

**St. Joseph's Council Meeting**  
**November 21, 2013**

Attendees: Father James, Father Lucian, Edna Farnham, Jim Agnew, Fran Lengua  
Jody Barnes, John King, John Driscoll, Michael Schaeffer, Daniel Clough,  
Sallyann Beaudry.

Absent: Phyllis Harrison, Sharon Styles, Chris Degnan, John Colucci & James Walsh

Our meeting opened with a prayer.  
Minutes from previous meeting were accepted.

Next Meeting Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00PM  
Please note your calendar &  
bring your copy of the minutes in case we need to discuss them.

Gift Baskets - This fund raiser was a huge success. Over \$3,000.00 was made. We had over 30 baskets to be raffled off. The complete information will be in the bulletin. This fund raiser cost us nothing. Our parishioners put this all together and had fun doing it. Thank you all.

Religious Ed - Jody, advised us that the Safe Environment Course was completed and was on a CD this year. The course was very easy to understand and very creative & interactive with the kids. Some of our parents also attended. We will be having a make up date for those who weren't able to attend.

Memorial Service - Father James advised us that it was Outstanding. The 30 voices in the choir and the music made the Service a very moving experience. It was also well attended, about 200 people from all over came to enjoy. We have to thank Paul Cary for organizing this and we would like to do more of things like this and make it available to our South Troy Families. Reaching out to a lot of Churches (non Catholic) as well.

Ziti Dinner - Fran Lengua, reported that even though we had a late start and publicizing was at a minimal, we had a profit of \$2516. Which was divided among ICC Soup Kitchen, St. Joseph's & St. Anthony's Food Pantry, and Father Harry's Scholarship fund.. \$629.05 to each. The folks at ICC did a great job in taking over this Dinner, with the help of St. Mary's parishioners on kitchen duty, and with St. Joseph's & LaSalle Volunteers. It is planned to do this again next year in keeping up the Tradition, only to begin the planning in August, instead of October...Thank you Fran for all you did in making this happen.

Latin Community - Jim Agnew advised us that Margaret did not wish to be involved with the items brought up last month, however, Daniel Clough did decide to join us and put together "Holy Hour For The Diocese." Dan came fully prepared with handouts on the breakdown of the Holy Hour. A discussion followed and it appeared that this is an item we wish to continue to have. The first one will be on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7PM-8PM. Discussions in the future for possibly the next one. Thank You Dan. This information will be in our bulletin. It was also mentioned that items such as this could be placed on our new Web Site, for others to see and come as well.

Jim, stated that Thanks to Father James, a new updated Altar Missal for the noon mass has been purchased & dedicated to them from St. Joseph's. The one they had and was using was a 1962 issue.

Mission Statement - Again we discussed this and Father Lucian has stated that before we establish our Mission Statement we need to establish our Core Values first. Discussion followed and it was decided that at the next meeting, the council members will try to bring to the table some Core Values for us and to begin this process on a monthly basis until we have established just what we want to do here in St. Joseph's and our surrounding ever changing neighborhood.

Web Site - Michael Schaeffer stated there has been a lot of activity on our web site. Bernadette has been sending in our weekly bulletin for placement which has helped a lot. Jack Reilly puts together the Eucharistic Minister list, another item we can place on the Site. Also Calendar of Events would be very helpful as well.

Sign for Outside on Church - Fran advised that this is in the process of being made up. The sign will be placed under the huge St. Joseph's sign in the Yard next to our Church entrance.

Also mentioned - A reminder: Boxes are being placed in our church entrance for New Men & Women's socks, which will be wrapped with the gifts by the Religious Ed. Students.

Our meeting closed with a prayer...

See you next meeting – Sallyann Purcell-Beaudry-Sec.