

**St. Martin de Porres Warren, Michigan**  
**Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council**  
**Tuesday, April 5, 2016**  
**Parish Center Conference Room**  
**AGENDA**

From our Parish Mission Statement: *How is what we are going to do help us “to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, to celebrate the mystery of God’s love in our midst, to serve one another and the wider human community and to continue the Mission of Jesus?”*

**Opening Prayer Experience:** RENEW reflection and prayer for the coming Sunday  
**Attendance**

**Ongoing Formation of the Council:** From the USCCB document, “Go and Make Disciples” – Chapter 2 Part 1

**Review of the Minutes**

**Ongoing Parish Issues**

- A. Issues for discernment/consensus (Old Business)
  - 1. Building Committee progress report: Church handrails, Stations, storage, restrooms, seasonal “stable”
  - 2. Archdiocesan Synod on the New Evangelization: Amazing Parish Conference, Come, Encounter Christ
  - 3. Mission Trip to Appalachia progress report
  - 4. Any other Old Business?
- B. Issues for discernment/consensus (New Business)
  - 1. Resolution of disputed info re: Girl Scouts and Planned Parenthood
  - 2. Voices for Equity (transportation needs for the poor)
  - 3. Making PPC and Commission minutes available to the general parish
  - 4. Any other New Business?

**Report of the Commissions**

- 1. Worship Commission
- 2. Education/Formation Commission
- 3. Christian Service Commission
- 4. Parish Finance Council
- 5. Youth Representative
- 6. Central Macomb Vicariate Representative

**OPEN FORUM / UPCOMING EVENTS / FYI**

**SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:** Propose Tuesday, May 3, 2016, 7 PM

**EVALUATION OF THE MEETING**

**CLOSING PRAYER**

**St. Martin de Porres Warren, Michigan**  
**MINUTES of the**  
**Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council Evangelization Committee**  
**Thursday, March 31, 2016**  
**Pastor's Office**

From our Parish Mission Statement: *How is what we are going to do help us “to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, to celebrate the mystery of God’s love in our midst, to serve one another and the wider human community and to continue the Mission of Jesus?”*

**Opening Prayer Experience:** Meeting began at 6:30 PM with the RENEW reflection and prayer for the coming Sunday, Divine Mercy Sunday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter.

**Attendance:** Present: Fr. Nick, Maribeth Crescenti, Margery Fabilli. Lucy Zalewa was excused. Would like to see more members as we grow in our efforts.

**Ongoing Formation of the Committee:** Instead of working from the USCCB document, “Go and Make Disciples” a spontaneous discussion erupted which went all over the place: Girl Scout Cookies, orthodoxy, Mother Angelica, prayer, Spirit. Good sharing.

**Review of the Minutes:** No corrections. Accepted as read.

**Ongoing Parish Issues**

A. Issues for discernment/consensus (Old Business)

1. Parish Synod: November 18, 19, 20, 2016: “Unleash the Gospel.” Parish Rep is Suzanne Druzynski. Prep for the Synod includes Amazing Parish Conference: April 18, 19, 20, 2016 at the Marriott Ren Cen Hotel. Theme is “Going from Maintenance to Mission.” Fr. Nick, Chris Cabe, Renee’ Heileman, Rocky Mercier and Brian Tomaszewski will attend. Parish Dialogue Sessions: Facilitator: Margery Fabilli, Note Taker: Kathy Baker, Marge, Kathy and Fr. Nick attended the training session. We decided on SATURDAY, APRIL 30 from 12 Noon to 2:30 PM, with an alternative date if more than 125 people express interest. Registration will be encouraged. Check the A o D website under “Synod” for more info.

B. Issues for discernment/consensus (New Business)

1. How to communicate all of the Synod and parish evangelization efforts: Recommend Bulletin/Web Site/Homilies. Already started.

2. Status on Pictorial Directory and Welcome Booklet: Fr. Nick would like to see a parish pictorial directory every five years. Our 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a parish will be in 2017, so work must start this year to get the ball rolling on the directory. Chris Cabe, Zora Dziurman, and Lori Isaacs have come forward to work on this. Welcome booklet is coming along; still need input from various departments.

3. Any other New Business? A suggestion was made for an “Ask Fr. Nick” evening, where parishioners, many of whom are lifelong Catholics, have questions about what Catholics believe and why we do what we do as Catholic practice. This will be discussed at our next meeting. Another possible topic for me and for Sr. Pat is “My Story to Priesthood” and “My Story to Religious Life.”

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**Open Forum/Upcoming Events/FYI:** Fr. Nick is planning on going to St. Margaret of Scotland Parish in St. Clair Shores for the “Come Encounter Christ” in May.

**Schedule next meeting:** Thursday, May 26, 2016, 6:30 PM.

**Evaluation of the Meeting:** Informative, Spirit-led. Good sharing and good stories.

**Closing Prayer:** The meeting ended at 9:00 PM with the Glory Be.

St. Martin dePorres  
Christian Service Committee

Minutes  
March 22, 2015  
1:30 p.m.  
Parish Conference Room

In attendance: Renee Heileman, Joanne Mizak, Rocky Mercier, Stan Sobecki,  
Sue Madro Claire, Regina Falkowski

Renee called the meeting to order at 1:35 with prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

The following reports were shared:

- ≡ **Active Christian Women's Club** – Representative absent
  - ≡ Spring Card Party will be held on 3.31.16.
  - ≡ April's meeting will be a Baby Shower with the proceeds going to Birthright.
- ≡ **Autumn Woods** – Representative absent
  - ≡ Fr. Nick and 3 other priests presided over an Anointing of the Sick. (This is done twice a year.)
  - ≡ Communion is distributed every Monday by volunteers and a Communion service is held every Friday.
- ≡ **Bereavement** – Representative absent
  - ≡ New ministers are needed. The parish is down to 3. Ideally 8-10 are needed.
  - ≡ Sue will share information about the need for Bereavement Ministers to the Stephen Ministers and see if any of them are interested in volunteering or if they have suggestions for recruitment.
- ≡ **Boy Scouts** – Representative absent
  - ≡ A Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for May.
  - ≡ 2 scouts helped with clean up at the Warming Center.
- ≡ **Food Pantry/Collection** – Representative absent
  - ≡ At present, collected food is sent to St. Veronica's.
  - ≡ Starting in April, food dated as good until 2017 will be stored for the Thanksgiving baskets until the time they are distributed at the holiday.
  - ≡ We serve approximately 70 families.

- ≡ **Funeral Luncheon** –
  - ≡ At present, the funeral luncheon program is on hold. Renee will work on recruiting volunteers for it.
  - ≡ The goal is to have the program active by Fall, 2016.
  
- ≡ **Knights of Columbus** – Stan Sobecki
  - ≡ The K of C will present keepsake prayer books to the RCIA on Holy Saturday.
  - ≡ They will host a Euchre party on 4.16.16. Pizza will probably be from Jet's.
  - ≡ They will be having a dinner for prospective candidates for KofC in the near future.
  
- ≡ **Parish Council** – Rocky Mercier
  - ≡ The last Council meeting was cancelled due to snow.
  - ≡ The Archdiocese of Detroit is currently undertaking the “Unleash the Gospel” campaign to promote evangelization.
  - ≡ In preparation for the November Synod, each parish will be hosting dialogue sessions. Ours will be in April.
  - ≡ St. Martin's will be participating in Amazing parishes Conference on April 18, 19, and 20, 2016 to brainstorm suggestions from plans of action to strengthen our parish and its work.
  - ≡ Next Parish Council meeting will be on 4.5.16.
  - ≡ Work on the bathroom expansion will begin in May. The confessional on the south side of the church will be remodeled to make room for music storage and church decorations.
  
- ≡ **Parish Nurse** – Renee Heileman
  - ≡ A new 4 session program, Healthy Habits, will begin in April. It will emphasize diet, stress management and exercise. It is sponsored through St. John's Hospital. IT will feature a combination of lecture, discussion, and active participation.
  - ≡ Armchair Aerobics continues with many participants.
  - ≡ Plans are being made to repeat the class on Balance, possibly in the fall.
  
- ≡ **Right to Life** – Regina Falkowski
  - ≡ A meeting took place with Girl Scout leader about St. Martin's not granting permission to sell cookies this year because of the national organization's support of pro-choice activities.
  - ≡ 40 Days for Life at the abortion clinic on 15 Mile/Dodge Park was held. The doctor from the clinic approached one of the volunteers and requested information about adoption services.
  - ≡ The annual Mother's Day Flower Sale will be held on Mother's Day.
  
- ≡ **Soup Kitchen**- No report

- ≡ **Stephen Ministry** – Sue Madro
  - ≡ The Ministry currently has 19 active ministers.
  - ≡ They are always on the lookout for potential care receivers who are in need. All they need to do is request a Stephen Minister.
  - ≡ Deacon Richard Hulan will be the speaker at the annual retreat on 4.21.16.
  - ≡ Chris Nixon of Eastwood Clinics is scheduled to speak on Substance Abuse on 5.5.16.
  
- ≡ **F.A.M.** – Joanne Mizak
  - ≡ 9 teens will be going to the You6th Conference at Steubenville this year.
  - ≡ The F.A.M will be participating in an hour of adoration on Holy Thursday at 10 p.m. and in the Good Friday Veneration of the Cross.
  - ≡ Geranium Sale will be held in May with the proceeds going to fund next year's trip to Steubenville.
  - ≡ Joanne announced that she is retiring from the Youth Ministry in June. Nick Mercier and Stephanie Guzik (?) will share the responsibilities.

## **Old Business**

- ≡ **Warming Center**
  - ≡ The Warming Center week went well. New ideas for improving it have been suggested and work has begun on implementation.
  - ≡ Plans were made to encourage donations to be delivered in advance of the week and not “just in time”.
  
- ≡ **Afternoon of Reflection**
  - ≡ The recent Afternoon of Reflection had 20-25 participants.
  - ≡ Planning for next year has begun. It may be scheduled for May.

## **New Business**

- ≡ **Parish Bulletin**
  - ≡ A suggestion was made to possibly have the articles for the bulletin formatted with narrower columns so that it is easier to read.
  
- ≡ **Appalachian Mission Trip**
  - ≡ An initial meeting was held and approximately 7 people have committed to participating.
  - ≡ The parish is paying the expenses for the participants.
  - ≡ This is the first year for this ministry.
  
- ≡ **Minister Recruitment**

- ≡ Renee will have an article in the parish newsletter about the need for /and recruiting ministers for the various Christian Service activities.
- ≡ **AEDs**
  - ≡ The parish will purchase 2 AEDs..
  - ≡ The ACWC, K of C and Ushers are providing funding for them.
  - ≡ An informational meeting about them is planned. Renee will also provide training/information on the use of the AED.
- ≡ **Blood Drive**
  - ≡ The blood drive was cancelled due to lack of available Red Cross staff.
  - ≡ One will be scheduled before the end of the year.
- ≡ **Funeral Brunch**
- ≡ **Kitchen Policy**
  - ≡ Work on these items has been tabled until the future.
- ≡ **Almsgiving Cups**
  - ≡ Proceeds from the cups will be dedicated to the parish program for the homeless.
- ≡ **Homebound**
  - ≡ The volunteers who visit the homebound will take Communion and flowers from the Holy Thursday adoration to them on Good Friday. Renee will attach a note indicating that the flowers come with the prayers of the parish.
- ≡ **Clothing Drive**
  - ≡ Drive will be held on 5/21 and 5/22.

The next meeting is scheduled for 4.26.16 at 1:30.

The meeting closed with prayer at 3:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Madro  
Stephen Ministry Representative

**St. Martin de Porres  
Education Commission Meeting  
Minutes for Monday, March 7, 2016**



*Strive Celebrate Serve*

Meeting time: 1:30 p.m.

Opening Prayer: Bea D' Ambrosio /Maryknoll Prayer

Attendance:

Christine Cabe, Director of Christian Formation  
Bea D' Ambrosio  
Zora Dziurman

Maggie Missig

Grace Kulawczyk (absent)

Gary Mc Menamin (absent)

Minutes of February 8, 2016 were approved. Motion to accept by Maggie; seconded by Bea.

Formation: "Go and Make Disciples" Part One: A Vision of Catholic Evangelization - read and discussed

Ongoing Business

- ≡ Mary Series, "Biblical Walk with Blessed Mother" - good response; The group would be interested in another Topic Series.
- ≡ Bible Study: Jack Dalzotto will facilitate. The "Following St. Paul" study will be held on Thursdays. Session will begin on March 10.
- ≡ Human Trafficking Presentation: February 24<sup>th</sup> presentation was cancelled due to inclement weather. Rescheduled to April 5<sup>th</sup>, Monday at 7:00 pm. Light refreshments [cheese, crackers, fruit and beverage] Bea and Maggie offered to handle the hospitality.
- ≡ Education Commission Recruitment: Zora presented a draft of a promotional pamphlet. It would include the mission of the group, meeting time and place. It was suggested that a personal invitation could happen by distributing the pamphlets after Masses. The idea of a T-Shirt, with the EC logo, to be worn at EC sponsored events, was entertained.
- ≡ Group Outing: Thursday, April 7, 2016; meet at church parking lot at 11:32 a.m. We would attend the 12:15 pm Mass at St. Aloysius followed by lunch at Slows Barbeque. It is a 6 minute drive between locations.
- ≡ Fall Formation Planning: Simple Supper / Traveling Holy Family - tabled

New Business

- ≡ Book Club: Purpose to discuss books and to build faith sharing. First "book sharing" will discuss "Rediscover Jesus" on Monday, April 25, 2016 at 7pm in parish center. The "Beautiful Mercy" book, given to SMdP parishioners for Easter, will share on Monday, June 6, 2016 at 7pm. Chris will facilitate. She will confirm dates with Lori. Group will meet once per book title.

Discussion:

- ≡ Lively discussion on how to "change the mindset of the parish". We need to promote a younger image. Too often, we hear "we're an aging community." We need more events for our young teens/adults. Much enthusiasm to make this happen!

Closing Prayer: Chris / Jesus Calling

Motion to adjourn meeting by Chris; seconded by Zora. Meeting adjourned at 3:06 pm.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. **Opening Prayer:** Zora Dziurman.

Submitted by: Zora Dziurman

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ST. MARTIN de PORRES  
WORSHIP COMMISSION MINUTES  
MARCH 15, 2016

OPENING PRAYER: Led by Sister Pat at 7:00 PM.

ATTENDANCE: MEMBERS PRESENT: Fr. Nick, Deacon Marion, John McGovern, Cindy Cairns, Mike Garcia, Jerry Cipkowski, Kathy Groth, Dorothy Moon, Dan Mamuyac, Sue Kochanowicz, Sr. Pat.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Mary Alyce Gaffke. Diane Budzinski, Jim Hostnik, Pat Kaczmarek

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES: Approved

ONGOING EDUCATION AND FORMATION OF THE COMMISSION:

Go and Make Disciples – Part Three – Other Implications

ONGOING PARISH LIFE

a. Old Business

1. The Blessing of the New Stations of the Cross and the outdoor Lenten display have received favorable comments.
2. In preparation for the Synod in the fall, our parish dialogue gathering will be held on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon - 2:30 PM. All are invited to attend. We will be asked to reflect on and answer the following three questions regarding "encountering Christ anew", "growing daily as His disciples", and "giving witness to the power of His mercy."
3. The new handrails in Church are both serviceable and well designed. Comments about them include thankfulness, artistry, how well they fit in with our church design, seems like they've always been there, etc.

b. New Business

1. Rose Gundlach is taking over as the Creative Arts leader and will be working with Fr. Nick, Sr. Pat, Larry Lage and John McGovern for the church decorations.

2. The Lenten Monday Evening Prayer has been poorly attended. We will need to consider whether to continue that in the future. It is a beautiful prayer of the church and perhaps some catechesis about it and the Psalms should be given prior to Lent in hopes that more people will come if they have a better understanding of it.

3. Some changes are being made to the Palm Sunday and Easter Vigil services to make them more reverent and prayerful. The ushers are working with Sr. Pat on this.

4. The bathroom renovation is due to begin at the beginning of May. For safety reasons there will be no activity in the church during the week. If a funeral comes in, St. Faustina, St. Malachy and St. Blasé parishes have graciously offered their churches for that. Only Fr. Nick, Deacon Marion and John McGovern will need to go. Those churches will provide the servers and bread and wine.

5. The special classes on Mary and St. Paul as well as the presentation on Stopping Human Trafficking are very welcome and also a response to the mission evaluation forms which requested more ongoing formation. A request was made that if possible that there not be an overlap so folks who would like to attend all that are offered would not have to make a choice.

6. The Divine Mercy chaplet will be prayed here during the week beginning on Good Friday. The Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday will be held at St. Faustina's at 2:00 PM preceded by confessions at 1:30 PM and followed by the Novena at 3:00 PM. Fr. Nick will give the homily at the Mass.
7. We are looking into a more practical way to give Holy Communion to the handicapped at the weekend Masses; possibly having two separate ministers to serve them.
8. Called by Christ – Gifted by the Spirit is a Stewardship Awareness Program which will begin soon. It focuses on prayer, family, finance, and service. It explains giving by a percentage rather than a dollar amount and can lead to us becoming a stewardship parish.
9. A recent Michigan Catholic article suggested that Saturday afternoon confessions are not practical for today's Catholics. We are asked to think about this and see if that is true for our parish and if so what might alternative times/days be.
10. John McGovern's organ recital is April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 PM. Publicity has gone out and hopefully will increase attendance.
- 11a. Baptisms for April will be on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Nick will be the presider.
  - b. Mother Teresa will be canonized on Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. Change in the date for the next meeting – April 12<sup>th</sup> instead of April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Evaluation of the Meeting: Informative

Next Worship Commission Meeting – April 12th - 7:00 PM

Prayer Leader: Dan Mamuyac

Closing Prayer and Adjournment: Prayer for the Jubilee Year of Mercy

**Pastoral Council  
Youth Ministry Report  
April 2016**

**March:**

- ≡ Our teens participated in a Teen Mass on March 13.
- ≡ After the Teen Mass there was a Steubenville Parent/Teen meeting. 9 teens and 2 chaperones will be attending the conference this June 24 – 26.
- ≡ On Holy Thursday evening our teens participated in a Holy Hour of Adoration. We provided the music and we listened to a meditation on the words of Christ, “Peter, do you love me more than these?”
- ≡ On Good Friday two F.A.M. teens participated in the reading of the Passion. We also carried the cross in procession and held it for veneration.
- ≡ The F.A.M. received a \$200.00 donation from the Knights of Columbus to purchase essentials for our Steubenville trip.

**April:**

- ≡ On April 10 the F.A.M. will celebrate with an annual birthday bash.
- ≡ On April 30 and May 1 we will be having a Geranium Sale after all Masses to benefit next year’s Steubenville trip.