

**Ss. Bruno and Paul Joint Meeting Minutes**  
**December 5, 2016**  
**6:30 PM**  
**St. Paul's Family Room**

**FF Definition:** St. Bruno and St. Paul Faith Formation spans the entire life cycle, exhibits high standards of excellence, and helps parishioners encounter Christ through education, outreach, and support.

(Courtesy of the Faith Formation Strategic Planning Group FF6)

**Faith Formation Committee Goals for 2016/17:**

1. Increase membership in the Faith Formation Committee
2. Develop and implement the role and number of volunteers in Faith Formation programs by Feb. 2017
3. Evaluate and identify parish mission opportunities in 2017-18 by December 2016. Request budget early 2017.

Members Present: Bill Snyder, Mary Krall, Scott Vandenhouten, Cindy Beauchamp, Amy Golden, Karen Farrell, Jean Warren

**Prayer**

**Update Contact List** – sent around

**Pastoral Council** – (Cindy & Scott)

Bullet points from November 22 St. Paul Pastoral Committee meeting – Cindy:

1. We will ask Bill Snyder to come to talk to both councils as Ben H. did last month to introduce himself.
2. April 1/2 ministry fair will include all ministry and committees (that includes this one!) not just human concerns.
3. Father Chuck will take a 6 month sick leave starting January 2.
4. Dec. 3/4 will be our installation mass weekend.

St. Bruno's Pastoral Council - Scott V :

1. A number of Pastoral Council members (including Scott) met with the Diocesan PCA.
2. There will be a weekly Wednesday night Prayer Service, starting this week, to pray for Fr. Chuck and our parishes. Scott explained this has been done in the past, when a priest was going through a very difficult time. The service will alternate between St. Paul's and St. Bruno's. Exact format is to be determined.
3. Emphasized again – please keep Fr. Chuck in your prayers.

**Child Ministry** – (Karen & Amy)

Amy – St. Bruno's:

- First Reconciliation at St. Bruno's went well. St. Paul's is on Saturday December 10.
- Advent Sale went very well as always.
- Working with Karen and Bill to arrange an off site field trip to St. Thomas Aquinas in Waterford to see Paul Kim--for Middle School and High School students.

Karen – St. Paul’s:

- First Reconciliation went well and will go well this weekend!
- January 8<sup>th</sup> class will coincide with Amy and Bill to go to Waterford. (see Amy’s note)
- January 8<sup>th</sup> – we will have Vicki Thorn (International speaker) is talking to our families about how to talk to your kids about sex for Adult Formation. Additionally we will have Michael Lawinger (a college seminarian), Sr. Paula from Schoenstatt, and Don And Anne Lawinger coming to Family Program to discuss vocations and chastity as a fruit of the Holy Spirit (chastity meaning selflessly loving those around you and desiring their greatest good; i.e. heaven)
- Karen is checking into “building safety” during classes with children. May need volunteers to sit by entry’s into the building, instead of having it “wide open.”

#### **Youth Ministry – Bill**

- 10<sup>th</sup> Grade retreat went well – especially for the short prep time (less than 1 month) Bill had to pull it together. Being new and not knowing people, Bill found it very difficult to get volunteers. Cindy suggested ask other groups from Church (i.e. Knights of Columbus). Deacons were great help at the retreat. Tried to show some of the traditional Catholic practices. Will evaluate the retreat more closely.
- “Cookie Bake” is happening this Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM at St. Bruno’s. Cookies will be distributed to the “homebound,” through Deacons and home visitors.

#### **Adult Ministry - (Mary)**

- “Take 5 For Lent” – Speakers and sessions needed. Some ideas were discussed, including “Soup & Stations” on Friday nights. Many felt this would be simple, but also a great way to reembrace the traditions we have. Other ideas included continuing the Wednesday Prayer Service/Hour for Fr. Chuck and our parishes; Bill Snyder offered to do a session; possible other staff members.
- December 18 Sunday Speaker is Tim Crain at St. Paul’s. He will be at St. Bruno’s on January 8<sup>th</sup>.
- January 15<sup>th</sup> is the roll out for the 1% Challenge: Get to know Jesus using 1% of your day for prayer, reading the bible.

#### **General –**

- April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – St. Bruno’s/ St. Paul’s Pastoral Council Update from our committee, 7:30 pm
- Summer Event Fund Raising - reminder of forms that need to be submitted to Finance committees – soon as they are preparing budgets.
- Goal – Identify parish mission opportunities in 2017-18. Ideas were thrown out: Do our own; Do it in summer; Bring in a “headliner” but supported by parish staff; Have a Pentecost Mission. The Parish Mission idea should be communicated to Staff and Prayer & Worship Committee.
- Budget requests? Mission would be a large one. Can funding for programs be requested from “Gifts of the Heart” or “Men Who Cook” Auction items?

#### **Next Meeting:**

January 9, 2017 at St. Bruno’s

Respectfully submitted by Jean Warren