

St. Mary's Parish Council Meeting Notes February 11, 2026

ATTENDEES: Cathy Alegre, Michelle Bockin, Mike Cicero, Mike DeVilliers, Christine Flynn, Msgr. Ken, Sandra Koenig, Christina Lejda, Edward Massari, Joe Martyn, Denise Meisnest, Mary Anne Moresco, Tom Moresco, Dominick Pizarro, Jim Stewart.

MEETING OPENED: Msgr. Ken opened the meeting in prayer at 7:00 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

- **ACTION ITEMS:** The Action Items were reviewed and updated as reflected in these notes.
- **UPKEEP OF ROOMS:** Msgr. Ken will follow up with Maria to ensure that meeting rooms are returned to the condition in which they were found (e.g. Divine Mercy Library).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **COMMUNICATIONS:** Tom reported (for Dan) that website traffic is still growing compared to last year.
- **HOSPITALITY:** Dominic reported (for Missy) that finger food will be available at the ministry fair. This will include soda, water coffee and sandwiches. Total cost is \$446.00.
- **WELCOME CENTERS:** Tom said he noticed that the welcome center is being kept updated and organized. Cathy reported that the Welcome Center at the Pines is fine.
- **PATH:** Mike reported on the PATH Ministry.
 - It has been a busy month. In three weeks, the code blue project went from an idea to operational.
 - As many as 12 clients have stayed at St. Mary's overnight.
 - Lives are literally being saved.
 - Code blue goes into effect when it is 32 degrees and there is no precipitation or when it is 35 degrees and there is precipitation.
 - The group is working on obtaining their EIN, and the 501(c)(3) application is making progress.
- **HOLY FACE:** Christine reported on the Holy Face Ministry. The weekend designated to the Holy Face Ministry went well.
 - The ministry gave out prayer cards.
 - There were 14 new sign-ups for the ministry.
 - At least 30 people came to the meeting on the following Tuesday for the devotion.
 - The next event is Tuesday, February 17, the feast of the Holy Face, at Barnegat beginning at 7:00 p.m. A consecration to the Holy Face will be prayed.
 - A novena began to the Holy Face on February 8th.
 - The Holy Face Ministry will be represented at the Ministry fair.

- Christine will check with Dan to make sure she is included in the Flocknote list of Ministry Heads.
- **YOUTH MINISTRY:** Msgr. reported that laser tag night was held last week with the youth ministry. It worked well.
- **MIRACLE MONDAYS:** Michelle reported on Miracle Mondays. January Miracle Mondays was cancelled due to the weather.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS:

- **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Ed reported the Knights of Columbus is starting its Lenten Fish Fry on February 20th. It will continue every day through Lent. There will be no Fish Fry on Good Friday. The cost is \$20 for adults, and \$8 for children.
- **MIRACLE MONDAYS:** Michelle reported that the March 30 Miracle Mondays will be cancelled due to the Chrism Mass. In April, Miracle Mondays will resume the regular schedule.
- **MASS FOR THOSE WHO DIED BY SUICIDE:** Msgr. Ken and Tom (for Felicia) both reported that on February 23 there will be a special Mass for those who died by suicide at 7:00 p.m., St. Mary's Barnegat. This Mass will be held after Miracle Mondays which will be scheduled from 4 p.m to 6:30 p.m on that particular Monday.
- **LIGHT OF THE WORLD:** Tom provided an update from Felicia that the next Light of the World Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, July 11 and 12, 2026.
- **UGANDA:** Msgr. reported that the Uganda Ministry is working on *Water only Wednesdays*. The ministry will concentrate this effort on religious education and the school.
- **FAMILY MINISTRY:** Msgr. Ken reported that the next event for the Family Ministry is candy bar bingo which is scheduled for March 21.
- **SEVEN SORROWS ROSARY:** Ed reported on the Seven Sorrows Rosary event.
 - The Seven Sorrows Rosary event will be held on Sunday night, March 8 at 7:00 p.m.
 - Ed encouraged people to go to this event which was started by John Pescatore seven years ago. It has continued in his honor and memory.
 - Readers are needed for the sorrows, and men are needed to help organize this event.
- **BEREAVEMENT:** Tom reported (for Felicia) that the next 6-week *Season of Hope* Bereavement session is scheduled from Wednesday May 6 to June 10, 2026; Msgr. Reinbold Hall.
- **HOLY FACE:** Christine reported that the next Holy Face event is Tuesday, February 17, at Barnegat beginning at 7:00 p.m., which is the feast of the Holy Face and a consecration to the Holy Face will be prayed.
- **PARISH MINISTRY FAIR:** Tom reported on the upcoming Parish Ministry Fair.

- The fair will be held on Saturday, February 14 from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m.
 - There will be two opportunities for setting up. One will be Friday, February 13 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., and the second will be Saturday, the day of the fair, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
 - On Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Dan will be demonstrating Flocknote and how to use Flocknote.
 - Tables need to be set up before the start of this demonstration.
 - There will be food available, so a table needs to be set up for food.
 - Tim will be at the Welcome Table from 11:30 to 12:00 and to help people with raffle tickets as they sign in. There is no need to be present to win. Folks just need to write their name and phone number on the ticket. Winning tickets will be announced at 2:00 p.m.
 - Mary Anne will coordinate registration and sign in.
- **LENTEN OUTREACH UPDATE:** Tom provided an update on the Lenten outreach. The Postcards are in. A total of 4,000 were ordered. (There will be 2,000 at each church). Some postcards from the Pines will be given to the school and to CCD.
 - **LENTEN RETREAT:** Msgr. Ken reported on the Lenten retreat which will be held on March 22, 23 and 24. During this retreat, the first night will be in English, the second will be in Spanish, and the third night will be bilingual.
 - **DIVINE MERCY:** Mary Anne reported on Divine Mercy.
 - Tom will ask Deacon Greg to give the talk on Divine Mercy Sunday.
 - Msgr. Ken will check with Fr. Walter to see if the Spanish Mass can be moved back to stop gridlock in the narthex between the end of the Sunday Spanish Mass and the beginning of the Divine Mercy Service.
 - We will have the Divine Mercy Novena and some packets available at the Welcome Center, and Mary Anne will coordinate this as well as postcards if we decide to have them for this event.
 - Whether a video will be played at this service is currently TBD.
 - **GIFT SHOP:** Msgr. Ken reported that the hope is that the gift shop can be opened at the end of April. One option being pursued is having used items, still in good condition, available for sale. For now, the lay coordinator of this effort is Kathleen Graham.
 - **PATH:** Mike reported that PATH is working on a poverty simulation program for the spring.
 - **WELCOME WAGON:** Msgr. Ken and Tom reported on the Welcome Wagon effort.
 - This is a service where, for a fee, they put new arrivals in town in touch with St. Mary's.
 - The parish would receive a list of new residents for Barnegat and Manahawkin.
 - We would include information on St. Mary's with their gift booklet. Then the Welcome Wagon follows up with a postcard.
 - It was decided to try this for a year and see if it helps.
 - Tom will follow up with Patrick and Dan to address what type of information would go into their Welcome Wagon gift booklet.

CALENDAR: The upcoming parish events calendar is included as Attachment 1.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Msgr. Ken Check with Fr. Walter to see if the Spanish Mass can be moved back to 1:00 p.m. to stop gridlock in the narthex between the end of the Spanish Mass and the beginning of the Divine Mercy Service. (Divine Mercy Sunday)
- Msgr. Ken will follow up with Maria to ensure that rooms are returned to the condition in which they were found.
- Tom will ask Deacon Greg to give the talk on Divine Mercy Sunday.
- Tom will follow up with Patrick for what type of information would go into their Welcome Wagon gift booklet.

AGENDA TOPICS FOR NEXT MONTH:

- Welcome Wagon
- Lenten outreach status

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Healing of Richard F.
- Healing of Miriam
- Healing of Andrew Simone (seminarian who needs surgery for blood clots and is battling cancer)
- Healing of Bob, the builder
- Healing of Michelle O'Neil's mother
- Code Blue guests, staff and volunteers
- In thanksgiving for Mike's wife, who is a cancer survivor for six years this month.
- In thanksgiving, for Christine that biopsy was benign
- Civility in politics.

MEETING CLOSED: Msgr. Ken closed the meeting in prayer at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Moresco

Attachment (1) Upcoming Activities and Events

ATT. 1: UPCOMING PARISH ACITIVITES AND EVENTS:

Feb.17, Tues.	Holy Face Devotion and Prayer	7:00 p.m.	Barnegat Church
Feb.20 Fri.	Knights of Columbus Fish Fry; \$20 Adults; \$8 children	4:30 p.m.	Pines Parish Center
Feb. 23 Monday	Miracle Mondays	4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Barnegat Church
Feb. 23 Monday	Mass for those who have died by suicide	7:00 p.m.	Barnegat Church
Feb. 27 Fri.	Knights of Columbus Fish Fry; \$20 Adults; \$8 children	4:30 p.m.	Pines: Parish Center
March 6, Fri.	Knights of Columbus Fish Fry; \$20 Adults; \$8 children	4:30 p.m.	Pines: Parish Center
March 8, Sun.	Seven Sorrows Rosary event; Knights of Columbus	7:00 p.m.	Pines; Church
March 13, Fri.	Knights of Columbus Fish Fry; \$20 Adults; \$8 children	4:30 p.m.	Pines: Parish Center
March 20, Fri.	Knights of Columbus Fish Fry; \$20 Adults; \$8 children	4:30 p.m.	Pines: Parish Center
March 21, Saturday	Candy Bar Bingo; Sponsored by the Family Ministry		Pines, Parish Center

March 22, 23, 24 (S, M, T)	Parish Lenten Retreat Sun. (Eng.) Mon (Span.) Tues (Span. & Eng.)	7:00 p.m.	Pines; Church
Fri., March 27	Knights of Columbus Fish Fry; \$20 Adults; \$8 children	4:30 p.m.	Pines: Parish Center
Mon., March 30	Chrism Mass	7:30 p.m.	Co-Cathedral, St. Robert Bellarmine, Freehold
Fri., April 3	Good Friday		
Sun., April 12	Divine Mercy Sunday Service	Time TBD	Pines: Church
Mon., April 27	Miracle Mondays	4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Barneгат Church
LOOKING AHEAD:			
Wed., May 6 to June 10	Season of Hope Bereavement		Barneгат MR Hall
Sat., July 11 and Sun., July 12	Light of the World Retreat		Pines Parish Center and Church