

ST. JOSEPH STRINGTOWN PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Date: March 14, 2017

Members Present: Fr. Mark Stec, Beth Kocher, Pat Elie, Elmer Ochs, Mary Zwilling and Laura Sterchi.

Meeting began with reading of the pastoral council mission statement. There were no minutes read from the January meeting.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT: A new parish sign is in place on the south east side of the church steps. No bill has been received at this time. Elmer presented an estimate from Rhoads Electric, Heating and Air, with details of installing 2 LED lights. The estimate is for \$1,487.50. These lights will be placed on the current light poles in front of church and both will point toward the steps. Council decided to approve Rhoads estimate and proceed with the installation.

There was concern of the EJ water installation making a mess before picnic. Fr. Mark volunteered to check with EJ employees to determine whether some of the pipe trenching on the premises can be done now.

LITURGY REPORT: Starting in May, the Tri-Parishes will begin a new trial of Mass Schedule. It is as follows:

Vigil Masses- St. Joseph Olney at 4:30 p.m, St. Joseph Stringtown at 6:30 p.m. Sunday Masses- Holy Cross Wendelin at 8:00 a.m, St. Joseph Olney at 10:00 a.m. This schedule be on a 2 month trial.

It was mentioned that a wedding is set for June 10, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. Council decided that there should still be a 6:30 p.m Mass for parishioners that same day. Wedding attendees will have to be out of the church in time for the public Mass.

25th Anniversary of Religious Life for Sr. Janice Schneider will be Sunday June 4th at St. Joseph Stringtown. A 10:00 Mass will be given, with some type of luncheon to be held after.

St. Joseph Olney will be hosting the Tridium this year. St. Joseph Stringtown will only have Easter morning Mass.

EDUCATION REPORT: Lenten Sunday Series is being held each week at St. Joseph Olney. New speakers are presenting each Sunday of Lent at 4:00 p.m.

SERVICE REPORT: Mary has a committee formed to help plan and prepare the day's events for Sr. Janice Schneider's Anniversary of Religious Life

RENEWAL AND RESTRUCTURING: Tri-Parish meeting was held February 27th. Fr. Mark has arranged for a Mass and Concert of Michael James Mette on July 2, 2017. More details to follow later.

PASTOR'S REPORT: No other information was discussed at this time.

Next meeting is set for May 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.