

St. William Parish Council  
May 8, 2018

- **Opening Prayer:** The meeting opened with prayer entitled *We Are Easter People.*”
- **Welcome:** Fr. Balash welcomed the members to the meeting and the minutes from the March 13, 2018 meeting were approved as submitted.
- **Ministry/Organization Reports:**
  - **Parish Life** -- **Penny Hudak:** Tickets have been reserved for the August 3, 2018 Cleveland Indians game against the Los Angeles Angels. This year seats are in the mezzanine family section. Reservation information will be available in late Spring. The Champion Pride Council will collect School Supplies from July 1 – August 2 with distribution on August 4, 2018 at Champion Christian Church.
  - **Liturgy Committee** -- **Donna Runtas:** The Liturgy Committee met prior to the Parish Council meeting for a year-end dinner at Enzo’s. The committee reviewed the Lent/Easter season. New chairs for the church will arrive in mid-May. On May 20, 2018 the Diocese will celebrate the Opening Mass for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese at St. Columba Cathedral. Maureen Scott will be the Liturgy Committee representative to Parish Council beginning in September as Donna Runtas is completing her term.
  - **Women’s Guild** -- **Theresa Craiger:** The installation of new officers took place at the May meeting. New officers for 2018-19 are: Theresa Craiger, President; Linda Horm, Vice-President; Cathy Poponak, Secretary; and Mo Thuman, Treasurer. The Guild had a Kolachi bake in March, Card Party in April, and Mother/Child Banquet in May. The Guild made a donation to the iPlunge Youth Retreat and to Bridget DePascale to attend the National Catholic Youth Choir in Minnesota. The Guild is currently compiling a notebook of organizational details of events to better assist new chairpersons. The Guild’s Annual Rummage Sale will be August 2-4, 2018 and the Annual Parish Picnic will be on August 12, 2018.
  - **Finance** -- **Bob Hardman:** The Finance Committee met on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 to review the current financial status of the parish and to begin compiling the budget for 2018-2019 fiscal year. The committee also discussed employee salaries for the upcoming year and recommended raise be given to all parish employees beginning July 1, 2018.
  - **Religious Education** -- **Jennifer Kusmierek:** PSR concluded on April 29, 2018 with a Family Faith Celebration. The theme of the event was “There’s No Place Like Home,” with families participating in various events. PSR families attended 11:00 a.m. Mass on April 29, 2018 and celebrated with the second grade students who made their First Communion. The PSR staff held a wrap up meeting on Sunday, May 6, 2018 and started planning for next year.
  - **Youth Ministry** -- **Chase Kufchak:** Congratulations to Bridget DePascale for being chosen to attend the National Catholic Youth Choir in Minnesota, June 16-24, 2018. Bridget is one of 50 chosen from the entire country to attend. Three teens will be participating in the iPlunge Mission Retreat in Cincinnati, June 25-28, 2018. The Summer Family Movie Night will be Friday, June 29, 2018.
  - **Knights of Columbus:** -- **Dan Gelet:** The Knights of Columbus helped serve at the Women’s Guild Mother/Child Banquet and provided dinner for graduating High School Seniors. On April 20, 2018 the Knights held a Spaghetti Dinner. Upcoming

events include: Casino Bus trip on May 12, 2018 and Scrapper Baseball Game on August 17, 2018. Nominations are in progress for Council Officers for the next upcoming year.

- **Pastor's Report:**

- Bishop Murry Update: Fr. Balash informed members that Bishop Murry continues to receive chemotherapy at the Cleveland Clinic and appreciates all of the prayers and well wishes for his recovery.
- Bishop's Appeal Update: Fr. Balash stated that St. William Parish has once again surpassed its goal for the Bishop's Appeal. Our parish goal was \$41,558.00. The total pledged was \$43,616.00 surpassing our goal by \$2,058.00. The amount collected to date is \$39,462.00. Collected funds above our goal will be rebated back to the parish.
- Church Chair Update: Fr. Balash informed member that 400 new chairs for the church have been ordered at a cost of \$55,590.80. The chairs will be arriving in early May. The parish is currently disposing of the old chairs..
- Old Office Building Update: The old office building will be burnt down by the Fire Department over the summer. The parish will hold an auction for the contents of the building in mid-June.
- Front Walkway: The front walkway of the Church was replaced in early May. This was done to correct a problem with the concrete at no cost to the parish.
- Loan Update: Father Balash updated members on the current status of the loan for the Building project. The loan will close on September 30, 2018. To date the amount of the loan is \$220,929.03. Addition items include: Church Chair Balance \$38,923.56; DeSalvo Balance \$1,739.43; Electric Work \$8,395.00; estimated demolition costs \$10,000. These additional items would bring the total loan liability to \$279,987.02, however it is hoped that the total will be less. Payments will begin in October 2018.
- Parish Council Member Terms: Fr. Balash informed the council that the following member terms are coming to completion in May 2018. According to Parish Council By-Laws, those completing their second complete term are not eligible to return to Council for one year. Those completing their first term are eligible for a second term and were asked to inform Fr. Balash of their intentions before the next Parish Council meeting. Members who terms are ending include: Donna Runtas (2<sup>nd</sup> term Liturgy Representative); Penny Hudak (1<sup>st</sup> term Parish Life Representative); Jennifer Kusmierk (1<sup>st</sup> term Religious Education Representative); Mo Thuman and Eddie Kuhn (1<sup>st</sup> term At-Large Members); and Deanna Barco and Edward Baniak (2<sup>nd</sup> term Appointed Members). Fr. Balash thanked those completing their second term for their service to the Council.

- **Member Comments:** None

The next meeting of Parish Council will be held on Tuesday, September 18, 2018. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.