

PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE MEETS

The Pastoral Care Committee met before church on Sunday, September 29, 2019. Members present were Anne Burton, Carolyn Mor, Miriam Antich, Seth Wrightington, Skip Greenlaw, and Diane Greenlaw, Chair, presiding.

Diane asked if everyone would take responsibility for sending birthday cards to members of St. Brendan's. We all agreed, and members volunteered to take responsibility for sending cards during specific months. Diane will send out get well cards, sympathy cards, and thinking of you cards for different needs as they arise.

Miriam agreed to continue to keep the prayer list with the help of Julie Pierson and was thanked for doing a super job for keeping the list and for communicating with people.

Diane suggested that she be the contact person if someone in the parish was ill or had some transportation or other requests. Diane would then contact members of the parish to secure the assistance requested.

There was extended discussion about the role of the committee and members regarding pastoral care. It was agreed that pastoral care was the responsibility of everyone in the parish and not just members of the committee. We also discussed the reluctance of members of the congregation in asking for and/or accepting help. We concluded that the word, "need" maybe a bad choice of words for some. We will try to eliminate its use in the future. We are still working at better communication so that we can offer assistance in a timely manner.

Diane offered to take a few minutes during some coffee hour to talk with members of the parish about pastoral care St. Brendan's. We will wait until after the October 14th meeting with the vestry so that any changes in the committee structure will be included.

The Pastoral Committee