

## **St John Parish Council Meeting Minutes December 13 2021**

### **1. Opening Prayer**

### **2. SYNOD ON SYNODALITY, The Synod in the Archdiocese of Boston**

The Holy Father is asking the Church to participate in a world-wide conversation culminating in the Synod of Bishops in 2023, to discuss ways of improving the process by which the church on all levels is open to hearing the voices of people from all walks of life.

There will be group meetings in each Church/parish by the various ministries within the Parish. So, for instance, a parish council may get together and ask “How can we as a parish council do a better job of letting the voices of all our parishioners be heard, even those who are not a part of an inner circle or who might be marginalized for whatever reason?”

There are recommended items for parish discussion, guidelines. There are also guidelines for discussions by the various committees in the church.

This exercise is not a discussion about issues within the church but is to be a discussion on how the church does communicating to people.

Our process at St. Johns will begin after Christmas/ New Years. We will have a meeting then to discuss the details and establish the various groups.

To read complete details about this SYNOD, and see the parish discussion guidelines and discussion guidelines, go to <https://www.bostoncatholic.org/synod-synodality>

3. Financial update. St. John's parish has received a very generous donation from one of our parishioners. Some of the monies will be put aside for operation expenses and most will be put into an account with the archdiocese to collect interest and future use. The amount of this donation will be reflected in the annual financial report next year.
4. Collaboration: We will need to get together with St Peter's after Christmas to begin formalizing our collaboration with them which will become effective around 15 months after the new year. We need to do more as far as having meetings between the various ministries of each church, as well as advertising events that are going on at St. Peters, and St. Peters advertising events happening at St. John's. We should also attend each others Masses occasionally to get introduced into each others culture.
5. There was discussion about the need for some formal schedule for servers at our masses.
6. New Year's day change. This New Year day, 2021, will NOT be a Holy Day of obligation. For New Year's weekend, we will celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany with Masses on Saturday, January 1 at 4:00 PM and then on Sunday, January 2 at 9 and 11 AM.
7. Closing prayer