

**ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
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**Parish Council Minutes**  
**January 13, 2016**

Present: Fr. Bob Franco, Shirley Fumich, Joe Hartman, Vince Farrell, Al Speigle, Cheryle Koberna, Niki Sherman, Dave Zarrelli, Angela Finney and Liz Welborn.

Absent: Vince Loparo.

Opening Prayer: Vince Farrell led us in prayer.

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Reports from Commission Liaisons:

Education – Niki Sherman had no report.

Evangelization – Vince Farrell reported that they are looking at the “Catholics Come Home” program.

Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, the 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, there will be a Holy Hour for the Unborn at St. Peter Church.

Ash Wednesday starts 40 Days for Life. Beginning the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday after Ash Wednesday (February 15, 2016), and continuing for the 5 Mondays of lent, prayers will be recited in St. Peter Church from Noon until 1:00 p.m.

Parish Life – Angela Finney shared that the Women’s Luncheon has been scheduled for April 16, 2016. The theme will be “Celebrating Mercy”.

Parish Life Commission will be hosting Donut Sunday on May 15, 2016 – Pentecost.

Social Justice – Vince Loparo was not present and the coming Saturday meeting has been postponed.

Spiritual Life – Cheryle Koberna related that their next meeting is Wednesday, January 20, 2016. Although the commission has not met since our last meeting, they have kept the plans for the “Year of Mercy” moving forward. An update on the “Year of Mercy” progress will be in Old Business.

Old Business:

Discussion of Chapter Four “Intentional Disciples: Bearing Spiritual Fruit That Sustains” of Becoming a Parish of Intentional Disciples ensued. The questions on Page 141 were used as a basis to guide the discussion.

Question 2: “How would you describe your parish culture? Does the culture encourage parishioners to live as intentional disciples?”

Discussion: We could be more concerned about those parishioners that are “on the books” but not in the pews. There is a bit of a conspiracy of silence when it comes to openly talking about our own personal relationship with Christ.

Question 4: “After reflecting on the characteristics of a “maintenance-driven parish” in contrast to those of a “mission-driven parish,” how would you assess your parish? What would it take to “move” the parish?”

Discussion: We are in transition – while we have many characteristics of a “maintenance-driven parish”, we are making progress toward a “mission-driven parish”.

Question 5: “What are the seven missionary questions that can start the transformation of parish culture? Which of these are most pertinent to your parish situation at the moment?”

Discussion: Communicating an event/experience we are planning to parish outsiders and insiders – the guidelines offered will be used to promote the Parish Mission with Father John Gordon, scheduled for March 13, 14 and 15, 2016.

Outcomes: Consider the program “Divorce Care”. Angela will check into the program/meetings offered at St. Brendan’s in North Olmsted for those who are separated, widowed or divorced.

Instead of saying our church has a mission; we should say “our mission has a church (institution).

Reflect on the questions on pages 81 and 82 while planning events. Father Bob and Cheryle Koberna will prepare a printout of the questions (with a translation to lay language for #5) to distribute to the commissions/groups for this purpose.

Year of Mercy update:

There will be a raffle of framed Divine Mercy images and a Diary of St. Faustina. Volunteers were identified to help sell the raffle tickets after Mass the next three weekends. The proceeds of the raffle will be used to help defray costs of the Year of Mercy.

Packages to assist parishioners in celebrating the Year of Mercy will be distributed to all parishioners. The packages will contain a Divine Mercy image, a prayer card to consecrate the family, the booklet “The Final Confrontation”, a prayer card with the Divine Mercy Chaplet, a letter from Father Bob and a Parish Mission Flyer.

Packages will be available for pickup the first two weekends of February and volunteers will be solicited to distribute packages that are not picked up. Training for those volunteering to deliver the packages will be on Tuesday, February 16, 2016. The packages to be delivered are to be delivered between February 21, 2016 and March 31, 2016, so that all will have their packages by Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3, 2016 (the Sunday after Easter).

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed before weekend Masses during Lent – Joe Hartman will recruit volunteers to lead the prayer, starting half an hour before the weekend masses of February 13<sup>th</sup> through March 20<sup>th</sup>.

The bulletin columns are set up for the Divine Mercy column. February introduces the Works of Mercy (focus on the Passion).

The Parish Directory has been sent to Lifetouch. Volunteers will be needed to act as proof readers when the proofs are received.

Morning Prayer at 7:35 a.m. Monday thru Friday (Liturgy of the Hours) began with the first of the year. About ten persons are praying regularly in the church.

Joe reported that there was insufficient interest within the North Ridgeville church community to support a church baseball league.

New Business:

Al Speigle brought a DVD of the movie War Room as an example of Intercessory Prayer. He is kindly sharing the movie so that all members of the council may view it.

In preparation for the February Parish Council meeting, members should read chapters 5 and 6 of Becoming a Parish of Intentional Disciples (and review the related questions).

Cheryle Koberna will lead the opening prayer at the February meeting.

Pastor's Report: Father Bob shared the following items:

The Ecumenical Cross Walk will be at 5:30 p.m. this year on Good Friday, March 25, 2016.

Read the bulletin for much information about Mercy.

Rediscover Jesus (Christmas gift to congregation) went over well – fewer than 50 books were leftover.

Father Bob led us in closing prayer. Meeting closed at 9:01 p.m.

Next meeting is February 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.