

Christian Service Meeting
November 21, 2015

Present – Bill, Karen, Cyndie, Cheryl, Debbie, Sr Grace and two special guests:
Amy Kennedy and Linda Pipp

Commissions:

Linda Pipp is now the representative to Crossroad Pregnancy. She hopes to bring this particular commission to life at St. Marys. One project she thought of is for the parish to begin dropping off coupons to help the clients. Linda also wanted Tom Sickle to come and speak at the Masses.

Amy Kennedy spoke to us in regards to St Michaels Food Panty. Amy would like to be able to have St Mary continue to support this commission by asking the parish to do food drives at the Masses throughout the year.

Karen spoke on her commission of Lifespan. January is there big “March for Life’ event in which 9 buses of people go to Washington DC to march for the right to life. Christmas card sales are not the same but will continue. There will also be another event January 21 for everyone to buy and light a candle in memory of the 58,000 unborn babies.

Cyndi told us the trees are up and there are 1161 cards and they added two new ministries St Vincent De Paul Prison group and Baldwin Center.

Cheryl spoke to us about the success of Scare A Way Hunger for RANH. And also spoke on the offsite visits Sister Grace put together. We visited Cristo Rey High School in Mexicantown, All Saints Church Food Pantry, Mercy Education Project in Corktown and the final visit was to Loyola High School. St Marys supports the high schools and it was a wonderful experience. We hope to do more in the future.

It is recommended that we all put articles in the Parish Bulletin and share the special events and fundraisers they we are a part of so the parish knows of who we are and what we do.

In January, we are all to look at the website for our commissions and bring to our meeting any changes we need. And to give feedback to our portion of the website.

Other business:

Father Stan reiterated what the expectation of this commission is – assess what the needs are of the Parish, does being involve make someone feel better and then coordinating this through Education, Advocacy and Prayer. Also keep the parish aware of our Direct Services.

Sister Grace and Debbie spoke of the Thanksgiving Cruise event which was successful. At this event the attendees were able to narrow down areas they were very excited about – Hunger, Home Care, Housing Teen Crises, Unemployment and Seniors.

We are hoping to achieve all the above through a parish survey which is currently on hold for redesign. Our service commission will be working on the fundamentals of it.

Our next meeting is Saturday, December 19th. Debbie has informed us she will not be attending but will have an agenda ready. We need to complete a survey given to us by Parish Council and we are to prepare it and give to Dick Danforth for Parish Council meeting that day.

Next note taker is:

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Bida