

**St. Mary's Pastoral Council**  
St. Mary's Parish Center  
Cooperstown, New York  
October 7th, 2008

Minutes of the St. Mary's Pastoral Council meeting held on Tuesday, October 7th, 2008 at 7:00 PM in the St. Mary's Parish Center.

**Facilitator:** Michael Millea

**Members Attending,** Michael Millea, Robert Bohm, Paul Russo, Joseph Kennedy, Joseph Bellew, Cindy Fisher and Susan Miosek

**Youth Members:** Daniel Senif, Joelle Lachance and James McCaffery

**Members Absent:** Fr. John Rosson, James Gates, Jennifer Pindar, and Victor Sacchi

**Others in Attendance:** Peter Henrici: Trustee, Jeffery Woeppel: Trustee, Judi Henrici

Opening Prayer : Robert Bohm

1. Michael Millea welcomed James McCaffery to the Council as our newest youth member.

2. Judy and Peter Henrici presented information about the Attleboro retreat for the youth group . The conclusion was that it is a very beneficial program and experience for the youth of the parish . The youth members were very excited about it and enjoyed it very much . Truly a positive experience for all . As a Council we feel that it is important to continue to sponsor it .

3. Buildings & Grounds : Michael Millea provided the following update:

- steps of the church still being discussed and plans are ongoing for their repair
- drop off at the edge of the parking lot still under consideration
- painting the church- Paul Russo submitted info from Master Blaster in Glens Falls who will come and do an estimate for \$250. We all agreed that was a good idea.
- doors and locks being taken care of, however the dishwasher is still an issue .  
The Council recommends purchasing a new one if needed.

4. Jim Gates will provide calendars for the nursing homes this Christmas.

Question : Are we having a Giving Tree? Who is in charge?

5. Christmas Card was edited and approved

Question: Is there going to be a Midnight Mass @ Midnight?

6. Christmas Party - Susan Miosek and Joseph Kennedy are working on it . Susan will contact Toby Wilcox regarding music. Rob Bohm is forwarding last years info to Susan

7. Called to be Church -Michael presented the latest info much to the dismay of the council . We are not happy with the letter from Albany . All feel frustrated and bewildered as to how to proceed. Many think we should just ask Albany what their plan really is and for them to show LEADERSHIP !

Closing prayer: Robert Bohm

Meeting adjourned: 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Miosek