

**St. John Paul II Parish  
Adams, MA  
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting  
on Monday, January 22, 2018**

The Parish Council of St. John Paul II (“SJP II”) Parish met in Kolbe Hall of St. Stanislaus Kostka Church on Monday, January 22, 2018.

Those present: Fr. Steven Montesanti, James Loughman (Secretary) (Communications), Jan Rogge (Family Life), Barbara Wisniowski (Hospitality), Lawrence Clairmont (Property), Barbara Armata (Spiritual Life) and Deborah Wooley (Finance).

One other individual was also present.

Fr. Steve gave an opening prayer, and then called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Jim noted that the minutes of our last meeting on October 23, 2017 had already been approved via email and were online on the Parish website.

**Berkshire Chamber Players Concert:** Jim reported our Parish hosted a classical music concert by the Berkshire Chamber Players at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church on Sunday, January 21, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

In between the performances featured during the concert, sponsored by the Adams Lions Club, Adams Historical Society President (and Communications Committee member) Eugene Michalenko spoke to inform audience members what was occurring during the year each piece of music was composed (between 1778 and 1936).

Although there was no media coverage for the concert, the Communications Committee did a remarkably good job of publicizing it through posters and flyers, and the concert was both well attended and well received. It is hoped that it may become an annual event at our Parish.

**Lenten Retreat:** A Lenten Retreat has been tentatively scheduled for early March 2018. Fr. Steve is trying to line up a speaker for the Retreat.

In addition, Fr. Steve will be scheduling extended Lent Confession times on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. When this was done during Advent, it worked out very well.

**Holy Week Services:** The schedule for services during Holy Week is as follows:

March 24/25:	Palm Sunday - regular weekend Mass schedule.
March 28:	Wednesday - Lamentations (Gorzkie Zale), 6 PM at St. Stan’s.
March 29:	Holy Thursday, 7 PM at Notre Dame (with procession to St. Stan’s followed by adoration until 10 PM).
March 30:	Good Friday - Stations of the Cross, 2:15 PM at Notre Dame followed by start of Divine Mercy Novena. (Novena continues daily at St. Stan’s at 3 PM until Mercy Sunday). Good Friday services at 7 PM at St. Stan’s.

March 31: Holy Saturday - Blessing of Food, 9 AM St. Stan's School Cafe.  
Veneration of the Cross all day until early evening at St. Stan's.  
Start of Divine Mercy Novena, 3 PM at St. Stan's  
(Novena continues daily until Mercy Sunday).  
Easter Vigil – 8 PM at Notre Dame (no 4 PM Mass)

April 1: Easter - regular Sunday schedule.  
April 8: Divine Mercy - regular Sunday schedule;  
3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet at St. Stan's.

**Spring Pilgrimage:** This year, our Parish's upcoming Spring Pilgrimage will be to a presentation on the Life of Jesus at the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Our Parish's bus will leave Adams on Thursday, April 26, 2018 and will return the next evening. Larry announced the trip is fully booked, and our Parish even has a waiting list (so that in case someone drops out, someone else can attend in their place).

**Parish Picnic:** Our Parish will hold a Polish Picnic at the Polanka Grounds on Mill Street on Sunday, July 29, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
The Eddie Forman Orchestra ("EFO") will perform polkas both for the picnic itself and for a Polka Mass which will take place at 10:00 a.m. that morning.  
The usual Sunday Mass schedule will be altered that weekend, with the 8:00 a.m. Mass to be held at Notre Dame (rather than St. Stanislaus Kostka) Church and the 10:00 (rather than 10:15) a.m. Mass to be held at St. Stanislaus Kostka (rather than Notre Dame) Church.

**September Mission:** Our Parish's fourth annual Fall Mission will take place during September of 2018. Fr. Steve has three potential candidates in mind to serve as the speaker. He would like the Mission to focus on the spiritual dimensions of service, and use it to spur greater grass roots participation by our participation. His hope is to follow the Mission with three or four weeks of weekly homilies to encourage volunteerism, followed by a Ministry Fair to recruit new members to our various Parish Committees and related organizations.

**Finance Committee:** Deborah distributed the financial report for FY 2018's second quarter (i.e., October through December 2017). Overall, the figures are encouraging, with the largest unanticipated "ordinary" expenditures (as opposed to "capital" projects per se) being related to the maintenance and repairs of our Parish's physical plant.

**Next Meeting:** Our next Parish Council meeting will take place in Kolbe Hall on Monday, April 23, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Fr. Montesanti offered the closing prayer. The meeting then adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Loughman (Secretary)