

Our Lady of the Visitation

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2022 7:30-8:30PM

All in Attendance – Father Ben, Lynn, Ruth, Frank, Rich, Joe C, Andrea, Tracy, Joseph Z, Rebecca

Opening Prayer – Joe C

October Meeting Minutes – Rich motion to approve, Joe C 2<sup>nd</sup>, All approved.

Father Ben led discussion – Pastor's Lesson

Two Virtues –

1. Humility – Understanding our place before God
2. Magnanimity – The Truth of what God desires us to do, Sacrifices in prayer, what we can do for God

Parish review – programs are growing and going well – Father Ben

1. New Musician – Michael Adams, meet and greet with volunteer musicians Sunday 1/23/22
2. Assistant Campus Minister – filled part-time for Spring 2022
3. Alter Servers – 12 trained, majority are young bur very excited and learning well
4. Parish Maintenance- Sound system, receiving estimates
5. Programs – Coffee hour, Run with a Priest (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month – with babysitting), Youth Ministry (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday each month), Potluck (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after 11AM Mass) Bible Study, Book of the Month, and Women's Bible Study
6. Daily Mass Schedule – Tues – Fri 8:30AM
7. New Directory for OLV Parish – 30-40 families per day needed – Wingate – volunteers to assist
  - a. Scheduled for May, need signups in April
8. Adoration starting in Lent – Friday chosen day
9. Special Event – Pro Life, March For Life Event, 24 hour Adoration.
10. Future Program plans, longer studies as a program, rather than a shorter week/moth theme.

**Vision Statement** – discussion continues

*“Through Mary Our Patron, We are Striving to Become a Family of Catholic Disciples, Sent Out to the World”*

**Mission Statement** – discussion continues

*“Building a Community of Faith, Inspired by Marian Virtues: Prayer, Learning, Service and Hospitality”*

Financial Report – next update March / 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter – Charlie Albright

Next Council Meeting – March 9, 2022 – Parish Hall

Closing Prayer – Joe C

RMG

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April 27, 2022 7:30-8:30PM

All in Attendance – Father Ben, Lyn, Ruth, Frank, Rich, Joe C, Josh, Joseph Z, Andrea, Charlie, Rebecca

Opening Prayer – Joseph Z

October Meeting Minutes – Joe motion to approve, Andrea 2<sup>nd</sup>, All approved.

**Financial Statement** - Charlie – 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report – March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Father Ben** – Holy week / Stations of the Cross / Easter Vigil

**Overview –**

2 New Members coming in to the church – Saturday Easter Vigil

Easter Egg Hunt was successful – 35 – 40 kids participated

Most things the parish is doing, things are going well

Youth ministry – every other Saturday night

Bible Study – Tuesday nights

Women Studies – Wednesday nights

Campus Ministry – hiring deadline 4/29/2022

Maintenance – 10 hrs per week – hired part-time staff member

New Directory – vision / mission statement added to directory / community building activities page

Editing – Josh can possibly help

Collection – ushers collecting donations – Ukraine collection successful / Do we need a safe? Install?

Ushers – bringing up gifts / usher select family / ask for volunteers from the alter

May 1<sup>st</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion

**Next Council Meeting – June 1, 2022 – Parish Hall**

Closing Prayer – Joseph Z

RMG

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June 1, 2022 7:30 PM

In attendance: Lyn, Frank, Ruth, Josh, Joe, Rich, and Father Ben

Opening prayer - Ruth

**Review of what is going on in the parish:**

youth ministry - 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month - 5-7 kids each month

RCIA- 4 people have joined the church, a family is joining this Sunday at 11 AM, an elderly couple are meeting with Father Ben, and another person just starting the process

Campus Ministry - interviewing for Associate Director of Catholic Ministry - Salary paid through our

Lenten Appeal- they will take care of dinners, Bible Study, big events, etc.

Book of the Month

Liturgical Ministries - doing well added some new people

Homebound Ministry - doing wonderfully

Knights of Columbus / Ladies Aux

Woman's Bible Study - Tuesdays in the fall

Wednesday night Bible Study - not happening right now, Father Ben might do another one this summer

**Projects:**

ramp in back by office - June 6th

Sound system - has been ordered - waiting for company to get equipment to install - will take 3 days to install

Music - will try to form a choir in the future

Phil N hired parttime for maintenance

Directory- Monday, June 13th - another day for pictures - 150 families will be included in directory

**Community Events:**

Run with Priest / Pot luck lunch (will be June 26th this month)

Coffee hour - will try this Sunday in social hall to see how it goes for a summer trial

**Trip:**

Saturday, July 9th - has been extended another week - so far 20 people - to Baltimore

**How to Delegate Volunteer Committees:**

RCIA / Youth Ministry-will talk about it at pot luck lunch this month and then put a signup sheet in back of church

**Next Meeting Date - July 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM**

prayer next time - Frank

closing prayer by Ruth

Notes – Ruth Thank You!

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### **Parish Council Meeting Minutes**

July 6, 2022 7:30 -8:30 PM

In attendance: Ruth, Joe, Lyn, Andrea, Fr. Ben, Rich, Josh

Opening prayer – Father Ben

Joe approved the minutes from our June meeting and Ruth seconded them – All approved.

**Fr. Ben had a short Fervorino about the sacrament of confession** - "Why do Catholics have to confess to a priest?" We had a short discussion on this.

#### **Review of what is happening in the church:**

Youth Ministry - volunteers for meals and activities

RCIA - volunteers to teach lessons (September through April) maybe Tuesday evenings this fall - the Church purchased the program "Symbollon" which contains DVD's and guides

Book of Month - new book "Jesus the Master Psychologist"

College - hired an assistant director of ministry (male) There are 4 missionaries in CO and they will digitally meet with students at SU and will come twice to see them this year

Ushers, greeters, EM's, cantors, altar servers, etc. - all going very well Father Ben will have another altar servers' class in August

Homebound Ministry is going well

K of C - picnic was a success

Women's Bible Study will go from September and all year to spring

Wednesday night Bible Study will resume in the fall

Run with priest

Coffee hour - every other Sunday

Maintenance - Phil Neubaum doing fantastic

#### **Projects:**

ramp 90% finished

sound system-waiting for things to come in the mail

all new employees are doing great

We will try to start a choir

#### **Pilgrimage this Saturday to Baltimore**

#### **Suggestions:**

Form a bereavement committee

Possible adult servers for morning mass

possible adoration day each week in the fall - maybe Friday

#### **Directory:**

Father working on cover - showed us a rough draft and asked for suggestions

**Next meeting is Wednesday, August 10 at 7:30 PM** - Charlie will be here to go over end of the year financial report

Father Ben will be on vacation - July 18 to 22

Closing prayer - Father Ben

Meeting Minutes taken by - Ruth Nickey – Thank you.

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**Parish Council Meeting Minutes**

September 7, 2022 7:30 -8:30 PM

In attendance: Father Ben, Lyn, Ruth, Joe, Joseph, Rebecca

Opening Prayer

**Financial Review** – Father Ben

**Parish Ministries** – Father Ben

1. Youth Group – launch volunteers in October
2. RCIA – 3 people came in to the church in Aug/September – preparing 4 more
3. Campus Ministries – Joseph G, is preparing along with 2 missionaries
4. Book of the Month –
5. Liturgical Ministries – positive response - youth volunteers, increasing ushers as well
6. Knights of Columbus / Women's Auxiliary – Bible Study – starting mid September
  - a. Women on Tuesday evening

Music – Choir, Michael Adams launching request for choir members – will organize practice starting in October

Maintenance – Phil, working part time – a few hours each week.

Run with the Priest – Saturday mornings 2 times a month

Potluck Lunches – successful, growing each month

Coffee Hour – Mary's Kitchen between masses – weekly volunteers needed

Suggestions from Council – how to bring and welcome parishioners back to Mass rather than online church and attending other local parishes instead of OLV

Entrances of Church, Sunday School, Social Hall – safety reason, the front door to the church is the only unlocked entrance currently, Social Hall doors are open briefly for Sunday Schoolers to walk in the back entrance.

Upcoming Discussions –

OLV Mission Statement and Vision Statement – more discussion needed

Develop Strategy to bring members back the church and get them involved with the OLV community events

Review of church programs

Closing Prayer

Next meeting is Wednesday, October 5th at 7:30 PM

Notes – Rebecca G.

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Monday, November 7th, 2022 7:30 PM

In attendance: Father Ben, Lynn, Rich, Josh, Joe, Andrea, Ruth, Frank, and Joseph

Opening Prayer-Father Ben

Deacon Candidate - Carlos

He is studying to become a permanent deacon and his additional assignment was to our church this year. He is forming a list of all the charitable services in Shippensburg that could be given to others.

Eagle Scout Project

Waiting for final approval of putting the stations of the cross by the trail. We may help with the cost of the stations.

RCIA - 4 people

3 New altar servers

Sound System is great - may add a few new microphones

Coffee hour - lots of people attending

Adoration on Fridays going well

Bulletin - may be adding a page or two in the future

Directory - will be submitted by the end of the week and they will put it together - we took a picture of the parish council for the directory

#### Suggestions from the council:

Organize a bereavement ministry

Guest presenters

Q & A with Father Ben

Family activities (Trunk or Treat, Easter egg hunt, Christmas party, etc.)

Young adult group with babysitters for their children

#### Maintenance:

Roof (has to be done - estimate \$150,000)

Other projects to consider:

Loft for the choir

Wall behind the alter to hide doors

New church

Turning the church around so entrance is in the back

New doors are going to be done soon with handicap buttons

Diaper changing stations in the men's bathrooms are going to be done soon.

Review of church programs

Closing prayer -Josh

Minutes -Ruth N