

**Parish Pastoral Council
Agenda**

Church of the Transfiguration
September 14, 2020 7:00 PM
Parish Life Center or from homes via ZOOM

Parish Mission Statement as Proposed by the Culture Subcommittee

We, the Church of the Transfiguration, are a vibrant Roman Catholic faith community striving to be a welcoming place for all. Rooted in the teachings of Jesus and guided by the Holy Spirit, we are committed to providing faith and spiritual formation and development for all ages. We live this out by advocating for peace, nonviolence, and social justice, and providing opportunities for social ministry outreach. *(Adopted 9/10/18)*

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| 1. Opening Prayer | Fr. Mike |
| 2. Acceptance of PPC Minutes from May 110, 2019 | ALL |
| 3. Parish Council Moderator's Remarks | Mike Goonan |
| 4. How are we doing during this time, do we need to add or take away anything? | ALL |
| 5. Do we or how do we share the news of gifts when received? | ALL |
| 6. Looking to the future – What are your concerns as we move to sharing a pastor with another parish? We will remain our own parish, but share a pastor. | ALL |
| 7. How we are going to do formation. | Anne Gallagher and ALL |
| 8. Open Forum for parishioners to address the Council (Postponed) | Parishioners |
| 9. Pastor's Remarks | Fr. Mike |
| - Future of 9 Van Voorhis Rd house | |
| - Update of DOR Bankruptcy | |
| - Year-end finance 19/20 | |
| - CMA update: Goal: \$203,413 | |
| 10. Cluster Reports | |
| <i>Faith Formation</i> | Kim Fluet |
| <i>Peace & Justice</i> | John Boroski |
| <i>Worship</i> | Anne Smith |
| <i>Youth</i> | Noah Lucia |
| 11. Closing Prayer | ALL |

Future Meeting Dates: Second Monday of each month

Pastoral Council Members and Terms:

2021 – Ben Cutter**, Rich DiMarco**, Joey Campagna*

2022 – Mary Beth Sullivan*, Sue Reed**, Meg Harold**

2023 – Sue Gangemi*, Mike Goonan*, Karl Hamann*

* Serving second term, not renewable

** Serving first three year term, renewable once

Secretary – Martha Jodoin

Faith Formation: Kim Fluet, Peace & Justice: John Boroski, Worship: Anne Smith, Youth: Noah Lucia, Staff: rotating staff members

Zoom Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

May 11, 2020

ATTENDED BY: John Boroski, Rich DiMarco, Kim Fluet, Sue Gangemi, Mike Goonan, Karl Hamann, Megan Harold, Sue Reed, Ann Smith, Mary Beth Sullivan, Fr. Mike Bausch, Margie Benza and Martha Jodoin.

- The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. and Fr. Mike led the Coronavirus prayer.
- Ann Smith made a motion to accept the February 2020 minutes, seconded by Mary Beth Sullivan. All were in favor.
- Parish Council Moderator's Remarks – Mike Goonan praised the Transfiguration Formation Department Covid-19 Ministry Report. Sunday mass is amazing. It is critical to our sense of community and mental health. Others commented that the website is a good resource for teaching catechism.
- Update on future efforts of Global Solidarity – Lauren Burruto was unable to attend this meeting as her mom had hip surgery today. A letter was sent to inform Bishop Matano that we were moving from Honduras back to El Salvador now that a safe site had been identified. Bishop Matano wrote back expressing concern about money leaving our diocese because of the diocese being in bankruptcy. While we do raise money for our efforts our ministry is not just based on money but also the relationship we create with the people. All money for our mission will be sent directly to Food for the Poor and they will have an account number for us so that they know that the money goes to our project. A letter will be sent back to the bishop emphasizing that relationship is important to our mission. Fr. Mike's column will inform parishioners about donating money directly to Food for the Poor with our account number. Lauren will give a talk the second Sunday of August.
- Amazing outreach to our parishioners has been going on. Pastorally parishioners over the age of 75 or people who have no friends or family locally are being called. Five parishioners have been matched up with people who will shop for food for them, pick up Rx, etc. Food and supplies donations have been great and have been donated to the House of Mercy, Eastern Service Workers, St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center, the Margaret House and to some parishioners. Spiritual direction and counseling is being done by phone. Fabric has been donated and used to create 110 masks, which have been donated. So far that we know of there have been no coronavirus deaths in our parish. Fr. Mike has done two

cemetery services and there will eventually be a memorial mass. Zoom meetings have been done with Women in the Spirit and with liturgical ministers, one is scheduled for the Men's group, to make connections with our parishioners. The Formation Department has created a 4 page Covid-19 Ministry Report. As mass is open to the public again there will be restrictions as to how many may attend, use of hymnals etc. Live streaming of Sunday mass will continue. Nancy Wahl and Vicky Wejko have been doing the live streaming of the mass using four laptops, one for mass, one for music and two for backup. They are looking for people to be trained and to help with this ministry.

6. Future of Pittsford/Mendon parishes – It has been a blessing working with St. Catherine's on the Sunday liturgy. It has been good for parishioners to see staff and priests they are familiar with. Every week choir members from each of the parishes submit their vocal recording to be mixed to create the sound of a choir. Five pastors are retiring next year including Fr. Mike. This lived experience of working together has and will be beneficial as we work through these challenges in the future.
7. Long Term Planning reports are postponed.
8. Open Forum for parishioners is postponed.
9. Pastor's Remarks – Fr. Mike reported that we are at 92.5% of our CMA goal. We are short around \$12 or \$13 thousand between goal and unpaid donations thus far. DOR Bankruptcy – Filing date for abuse cases has been extended from August 15 to Jan. 15, 2021. There are around 250 lawsuits. Parishes will have to give funds based on lawsuits involving a priest who was at their parish. Finance Committee meets Thursday morning. Maureen O'Connor and Bob Leonard worked together to obtain a Payroll Protection Plan grant of \$100,000. Seventy-five percent is to be used for payroll and 25% for other expenses. There is no payback as long as the funds are used as designated. Our nighttime person who set up for meetings, etc. has been laid off as there are no meetings now. Employees are being encouraged to use their PTO.
10. Cluster Reports were postponed. Margie Benza submitted the following Pastoral Report. LITURGY – We celebrated our last Masses in the church on the weekend of 3/14-15 with proper social distancing with taped off pews, removing the cup and sterilizing the pews, door handles and other items after every Mass. There were approximately 75 to 90 at each Mass. In the very capable hands of Vicky Wejko and Nancy Wahl for which we are extremely grateful, live streaming began in the chapel on 3/22 and 3/29 with Fr. Rob Bourcy and Camela Fishgold joining us. We then moved live streaming to the church for Holy Week. An attempt was made that same week to check the potential of alternating to St. Catherine's but their system is not capable for live streaming at this time. Masses continue to be live streamed every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. with Fr. Mike and Fr. Rob alternating presiding and con-celebrating with periodic Deacon assistance. Margie and Camela also alternate commentator and lector duties. The music has been such a wonderful addition to our Masses. Our thanks to Sue Wallace, Pam McInerney and both choirs who have worked so hard in sharing their gifts in such a unique way to improve our liturgy. So comforting to hear familiar voices. Ministering with St. Catherine's has been a gift and we all appreciate their kind generosity. Certainly, nothing replaces our faithful being in community and present at Mass. It is evident at every Mass but Holy Week it was so apparent. We miss you all. We also appreciate everyone's patience with the live-streaming as every week we are hopeful to improve. As from the beginning and I continue to say, "It is not about perfection but connection." With each one of you joining us at Mass, in heart and in prayer, we are grateful. PASTORAL – Fr. Mike and I are in touch with parishioners daily to check in and always available to help. I am in the office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Friday, and Sunday mornings and work at home on Mondays. Please let us know of anyone in need of assistance. Two parishioners have died during this time. Neither were COVID related but none-the-less difficult in the midst of the virus with no visitation and the inability to offer a proper Mass, life celebration, reception and burial. Please keep these families especially close in prayer during this time of grief and sorrow on so many levels. We have had several parishioners offer to help others with shopping, prescription pick-up, etc. I have an accumulated list of over twenty volunteers with ongoing additions. There has also been some "pairings" made in relationship with parishioners in need and those willing to help. Wonderful to see. Collections are ongoing for food and masks. Everyone has been so very generous by the number of food and paper goods coming in every week. These have been sorted and delivered to several agencies including the House of Mercy, Eastern Service Workers, St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center and the Margaret Home. We have also assisted individual families in need of our help. These are always welcomed and so appreciated as supplies everywhere are in demand with the current crisis. Masks have been generously donated with supplies going with our food collections deliveries and being delivered and picked up by parishioners as well. Please let me know of anyone in need of masks. I continue to send weekly emails of the spiritual nature, musical invitation, encouragement and offerings of help through the pandemic. Mostly sent through my "liturgical ministers" email lists and others as well. Our Grief Share session has been cancelled for April-June but we began a Grief Share Support Group via Zoom meetings in early April, which has been going well. Thanks to Ev and Jane Charette in facilitating this group which has at least eight members attending weekly and helpful in this time of grief and isolation. Our Coordinators and Greeters were brought together via zoom on separate Zoom meetings. We enjoyed seeing each other. Some Greeters were being introduced for the first time. It was a time to catch up with one another, learn how many were working their way through this pandemic and just "being" together as a gift. I am in the midst of organizing the same for our Lectors followed by the other liturgical minister groups. Thank you all for your ongoing support of your parish family through kind emails, Mass attendance, financial generosity, various donations and care for so many. I am hopeful for a day soon when we can all be together and celebrate in gratitude as we say "Lord, how good it is for us to be here"! My continued prayers for all of you. Respectfully Submitted, Margie Benza
11. Fr. Mike thanked everyone for their support and encouragement. He led us all in saying a "Hail Mary" as closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Martha Jodoin