

Church of the Redeemer
Pastoral Council Meeting Agenda

Date: August 23, 2017

- Evening Prayer: Deacon Colville
- Reports
 - Finance Council Liaison Report Review – Tom Grasberger
 - Budget requests due Feb. 15th
 - Collections were down in July
 - Replacement of front doors has been delayed to October
 - Key FOB locks are planned to be installed on the other doors in the next few weeks.
 - For FY18 a 2% increase has been planned for the budget. This is expected to generally occur through increased collections.
 - PC recommends that a plan be established to achieve this goal and acknowledges that Stewardship is already discussing this.
 - One possible strategy would be to increase e-giving and direct bank drafts.
 - Pastor Report
 - Columbarium meeting – Deacon Handel was here last weekend. He took questions from parishioners after each Mass and expects to provide feedback to the parish in 5-6 weeks. He indicated that Redeemer's response has been similar to what he has received at other parishes.
 - Deacon Report
 - Bishop DiLorenzo passed away last Friday. Monsignor Lane has been named Diocesan Administrator until the new Bishop is named.
 - Visitation will be Thursday 3pm to 7pm. Vespers will be Thursday at 7pm. The Bishop will lay in-state overnight. The funeral will be Friday at 11am.
 - Grayle Hunley has visited with the Deacons to discuss the upcoming visit of the St. John Neumann relics.

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- This weekend (Aug 26-27) the Diocesan Mission Cooperative will be at all Masses.

- Review of Committee Reports
 - Art & Environment
 - Family Statue removal update – Plans are underway to remove the statue at no cost to the parish.
 - Stakeholders input – The Kerns Group is planning to meet with groups of stakeholders (Liturgy, Prayer Leaders, Knights, Catholic Daughters, Accent, Pastoral Council, Father Jay, Finance, Stewardship, Staff). Dates still need to be set. Are there other groups to be considered?
 - The Rachel Statue has been restored and was dedicated today.
 - Evangelization
 - Relics – The visit logistics are close to complete.
 - Fall Fellowship Festival – Finalizing details for this event.
 - Ministry Minute – Considering the periodic inclusion of a Ministry Minute among the announcements at the beginning of Mass.
 - Feedback Committee
 - RE Feedback – The survey results have been shared with PC.
 - An opportunity to strengthen our skills as RE catechists will be at the upcoming “Fanning the Flame of Faith” workshop this weekend (Aug 25-26).

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- Review of Liaison Reports:
 - R.E. and Youth Report, Maria
 - Can the RE survey results be shared with the parents?
 - It has been suggested that PC invite two confirmed Youth Council members to be on PC. This would be one 11th grader and one 12th grader.
 - PC reached consensus with this idea.
 - RE catechists are needed!!
 - Human Concerns, Peggy
 - No questions were raised.
 - Stewardship Council, Mike
 - Stewardship had questions about the 2% increase in the budget (discussed earlier during Finance Council report).
 - Relics visit is scheduled in September.
 - Still looking for Craft Bazaar Chairperson.
 - Still looking for leaders of the Altar Servers and Accent ministries.
 - Liturgy/Worship, Jane
 - No questions were raised.

- Chair Report, Jane
 - PC webpage – Jane shared a sample of a webpage that will include basic info about Parish Council (members, meeting times, minutes, etc.)
 - Will also establish a generic email address for parishioners to use to contact PC.

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- Old Business
 - Blessings at communion
 - Only a Priest or Deacon can offer blessings. Others cannot.
 - What can other Eucharistic ministers do?
 - Father Jay will research this and report back to the group. (Father Jay provided an email response on Aug 24.)
- New Business
 - The PC Retreat is scheduled for Oct 14, 9am – 3pm at Redeemer.
- Closing Prayer: Peggy

Next Meeting Date: September 27, 2017