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**ST. JUSTIN MARTYR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
Tuesday February 18, 2020**

Prayer and Faith Sharing: Apostles Creed and Reading from the Gospel of Matthew 5:38-48.

The meeting was chaired by Paul Herman in Tom Keaty's absence.

The minutes from the November 2019 meeting were approved.

Decision and Discussion Items:

- **Discuss areas where we are embodying living as Missionary Disciples in our daily lives and see how we can learn from each other and employ, in our own way, new techniques.**
Members openly discussed some of the things that they are doing, responding to questions about their faith and openly sharing it with others when the opportunity presents itself. One member mentioned speaking more freely about faith and noticed that people want to listen and hear about it.
A Council Member mentioned how people have responded to our Funeral Ministry and how people feel cared for and loved by the way we have funerals.
Discussed bringing more people into Church. Suggested putting a personal message in the books the church gives at Christmas. Perhaps having information at the Fish Fries.
- **Church Redecorating**
Fr. Kevin is waiting to receive the proposals and review them. Color and fabrics have not been decided. Suggestion to have candles to light in the church. Space is an issue

Parish Concerns:

There will likely be some changes to the Parish Festival. The Festival Committee is discussing changes now. Set up and tear down are becoming very difficult and the length of the festival is challenging.

UPDATES & REPORTING:

Religious Education: Charles Hunt

RCIA

St. Justin Parish is blessed with several people preparing to receive Sacraments at this year's Easter Vigil! Morgyn McCalligan will be completing her full initiation as a Catholic by receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. Tim Rosian and Philip Bowser will be making their Profession of Faith, be received into the Church, and participate in the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. Kaylee Datz will receive all three Sacraments of Initiation; Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. And four members of the Argenti family will become Catholic through the Sacraments of Initiation: Lynn, Elizabeth, Caitlin and Cecelia. Please pray for and encourage all those preparing to be fully united with Christ and His Church.

The RCIA Team provides a wonderful service in leading others to know and love the Lord and in demonstrating how wonderful. The Team is Kathy McCoy, Sue Meinke, Janet McPeeks, Bill Moster, Terry Denniston and Bob Bobnar.

FIRST SACRAMENTS

Second-graders of our parish celebrated the Sacrament of Penance for the first time on Sunday, February 16. They, along with their families, had a chance to pray, sing, reflect on God's mercy and experience Jesus' forgiveness in Confession. Fr. Steve Breck and Fr. Lou Pizmoht administered the Sacrament of Reconciliation along with Fr. Kevin. Please pray for the youngsters as they journey ever closer to receiving Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

PSR

Classes continue to go well. We are blessed with a wonderful group of catechists who continue to give witness to Jesus and our Catholic Faith. Longtime parishioner, Cynthia Lino, has been hired to replace Maria Mujic as the Religious Education Secretary. Cindy is doing very well.

FORMED

Fr. Kevin has decided to continue the subscription to FORMED for another year. This will be at a discounted rate. Parishioners will be able to keep their accounts and still be free of charge to individual. FORMED is an awesome website filled with Catholic movies, books, podcasts and more. It is referred to as the "Catholic Netflix". It is free to sign up, yes FREE! Simply go to the St. Justin Martyr website, click the FORMED tab, follow the link Louise conveniently made and set up your own personal account. It's time we learned more about our Faith.

SJM PARISH LENTEN MISSION

Fr. Tom Dragga, pastor of The Church of the Resurrection in Solon, OH will be presenting our 2020 Lenten Mission March 8-10. The theme will be "Faith, Hope & Charity". Prayer cards and

promotions for the event are in place. Leslie Simpson deserves a great deal of gratitude for spearheading the Mission.

Worship Commission: The Commission met on February 11, 2020. They worked on coordinating music for the Mission with Tom and the Contemporary Choir. Fr. Dragga is only asking for a few basic things for the Mission. They also discussed a Day of Reflection for Liturgical Ministers.

Finance Council: Meets this coming Thursday, February 20.

Pastoral Associate/Lay Ecclesial Minister Report:

Beth Rossetti

Confirmation 2020

Our Confirmation Sessions are going well. Our next session Sunday, March 8 we will be making baskets for Holy Redeemer and West Catholic Center with our sponsors. A sponsor blessing will take place at 5:00 PM Mass.

Pop and Praise

- Living Stations of the Cross in the form that we know it has been canceled due to no one being able to play Jesus. Some type of Stations of the Cross will take at the 8:00 PM on Good Friday.

General

- T-Shirts and Sweatshirt are still being ordered.
- March 11 from 5-8:00 PM is our Diocesan Evening of Confession.

Stewardship Commission

Stewardship Commission meeting is on February 25, 2020. Our Commission has gained 2 new members: Bernie Green and Rosetta Scafidi. We are planning our USO service night on March 2, 6:00-8:00PM, with a light dinner. We will be separating items and making fleece blankets for Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital.

Deacon's Report: Deacon Tim Shell

The March for Life: The crowds were tremendous. President Trump was there. They could hear him speak but it was impossible to see him. Eleven people from St. Justin attended.

30 people are making the pilgrimage to Rome in 9 days.

The next meeting is March 17, 2020 at 6:30 PM.

Submitted by Therese Ryan, Recording Secretary