

**OUR LADY OF SORROWS CHRISTIAN SERVICES COMMISSION  
MEETING NOTES FEBRUARY 11, 2014**

Meeting held at home of Valerie Fratello.

**Attendees:** Kate Mason, Ginny DeCoste, Ginny Devlin, Mary Alice Dowdell, Valerie Fratello, Mary Ann Lahive, and Connie Malloy

Meeting led by Kate Mason; Notes by Mary Alice Dowdell

**Opening prayer** read by Ginny Devlin.

**EPOCH CENTER**

Rosary – February 20 – 11 a.m.

Valentine cards – made by Jody Pandelidis and delivered Feb 11 by Mary Alice

Spring cards – each CSC member to make 10 cards; bring to CSC March 11<sup>th</sup> meeting

**SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY COLLECTION**

The volunteers at the Stoughton Food Pantry were overwhelmed by the huge collection donated by OLOS parishioners. Bill Morrill's truck bed was full and half of Ginny Devlin's car.

**INITIATIVE: GREETINGS TO HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS**

Mary Alice obtained a list of parishioners, numbering 14, who receive Communion Calls from Chris Muldoon and Joan Spano. This list will be used in sending greeting cards for holidays.

How can we determine who are other homebound parishioners? Suggestion: Ask the Eucharistic Ministers making the calls to deliver the Easter cards and explain the new program. Future cards will then be mailed. Kate Mason may have a volunteer to make holiday cards for this initiative.

The bookmarks from the Lenten Mission might be included with the Easter cards.

**ACTION:** More discussion at the March 11<sup>th</sup> meeting: Kate to discuss initiative with Fr. Scott.

**CSC SENDING OFF BRUNCH FOR FR. SCOTT**

CSC has an annual dinner in June for the Commission members, Fr. Scott and Deacon Mike.

This year, the Commission would like to have that gathering before Fr. Scott leaves for his new role. We decided on a "Sending Off Brunch" which Valerie Fratello graciously offered to host at her family home. Valerie led the discussion on the plans for the brunch and will send commission members an update to the discussion in a separate email.

Date: April 6 Time: Following 11:30 Mass Place: The Fratello Residence

**ACTION:** Final details for the brunch, etc, will be discussed at our March 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**EVELYN HOUSE - EASTER BASKETS**

Mary Ann Lahive led the discussion on the plans for collecting Easter Baskets for residents of the Evelyn House in Stoughton. Mary Ann estimates approximately 24 baskets will be needed

this year. Mary Ann will provide Val with the text for the labels to be put on the back of each tag.

March 9- Mary Alice to have obtained list of children in residence; and send to Val and Mary Ann along with Evelyn House contact information

March 18 – Mary Ann will submit article for church bulletin for weekend of March 22/23

March 12-29 – Val will create egg tags for Giving Tree and deliver to the alcove in church before noon on March 29; Instructions on tags will have a basket return date of April 12/13

March 22/23 – Pulpit announcement at all Masses; Mary Ann to send to Fr. Scott.

March 29/30 – Mary Ann will obtain and set up Giving Tree and put tags on prior to the 4:30 Mass on Mar 29; Pulpit announcement repeated

April 12/13 – Easter Baskets due back to church under Giving Tree

April 16 – Mary Ann delivers Easter Baskets to Evelyn House in time for Easter Sunday morning.

### **PARISH ASSEMBLY – March 1 and 2**

Jackie Baldino has invited the CSC to make a presentation at the two Assembly gatherings on March 1 and 2. CSC Members agreed that this was a wonderful opportunity however availability is limited for that weekend. Kate can cover Saturday at the 5:30 Assembly; Ginny Devlin will cover Sunday, March 2 Assembly at 12:30 p.m..

ACTIONS: Kate will contact Carol Roberto and Karen McManus to see about their availability. Kate will draft a scripted PowerPoint presentation for review by Mary Alice. Everyone is encouraged to register for and participate in the Assembly.

### **LENTEN MISSION – March 17 - 18**

Mary Alice advised the status of preparations: the Mission Prayer has been approved, graphics for a prayer/bookmark/flyer created, announcements placed in OLOS and B.S. bulletins, will also ask neighboring parishes to insert announcement in their bulletins on the second weekend in March, newspaper articles in Sharon and Walpole set for the same week. Mary Alice said volunteers will be needed for cantors, readers, ushers, greeters, receptions and sale of one of Rory Cooney's CDs. She will contact Fabiola Aguilera for help in recruiting these volunteers.

### **PPC NEWS:**

- The PPC is discussing a "Sending Forth" Mass for Fr. Scott on May 31 at 4:30 with PPC members assisting at the liturgy and the reception following Mass. More details will be coming.
- The parish photo directory will be available when the parochial vicars are named; TBD.

### **NEXT MEETING**

March 11 at Kate Mason's home – 31 Essex Road – 7:30 p.m.

**Closing prayer** read by Kate at 9:30 p.m.