

St Ann Church Pastoral Council Minutes December 6, 2016

Attendance: Matt Pryor, Erin Walshkirkman, Todd Hoffman, Mary Lawrence Melvin, Monsignor Jarboe, Robertson Viar, Steve Heffner, Thuy Huong, Jonathan McGreevy

-Previous Minutes approved by Matt Pryor and seconded by Erin Walshkirkman

Monsignor's Report: mentioned Monsignor Al Smith's passing and funeral arrangements. He also made the announcement of the appointment of 2 new bishops, Bishop Brennan and Bishop Parker, for the AOB.

Formation Report: given by Thuy Huong. No Faith Formation 12/25 and 1/1. First Reconciliation retreat and confession on 1/7/17 9am-1pm. There will be a communal penance service for grades 3-8 during Lent. Participants are being recruited to serve on the re-formed Faith Formation Commission. There will be a possibility of a joint parish Lenten mission, as St. Ann is not having one in 2017.

Outreach Report: see attached report provided by Ralph Parchment. There was lengthy discussion about the recent decision to drop a poor box recipient because some of their practices contradicted long-standing Catholic teaching and the commission's exploration for a new recipient.

Parish Life: need a few people to fill roles in commission leadership to make it easier on everyone. Look to expand circle of involvement.

Stewardship: funding for March for Life collaborative bus with St. Mary's discussed. Finance would like to provide for exact number of St. Ann parishioners rather than just donate to the cost of the bus rental (\$632.50).

Worship: Kathleen Hynes provided a review of the highlights from the ministry reflection retreat. Review sessions for all ministries coming in January and February. There will be a new focus on "art and environment" with attention to inside and outside decoration. There is also a need to discuss new people to head different ministries (many hands make light work). Upcoming worship events include Anointing of the Sick after Mass during the third weekend of each month. We had between 50-60 come in November. Lessons and Carols on 12/11/16 and tree lighting and caroling on 12/16.

Comments and Concerns: progress of work on Ministry Fair given Erin Walshkirkman. The proposed dates are 1/21/17 & 1/22/17 in the Jerusalem Room are all Masses that weekend. Each ministry is in charge of providing information to hand out and decoration for tables. Each

ministry will have to discern what their needs are. It will be advertised from the pulpit and entered in the bulletin 3 weeks prior. Will try to play on New Year's resolution of helping out more at church. Council came up with varying suggestions on how to expand and improve on the idea.

There was also a Pastorate update from those who went to the AOB Regional Consultation meeting at Holy Family. St. Ann is willing to work with current proposal with St. Mary, but with a few reservations.

We also addressed Todd's email that expressed his feeling that more focus needs to be put on the Eucharist in relation to how do we get more people to come to Mass. While some agreed, it appears that there needs to be more discussion on this.

Finally, we set a preliminary date of 3/25/17 for a Pastoral Council retreat, possibly at Holy Family Parish in Middletown, MD.