

**SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH
PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES FROM MARCH 6, 2018**

ATTENDEES: Sister Katherine O'Donnell, Father Paul Sparklin, Bob Iacaruso, Jeanne Kosch, Kathleen Lane, Willie Kitchens, Ruth Gavlak, Ed Fox, Bob Healy, Ashley Rubilotta, Tom Jerrick, Christie Best, Anita Coury.

ABSENTEE: Patrick Benton

I. OPENING PRAYER: The meeting began with prayer at 7:00 PM.

II. LEADERSHIP REPORT: Bob Iacaruso and Team

- Minutes from the February 2018 meeting were accepted as written.
- Jeanne Kosch reported that Committee reports were received from Haiti, Building and Grounds, and Liturgy Committees.

III. PASTOR'S REPORT:

- The Inter-Parish Mission, (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Our Lady of the Fields, St. Joseph), is March 12, 13, 14, 2018, presented by Father Bernard Campbell, C.S.P. Title: "Will Our Faith Have Children?" Sessions will be held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church after the 9:00 AM mass and repeated each evening at 7:00 PM. The sacrament of Reconciliation and refreshments will be available after mass. A Penance service will be held Tuesday night. Father Campbell will make the rounds at all three churches prior to the Mission. Committee meetings are cancelled so all may attend the Mission.
- The St. Patrick's Day Party will be held March 17th and the tickets are sold out.
- The Archbishop's Annual Appeal is at 49% of the parish goal and numbers will be refreshed on Wednesdays.
- Soup and Bread will be held Friday, the 9th of March followed by Stations of the Cross. The attendees of daily mass will coordinate the light meal.

- Monday, March 19th, “The Light is ON” will take place at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 4-9 PM with individual confessions.
- The fourth Sunday of Lent, March 11, 2018, is Laetare Sunday, “Rejoice, Oh Jerusalem.”
- Palm Sunday begins Holy Week on March 25th.
- Lent ends after mass on Wednesday, March 28th.
- We celebrate the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Thursday at 7:00 PM. Our Pastor will perform the ritual of washing of feet. Consecrated hosts will be taken to the Conference Room where parishioners may have personal prayer until 9:30 PM.
- On Good Friday, Stations of the Cross will be held at 12 PM. At 7:00 PM, we celebrate the Passion of Our Lord and will pray ten ancient general intercessions. We will also have Veneration of the Cross and Eucharist from hosts previously consecrated.
- Deacon Fred will bless Easter food and drink in the Parish Center on Saturday. Rehearsal for Easter Vigil is Saturday afternoon. The Vigil begins at 8:00 PM.
- Easter Sunday masses are adjusted and are as follows: one mass at 7:30 AM. Two masses at 9:00 and 11:00 AM, and one mass at 1:00 PM. There will be no 5:30 mass Easter Sunday.
- There are new outdoor signs for Easter.
- Holy Week activities with time and place will be mailed to all parishioners next week.

IV. GOAL ON IMMIGRATION:

- Bob Iacarus announced that he received an email from Joan Corcoran, from the Immigration Outreach Team at St. Joseph’s Church. The email focus was Detention Center Visitation Training. A course was offered last month, February, 2018. The DC Detention Visitation Network offers fellowship and support to those held in area immigration detention centers by organizing and providing training for in-person center visits. The training organizer is Sean Kelly and can be reached at 443-620-3380, or the online site which is washingtonareadvn@gmail.com
- A follow up meeting will be held at Panera Bread March 22, 2018. Anyone interested is invited to attend this meeting.

V. GOAL ON RACISM:

- Sister Katherine announced that members of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish will be recipients of a booklet on Racism. This booklet entitled, "Who is My Neighbor" was written by Sisters Carol Rittner and Deirdre Mullan, Sisters of Mercy.
- The first meeting to write a synopsis of the PC's focus on racism for the parish will be held Thursday, March 15, 2018, in the Conference Room at 5:00 PM for Kathy Lane, Ruth Gavlak and Anita Coury.

VI. SOCIAL JUSTICE:

- Sister Katherine reported on the meeting she and other parishioners attended at St. Bernadette Parish, Severn on February 28, 2018, entitled "The Saint and the Sultan II." Father Au, Pastor of the Shrine of the Sacred Heart, Baltimore, and Imam Mohammad Bashar Arafat, originally from Syria, gave the talks. The focus of the workshop was for others to get to know the Muslim Faith.

VII. CALENDAR:

- March 9, 2018, Soup and Bread preceding Stations of the Cross
- March 12-14, Inter-Parish Mission to be held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Our Lady of the Fields, and St. Joseph parishes.
- March 17, St. Patrick's Day Party (Tickets are sold out).
- March 19, Reconciliation Program
- March 25-April 1 Holy Week to Easter Sunday. Parishioners will receive via mail schedules for times and locations of masses and activities.
- Palm Sunday: regular mass schedule
- Holy Thursday: Mass at 7:00 PM. Adoration in the Conference Room until 9:30 PM.
- Good Friday: Stations of the Cross at 12:00 noon
Passion of Our Lord: 7:00 PM
- Holy Saturday: Blessing of food and drink: 11:00 AM
Easter Vigil: 8:00 PM
- Easter Sunday: Masses: 7:30 AM; 2 at 9:00 AM; 2 at 11:00 AM
and 1:00 PM No mass at 5:30