

“Rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit, and strengthened by the Eucharist, we are called to invite all people into a deeper relationship with God and one another.”

PARISH OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Pastoral Council Minutes: Thursday, September 6, 2018, 6:30 pm

In Attendance: Bill Halteman, Kathy Shorette, Sarah Zmistowski, Linda Lawrence-Parrick, Matt Ketch, Julia Sockbeson, Terri Maher, Philip Roy, Deacon Mike Boggs, Father Bill Labbe

Excused: Joyce Traenkner, Philip Roy

Opening Prayer: We stand before you, Holy Spirit, conscious of our sinfulness, but aware that we gather in your name. Come to us, remain with us, and enlighten our hearts. Give us light and strength to know your will, to make it our own, and to live it in our lives. Guide us by your wisdom, support us by your power, for you are God, sharing the glory of Father and Son. You desire justice for all; enable us to uphold the rights of others; do not allow us to be misled by ignorance or corrupted by fear or favor. Unite us to yourself in the bond of love and keep us faithful to all that is true. As we gather in your name, may we temper justice with love, so that all our discussions and reflections may be pleasing to you, and earn the reward promised to good and faithful servants. We ask this of You who live and reign with the Father and the Son, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

I. Pastor’s Report: (Father Bill reported on the following matters.)

- A. The rug in the Sanctuary has been replaced at Holy Family.
- B. The University students are back from Summer Break and approximately 60 students were present for the first Wednesday night supper. Masses at 6:15 on Sundays will resume.
- C. The recent abuse reports out of Pennsylvania have brought about a lot of questions and concerns throughout the church. Ultimately, those individuals who are liable need to be held accountable for their actions.

II. Council / Commission / Committee Reports:

- A. Worship and Spirituality (Cece Costello): See Appendix A for report.
- B. Matthew 25 Ministry (Barbara Falls): See Appendix B for report.
- C. Lifelong Faith Formation (Krista Culina): No report.

D. Finance (Tim Ward): No report.

E. Parish Life (Stephanie Phillips): Stephanie is on a temporary leave of absence.

III. Action Items:

A. Confession and Adoration will now be on Tuesdays from 7:00 – 8:00 with mass to follow at 8:00.

B. We had a discussion of moving the Pastoral Council Adoration to the second Thursday of each month from 7:00 – 8:00. This will start in October and we will continue on the same rotation throughout the worship sites.

C. The Council discussed the removal of any photos from the connector of Holy Family of Clergy that had credible and documented allegations of abuse. We decided as a Council to have those photos removed.

IV. Old Business / Continuing:

A. Status of DMI Plan: The Writing Team will meet in Greenville on Saturday, September 15th at 9:00 am. Sarah submitted the start of the Evangelization Plan in August to Kate which would be reviewed by the Bishop. We will receive feedback at the meeting in Greenville and will finalize the action plan that day.

B. Progress / Plan for Disseminating DMI Survey Results: Some initial thoughts are to put a notice in the bulletin with a link to the results online and provide a paper copy for those who may not have access to a computer.

C. Summer Community Mass: There are comments about the Summer Mass in the Worship & Spirituality Committee report. The next Community Masses will be the on the weekend of October 20th and 21st.

D. Thank You Card Recipient: The Council agreed on the Thank You note going to Greg Sivik for all of his hard work with all of the maintenance needs of the Parish.

V. New Business / Other:

A. Virtus Training Modules: Virtus training is provided to all Staff, Volunteers, and Extraordinary Ministers for the Parish. If someone is not receiving the Virtus training modules, then they should contact Robin to be placed on the e-mail recipient list.

B. Community Supper Comments / Discussion: The Council discussed identifying an experienced leader to coordinate the Community Suppers to make sure they run smoothly and that there is appropriate coverage for each meal. The suggestion was made that this discussion could happen within the Matthew 25 Committee.

- C. SCAP (Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest): Deacon Mike sent out information regarding the SCAP protocols. The Bishop is looking for awareness in each Parish to be prepared when a Priest is not available to celebrate a weekend mass.
- D. Joint Pastoral Council and Finance Workshop: This workshop will be around discussing the future and the practicality of the overall budget and finances. The meeting will be held at The Newman Center from 9:00 – 12:00 on Saturday, September 8th. The Finance Committee will provide breakfast and the Council will provide a pot luck lunch. The members of the Council were assigned food items / drinks to bring on Saturday. By the end of this meeting we would like to start the process of having a better understanding of the vision for the future.
- E. Meeting for Renovation of the Newman Center: The meeting will be held at The Newman Center on Thursday, September 13th at 6:30 pm. There will be a presentation on the plan for the renovations and then time for a question and answer session.
- F. Knights of Columbus Hall: Deacon Mike gave an update on the KC Hall. The last meeting at the current location will be held in September. The October meeting will be held in the basement of St. Anne's in Bradley. The expense of the current location is too much.

VI. Adjournment:

- A. Next meeting: Thursday, October 4th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall Library at Holy Family, Old Town.
- B. Closing prayer: Our Father prayed together.

APPENDIX A

Worship & Spirituality commission met on Aug. 23. Here's a bulleted summary:

- Healing mass with anointing will be held on Saturday, Oct. 20 at 10AM, Holy Family. (conflicts with originally planned September dates).
- Commission supported a request by 2 parishioners in organizing Public Square Rosary Crusade on Oct. 13, 12-1PM; crusade held nation wide to coincide with the 101st anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun in Fatima, Portugal. (@ Holy Family in front of Fatima statues)
- Support given to continue the combined mass weekends in 2019. Positive feedback included, "liked to see a variety of parishioners serving together; good attendance (but wonder if parish wide attendance actually decrease; could this be determined by comparing previous year's mass collection?); no negative comments heard." Suggestion made to include college students and omit 6:15 mass that weekend.
- Revisions made to the Worship & Spirituality section in Directory of Ministry. Response sent to Stephanie Phillips as per her request.
- Advent Planning: if Fr. Bill able, offer more adoration/confession to coincide with masses, but still have week of "Leave the Light On". Have clear schedule in bulletin and social media; order the "Little Book" series as last year. (order the 3 season of "Little Books" at one time to save on the cost per book and shipping); lastly, possible offering by Dynamic Catholic, "Find Your Greatness, The Power to Change Lives". (there is no cost to the parish for this but cost for individuals to attend)
- Eucharistic Rosary Procession: would involve the entire parish, process in streets. (example given from St. Elizabeth Seton Parish in Northampton, MA) Will need lots of planning and take place in 2019, possibly October.

APPENDIX B

Matthew 25 Ministry

Thrift shop did well this summer. Drop offs could be overwhelming at times. We are grateful for the treasures people do give us. Unfortunately we do have to throw out about half of what we receive due to outdated, ripped, too worn or broken.

Our community suppers are well attended, Robin will be sending out a letter in October asking the different commissions to sign up for a third Friday in 2019. This is a popular and much needed ministry. People look forward to a nice home cooked meal.

The food pantry is providing food for over 60 families a month. We not only provide food staples we are now giving personal care items. By offering a food pantry once a month this is the best way we can serve people in need.

Bell's IGA gave us backpacks with food items in each bag. It wasn't hard to find families who needed them.

A copy of our mission is now posted in the thrift shop. We are encouraging each shift working to begin with a simple prayer focusing on our mission.