



Holy Cross Church Social Concerns Committee

Minutes

1/09/09

Attendance: Kathy Lessard, Margaret Helwig, Pat Gallagher, Jean Guilfoyle, Sue Comstock and Jim Cordie.

The meeting was opened with prayer.

Minutes from the meeting of 12/02/08 were approved.

Homeless Ministry

- The Dover Interfaith Mission for Housing consortium of churches began this winter's cold-shelter for the homeless on December 1st.
 - Holy Cross sponsored the week of December 15th - 21st and will also sponsor the week of January 19th - 25th.

Pro-Life

- Life's A Blessings pro-life team met with pro-life members of Calvary Assembly of God Church on December 15th. Such meetings are planned with other churches in the Dover area.
- A bus is leaving from Holy Cross Church for the trip to The March for Life on January 22nd.
- Suggestions received from Deacon McMullen about educating the parishioners on pro-life issues will be discussed at the February meeting.
- Pat and other committee members will be asking for donations for the Kent County Pregnancy Help Center at Masses on the weekend of January 10th - 11th.
- Jim and Kathy will begin research for the development of a Project Rachel at Holy Cross.
- A Rose and a Prayer is asking for prayers for life during the week of January 18th.
- The spring 40 Days for Life Campaign will begin on February 25th.

Prison Ministry

- The revitalized mentoring program is going well.
- The Christmas cards via donations from parishioners for use by prisoners was a success...

Food Pantry/Samaritans

- A Holy Cross food drive is scheduled for the weekends of March 7th & 8th.
 - Grocery bags will be provided to the parishioners to return with food items.
 - Grade school children will participate in the decoration/preparation of the bags.

- Committee members will obtain bags from local grocery stores.
- Holy Cross will assist Catholic Charities with spring food drive.

Next Meeting is scheduled for February 3rd.

The meeting was closed with prayer.