

## **Parish Life Ministry**

### Meeting Minutes

*February 4, 2018*

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

**Next meeting:** March 4, 2018 at 8:30 am in the Chapel

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#### **I. Opening Prayer**

- II. **Donut Sundays:** We will have Donut Sundays in February, March April and June. We will skip May because of Mother's Day. Janet and Cathy will pick up kitchen supplies on Tuesday, February 6.
- III. **Young Families Ministry:** The group will be meeting on Sunday, February 18, after the 10 am Mass. They hope to have Lois Campbell facilitate; they are doing potluck; Cathy Dettore is going to help with the children. There are CCD classes, so there will be fewer children.
- IV. **Parish Life Ministry** has not met with a similar ministry at St. Bede or St. Charles Lwanga. Some members of Parish Life attended a Stephen Ministries workshop with members of St. Charles Lwanga's bereavement group. We will arrange to meet with the Christian Mothers at St. Charles Lwanga when they resume their meetings. We will have to find out what group we are most like at St. Bede. Cathy will check out their website to find meetings that are comparable.
- V. **New Committee:** There is a new subcommittee of Parish Life which doesn't have a name yet. Chris Forbes, Patty Manilla, Bill Guy, Cathy Raffaele and Matt Kovalan-Santoni will meet soon. The purpose to discuss ways to evangelize and market parish activities in and outside the parish. There was a discussion on how evangelization is not about converting, but is about sharing the Good News. We decided to invite the clients and volunteers of the food bank to Donut Sunday

in March with the emphasis on fellowship. Patty will do create an invitation and Cathy will format it. We will hand out the invitations on distribution day at the food bank on Saturday, February 17 and will also provide coffee and cookie on that date. Ed will arrange for the cookies.

VI. **Meeting Adjourned**

### **Lenten Prayer**

Lord, grant us simplicity of faith  
and a generosity of service  
that gives without counting cost.

A life overflowing with Grace  
poured out from the One  
who gave everything,  
that we might show  
the power of love  
to a broken world,  
and share the truth  
from a living Word.

Lord, grant us simplicity of faith,  
and a yearning to share it.