

St. Ann Catholic Church  
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting  
November 8, 2022  
MINUTES

In attendance: Monsignor Jarboe, Bev Kornides, Jack Flint, Izzy Becker, Donna Louzon, Lisa Noel, Jim Balog, Camille Canlas, Kim Graves, Garey Stewart, Ginny Emerson

Meeting began at 7:00 pm

Agenda:

Introductory Items

Information Item Highlights

Discussion Items

Concluding Items

The Agenda was amended to accommodate the guest speakers Lisa Noel, Garey Stewart, and Ginny Emerson.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

**St. Ann Website Update**

Lisa Noel showed the layout and design for the website given by High Rock. Pictures, font, writings, etc. can be changed later, currently just figuring color scheme and layout. Tabs and drop down menus are in place, but names/wording can be changed. High Rock has templates for staff to update/change website once live – St. Ann’s staff will be able to do changes onsite. Still need to solidify exact content (pictures and blurbs) for each committee or group. Once information is given the site can be built more specifically to our needs.

After roll-out, maybe have information on how to navigate the website; maybe a mini demonstration during coffee and conversation. Bev is willing to help Lisa, and also knows a photographer if needed.

**Respect Life Committee Update**

Garey Stewart (Leader) and Ginny Emerson (Core Group) presented the Respect Life Outreach Ministry to request Parish Council support. The mission is ‘to celebrate, support, and defend... life from conception to natural death, through prayer, education, advocacy, and action.’ Pastoral Council expressed its support of the ministry, recognizing there are many areas Respect Life could grow into helping in the future: immigration, end-of-life decisions/choices, etc.

## INTRODUCTORY ITEMS:

- The May, June and September Minutes were approved.

Report of the Chair: Not present. No report.

Report of the Pastor: Monsignor Jarboe

- Upcoming Pastoral Staff Day in AoB, presentation by Deacon Keith Strohm from his book "Ablaze": 5 things parishes need to work through. Staff already reflecting and discussing together chapter-by-chapter.
- Synod synthesis is completed. AoB is offering times to allow people to see and discuss.
- Pastoral Planning - Nov 21 have a zoom meeting with Archbishop Lori to receive his affirmation in order to proceed forward.
  - Hopefully by Thanksgiving – 1st step to be more welcoming, more professional signage on St. Ann campus
- Nov 20 – Thanksgiving service for HARC
- Found High Places pianist: member volunteered but still looking for Director/Leader

## INFORMATION ITEM HIGHLIGHTS

Faith Formation Report: No Report

Outreach Commission Report: by Donna Louzon

Listing and description of each Outreach ministry:

- Bereavement Luncheons: A large group of volunteers provide a meal and hospitality to families having a funeral at St Ann. The volunteers provide most of the food, drinks and desserts. This vibrant ministry has provided meals for many families in their time of grief.
- Children in Need: Collections are held for Children in Need four times throughout the year. We are currently finishing the coat collection for winter. St Ann parishioners are very generous in participating in this ministry.
- Gatekeepers: meets every Saturday morning at Trinity Lutheran Church. The meetings involve citizens meeting citizens returning from prison at what is called the "Resource Club". Through networking with our returning citizens from the different prisons and jail in Washington County we are able to help them find the different resources and opportunities available to them- employment, housing, mental health, spirituality etc.

- Giving Tree: This is an annual Christmas project. This year we have 12 agencies participating. St Ann parishioners purchase and wrap gifts for recipients. The gifts are distributed to the agencies mid-December. We typically collect 300-400 gifts each Christmas.
- Golden Angels: This group makes favors that are delivered to area nursing homes. They have not met for two years due to Covid. They have five members who will start meeting weekly (Thursday from 10-12) in November.
- Haiti: Our committee had a meeting recently to begin planning for the 2023 “Littlest Angels” campaign, a possible visit by Fr. Alexis next year and new ways to connect with our partner parish since we are unable to visit. We have two new members on the committee. The situation in Haiti is not good at all. From communications with Fr. Alexis it seems they are getting by in Dessalines.
- Loaves and Fishes: monthly collection of food for the local food pantry at St Mark Church, Hagerstown.
- Maryland Catholic Conference: no report.
- Michas Backpack: This robust ministry provides weekend food for children and has been active for over ten years. St Ann parishioners have been very generous in supporting Micahs. Many volunteers are involved by purchasing food, packing the meals and delivering the meals to Jonathan Hager Elementary school.
- Nursing homes visits: No report.
- Parish Nursing: This group is working on firming up their leadership. Once that is done, they would like to expand their offerings to the parish.
- Poor Box: Monthly poor box donations are designated for area nonprofits.
- REACH Cold Weather Shelter: St Ann provides dinner and volunteers at Reach for one week each year. Teens volunteer in the kitchen and adults cover the greeting area, laundry and overnight stay. St Ann needs a coordinator for this project as Lue and John Jardinier will be stepping down after this year.
- Respect Life: This committee is seeking formal approval from the Parish Council
  - Hagerstown Out of the Darkness Walk on Oct 1, 2022 had a great turnout and raised over \$3,700 for team Aiden Matthew.
  - Walking with Moms and Gabriel Network - our team members are receiving training and Msgr. Jarboe is reviewing the document that needs his approval to be part of the Gabriel Network
  - Hagerstown Area Pregnancy Center (HACP) Fundraiser Dinner was held on Oct 13. Eight St. Ann Respect Life members attended and made pledges to benefit the Pregnancy Center.
  - March for Life will be held January 2023 and is currently being planned.
  - The Maryland Conference, Catholic Advocacy Network will provide candidates’ stand on Respect Life issues. St Ann will include this in the bulletin and FlockNote.
  - Respect Life committee will host Coffee and Conversation on January 8.
- Shawl Shepherds: This group has five members and meet monthly on Sunday to knit and/or crochet shawls. The shawls are given to St Ann parishioners who have a need, area nursing

homes and infant care agencies. In November, 50 shawls will be blessed and distributed as needed.

- These outreach ministries are not currently active: Holly Place (meals for a nursing home); It's a Blessing (meals in Hagerstown); St Vincent de Paul (active at St Mary Church).
- English and More: This group no longer meets.

#### Parish Life Commission Report: by Lucy Linn

- Coffee and conversation: (monthly second Sunday after 9:00 Mass) Head person Joan Crown run by a different ministry each month.
- New parishioner welcome social (fall and spring) Head person Lucy Linn
- All Souls Mass reception (November 2nd, Wednesday) Head person Christina Doucette
- Advent cookie event (December) Head person Mary Anne Bass
- Chili Cook-Off (winter) Head Person Mike Root 1/21 snow 1/28
- Valentine's Social (Feb 11th After 5:00 mass) Head person Beth Hudak
- Lent Soup Suppers: 2/24-Parish Council, 3/10-Middle and High School, 3/24 Elementary Mark Jamison
- Family Easter Egg hunt (April 9th) lead person MaryAnne Bass
- Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast (May 14th after 9:00 mass) Lead person Jeff Brandt
- Pentecost Potluck (May 27th after the 5:00 mass) Mark Jamison

#### Stewardship Commission Report: by Jim Balog

- Fall 2022 Time, Talent, & Treasure Stewardship effort: processing the Commitment Cards so that all who were interested in a ministry will be contacted to coordinate a start to their ministry involvement.
- Ministry Fair: initial planning for a Ministry Fair to be held on the weekend of February 4-5, 2023.
- AOB Annual Appeal: expect a two (2) weekend rollout in early to mid-February 2023.
- Still getting responses to Stewardship

#### Worship Commission Report: by Danny Burkey

- New Altar Servers were trained and installed at 9:00am Mass
- Update sessions are needed for Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Assistants, Greeters and Ushers and have been planned for Saturday Morning February 4th and Tuesday Evening February 7th. EM's and Altar Assistants will be one meeting together and Greeters and Ushers will be together. Meetings will be one hour each followed by the other two groups.
- The Worship Workshop will be held on November 19th in the Parish Center with the Theme being "Sing to the Lord" The presenter will be Mr. Fergal King who is the director of Music

for St Joan of Arc Parish and School in Aberdeen MD. The Workshop will be from 8:30am until 11:30 am Saturday Morning.

- This year again The Music Ministry will provide an Advent Vespers during a Sunday late afternoon for enjoyable brief respite from the Holiday hustle and bustle.
- St Ann will participate in Christian Unity week which will be the week of January 18th to the 25th 2023. St Ann will host the group on January 22 at 4:30pm in church.

#### CONCLUDING ITEMS:

##### Closing Prayer

- The meeting ended with closing prayer at 8:30pm
- Next meeting: Jan 10, 2023
- Compiled by Kim Graves

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