**Social Ministries Meeting Saturday November 18, 2017**

Present: Jessica Schwartz, Sandy Moniot, Deb Smith, Nancy Richardson, Fr. Leo Reinhardt, Sally Acomb, Susan Frank, Sharon Tyo, Lynn Hulse, Anne Meyer Wilber, Peggy Ruscio

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| **Topic** | **Discussion** | **Decision** | **Responsibility** |
| Prayer and welcoming of guests |  |  |  |
| End of year disbursements  $1100 total | $300 to St. Patrick's food pantry  $300 to St. Januarius' food pantry  $200 to Living Well  $200 to Literacy Volunteers | Sent with letter thanking them for their ministry | AMW |
| Respect Life bottle collection | Speakers and bottles this year  St. Jan's & St. Theresa's TBD  St. Patrick's $366.00 collected  St. Michael's $1276.24 collected | Collection for CareNet  More $$$ coming in. |  |
| Giving & Angel trees | St.Jan's- gifts go to local families  St. Pat's -return gifts to firehouse  St. Mike's- gifts go to CareNet, Clinton Crest, and meals on wheels  St. Th's- gifts go to local families | Small group meeting  separate to coordinate this for St. Mike's | AMW |
| St. John's small home | It will be announced this weekend that we are discontinuing direct support. They have become less dependent on us. | Thank you sent to Katie and team by Anne. | NR |
| Homeless kit | Kits are being collected at St. Pat's include: tooth paste, tooth brush, razor, soap, shampoo, all in a coffee can. Will be sent to homeless shelters. | At St. Pat's  To go to St. Joseph's House of Hospitality & Dimitri House or Sisters of Mercy | ST |
| Food distribution | 2nd Friday of the month at St. Pat's. Number of people served has gone down. Suggestion to call DDS in Bath, and Friendship home in Middlesex. | At St. Pat's | ST |
| Warm Hands Warm Heart | Sisters of Mercy-St. Pat's + St. M's  Dmitri House  St. Joe's House of Hospitality-St. Jan's | Add Mittens scarves, hats, and socks. | PR  ST |
| March for Life | Precious Feet-give a donation  [Jan. 13](x-apple-data-detectors://13)/14- Precious feet pins will be distributed with container to collect donations.  St. Jan's/St.T.'s for Birthright  St. Pat's/ St. M.'s to CareNet | Announcement in the bulletin [Jan. 6](x-apple-data-detectors://14)/7  Distribute precious feet pins and collect donations for Birthright and CareNet on the weekend of [Jan. 13](x-apple-data-detectors://15)/14  Try to get children involved in distribution. | PR |
| Public policy weekend 2ndweekend in Feb. | Issue not decided-looking at 5 possibilities | Anne will copy materials and send to worship site coordinators | AMW |
| Grandma's Kitchen | Sponsored by PY council of Churches  Prepared food served at PYA after school | Dates TBD | AMW |
| PY Council of Churches | Monica Marsh will help AMW represent St. Michael's at the PYCOC |  |  |
| Operation Rice Bowl | This year's focus will be on “Who is our neighbor?” | Starts Ash Wednesday Nancy Richardson will coordinate. | NR |
| Immigration | An education event to start | Nov. 26 at St. Jan's after [10am](x-apple-data-detectors://18) Mass.  Carly Fox is coming. There will be a short video and discussion | JS & NR |
| Human Trafficking | In discussion stage  lots of aspects to consider  How to initiate moving forward  Explain Human Trafficking (HT) in simple terms. Will focus meeting [on Feb. 24](x-apple-data-detectors://19) on HT  Committee should bring thoughts, ideas and questions. | Nothing scheduled yet- next year possibly Safe house in Corning opening soon. Maternal & children's home in Naples is being planned | JS |