

St. Ann Catholic Church
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
11/12/2019

In attendance:

Monsignor, Ian Hamilton, Kathleen Hynes, Lucy Austin, Jim Jardinier, Jacob Minang, Chris Zanetti, Carly Jardinier, Jim Balog, Kammie Noel, Darrin Sabol, Erin Walshkirkman

Meeting began at 7:05pm.

Agenda:

Introductory Items

Information Item Highlights

Discussion Items

Concluding Items

INTRODUCTORY ITEMS:

- The 10/08/19 Minutes were approved.

Report of the Chair:

- Ian announced the addition of the new Parish Life Commission Chair, Joan Crown, who could not attend the meeting.

Report of the Pastor:

- St. Maria Goretti High School update: Monsignor said staff and students are adjusting very well to the new building at 18614 Crestwood Drive. So far this year, 60 potential students spent the day shadowing current students. The school is prioritizing marketing in order to increase the 186 student enrollment by 20 students per year for the next four years. The recent Golf Tournament fundraiser held at Fountainhead Country Club was a success. The old school and former convent buildings are targeted to be razed early spring 2020.

INFORMATION ITEM HIGHLIGHTS

Faith Formation Report: Carly reported that:

- There was a recent discussion of the Pastoral Plan and projects that relate most directly to our Commission, "Developing Faith Formation."
- There was a recent discussion of Adult Faith offerings insert in the Bulletin.
- Confirmation is Saturday, 11/16, at the 5pm Mass; last class is Sunday, 11/17.
- Next FF Commission meeting is 11/14.

Outreach Commission Report: Jim Jardinier reported that:

- He spoke to Jim Gullace about the 2019 Haiti Mission Trip. Jim Gullace is planning to speak to Monsignor because the State Department is still warning against travel to Haiti. He is planning to attend a state-wide meeting November 12 in Middletown and has a Haiti Committee meeting planned for November 18 at 7pm. Monsignor said he has spoken to Youth Director Lisa Noel about the possibility of doing a mission trip locally as an alternative to the Haiti trip, should it be canceled again this year.
- He met with parishioner Nick Bedessem about re-starting the Prison Ministry in some fashion.
- The REACH Cold Shelter week is scheduled for March 8-15, 2020.

Parish Life Commission Report: Monsignor reported that:

- The recent Coffee and Conversation social on November 10 was well attended.
- There will be Cookies for Kids after all the Masses on the weekend of 12/14-15/19.
- St. Ann's social calendar highlighting key events through September 2020 was recently included in the bulletin.

Stewardship Commission Report: Jim Balog reported that:

The Stewardship Commission met on Monday, October 14, 2019, at which the following was discussed:

- The McKenna Spiritual Tithing rollout on 10/5-10/6 (Homily); 10/12-10/13 (Homily & Testimony); 10/19-10/20 (Homily and Commitment Trifold form, Time & Talent); 10/26-10/27 (Homily & Commitment forms returned during Mass).
- Legacy/Planned Giving language to possibly add to the church's website.
- Future items to be considered: 1) Archdiocesan Appeal for Catholic Ministries; 2) Host a Legacy Giving speaker in a non-Mass setting; 3) How to proceed with a stewardship message to our youth.
- Monsignor thanked Jim and Deacon Nairn for their work on writing the Legacy Giving information for the Website.

Worship Commission: Kathleen reported that:

- Planning for Advent & Christmas continues. Advent is a time set aside for reflection, contemplation, and longing for peace. We look forward to the Second Coming during Advent.
 - There is no "Gloria" in the worship liturgy.
 - The Cantor will chant the Intercessions.
 - We will sing the responses to the Penitential Act.
 - The new Liturgical Year, featuring Cycle A of the 3-year Lectionary cycle, begins this Advent (12/01/19).
 - Advent Wreath will be lit: 1st weekend at the conclusion of the Prayer of the Faithful, then during the Opening Procession/Song.
 - All parishioners (not just families) will be invited to assist with the lighting of the wreath.
 - Homily Series: It is a stressful season, but if we cultivate a spiritual life, we can de-stress rather than dis-stress.

- Formation for Worship Commission members: General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) – The General Structure of the Mass.
- Thanksgiving Mass 11/28/19 at 9am – will include Blessing of Bread/Food.
- Updates from Liturgical Ministers, Environment, Deacons, Greeters and:
 - S Sacristans
 - A Altar Assistant, Altar Servers (eight new Servers being commissioned)
 - M Music
 - U Ushers
 - E Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
 - L Lectors
- November 16: Fourth Annual Worship Workshop 8:30am – 11:30am in the Jerusalem Room; Presenter is Dr. Ximena DeBroeck, Director of Catechetical and Pastoral Formation for the Archdiocese of Baltimore. She will lead us in reflection and conversation about the Psalms in the Church’s worship.
- Future items: Evening Prayer – Liturgy of the Hours; Rosary Garden; Ecumenical Prayer Service in January, perhaps during the Week of Christian Unity January 18-25, 2020.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Youth Ministry Update:

- Lisa Noel spoke about the youth program’s development and progress since she took the lead as Coordinator of Youth Ministry and Communication in June. Lisa said she started with one goal: to build relationships among the parish’s youth and parents. She quickly moved on to concentrate on the middle school Edge program and added a Youth Group feel to that faith building curriculum.
- The high school program has taken off, too. There is a core group of teens – TIM Team (Teens in Ministry) – who have more responsibility and help plan activities. Among the almost weekly activities on the calendar for the HS youth are other activities that require fees and travel, such as iServe and the Steubenville Catholic youth conference in Ohio. The MS and HS teens have been fundraising to off-set costs and to make activities more attractive and affordable to participants.
- Lisa plans to develop a Young Adult program soon, which will include high school graduates and college students.
- In addition to developing these youth programs, Lisa is heading up communications. She has created Stann Youth Instagram and Facebook accounts where she posts photos and activity announcements. On her to-do list: evaluate the parish website and give it a “facelift” to better reflect St. Ann’s ministries and parish mission statement.

Discussion Items: Pastoral Plan/Next Steps will be tabled until next meeting due to time constraints.

- The meeting ended with closing prayer at 8:30pm.
- Next meeting: 7pm December 10.
- Compiled 11/18/2019 by Erin Walshkirkman.