new sidewalks on the east side of the gymnasium to eliminate the tripping hazard from the brick pavers that were no longer level.

We are also in the process of installing gutters on the east side of the gym to keep the sidewalk and road way from icing up every year.

A new railing will be installed on the east side of the altar to match the west side railing. This is being done by a donation from a parishioner.

The bell tower is not functioning properly and hasn't really been repaired or updated since its original installation. It will take a little while to do the repairs so it probably won't be complete for 6 to 8 months.

Church pew book holders, there is a church ministry downtown that has a woodworking shop and Jim Hopper suggested we contact them in case they would be interested in tackling the project. Cathy Kamp said that parishioner Tom Gleason might also have a connection with them that we could contact. This could be a great opportunity to help each other on getting us this upgrade.

Fall landscape cleanup weekend: So far it looks like the weather is going to cooperate so our first weekend is this Saturday, October 21 between 9:00 AM and noon to rake leaves spread mulch and prepare the campus for winter.

We have a second weekend scheduled for Saturday, November 4 between 9:00 AM and noon. Please spread the news and tell your friends and ministries as it's a good opportunity to get outside and help the church.

Catholic Education [Amy Johnson]

In the beginning of October our school celebrated Grandparents day in which our K-6 students invited their grandparents for refreshments, a craft and the Living Rosary presented by our 4th, 5th and 6th grade students.

Our whole school (preK - 6) is preparing for All Saints Day by studying different saints in each classroom to share with the school.

Our annual Halloween Hop is a social event that will be held on Friday, October 27 in the school gym. Fr. Miller has challenged our students to dress up like a saint to earn a prize.

Our school is participating in a collection of supplies for those affected by the recent hurricanes.