

St. William Parish Council  
January 9, 2018

- **Opening Prayer:** The meeting opened with the prayer entitled, “*A Prayer of Pilgrims on Sacred Journeys.*”
- **Welcome:** Fr. Balash welcomed the members to the meeting and the minutes from the November 14, 2017, meeting were approved as submitted.
- **Ministry/Organization Reports:**
  - **Parish Life** -- **Penny Hudak:** The Giving Tree for Christmas had a total of 120 tags. Due to the shortened period of time to return the gifts it was a challenge to get all of the tags returned. It was suggested to review the process to avoid this complication for 2018. The next meeting of the Champion Pride Council will be on Wednesday, January 17, 2018. The Welcoming Committee has 5 people interested in serving on the committee. The first goal of the committee will be to send personal invitations to new parishioners to attend the Movie Night and Lenten Mission. Tickets have been reserved for the August 3, 2018, Indians game against the Los Angeles Angels. This year tickets are in the mezzanine family section. Reservation information will be available in late Spring. The Parish Mission/Movie Night will be held on Saturday, February 24, 2018. Dinner, dessert and popcorn will be served. Pictures will be available and the gift baskets will be raffled. The movie will be the “Wizard of Oz” in preparation for the Lenten Mission. The committee will meet on February 19, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. to finalize plans for the Movie Night.
  - **Liturgy Committee** -- **Donna Runtas:** The Liturgy Committee met on November 14, 2017, to continue plans for Advent and Christmas. The first effort to collaborate holy day Mass times with Blessed Sacrament occurred on December 8, 2017, and January 1, 2018. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at all weekend masses on February 3-4, 2018. The Lenten Parish Mission will be held February 25-27, 2018. Friar Johnpaul Cafiero will return to present “*Finding Hope: Reflections from the Wizard of Oz.*” On February 28, 2018, “*The Light is On for You – An Evening of Reconciliation,*” will be held from 6:30-8:00 p.m. throughout the diocese. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered at all parishes during this time. The committee will meet on February 6, 2018, to finalize plans for Lent and Easter.
  - **Women’s Guild** -- **Patricia Scanlon:** Regular monthly meetings of the Women’s Guild resumed in January. In December, the Guild sponsored the Parish Christmas Dinner, Christmas Craft Show, and Kolachi Bake. All events were successful. The Guild will reorganize the storage areas of the kitchen and classrooms. The January meeting featured a presentation by Bill Dieterle of Santa’s Hide-Away-Hollow. Upcoming activities include a Kolachi Bake on March 14 and the Annual Card Party on April 8, 2018.
  - **Finance** -- **Bob Hardman:** No report.
  - **Religious Education** -- **Jennifer Kusmierek:** The Confirmation Retreat will be held on Sunday, January 21, 2018, at Saint William. Joining the retreat will be candidates from Blessed Sacrament, Saint Patrick, Hubbard and Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Niles. The next FFC will take place on Sunday, January 28, 2018, from 4:00-6:30 p.m. This evening session will focus on the Sacrament of Reconciliation

and the second grade students will make their First Reconciliation. The evening will conclude with dinner.

- **Youth Ministry -- Chase Kufchak:** Youth Ministry served 134 dinners at the Senior Pasta Dinner with others from the Warren Area Catholic Teens. One student from our parish will participate in the March for Life on January 19, 2018. Youth Ministry will be involved in the Souper Bowl of Caring on February 3-4, 2018, collecting food items to support Saint Vincent DePaul food pantries. On March 11, 2018, Youth Ministry will be involved in Catholic Relief Services' Helping Hands at John F. Kennedy High School packaging meals to be sent to Burkina Faso in West Africa.
- **Knights of Columbus: -- Dan Gelet:** The Knights of Columbus sponsored a Veterans Tribute on November 11-12, 2017. The Knight's Valentine's Day Reverse Raffle will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2018. The Knight's donated a case of 12 coats to Rene's Closet. They will sponsor a Free-Throw Competition at Central Elementary on January 13, 2018. Upcoming events include: Corporate Communion Mass/Breakfast on Sunday, March 18 and a Spaghetti Dinner on April 20, 2018.
- **Pastor's Report:**
  - **Building Project Update:** Fr. Balash provided members with a Building Project update stating that the project is complete with a few minor things yet to be done. Plans are underway to have the old office building torn down this coming summer.
  - **Pot-of-Gold:** Fr. Balash stated that the Pot-of-Gold raffle continues to be successful.
  - **Parish Mission:** Fr. Balash discussed with members the upcoming Lenten Parish Mission and the plans that are in process for it including the Parish Movie Night.
- **Member Comments:** None

The next meeting of Parish Council will be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2018. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.