# 10/26/22

**Church of the Redeemer - Pastoral Council**

7:00 p.m. - 8:40 p.m*. In person*

**Mission statement:** Everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. John 13:35

**Vision statement:** Through worship, service, community, and Word we strive to bring all people close together and closer to God.

**Present:** Larry Cunningham, John Swierczewski, Bill Adams, Dan Corso, Norm Carter, Deacon Chris Colville, Laura Woodle, Mary Ashby, Suzanne Thibault, and Cathy Durvin

**Absent:** Fr. Jim Cowles, Jennifer Kocik, Rachel Hott

**Opening Prayer:** Prayer for discernment during the elections.

**Faith Formation:** Deacon Chris- Meditation for October 26th from the Word Among Us. This focuses on Jesus’s teaching of the narrow gate. Lean on him to provide us strength and lead us through.

**Approval of minutes**

September minutes were approved and will be posted online.

**Committee Reports**:

**Finance Council Report: (**Tom Grasberger)

**Stewardship:** Reagan Penny has resigned as chair of the committee. Currently this committee needs a great deal of support, getting staff involved, and reviving the events like, Stewardship Fair and Stewardship Drive. We would like 1-2 Pastoral Council members to assist in this endeavor.

**Youth RE and Young Adult:**

* Confirmation classes for youth RE are going well.
* Retreat the weekend of Nov 3rd, going to the Padre Pio shrine in PA.
* Youth RE will host a Guest Speaker in November, Kevin Wells, he will share his story for youth and parish during the regular youth RE time slot. A smaller event, Sippin with Saints and Sinners, for young adults will be held at the Rectory.

**Elementary RE**

* We have completed 5 weeks of elementary RE, there will be a break for 2 weekends due to school closings
* First Reconciliation books have arrived, families have picked them up and begun instruction at home. The first retreat is on November 12.
* All Saints Parade will be held the weekend of November 13.

**2022-2023 Vice Chair appointment**

* Suzzanne has been appointed as our Vice Chair; she will begin joining meetings with John in the coming months.

**Pastoral Council Communications**

* We have determined the monthly Pastoral Council report shared during mass will occur the last weekend of each month. John will prepare the script and we will rotate acting as speaker.

**No Room at the Inn (silent Auction request)**

* Council basket items have been collected to be delivered by November 1st

**Pastor’s Report (staff report)**

* Erin shared all choirs are back and now preparing for the Christmas Concert.
* Filipino Festival had a great turn out, those attending enjoyed the food, dancing and activities.
* Prime Timers lunch and bingo was held in October, next event will be in November.
* Pastoral care, friends of the homeless prepared meals for 100 individuals.
* Blood Drive will be held in November again, all spots are consistently filled when we host these blood drives.
* Diocesan Retreat, for couples who have lost a child.
* No room at the inn speakers shared about the event the weekend of October 22/23, the event looks to be a great success.
* Yearly Craft fair will be held November 19th.
* An incident occurred during 10am mass recently where a parishioner collapsed and those assisting her could not find the defibrillator. It was blocked from view by the information kiosk, this has been moved to ensure that it is visible and accessible when needed in future.
* Trunk of Treat is being held by Catholic Daughters and American Heritage Girls on October 30th. The Knights will cook hot dogs for the event as well.
* Fr Jim presented “The Eucharist; from Manna to Real Presence” on October 17 and the four part series “Christ Present in the Eucharist” will be held in October.

**Closing Prayer:**  Closed with Our Father

**Next Meeting Date**: November 30th