

ST. PIUS X MINISTRY REPORTS JUNE 2017

Liturgy Committee – Fr. John: The Liturgy Committee met on May 30 to evaluate Lent, Holy Week, and the Easter Season liturgies and plan for Pentecost as well as the calendar of meetings and agenda for the coming year. Next meeting is July 19 to evaluate Pentecost and plan for the Feast of Pius X on August 20.

Eucharistic Ministers – Fr. John: The Eucharistic Ministers hosted the parish coffee social on May 21. There are currently 71 Special Ministers of the Eucharist of which 64 are scheduled at least monthly.

Lectors – Fr. John: There are currently 30 active lectors.

Altar Servers – Fr. John: There are currently 46 altar servers of which 2 are shadowing and one will go off to college

Adult Confirmation – Fr. John: Three previously catechized adult candidates received the Sacrament of Confirmation on June 4. A fourth will celebrate the Sacrament later in the summer. There was also one candidate from St. Mary's Church in Portland who received the sacrament there. Four catechists were involved in the preparation which included seven sessions.

Tithing Committee – Fr. John: The Tithing Committee met on May 11 to distribute the quarterly parish tithe of \$3,992.02. Lisa Rohrer of McKenna Stewardship has forwarded material for our Tithing Renewal effort. The parish staff recommends using the weekends of October 1, 8, 15, and 22 for the renewal.

St. John Paul II Regional School – A new principal has hired at John Paul II Regional School. Dr. Bullock resigned for reasons of health. Registration is holding at 175 students up slightly from the beginning. Tuition is \$4,400 for students from the Diocese and \$5,400 for others. Michael Godbout is our parish representative on the Advisory Board. His term expires now but he has been asked to stay on for the transition to a new principal and so they can stagger the Board replacements.

Pastoral Planning – Fr. John – The priests of the Diocese gathered with Bishop Cote on June 1 to continue the dialogue about parish reconfiguration in the Diocese. Deaneries were asked to submit suggestions for yoking or merging parishes. It was announced in May that St. Sebastian would be yoked with St. John's in Middletown, Fr. James becoming the pastor of St. John's on May 13.

Friendly Visitor Program – Angela Scirpo – All requests for a FV or EM from those on the Visits database have been fulfilled. There are volunteers awaiting an assignment. An Orientation session with Training and Certification is scheduled for the Fall, date TBA.

Prayer Shawl Ministry – Angela Scirpo – The crafters gathered on June 10th, at which time multiple shawls were collected and blessed by Fr. Ray. On hiatus for July and August, we will resume gathering on Saturday, September 9th, and thereafter the second Saturday of the month through November. In 2018 we will follow the same gathering schedule as 2017. The weekend of June 10th a bulletin announcement offered prayer shawls to those in need, for the asking. Hopefully our inventory will be liquidated by the Fall to accommodate the arrival of a new stash of prayer shawls and lap robes.

Finance Council – Dale Aldieri – Finance Council met April 26, May 10 and May 24. Committee approved a comprehensive balanced budget for Fiscal Year starting July 2, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Discussed various Building and Grounds projects. Plan on upper and lower lot improvements to be done before the fall. Getting costs proposal to repair granite in the Front Plaza. Approved new dishwasher and water heater for hall kitchen.

Adult Faith Formation – Tim Brady – Holy Hour, June 23 for the Sacred Heart. Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible, a DVD Bible study will be led by Jeff Cavins on Tuesdays, 9/12&26, 10/10&24, 11/14&28 and 12/5 at 7 pm in the Bill Fortin Memorial Hall. 100th Anniv of the miracle of the sun at Fatima on October 13th – to be discussed later. The Bible and Sacraments was mentioned again as a possibility for a 6 week Spring 2018 program. The Bible and Mary as possibly for the Fall 2018.