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Tim Shell, Deacon*	Rick Jablonski
David Howell	Carol Horgan
Leslie Simpson	Paul Herman *excused

**ST. JUSTIN MARTYR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
Tuesday November 15, 2016**

**Prayer and Faith Sharing:** Apostles Creed and Reading. 2 Thessalonians 3: 7-12.

Minutes of the October meeting were approved.

**DISCUSSION/DECISION ITEMS:**

Open Discussion: We are having problems keeping younger families involved in church. Maybe economics and demographics are some factors to consider in why younger people are not involved in church. Ways to reach a broader younger audience was discussed. One idea was to have a crying room, another was to have an activity for preschoolers during Mass, sort of like “Sunday School.” At one time mothers got together and took turns taking the children out for a lesson. Now perhaps grandmothers would take over. Another idea was to have a children’s Mass once a month – the Homily could be directed to children as could hymns. Other ideas include:

- After Mass play time in the summer
- Messages toward younger adults
- Social event for young families
- Couples date night with babysitting
- Babysitting available during Mass
- Have a meeting for young families and get their ideas/input
- Advertise on social media
- Have sports league like baseball or bocce

Note that another couples’ date night is planned for this February.

It was decided to have the Christmas gathering on Tuesday December 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM at the Rectory.

**UPDATES & REPORTING:**

**Religious Education:** Charles Hunt

**60 Minutes with Christ/RCIA**

60 Minutes with Christ continues to have a good response, approximately 25-30 parishioners attend. Most parishioners come regularly while others attend when they can. We begin the hour by reflecting on the

upcoming Sunday Gospel, spend about ½ hour on a lesson, entertain questions and close with prayer—all with delicious refreshments and good company!

### **PSR**

Classes just completed a Thanksgiving Food Drive. The students were very generous. The donations will go to the parish's Helping Hands/food pantry.

### **Parish Lenten Mission**

Ads will be going out soon in periodicals such as the diocesan *Northeast Ohio Catholic Magazine*.

### **Christmas Gift to Parish**

Fr. Kevin decided to purchase and distribute Scott Hahn's book, The Lamb's Supper: The Mass as Heaven on Earth, for Christmas this year. Reading the book will help parishioners appreciate and participate in the Mass more deeply.

### **Lenten Book Discussion**

In relation to the Christmas book give away, we will be having a Lenten book discussion group using Hahn's book on the Mass.

### **Worship Commission: Fr. Kevin**

The meeting was November 8, 2016. Tom has begun to introduce the new Mass settings. Mrs. Novak is working with the children's choir to prepare for Christmas Eve Mass in Lambur Hall. Three parishioners attended the Eucharistic Minister Training here so we have three new Eucharistic Ministers.

The new Lector Workbooks are here.

The Communal Penance Service will be Tuesday December 13, 2016.

### **Finance Council: Fr. Kevin**

The Finance Council met on October 20, 2016. Estimates on refurbishing the worship space and remodeling the rest rooms have been received. The estimates are more than the funds available from Rooted in Faith. This means that we would have to use other funds (Endowment Fund) for capital improvements. Finance Council is implementing a legacy program and hope to make people more aware of this. There will be a campaign to increase Offertory collections beginning in January.

### **HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY AND PASTORAL MINISTER'S REPORT- Beth Rossetti, Pastoral Minister**

#### **Confirmation 2017**

- Our class of 8 teens received the Rite of Enrollment to Confirmation on November 6 at the 5:00PM evening Mass. Prayer partners are on the bulletin board. Please take one to pray for a Confirmation Candidate.
- Confirmation Retreat is on December 10-11, 2016 Service projects this year will benefit Deepwood and Forbes House.

#### **FRESH Faith 2016**

- Nothing to report. Sessions are going smoothly.

## **Pop and Praise**

- On Wednesday, November 9 from 6:00-8:30 in Lambur Hall was an **ALL Parish Service Night**. In attendance were mostly high school teens and families. We made 18 blankets for Rainbow Hospital.
- **RELENTLESS** a Diocesan Youth Conference will take place on December 3 from 9am-9pm at John Carroll University. This is hosted by the Youth and Young Adult Ministry Office. National known speaker Paul J. Kim will be our keynote. 15 high school teens and 4 adults will be attending.

## **General**

- **Stewardship Commission**
- T-Shirt sales are doing well and will continue.
- St. Justin Martyr's Stewardship Commission hosted a retreat on November 5th. Joyfully Gifted. This retreat was presented by the Diocese of Cleveland, Office of Evangelization and the lead facilitator was Terri Preskar, Director of Stewardship.
  1. There were 32 people in attendance.
  2. Great ideas were shared at table talk about what can be done to bring more life into our parish. This will be presented to parish council at the January Meeting. This can be shared with the co-coordinating staff before if you would like. Call me and we'll meet.
- **All Souls Mass**
  1. Many nice things were said and thanks were received for the All Souls Mass.

## **Deacon's Report -Tim Shell**

Tim submitted the following in his absence.

Church in the City. Scheduled to Assist at Holy Redeemer's Candlelight Thanksgiving Eve Mass. I am continuing my work with the Holy Redeemer confirmation catechesis program. There are twelve people in the confirmation program plus three adults from RCIA that attend. It meets once per month.

Marriage Enrichment Team is planning a second Date Night for couples. The date for the program is Saturday, February 11, 2017. Two committees have met. The "Arts and Environment" team met to pick and theme and begin working on setting up Lambur Hall for the event. The "Food and Beverage" committee met and have picked a caterer. Planning will continue with the program taking shape as well.

Social Media. The Facebook page has 442 "likes," and increase in four (4) from September. The Twitter account has 63 followers, no new followers from October. Instagram has 56 followers, no new followers from October. I would like to expand the social media effort into more of a team. Since I am not able to be at every event, I would like to develop a team of "reporters" who would post content.

**The next meeting is Tuesday January 17, 2016 at 6:30 PM.**

Submitted by: Therese Ryan, Recording Secretary