

St. Francis of Assisi & Our Lady of Fatima Churches
St. Mary's of the Fort & St. Joseph's Churches
July 20, 2015

ATTENDANCE: Myron Brady, Ray Brosseau, Deacon Garry Burnell, Brian Cartier, Faylene Chapman, Deacon Brian Dwyer, Debbie Fleury, Jack Fleury, Danielle French, Shirley Kelly, Father Tom Kormmeyer, Charlotte Lauzon, Rod Lauzon, Shiloh Leduc, Peggy Lester, Pat Niles, Carol Pulsifer, Mike Shea, Chris Smith, Bev Sprague, Shirley Therrien, Lori Tulip, Brian Varin
(Absent – Alison Benedict, Kay Spinner, Cindy Healy, Jerry Mahoney)

PRAYER: Father led us in a prayer to our patron saints to help us with what needs to be done in all our parishes.

VISION: Father's vision is to keep all parishes open as long as possible, to provide the Sacraments and the masses with special focus on the Holy Eucharist. It is critical that the parish councils and finance councils work closely with the pastor to keep moving forward in the life of our parishes. Father will be the canonical pastor of Chateaugay and Burke when Father John Looby retires in September of this year. Six parishes! A daunting task!

STYLE: Father said he wants to let us know what is going on. If there are problems please feel free to let him know and together we will work them out. It is critical that we all be on the same page if we are going to succeed. He doesn't like to have people feel they have to walk on egg shells around him. He doesn't believe in fighting and likes to have peace. He wants to welcome people into our parishes and never refuses anyone who comes in faith and asks to have their child baptized. Father likes social events and likes to help out with parish projects.

DEACON DWYER: Deacon Dwyer will be Pastoral Associate in Chateaugay and Burke and will help in all six churches when Deacon Garry is in the south for the winter months. Deacon Garry will be preaching every other week. Both Deacons will be helping with marriages and baptisms.

FATHER LOOBY: Father Looby will move into the rectory in Constable when he retires in September and help with the masses in all parishes.

MAINTENANCE: The last part of September there will be a work bee at the cemetery in Trout River to fix the headstones that are tipping over. The bases will be removed and replaced with crush & run.
Father has ordered a new garage door for the rectory in Constable so Father Looby can put his car in the garage.

BULLETIN: The details of incorporating all parishes in the bulletin are still being worked on. St. Mary's contract ends in August. St. Patrick's ends in October.

OLD BUSINESS: Charlotte passed around the estimates of replacing the roofs on both St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Parish Halls. (See attached)

NEW BUSINESS: Charlotte will be taking over all the bookkeeping when Darlene Perry retires this fall.

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd): Beginning August 7th there will be an 8:30 mass at Bombay each Friday. We have between 15 to 20 daily mass goers.
There will be four parish council meetings a year.
Deacon Garry will be selling tickets for St. Francis's Raffle to be drawn on September 20 at the Knights of Columbus annual ham dinner. He said whenever one of our parishes has a dinner or raffle we can sell tickets at all parishes.
Everyone agreed.

SALE OF ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH: The Mohawk School and the Mohawk Tribe are all in favor of purchasing the church. Jerry Rufa talked to the Superintendent. It is a slow process working with the State of New York. Three letters have been sent and Jerry is trying to find out who the person is in Albany that we need to be talking to.

CLOSING PRAYER: Father led us in the Hail Mary and asked our patron saints to help us and bless our efforts.