

**CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. MARK
PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**

April 26, 2018

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Fr. Anthony Mpungu, Pastor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Linda Major Parish Life	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike Coleman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Fe Guzman, Religious Formation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hank Harzold	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lacy Favila	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sharon Katzman, Religious Formation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	David Fritsch			
Joyce Gridley, Justice and Peace	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deacon John Kren	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Mike Johnson, Liturgy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ricky Andrade	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Denise Boyce, Parish Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Steven Schlossberg			

OPENING PRAYER: Offered by Deacon Mike at 6:08pm

FR. ANTHONY'S TIME

Father welcomed Denise to the new position as Parish Secretary. He introduced Hank Harzold as the new Chair for the Parish Pastoral Council.

Leadership Team attended the Rebuilt Conference in Timmonium, Md.

The team met seven days after the conference to discuss possible steps that can be taken NOW to improve our parish and help it grow.

The Bishop is coming to Confirmation tomorrow at 7pm. He will also attend dinner.

St. Mark will celebrate 40 years this weekend with cake in the Great Hall following all masses. Parish Life has done the preparations for this.

Thanked all members for all their hard work.

Parish Life

Linda Major

Parish Life will be instrumental for the success of the picnic. Would like other ministries to reach out and help make the picnic a success.

She discussed the cake and celebrations for after each mass this coming weekend.

Religious Formation

Sharon Katzman

Shared how wonderful REBUILT Conference was. The participants of the conference met seven days after to discuss what changes we can make RIGHT NOW. There will be no more announcements before mass. Quiet time will be occurring before each mass.

We need to look at our mobile apps and see how we can make our church appear more dynamic via this app.

We are looking to have a ministry mass sometime in the near future.

May 8th is the next time the REBUILT group will meet.

Baptismal preps are scheduled for May 12th and we will be using the Formed Program.

She has been receiving quite a few of Encountering Gods Presence cards.

Women's retreat has a TBD date. The men's retreat target date is June.

VBS registration is by paper only. We are looking to share materials with other churches\parishes vs. each buying them. By sharing materials, we could possibly reduce registration fees.

Fe Guzman

The Youth ministry fundraiser has gone well. There is one more weekend of the fundraiser, 4/28-29.

Confirmation, with the Bishop presiding is this coming Friday, 4/27.

Justice and Peace

Joyce Gridley

This volunteer month wrapped up with a reception.

May is Respect for Life month with the Baby Bottle Initiative.

Youth group is going to Chesapeake House to assist members.

Plarn mats have been well received by the homeless.

Liturgy

Deacon Mike

The new ministry schedule is in work.

We have been celebrating the Easter Season with Confirmation, First Eucharist, Mother's Day, 40th Anniversary and Bishop Sullivan Baccalaureate on the horizon.

This week (4/29-5/5), we have Adoration, Rosary and Benediction on the First Thursday of the month.

Father Anthony discussed **feed your neighbor** and the possibility of cards being handed out.

Father Anthony had an Anointing of the Sick today. Discussed Adoration time as well.

Statues are ordered and on their way. The statues will help recognize us as a Catholic Church.

A new chalice was purchased to help commemorate our 40th Anniversary. It will be used Friday at Confirmation with the Bishop presiding.

For Confirmation preps, both parents and students attended Adoration together.

Discussed the quieting of the Commons prior to mass this weekend. Discussed change and how all may not dislike change, only the way change is brought about. Discussed the "pruning" homily this weekend and how it correlates to positive changes being made.

The 40th Anniversary cakes will be enjoyed after mass this weekend. We are to encourage parishioners to take part after each mass.

So far, 168 tickets to the 40th and 160 shirt have been sold. Etched wine glasses are also for sale. Mother's Day is the last day for all sales.

40th Anniversary Committee is solidifying final plans.

The 2018-2019 Parish Budget is due to the Diocese May 15th. The Budget was presented and approved by Parish Council.

Parish Council meeting is open to all.

Father closed with a prayer at 7:28PM

Next meeting is May 24th at 6pm

SUBMITTED BY: D.M. Boyce