

ST. PIUS X MINISTRY REPORTS
SEPT 2017

Liturgy Committee – Fr. John: The Liturgy Committee met on July 19 to evaluate the Pentecost liturgy, August 23 to evaluate the Feast of St. Pius and begin planning Advent and Christmas as well as the calendar of meetings and agenda for the coming year. Next meeting is Sept 27 begin planning for Lent.

Eucharistic Ministers – Fr. John: With the passing of Jim Delude there are currently 64 Special Ministers of the Eucharist. Lita and Ruperto Rona will be moving to Seattle by the end of the year. There are training sessions planned for Nov 8 and 11. Recruiting will be done at the Ministry Fair on October 8.

Lectors – Fr. John: There are currently 30 active lectors. There are training sessions planned for Nov 15 and 18. Recruiting will be done at the Ministry Fair on October 8.

Altar Servers – Fr. John: There are currently 45 active altar servers. There is a training session tentatively planned for Nov 18. Recruiting will be done at the Ministry Fair on October 8.

Sacristan – Fr. John: Matt Newton resigned as of July 30 and it was decided to open this up as a volunteer ministry since it is very hard to get people to commit to every weekend and the biggest holidays. So far about 6 people have stepped forward to receive on-the-job-training. More are needed but progress is being made.

Funeral Ministry – Fr. John: There are currently 7 active members of the Funeral Ministry. They assist by setting/cleaning up, serving as needed as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers and Ministers of Hospitality. Recruiting will be done at the Ministry Fair on October 8. A meeting will be held in November.

Tithing Committee – Fr. John: The Tithing Committee met on August 17 to distribute the quarterly parish tithe of \$3,756.31 to Amazing Grace (\$1,200), St. Vincent DePaul Middletown (\$1,200), the Alpha Prison and Community Ministry (\$1,200) and Parish Poor Fund (\$156.31). The weekend of October 1, 8, 15 and 22 will be dedicated to renewal as a Tithing Parish. Witness speakers are needed especially for the weekend Masses of Oct 8.

Auction Committee – Fr. John: The Auction Committee will begin to meet in September to plan for the next Parish Auction to be held on March 3. Melissa Bullock is this year's chairperson. We are looking for a Vice-Chair who would be willing to serve as the following year's chairperson.

St. John Paul II Regional School – Registration has increased to 190 students, up by 15 since June. Tuition is \$4,400 for students from the Diocese and \$5,400 for others. Michael Godbout is our parish representative on the Advisory Board for the coming year when his term expires.

Arts & Crafts: Diane Ellis – Have been meeting on Tuesdays since the middle of May. Many new craft items are completed and packed for the fair. There are several projects in progress which we happily work on each week.

Young Adults: Cristina Gastador Hayden – Activity over the summer included a trivia night at Hop Knot in Middletown on 5/22 – Team won second place. Attended strawberry festival at Lyman Orchards on 6/10 to pick strawberries and have lunch at the Apple Barrel. Participated in a Moonshine tasting at Onyx Spirits Co. on 6/24. Late July held a July Jubilee at the Staurovsky's house for a potluck cookout and game night. August consisted of a dinner at Seoul BBQ and Sushi in New Britain; a wine tasting and cellar tour at Gouveia Vineyards in Wallingford; another potluck cookout and game night at the Staurovsky's. Hike planned for 8/26 cancelled. Planning meeting scheduled for 9/18 to go over events for the next few months. As of October new primary contact for Young Adults will be Crystal Staurovsky.

Sleigh Bells Fair: Kathy Goggins – No new information to report. Fair to be held in November; First planning meeting to take place in September – date to be determined.

Adult Formation: Rosemary Hall – Team sponsored a Holy Hour on June 23 based on the Feast of the Sacred Heart.

Amazing Grace: Cindy Sheehan – On break for the summer and will resume in September. Responses for volunteers are down. There are other organizations volunteering the 3rd Saturday of the month and will check with Kathy Kelly to see how coverage is.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Angela Scirpo – The Ministry will resume gathering on the 2nd Saturday of the month, commencing 9/9 and continue through November, possibly December, per members' options. The 21 women comprising this Ministry have been crafting independently throughout the summer.

Friendly Visitor Program: Angela Scirpo – Planning committee is still on hiatus. There will be an Orientation, Training and Certification session later in the fall. Details to follow.

Finance/Building & Grounds: Dale Aldieri – Finance/Parish Annual Financial Report is complete and will be distributed in the bulletin by the end of September. We finished the year in good financial condition. Building & Grounds/Upper parking lot had cracks filled and a top coat of asphalt this summer. Also the front granite entrance we repointed and any cracks were repaired.

Men's Club: Vin Stifano – Men's Club held its planning meeting on 9/14. Schedule for 2017/2018 included Roast Beef Dinner 10/14, Kitchen at the Sleigh Bells Fair on 11/4, Pasta Dinner 12/2, Family Bingo 1/27/18, Valentine Breakfast 2/11, Irish Night 3/10, Breakfast on 4/8, & we are bringing a program on the Holy Shroud to St. Pius on 4/13.

Music Ministry – Andrew Berezowski

1. Choir
 - a. Final rehearsal of the spring season was on June 1
 - b. Last choir Mass of the Season was on June 18
 - c. Rehearsals resumed on Thursdays in September from 7:00PM to 8:30PM
2. Folk Group rehearsals were held on Saturdays before Mass
3. Final Exsultet rehearsal was held April 14
 - a. 11 singers participated
4. Easter dinner for musicians was held at Lan Chi's Vietnamese restaurant on June 26
 - a. 22 participated
5. Music was provided for:
 - a. Mass of the Lord's Supper
 - b. Good Friday Service
 - c. Easter Vigil
 - d. Vigil of the Ascension of the Lord
 - e. One Holy Hour for Vocations
 - f. Vigil Mass of the Assumption
 - g. The Sacrament of Confirmation within Mass
 - h. First Holy Communion Mass
 - i. First Reconciliation Service
 - j. The Feast of St. Pius X
 - k. Sunday Masses
 - l. 21 Funerals
 - m. One Memorial Mass
 - n. One Funeral Liturgy of the Word
 - o. Seven Marriages
6. Sound and lighting technical support was provided for the St. Pius X Musical

September 1 2017 Faith Formation

- Carol and Kim have returned as of Aug 28 2017
- RCIC / RCIA Team Meeting 9/6/17 7pm FFC
- Carol and Kim will attend Diocese of Norwich In Service Day 9/7/17 9am – 3pm Holy Family Ch hall Hebron
- Confirmation Parent & Candidate Meetings will take place 9/10/17 2:30 and 4pm Hall
- Catechist Informational Meetings will take place 9/11/17 630pm FFC
- RCIC / RCIA Informational Meeting will take place on 9/20/17 7pm FFC
- A few remaining families are still pending to reregister
- A few remaining catechist slots need to be filled.
- Catechetical Sunday 9/17/17 will be celebrated with a commissioning and blessing of Catechists during the 10:30 Mass. A large thank you card will be available for parishioners to sign that will be presented and then hung in the FFC
- Our classes will begin on 9/24/17
- The Confirmation Yr2 candidates will celebrate their Rite of Covenant at the first Youth Mass on 9/24/17 6pm Prayer Cards will be presented to the Parish and placed by the Tabernacle if anyone is interested in taking a card as prayer partner for the year.
- The Peer Ministry Team will meet to plan out the Youth Mass and Social for 9/24/17 as well as the month ahead.
- Youth Ministry will begin in October

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Carol & Kim

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