

**Ministry Council Minutes**  
**Monday, January 29, 2018**

**Mark Pedote opened the meeting with Prayer at 7:01 p.m.**

**Council Members in attendance:**

Monsignor Dennis Mikulanis, Pastor  
Beverly Rossio, Chairman/Mother's Spirituality  
Jarvis Nolan, Secretary, Ecumenical/Interreligious

Mary Ann Scott, EM Homebound  
Georgia Nally, St. Vincent de Paul  
Tony Heinrichs, Men's Club  
Lee Haney, Holy Innocents Hospital  
Mark Pedote, Legion of Mary  
Mary Van Hee, Eucharistic Ministers  
Rebecca Fontaine, Mental Health  
Arleen Amato, Women's Fellowship

Frank Mueller, Music  
Eileen D'Souza, Parish Festival  
Jerry Antoff, Ushers  
Frank Aloisi, Ushers  
Aida Estrada, Marriage and Family Life  
Therese Jewett, Greeters  
Jerry Diebolt, Parish Festival

**Minutes of the Last Meetings (11/27/2017)**

Beverly presented the minutes of the last meeting for approval. A motion was made and seconded. The minutes were approved and accepted as presented.

**The Chairman's Report:**

Therese Jewett was introduced as the new head of the Greeters Ministry and Frank Aloisi as head Usher.

Details on the following items may be found in the Ministry Reports file or in the ministry reports from individuals below.

**The following are parish needs:**

The Men's Club easel needs to be returned  
Prayers for a young woman with stage four cancer  
New members for Mom's Group  
New Greeters  
Meals for the Galasso family  
New bulletin board for parish hall  
The testing of the water quality of the water fountain outside of room 4

**Up and coming events:**

Wednesday, January 31, Building Police/Community Trust  
Sunday, February 4, Health Fair  
Sunday, February 4, Annual Mission Pancake Breakfast  
Wednesday, February 7, Harmony Interfaith Breakfast  
Monday, February 12, Monsignor is speaker at Women's Fellowship monthly meeting  
Friday, February 16, Lenten Contemplative Rosary  
Sunday, March 25, Choir performance of Wondrous Love

**The following are reports from individuals in attendance. For best results, the reports should be read alongside the full reports in the attached "Ministry Reports January 2018" document.**

**St. Vincent de Paul:** They continue to support all the organizations and conferences that they normally support with their Fourth Sunday collection. The entire St. Vincent de Paul Southern District is preparing to open a dining which will serve one meal a day for those in need. The location will probably be in the El Cajon area, as it is the most impoverished area in the county. They are hoping to own the facility that would serve as the dining room.

**Music Ministry:** A complete report is included in the Reports File.

Ash Wednesday, February 14

Friday, February 16, 7:00 p.m., The Lenten Sung Contemplative Rosary

Sunday, March 25, 4:00, Palm Sunday, Choral Performance of Wondrous Love

Sunday, April 1, Easter Sunday

**Legion of Mary:** They continue to visit Catholic residents in the local retirement homes. They have been recruiting members on the third Sundays. Six new auxiliary members have joined but no new full-time members at this time. Both Remington and Casa were quarantined briefly because of the flu. They are formalizing a system making their members available to lead funeral rosaries upon request. They are also considering providing a statue of the Holy Mother that could be requested and stay in parishioners' homes to visit with them for a week or two,

**Women's Fellowship:** The Christmas Tea was a success. The Tea was enhanced this year because of the lighting in the parish hall thanks to the Men's Club. Women's Fellowship looks forward to Monsignor's speaking to them at their February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. All are welcome. February 10<sup>th</sup> is the Over 80s Luncheon. March 10<sup>th</sup> is the Lenten Communion Breakfast. Monsignor Cuddihy will be the celebrant and speaker. We continue to hold Friday night Bingo Games throughout the year as one of our fundraisers. The next Bingo will take place Friday, April 27.

**Greeters:** Assignments for February including Ash Wednesday are filled. A letter went out to all Greeters thanking Noel for her years of service. Greeters were asked to begin looking at their schedules with Holy Week and Easter in mind. Twenty-six greeters will be needed to fill the necessary positions. New greeters are needed at all Masses. RCIA candidates have been greeting at 9:00 a.m. but their availability may change end after they are full members on Easter Weekend.

**Mental Health:** The Mental Health Ministry along with the Marriage and Family Life Ministry presented a program on January 27, 2018 on "The 9 C's for Building a Successful marriage". The presenter was Dr. Lee Williams, a professor in the marital and family therapy program at UC San Diego. It was attended by 115 people. The people that attended gave this event a very high rating on their evaluation sheet – all nines and tens.

The Health Fair will take place on Feb 4. They will have tables representing: DBSA, Southern Caregiver Resource Center, Alzheimer's San Diego, Recovery International. They will also have information from AA, PERT, SRMHM and possibly Elizabeth Hospice.

**Eucharistic Ministry:** There are two new captains and two new members to the ministry. Assignments for Ash Wednesday Masses are filled. Soon the list for Easter will be available.

**Eucharistic Ministry to the Homebound:** Three members of the team have retired. However, three have joined the team. We need three or four more. Both Remington and Casa Health Center were briefly under quarantine for the flu. Communion is brought to 135 people each week in the retirement homes and the private homes. Approximately fourteen of these are in private homes.

**Men's Club:** Santa Sunday was a great success. Overhead icicle lights were displayed thanks to donations by parishioners and Mother's Group; Santa's living room where pictures with Santa were

featured, and baked French toast and hot chocolate were served in addition to our usual coffee and donuts. A thank you was extended to the outstanding support received from the Women's Fellowship, Young Adult, and Youth Ministries as well as several other parishioners who volunteered their time both for decorating and on Sunday. The next coffee and donuts is Sunday, February 11. The Easter Egg Hunt is in the planning to be held at Silverset Park, Poway, on March 31st. The Men's Club Easel is still missing!!

**Ushers:** Jerry introduced Frank Aloisi as the new head Usher. Frank complimented Jerry on his fifteen years in his role as head Usher. Ash Wednesday has ushers assigned to all three Masses. Frank will be attending each Mass this Sunday to meet with the team captains.

**Holy Innocents Hospital:** Mission Pancake Breakfast Sunday, February 4, to benefit Holy Innocents Hospital. The Children's Hospital, through November 2017, has admitted 35,000 children to the hospital and has treated an additional 167,000 children at the outpatient clinic. The parish has been focusing on the surgical center to fix problems with the air conditioner, as well as constructing housing for the staff, which is required by the Uganda Government Medical Ward. Housing for at least 50% of staff remains to be constructed.

**Marriage and Family Life:** The Mental Health Ministry was thanked for "The 9 C's for Building a Successful marriage". The Men's Club was thanked for Santa Sunday. They collaborated with The Religious Education department in October to host the Dynamic Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, which was well received. Monsignor was thanked for allowing us to host a speaker of this caliber.

San Rafael placed first in pledges for the Life Walk 2017. Over \$7,200 was raised by our generous parishioners of this parish. This event benefits Life Perspectives in San Diego whose most important goal is to communicate hope and healing to men, women, family members and friends who are impacted by miscarriage or abortion. They provide safe, anonymous tools to begin healing and equip leaders to effectively offer support.

Power Hour of Prayer continues to meet on the last Friday of every month in San Rafael's Chapel from 6-7 pm where we praise & worship through song, meditate on Sundays Gospel and fellowship. The Annual Rosary for Life was offered after the January Hour of Power.

They will also be helping host the upcoming Lenten Mission, assisting the Religious Education department. Our Lenten Mission will be held Monday, February 26 through Wednesday, February 28. We are privileged to be having Father Larry Gosselin, OFM lead our mission. Fr. Larry was Saint Teresa of Calcutta's—Mother Teresa to most of us—spiritual director and confessor. He will also be preaching at all Sunday Masses before the Mission.

The Cross and the Light, a musical based on the Passion of our Lord, is being offered at St. Michael's. Performances are from February 9 to 11. Prayer teams will be available after each show. An opportunity to go to confession will also be available.

**Pentecost Festival:** Eileen D'Souza is now the chair of the Pentecost Festival. The Festival will take place Sunday, May 20. A list was passed around for people to sign up to assist on a subcommittee that would meet once a month to plan the event. It was suggested that hamburgers and hot dogs be cooked on the grill and served for a cost of \$1. There might be a chili cook-off. Many of last years high points of the Fest that created a good spirit could return such as the decorations, and selling of shirts.

The Pentecost Festival will be kept separate from the Parish Appreciation Picnic. Discussion moved into a discussion on the Parish Picnic. What will be added to the Parish Picnic will be games for the older young people like a soccer kick off, tug of war, water balloon toss etc.

**Young Adults:** The group is starting up again to include single or married people ages 18 to 39. The first

mixer took place Saturday, January 27. A hike is scheduled for Saturday, February 10, 3:00, Lake Hodges. Eni O'Donnell is ministry leader.

**Ecumenical/Interreligious:** Poway Interfaith is sponsoring the Harmony Breakfast, Wednesday, February 7, 7:15 a.m., Mainstream Café, Poway. Monsignor will speak at the Women's Fellowship February meeting on the Ecumenical/Interreligious work of the diocese.

**The Pastor's Report:** From Santa Sunday through Advent into the Christmas Season - it was one of the best seasons he has experienced here as pastor. Well done everyone.

Tax Statements have been mailed out.

February 11 begins the Annual Catholic Appeal. Our assessment is \$108,000 which is the third highest in the diocese. Based on the generosity of the parishioners in previous years, we will exceed this amount and the overage will be rebated to the parish. This will build up our reserves and pay for some needed maintenance work.

Father John Frey, Fr Tom's mentor and friend, who is visiting us from New Jersey, will be here until the end of March.

The recipient of our Lenten Charity offering will be the Agnus Dei Foundation which provides 24/7 care to pregnant women in crisis through housing, education and support in the San Diego area. The Lamb of God Maternity Home in Escondido is a safe home for women who find themselves in a crisis pregnancy. They are provided with access to education, financial literacy and basic life skills as well as counseling and motivation to create a positive future. Many of the women offer their children up for "Open Adoption" in which the birth mother and adoptive parents share identifying information.

Beginning after Easter, the Guatemalan Community will celebrate two Saturday night Masses, the second and fourth Saturdays at 7:00, in the church. A reception follows in the parish center. Anyone may attend. The Guatemalan Community is very generous in paying the funeral expenses of the families in their community and in giving to the Annual Catholic Appeal for San Rafael.

The Chaldean Community holds their Sunday service at San Rafael at 6:30. They are a Community of Catholics from Iraq.

A few weeks ago a car was broken into during the 5:00 Mass and a woman's purse was stolen. As a result, we now have a security guard on site from 4:30 until 8:00 on Saturdays. This will be discontinued after daylight savings starts.

The Christmas Collection was \$108,000 this year.

Monsignor is leading a Catholic Pilgrimage to Austria and Germany October 8 through 19. The brochures and registration forms are available in the office. Twenty people are signed up. Sign up will close when the number reaches thirty-five.

Sixty-five children will be receiving First Holy Communion Saturday, May 12.

Confirmation is Friday, April 6.

The next Council meeting will be 7:00 p.m., Monday, March 26, Room G.

Monsignor closed the meeting with a Hail Mary for Mary's Blessings and Protection.

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.  
Minutes submitted by Jarvis Nolan