

## **St Pius X Ministry Reports**

October 2018

(September 1 – 30, 2018)

**Ministry Fair** – The Ministry Fair is scheduled for October 21 which is a Coffee Sunday. Ministry coordinators were contacted to arrange for representatives to be present at their table. Last year's ministry fair was quite successful in recruiting members to non-liturgical ministries.

**Liturgy Committee** – Fr. John: The Liturgy committee met on September 19 to do preliminary planning for Ash Wednesday and Lent. We also reviewed next liturgical year's calendar.

**Eucharistic Ministers** – Fr. John: there are currently 70 commissioned Special Ministers of the Eucharist. 12 are inactive or unscheduled. We especially need EM's for the 12 Noon Mass. Trainings are scheduled for November 14 and 17.

**Lectors** – Fr. John: There are currently 27 lectors available for scheduling. Trainings are scheduled for November 7 and 17.

**Altar Servers** – Fr. John: There are currently 41 scheduled altar servers. 2 are shadowing. We need to recruit about ten new servers. Fr. Scott has scheduled a training for October 27.

**Funeral Ministry** – Fr. John There are currently 9 active members of the Funeral Ministry. The group will meet on November 7.

**Tithing Committee** – Fr. John: The tithing Committee met on September 13 and agreed to the distribution. The Committee is currently made up of Joan Konaeski, Tim Brady, Janet Maune, and Fr. John. Cindy Sheehan has resigned from the Committee so Fr. John will seek a new non Pastoral Council member for the Committee.

**Missionary Disciples** – The Diocese has made several attempts to establish a corps of lay evangelizers called "Missionary Disciples". Another meeting was held on September 26. St. Pius representatives are Carol and Dan Wolmuth and were not able to attend that meeting. We have not heard anything about it.

**Golf Committee** – The Golf Committee met on September 24 to make final arrangements for the outing which was held on September 27. The weather was perfect and we had 86 golfers participate with help from the parish staff and several volunteer parishioners. This was the most successful outing in the past seven years raising \$7,391 – over \$2,000 more than last year.

**SleighBells Fair** – Kathy Goggins We held our planning meeting on 9/20 and are now working on the behind the scenes planning (publicity, volunteers, donation requests, etc.) The Fair to be held 11/3/18.

**Arts & Crafts** – Diane Ellis The arts and crafts group is wrapping up the final touches on this year's projects for the Sleigh Bells fair. Only a few of weeks to go.

### **Young Adults – Cristina Hayden**

The young adults did not have anything in September. There is also nothing planned yet for October.

### **Breakfast Ministry - Tim Brady**

Pat and Jan Falvey stepped down as the leaders of this ministry earlier this year and will be greatly missed. Michael and Mary Godbout have agreed to take over as coordinators. A schedule for the upcoming season has not yet been set.

### **Faith Formation - Kim Molski**

Classes began on September 23. We welcomed our new Youth and Family Minister, Heather Sayers. We are working as a team of three at the Faith Formation Office, each with defined roles, but collaboratively planning for youth and families. An informational meeting for new RCIC candidates was held on September 26.

### **Friendly Visitor Program - Angela Scirpo**

Preparations are nearing completion for the 11/3 Orientation. If parishioners respond to the Bulletin Announcements, Training & Certification will be provided after Orientation, at 11:00AM. At this writing, there is adequate coverage by EMs and FVs for all in the Visits database of this Visitation Ministry.

### **St. Pius X Music Ministry - Andrew G. Berezowski**

1. Thursday evening choir rehearsals began for the season on September 6
  - a. No new members joined in September
  - b. Two young adult men have stopped attending due to family commitments
2. Folk Group rehearsals were held on Saturdays before the Sunday Anticipated Mass
3. Seeking youth cantors with the assistance of the new youth minister for the 9:00 AM Sunday Masses
4. Music was provided for:
  - a. Morning Prayer at the Parish Pastoral Council day of reflection
  - b. Sunday Masses

**CYO Basketball Program - Rob Flynn** The following is a brief report on the status of the CYO Basketball Program for the 2018-2019 Season. I am the parish coordinator for the St. Pius CYO Basketball program. For the last four years, I have also served as president of the RPP CYO League.

**Boys High School.** We plan to organize at least one high school basketball team for the upcoming season. Last year, we organized two teams. One of the coaches from last year has agreed to coach again. We will see how many boys sign up this year. I am confident that we will have plenty of boys sign up for at least one team. We play each Sunday during the months of January and February. The league holds a tournament in the month of March to determine the league champion. Last year, we had ten teams in the league from six parishes in the Middlesex Deanery. Unfortunately one of those parishes has advised the league that it will not participate this year.

**Boys & Girls Junior Varsity and Varsity Divisions.** For the last two years, St. Pius has not had a boys or girls team in either the Junior Varsity (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade) or Varsity (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade) divisions. Over the last 6 years, the number of parishes with JV and Varsity teams has dwindled down to 1. During the last 2 years, we had a total of only three parishioners registering for either one of these divisions. This year, we do not plan to have a team in either division.

**Registration.** We plan to open registration for high school boys during the first weekend in November, and close it in mid-December. Our per player fee is \$120. Fee waivers for hardship are granted on request. I am happy to answer questions or address any concerns about the Program. In addition to my email, I can be reached via cell phone. My number is 860-490-5394.

**Marriage Prep – Charlie Jackowski** Four host couples have worked with 6 couples preparing for marriage.