

St. Ann Catholic Church  
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting  
12/10/2019

In attendance:

Monsignor Jarboe, Ian Hamilton, Darrin Sabol, Jacob Minang, Lucy Austin, Jonah Lewis, Chris Zanetti, Carly Jardinier, Jim Balog, Joan Crown

Meeting began at 7pm.

Agenda:

Introductory Items

Information Item Highlights

Discussion Items

Concluding Items

INTRODUCTORY ITEMS:

- The 11/12/2019 Minutes were approved.

Report of the Chair:

- Ian shared his positive experience of using the “Blue Book” to prepare for Advent.
- Note was made of the large number of non-Catholic students among those present for the recent St. Maria Goretti Catholic High School Winter Sports Communion Breakfast during the 9:00am Mass
- Everyone is to attend the 12/15 Advent Lessons and Carols Service to begin at 4:30pm.

Report of the Pastor:

- In January, AOB will be conducting its periodic parish audit for FY2019; the previous audit took place for FY 2015. The audit is welcomed as an opportunity to continue to build on our very strong foundation of “best practices” regarding internal financial controls, segregation of duties, security and protection of assets, compliance with policies, etc.
- Updating is currently underway to confirm that all parishioners who serve as Corporators, Pastoral Council members and Finance Council members have signed the archdiocesan Conflict of Interest form.

INFORMATION ITEM HIGHLIGHTS

Faith Formation Report: Carly reported that:

- No update this month.

Outreach Commission Report: Jim Jardinier, not present; Monsignor reported that:

- St. Ann's will staff one week at the REACH Cold Weather Shelter in March 2020. It is a change from previous years when the parish has staffed a week in the month of January.
- Fr. Alexis will be visiting from Haiti 2/27 – 3/08/2020. Due to tension in Haiti, St. Ann's will not send a group in summer 2020 to lead VBS. St. Ann's did not send a group in summer 2019 due to similar concerns.

Parish Life Commission Report: Joan reported that:

- Different groups will host Coffee and Conversation every month.
- Cookies for Kids will be handed out after all Masses this weekend, 12/14-15.
- Next big event: Chili Cook-off 1/25/20.
- Next meeting: 12/17/19.

Stewardship Commission Report: Jim Balog reported that:

- Last meeting was 12/9/19.
- The archdiocesan Annual Appeal for Catholic Ministries will take place the weekends of:
  - February 1-2: Announcement Weekend
  - February 8-9: Commitment Weekend
  - February 15-16: Follow-Up Weekend

It is hoped that an AOB seminarian will speak at all Masses on one of those weekends, encouraging parishioner participation in the Appeal, since a portion of the funds raised supports the formation of our future priests.

It was noted that parishioners could be encouraged to reflect upon the October Stewardship messages regarding Tithing and consider sharing a portion of the 5% of their tithe that is directed toward non-parish causes in support of the Appeal.

Worship Commission: Kathleen Hynes, not present, per submitted report:

- Annual Worship Workshop with Dr. Ximena DeBroeck from the AOB was held Saturday, 11/16/19 who focused on "Praying with the Psalms"
  - For all liturgical ministers and all parishioners.
  - Introduced Liturgy of the Hours as the Prayer of the Church; a less familiar prayer form for most Catholics; it takes time and practice to learn to become comfortable with it.
  - The attending "community" prayed the Morning Prayer in the Chapel.
  - Attendees are targeted as a "Core Group" for future efforts to expand use of this prayer form.
- Liturgy of the Hours Follow-Up:
  - Introduce an opportunity for parishioners to pray in community.
  - Resources: Web Apps like Laudate or iBreviary? Projection from a laptop? Books w/ribbons?

- Sunday evenings at 7:00 PM? One morning a week at 7:30 AM?
- Invite all, but especially encourage the Core Group.
- Ecumenical Prayer Service:
  - possibly Saturday morning 01/25/20 at 9:00 AM at St. Ann.
  - End of the week of Prayer for Christian Unity.
  - Message to go out through the HARC Newsletter.
  - Pray the Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer, with opening and closing songs.
- Future Agenda Item: Lector coaching opportunities.
- Advent and Christmas Music dates of note:
  - 12/09 at 7:00 PM Frostburg State University Chorus is here at St. Ann.
  - 12/15 at 4:30 PM Lessons and Carols featuring the Williamsport Chamber Choir with Michelle Rafter conducting.
  - 12/24 at 9:30 PM Choir Concert before Mass at 10:00; Henry O’Neil to sing “O Holy Night”.
  - 12/25 at 10:00 AM Mass – Alexis Barone will be singing.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Pastoral Plan/Next Steps:

- Those in attendance participated in ranking the Initiatives of the Pastoral Plan. Participants ranked the level of importance of each initiative using numbers 1-3. Number one indicating least importance and number three indicating most importance.

<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>WORSHIP</b>	<b><u>VOTES</u></b>	<b><u>RANKING</u></b>
		Initiative 1:	12	<b>#2</b>
		Initiative 2:	04	
		Initiative 3:	12	<b>#3</b>
		Initiative 4:	08	
		Initiative 5:	09	
		Initiative 6:	15	<b>#1</b>

<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>FORMATION</b>		
		Initiative 1:	17	<b>#2</b>
		Initiative 2:	10	
		Initiative 3:	18	<b>#1</b>
		Initiative 4:	03	
		Initiative 5:	03	
		Initiative 6:	10	<b>#3</b>

<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>COUMMUNITY/FELLOWSHIP</b>		
		Initiative 1:	22	<b>#1</b>
		Initiative 2:	13	<b>#2</b>

Initiative 3:	08	
Initiative 4:	10	<b>#3</b>
Initiative 5:	02	

**PRIORITY : MISSIONARY ZEAL/EVANGELIZATION**

Initiative 1:	13	<b>#2</b>
Initiative 2:	17	<b>#1</b>
Initiative 3:	06	
Initiative 4:	12	<b>#3</b>
Initiative 5:	12	<b>#3</b>

- The next step is for the Executive Committee to look at the rankings and discuss how the Commissions and individual groups can assist with tackling the initiatives.
- The meeting ended with closing prayer at 8:30pm.
- Next meeting: 01/14/20
- Compiled 12/20/19 by Erin Walshkirkman.

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