

**PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
CHURCH OF ST. RAYMOND
MONDAY APRIL 18, 2016**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Msgr. John Graham, Rev. William Brogan, Rev. Joseph Darbouze, Rev. Elvin Rivera, Sr. Adelina García, Sr. Eleazar Casas, Sr. Mary Ann D'Antonio, Mrs. Judith Carew, Sr. Patricia Brito, Bill Rilley, Gabbi Carroll, Ellen McDonough, Cathy Ryall, Mary Anne McNally, Talissa Rodriguez, Ana Peters, Anthony Fosu, Joanne Lewis, Justina Miranda, Raymond Miranda, Rosa Rifas, Jose Ramos, Ezekiel Rodriguez, and Mario Vega,

OBSERVERS: None

EXCUSED:

Deacon Fernando L. Vázquez, Mr. Eugene Rahilly, Carol Jo Fause, Gloria Lopez- Protonentis, Margie Lorenzo, Paula Marin, Cecilia Loira, Carmin Toro, Tejon Witter, Tanya Rodriguez- Alsadi, and Luis Mercado

OPENING PRAYER- BE MERCIFUL LIKE THE FATHER (ENGLISH)

REVIEW MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING - *Fr. Brogan motioned to accept. Jose Ramos seconded.*

PASTOR'S REPORT - *Msgr. Graham*

- Registration for all schools continues. A report will be completed by all three schools in June.
- We met our 2015 goal for the Cardinal's Appeal. Donations to the Cardinal's Appeal were also made by various program and parish groups.
- Celebration of the Sacraments in the schools, religious education program and RCIA continues.
- Six couples also completed the convalidation program with Father Brogan.
- The Cemetery is under new leadership and we welcome Mr. Frank Mangual as the new director. At this time he is looking to hire a technology person. Cremation niches have consistent sales.
- There are church exterior repairs being done and we are hopeful the construction will conclude in late spring.
- Collections are rising with our Increased Giving Offertory Campaign
- Msgr. John Graham's term is scheduled to end in June 2016.
- Tentative Dates for 2016/2017 Parish Council Meetings include: October 3, January 30, April 24 and June 26 with all meetings taking place on Mondays at 7:30pm in the Flynn Room
- Elections, appointments and re-appointments to the Parish Council to be determined at our next meeting. We need elections for three officers (Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary)
- Parishioners who are members are allowed appointments of 3 years. They can then be re-appointed for an additional 3 years but must then take a year off. A coupon will be placed in the bulletin inviting new parishioners to join the Parish Council.
- New York Catholic Youth Day will take place on Saturday April 30th at St. Joseph's seminary with Cardinal Dolan.

-On Sunday April 24th the Legion of Mary will be giving out rosaries. The Girls Academy will also be hosting a bake sale and our Bulletin Advertisers will also be present to engage parishioners.

MAKING ALL THINGS NEW IMPLEMENTATION – Cathy Ryall

-A Parish Lay Leadership Conference was held on March 14th which focused on The Office of Young Adult Outreach and Youth Ministry. A new topic will be discussed during the second session to be held on May 5th. Council Members are welcomed to join.

-Our parish is part of cluster 35 which includes Santa Maria, St. Anthony, St. Helena, Our Lady of Solace/St. Dominic and St. Raymond parishes. Training sessions for the next phase begin next Wednesday at Spellman.

SOCIAL ACTION/CHRISTIAN SERVICE ACTIVITIES –

-A coupon in the bulletin will be available to seek parishioners interested in joining or developing a Pro-Life club.

-Our Parish Blood Drives will be held in July and September.

-48 Women attended and participated in the Divine Mercy Retreat.

-Father Rivera and his group will host a Mother's Day breakfast on Sunday May 8th after the 9:00am and 10:00am mass.

CLOSING PRAYER – BE MERCIFUL LIKE THE FATHER (ENGLISH)

FUTURE MEETING DATE-

Monday – June 20, 2016