

## **St. Michael's Parish Pastoral Council Minutes May 17, 2018**

Present: Fr. Murray Sample, Pastor; Fr. Glen Ball, Parochial Vicar; Wayne Wolanski, Chairperson; Donna Thompson, Vice Chairperson; Peter Valiquet, Past Chairperson; Mark Thompson, Financial Committee Representative; Lola Gualtieri; Lucia Lehman; Daniel Yurkewich; Larry McKenzie; Darlene MacKenzie; Dorothy Solomon, recording secretary.

Regrets: Deacon Gaston Mabaya; Yana Adkinson, Pastoral Minister; Syl Patry, Coordinator of Youth Ministry; Marinette Laureano.

Opening Prayer and Reflection: based on Sunday's Gospel, John 21:19-23

Minutes from April: accepted as printed

Business: Five potential Parish Council candidates' bios were shared and following a prayerful discernment process three new members were selected and will be invited to join the council in June for our year end pot-luck supper and commence their three year commitment in September. These names are Tim Frewen, Gerarda Smith-Hillier, and Scot Veenvliet. Fr. Murray will contact all five candidates to inform them of the decision and invite those not selected to let their name stand for next term.

Council reviewed the minutes from Bishop Fabbro's Pastoral visit on April 21<sup>st</sup> with Parish Council and Finance Committee and we are to review these and notify Fr. Murray of corrections before being submitted to Bishop Fabbro.

Celebrations: Fr. Glen Ball celebrated his first anniversary of his Ordination to Priesthood on May 13, 2018. He will continue at St. Michael's one more year.

### Pastoral Team Reports:

Yana Adkinson: submitted to Fr. Murray

St. Michael's is celebrating 135 First Communions this year.

Coordinated the Sacrament of First Communion on the weekend masses in May; signing in, seating, orienting children and families, spoke with parents about any concerns.

Registration for First Reconciliation/First Communion for next year has started for our four feeder schools. Parents of older children who have not received these sacraments or who are not baptized received a letter inviting them to register so I can update them for next year.

School visits for grade two continues as I prepare them for First Communion and teach about the Parts of the Mass.

Met with principals of the four feeder schools, along with Fr. Murray and Syl, to discuss Mass schedule and Sacramental preparation for next year.

Attended Lay Ecclesial Minister's Retreat with Bishop Fabbro as well as a workshop on Evangelizing Families during Sacramental Preparation.

Planned dates for next year's ministries, such as RCIA, RCIC, Mom's group, Children's ministries and dates for First Reconciliation and First Communion.

Fr. Glen: Baptisms continue but not as many as previous month.

Bible Study sessions are complete for this term and were well received with great participation. This will resume in September with First Corinthians.

Fr. Murray: Fr. Paul Kim celebrated his first Mass on Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup> with great Parish support. He will preach at all masses this weekend May 19 and 20. He will be serving in Tecumseh. Fr. Robert Weaver, the other priest ordained this year, will be ministering in Strathroy.

On May 22 and 23, at 7:00 p.m. Bishop Joseph Dabrowski will celebrate Mass and Confirmation for 110 young people.

We had wonderful meetings with feeder school principals which presented some challenges yet were productive and very positive. The coming year looks to be very fruitful. St. Michael's added 60 new students since January which requires two portable classrooms. St. Robert's and Holy Cross schools will be closing at end of June. St. Michael's has acquired a new principal Angela McHardy.

I will be away on retreat the last week in May as Bishop Fabbro has requested all priests in the Diocese to attend a week retreat.

Adjournment and Closing Prayer: Wayne closed the meeting at 9:10 p.m. and Fr. Murray offered a closing prayer.

Next Scheduled Meeting: (notice date and time change) Thursday June 14, 6:00 p.m., pot luck supper and greet new members.