

**Parish Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes
May 24, 2016**

Father Bob's homily (lifted from Living Faith daily devotional) reflected upon the gospel, and Peter's giving up all he had to follow Christ. We quantifiably give of our finances, our time, our personal skills. Fortified by faith, grace & community, do we also give up judging, gossiping, and self-criticizing so as to focus on Jesus?

Christina sent up a prayer for Joni Friske's family, re: son-in-law Mike's terminal brain tumor (his wife Laurie, son Ben). Joan offered a prayer of appreciation for God's hand upon Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) & St. Pat's entire parish.

Juliette reported positive conversations with a dozen PPC prospects, finding the diverse pool of candidates is an indication of a healthy parish. The compressed time frame in soliciting nominations and the robust response to the call for action proved successful: we welcome Fred Hemmer and Bill White to PPC. Juliette will phone those not selected for PPC and invite them to consider serving in other capacities. She will proceed with the vice-chair selection process keeping us informed via emails. Thank you Juliette! Jane Marie would serve as vice if no one else steps forward. Ellen will remain secretary.

4-6 PPC members are required to man the lunch table at the Backpack give away event August 20th. Juliette will confirm via email sign up.

Again this year (though his term is up) Roy Gutzman will shepherd the communication over IGH day parade registration, signing of insurance waivers & submitting our application. He will again drive his vehicle/trailer which now has benches for the kiddies. Thank you, Roy! PPC members are encouraged to participate since we officially host/promote this event. Anyone of us may contribute to candy to be handed out, or bottled waters. We will again distribute empty popcorn bags labeled with Fall Festival info. 1,000 popcorn bags will be purchased at Sam Club and the parish office will print the labels. Father Bob will be attending his High School reunion and will be unable to attend the parade. The entire parish is welcomed to march in the parade and encouraged to wear a St. Patrick's t-shirt or anything green to create a visual impact.

The 1st columbarium (of 3) is in place at the cemetery. 12 double and 1 single spot are already sold. As one columbarium fills, the next will be ordered. The church cemetery sign, in disrepair, will be replaced. The grounds should be prepared for Memorial Day Mass, at the cemetery rain or shine.

Please phone the parish office to rsvp for Appreciation Dinner June 23. Mark your calendar for Sept 17/18 festival. Juliette will email the years' scheduled PPC meetings.

Pam Lippert's father & his wife were killed in a car crash near Branson. Joan Miller buried her mom May 23. Please remember these grieving families in your faithful prayers.

Jane Marie closed our meeting in prayer, leading us in a Hail Mary.