

## Parish Life Ministry

### Meeting Minutes

*March 4, 2018*

**Present:** Ed Lahoda, Patty Manilla, Janet McIntyre, Cathy Raffaele and Jackie Rodgers

**Next meeting:** May 6, 2018 at 8:30 am in the Chapel

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- I. **Opening Prayer**
- II. **Donut Sundays:** We will have Donut Sundays in March, April and June. We will skip May because of Mother's Day.
- III. **Coffee, Cookies, Hospitality** to the participants of the food bank on Saturday, February 17, was very successful. A flyer with the highlights was an insert in the March 4 bulletin. At the parish council meeting on February 21, the chairs of the other ministries were invited to consider hosting on distribution day at the food bank. It was discussed at the February 28 meeting of Social Justice & Peace. Marion Reynoso, from St. Charles Lwanga, said she would bring this to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of St. Peter Claver. They may do the event on March 17. To facilitate hosting for groups not familiar with the kitchen at St. James, Ed Lahoda offered to set up the coffee and suggested we leave clean-up of the coffee pots until Sunday morning. Will do bulletin announcements asking for parishioners to participate...it is ideal for families and friends.
- IV. **Young Families Ministry:** The meeting on Sunday, February 18, after the 10 am Mass was well attended. Two families from St. Charles Lwanga were present. The group discussed their mission, raising children with a Catholic Christian perspective and incorporating social justice activities as a family, as well as forming a core group to plan meetings

- V. **Donut Sunday, March 11:** In the parish email reminding parishioners of Donut Sunday, we will also let them know that some participants from the food bank may be present and ask that they welcome strangers. Parish Life will have greeters at the entrances to the Chapel and generally be aware so that the guests feel welcomed.
  
- VI. **Evangelization:** The new subcommittee will be meeting soon.
  
- VII. **Bus Trips:** Patty Manilla suggested that we consider a bus trip to Emmistburg. Patty will do research on this. It was also suggested that a future trip be planned to “Sight and Sound” in Lancaster. This is an overnight trip. The trips will be open to Sts. Bede and Charles Lwanga.
  
- VIII. **Letter Writing at Donut Sunday:** There was a discussion on the upcoming parish mergers and how it is only a short term solution to the shortage of priests. Also included in the discussion was the fact that more lay people are not in leadership positions in the diocese and the parishes. There was some discussion on parish collaborators, but we did not have enough information on the program. With Fr. Taylor’s approval, we would like to have letters for parishioners to read and consider signing at Donut Sunday in June. The letter, to Bishop Zubik, would be on the topic of having qualified lay people in administrative positions in the diocese and the parishes. This would allow priests and deacons to minister to the needs of parishioners through liturgies, the sacraments and pastoral care.