

St. Joseph Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
April 11, 2016

Attendees: Fr. Joe Mamich, Joe Keys, Pete Cardello, Ron Andes, Sue Haberman, Sam Pingatore, David Smee, Brooklynne Elliot, Bob Singerline, Judy Feador, Rebecca Ciccozzi, Pat Lupica,
Excused: Tricia Marshall, Carol Wallington

Called to Order: Joe Keys called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and led the group in prayer to the Holy Spirit.

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes from the February meeting were approved as submitted with the correction of Judy Feador's name listed twice on the attendance list. Ron Andes made the motion and was seconded by Sue Haberman.

Commission Reports:

Community Life – Ron Andes reported the last meeting was April 5. The winter thaw was a success and the commission was able to raise enough money for one scholarship. There were plenty of helpers at the chicken paprikash dinner. The Lenten dinners were a success and the use of McGraw Hall was reviewed. The upcoming Carpenter events were reviewed: Spiritual walk on April 20, Bellevue trip on June 29 and the Presque Isle Casino on July 28. Mass count will be taken the month of April and then again in October.

Liturgy – Judy Feador reported that the Advent Wreath lighting cannot be part of mass because it is not part of the liturgy in the Catholic mass. The print in the HFC worship aid needs to be larger. She commented on the success of the “sign up genius” on line. The usher/greeter program is at a standstill. Parishioners are encouraged to invite friends to participate in the program. Eucharistic ministers are being considered to serve as greeters, since they arrive early for mass. Father Joe will extend an invitation during the 10:00 mass for the need for additional ushers.

Social Concerns – Joe Keys reported the next meeting is May 23.

Spiritual Life – Sam Pingatore reported that the ministries might be encouraged to participate in the Eucharistic Adoration and more publicity is needed. Thirty-three days to glory can be done on an individual basis as well as group basis.

Stewardship – Rebecca Ciccozzi commented that the last meeting was during Holy Week and the group focused on prayer and reflection. The next meeting is scheduled for May.

Youth – David Smee reported that thirty-five attended the Lock-in. Visiting Falling Water will be an annual event. Older teens may train as mentors for our By Teens, For Teens program, which will meet again April 17. It is a youth group for grades 7-12 centered in faith, leadership, service and community building activities. PSR attendance is great. Special needs events continue twice a month. Vacation Bible School is scheduled for mid-June. Brooklynne Elliot commented that she has been selected to participate in leadership in the LEADS program July 15, 16 and 17 in Steubenville.

Approval of PPC Guideline Change – Joe Keys referred to the updated version of the Commissions section of this publication, outlining the procedure PPC members should follow when attending the commission meetings. The update was unanimously approved. Representatives from the commissions will be in attendance at the June 20th PPC meeting.

Final Nomination and Selection of the Vice Chair PPC 2016-17 - Joe Keys asked the nominees to introduce themselves: (David Smee, Bob Singerline, Sam Pingatore, and Sue Haberman). Because of other commitments, David, Bob and Sam declined the nomination and Sue accepted the position.

PPC New Member Discernment May 9 at 7 pm – Membership on PPC is open to all registered parishioners of St. Joseph Parish who are sixteen or older for a three-year term beginning in June. During the discernment evening current members will meet with prospective members to share their own experiences as members of PPC. All who remain interested in serving will undergo a discernment process to discern the new members. A nomination form was included in the bulletin.

Welcome Home Sunday, April 24, 10:00 am Mass – Father Joe commented that coffee and donuts will follow the mass along with a short witness from Pete Cardello on “Why I chose Saint Joe's as my home parish” and Rebecca Ciccozzi on “How am I involved in my parish?”

Welcome Back/Welcome Home Committee Report – Sue Haberman reported that phase one would be to make our target audience the parents and loved ones of those who have fallen away, rather than the fallen away Catholics. Phase two could be more oriented toward the fallen away through a program such as “Inviting Catholics Home by Sally Mews.” The parish purchased the series called “Return” by Brandon Vogt, designed to be a training program for parents on how to bring their children back to the church. The tentative date of June 5th is set for the showing of this series. Terry Brlas from The Post will be contacted to do a free write-up about the event. A discussion followed regarding publications that are available as reference guides.

Pastor's Remarks – Father Joe reported that as of February 29, offertory collections are \$18,850 ahead of budget, maintenance and repairs are \$1,197 below budget, and operating surplus is \$107,871 ahead of budget. As of today, Christmas offertory is \$7,236 above budget and Easter \$3,628 better than budget. The Diocese did an annual audit and found our parish to have “no critical matters.” A discussion on Faith Direct followed: There is no fee for electronic withdrawal from a bank account and perhaps 1 1/2% charge for using a credit card. The parish is charged a flat fee of \$673 a month (regardless of the number of participants) for the services of Faith Direct. Deacon Pete will celebrate 20 years' service on May 8th with a coffee and cake reception following mass. Father James Kulway will celebrate his first mass May 22 at 10:00 am mass and Father Pat Schultz on May 29 at noon mass. Because of an upgrade in the printing process, our bulletin and newsletter will be more colorful going forward. New shades for the Holy Family Center are in the planning stages. Father Joe thanked Joe Keys, Ron Andes, Rebecca Ciccozzi, and Tricia Marshall for their service within Parish Council.

Open Forum - Brooklynne Elliot commented that the youth groups are looking for service projects to participate in.

After thanking Parish Council for their support, Joe Keys adjourned the meeting at 8:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Piatak