

St. Joseph Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
October 8, 2018

Attendees: Thomas Uthup, Bill Velioniskis, Susan Rath, Nancy Delac, Mike Kelley, Scott Kimble, Jason Januszewski, Jon Ciccozzi, Matthew Tortoricci, Jon Drexler, Father Joe Mamich

Excused: Craig Behm, Kathy Wright

Called to Order: Scott Kimble called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. and led the group in prayer.

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes from the August 13th meeting were approved as submitted with several edits. Tom Uthup made the motion, seconded by Bill Velioniskis.

Commission Reports:

Community Life: Nancy Delac reported there was some discussion on the Lenten Dinners, but it was decided not to make any changes. The Summer Fest was a great success but there remains concern regarding the number of handicap parking spots available. Father Joe suggested that perhaps the north and middle driveways could be utilized, leaving the handicap parking places available. The Reverse Raffle was also discussed.

Liturgy: Jon Drexler reported that the replacement organ will be installed between Christmas 2018 and Easter 2019. Structural work will begin next week and several pews in the back of the church will be removed later to accommodate the work. The final contract with the contractor will reflect a \$5,000 increase in cost. Several servers are not showing up for mass. The list will be updated and training will be available to new comers. Currently the parishioners are asked to stand from the beginning of communion distribution until all have received.

Social Concerns: Jason Januszewski reported that at present there is no one who is interested in being the assistant to the chairman. Ana Plumlee, our new Social Concerns Coordinator, attended the meeting. What needs are going un-met and what is missing? It was suggested that the participants of the Annual Parish Service Day October 27th be part of the ministries. Maybe changing the make-up of the commission: the Evangelization Commission?

Spiritual Life: Matt Tortoricci commented that the last meeting went well. Dan Sadler took over as the new chairman. A review of the ministries involved was done to see if they were all relevant to the commission's goals. Dan Kilbane is interested in re-establishing the Right to Life Commission. Some prayer cards are used for Eucharistic Adoration. How can we welcome new parishioners to our church? Is there a need for a welcoming committee? A welcoming dinner was discussed.

Youth: Bill Velioniskis reported that the meeting went well. They raised \$5,000 to Pay it Forward. They will go to Kemper House in costumes for Halloween. VBS had 70 participants and 10 leaders.

Follow up from August meeting: Starting with the December PPC meeting, the commissions will report bi-monthly beginning with Spiritual Life . Each commission was given a set of questions to address at the meeting and each will be given an opportunity to report within a 30 minute time frame. Parish Council meets the second Monday of each even month except for the June meeting.

Pastor's Remarks: Father Joe presented the PPC with a snapshot of the parish finances as of September. September offertory was \$198 ahead of budget, maintenance \$3,015 ahead, overall \$263,590 ahead of budget. This year \$55,000 for the organ and \$700,000 in the bank. The subject of sexual abuse and misconduct of bishops, priests, and other church personnel followed. On a

national level, the adoption of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in June 2002 began the process to respond to and approach these perpetrators. Following our Diocese's April 2002 release of the names of the accused priests, the Cuyahoga County Prosecutors Office convened a comprehensive grand jury investigation into our own Diocese history. The procedures that exists and have been followed since 2002, in our Diocese not only to make known, investigate, and punish such abuse or misconduct reported to legal authorities, and provides assistance to victims, and raises awareness of behaviors that are suspect. This abuse cannot be tolerated.

Open Forum:

The PPC retreat will not be held this year. Father Joe presented to the members a copy of an email he received containing suggestions as to how to best spend money now that we are out of debt: (1) individual needy students in school are given \$19,000 tuition assistance for our school; (2) take on a project such as totally building a house (Habitat) – this is a project currently under way at our parish (Habitat for Humanity and Mission of Hope) ; (3) a parish picnic that was free or at very little cost – our vendors are not subsidized but a discussion followed regarding issuing vouchers. A discussion followed regarding the possibility of issuing loans for high school, college, and emergency loans. Presently 20% of our discretionary spending goes to outreach. There will be further discussion on this subject.

Closing Prayer: Scott Kimble led the group in the Our Father and adjourned the meeting at 9:15. The next meeting is scheduled for December 10.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Piatak