



St. Mark February 11, 2020 Pro-Life Meeting Minutes

The mission of the St. Mark Pro-Life Committee is to promote the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death by engaging our community through education, prayer and action.

Attendees: Jon and Donna Sorek, Joe Kolasch, Jody Allen, Dave Benbennick, Maureen Barrett

1. Opening Prayer
2. UNPLANNED movie will be shown March 15 during the 40 Days for Life. We will meet at 6:15 to set up for the refreshments. Pia, Donna, Jon, Dave and Joe will help.
3. March for Life-
 - a. holy hour was successful with 18 people coming to pray. We will do this again next year and advertise it.
 - b. Sharing the bus with St. Bridget worked well. The Knights of Columbus, Santa Maria Council donated \$250. To defray the cost of the bus. Next year we will accept all sign-ups even exceeding the number of seats on the bus. We will ask people to agree to drive down if the bus is over full. We had more people sign up than showed up but enough people didn't show up that everyone who signed up were able to go. The collection on the bus was much lower than last year.
4. 2nd Annual March for Life Virginia -Thursday, February 13, 2020 Opening Mass at 9:15 with Bishop Michael Burbidge and Bishop Barry Knestout. The rally will take place at the State Capitol at 11:45 and the March will begin at 12:45. St. Tim plans to have a bus \$25.00 per person with lunch option to be added Jason's Deli \$6.00 a box lunch. Maureen, Donna, Pia and Dave are planning on attending.
5. Mass of Remembrance-Date set for April 30 with Father Tuck. Laura Cooman verified that we have the church that night. We decided to have the mass in the chapel. Joe will be the liturgical coordinator, Jody will be the Eucharistic Minister, Erin Benbennick will be the lector. We had a discussion on who would be the cantor. Joe and Donna have a few leads and will get back to us.
6. M&Ms Presentation-Maureen gave a 40 Days for Life presentation to the M&Ms. It went well and if there is another group that you think would benefit from the presentation let Maureen know.
7. Lenten Supper- We signed up for March 20, 2020. We need another group to work with us. Maureen asked Bill McCarthy if the parish council would like to join us.

8. PrayForLife.org website is funded, and a developer is working on it. The logo below has been picked for the PrayForLife.org
9. 40 Days for Life will start on Ash Wednesday. There will be a kick off in front of the Falls Church abortion mill on Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 7 PM. The keynote speaker will be a woman who was born and raised in China as an atheist. She was an abortion doctor there. She found Jesus and now works against abortion.
We will have a table after the masses the weekend before. Maureen will set up the table. Jody will cover the table after the 5:30 mass. Pia will cover the 8:15 mass, Jon and Donna will cover the 10 AM mass and Dave will cover the 11:45 mass and collect up the materials.
10. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 10 at 7:30.
11. Closing Prayer