



Parish of St. Maximilian Kolbe

Thursday, November 14, 2018

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Members in Attendance: Father Peter Joyce, Josh Barnes, Elizabeth Crowley, George Dudzek, Chris George, Mary Grace Jamison, Anita McMahon, Jacquie Olansen, Tim O’Shea, Jose Santiago, Ab Vallese, Marie Zelinski, Bill Zipparo

Opening Prayer: Anita McMahon

Pastoral Council Facilitator: Bill Zipparo

Approval of Minutes: Ab Vallese made a motion to accept the minutes of the September meeting and Jose Santiago seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. Anita McMahon made a motion to accept the minutes of the October meeting and Marie Zelinski seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- **Capital Campaign for the Parish/Community Center:** Of the \$1.95million pledged, \$1.23million has been received.
- **Project Update:** Nothing has changed in the design; however, as a result of the October open meeting, the architect/inspection manager is investigating the possibility of greater height in the large, multi-purpose room. Presently, the primary focus of the process is to obtain necessary permits.
- **Mission:** There was a good turnout at both churches for parishioner input regarding the topics discussed during the mission. A mission team will be assembled to focus on the vision of the Parish. The Convocation of Catholic Leaders will meet in Atlantic City and provide that team with a greater vision. It is hoped to be able to identify, with these two groups along with the Parish Council and Finance Committee a specific mission/vision for the Parish.
- **All Souls Day:** Ninety-three families who had someone die this past year were invited to the Parish All Souls Day Mass. All parishioners were also invited.
- **Puerto Rico – Sister Parish:** Jose Santiago will discuss with a priest from Puerto Rico how we, as a parish family, might assist a community in need in Puerto Rico.
- **Sexual Abuse:** The Parish Council recommended that a description of the Diocesan response to the clergy sexual abuse crisis be presented.

New Business:

- **Food Pantry:** Jacquie Olansen stated that the renovations of the pantry are completed and all reviews have been extremely positive. Clients are now able to fill their own grocery bags picking the brands of food that they prefer respecting their dignity.
- **St. Casimir:** A discussion regarding how more can be done to serve the parishioners of St. Casimir. Suggestions for “donut Sunday”, parish council open meeting held at St. Casimir, CCD and youth activities were given. The inability to find a Spanish-speaking priest is a deterrent. The Parish Council open meeting for the spring will be held at St. Casimir.

Information:

- **Convocation prayer:** A prayer for those attending the Convocation of Catholics in Atlantic City in March will be celebrated at all Masses December 1 and 2.
- **An Evening with the Saints:** PREP will sponsor an evening with the Saints on November 25 at 6:00p.m. in the pavilion. A wax museum, trivia, and jeopardy will be part of the fun event.
- **St. Casimir Thrift Shop Mini Christmas Bazaar:** November 29th and 30th and December 1 from 9:00a.m. to 1:00p.m.
- **Giving Tree:** Sponsored by the Ladies' Auxiliary, the tree will be set up beginning the weekend of December 1st and 2nd, the first Sunday of Advent. The gifts are for teenagers 15 – 18 years of age. Our three student members will formulate a list of items to place by the tree to provide suggestions for gifts. A giving tree will be at both churches.
- **Covenant House:** Jim Kelly will speak at Masses on the First Sunday of Advent (December 1 and 2) to explain the need for specific items for those young adults living at the Covenant House.
- **Diocesan Hispanic Celebration:** On December 2nd, Bishop Sullivan will celebrate Spanish Mass at Divine Mercy Parish, Vineland. Included in the activities for that day are a procession with the lighting of candles, devotion to our Lady of Guadalupe. All are invited to attend from 3:00 – 6:00p.m.
- **Advent Penance Service:** Church of the Resurrection on December 11 at 7:00p.m.
- **Thanksgiving Food Baskets:** Beginning at 9:00a.m., volunteers will assemble complete turkey dinners for those in need. From 1:30 – 5:00 those individuals will pick up their food.
- **Feed the Needy:** The Knights of Columbus will begin the setup for "Feed the Needy" in the extension at COTR after the 5:00 Mass on December 16. They will deliver the food and toys to the homes on December 22 from 9 – 12:00.
- **St. Casimir:** Christmas baskets will be available from December 21st to the 23rd from 9:00a.m. to 1:00p.m. at The Thrift Shop.
- **Christmas Decorating:** St. Casimir will be decorated on December 20th at 9:30a.m.; Church of the Resurrection decorating will be on December 21st at 9:00a.m.
- **Bambinelli Sunday:** At the 9:30 Mass on December 16th at COTR, parishioners are asked to bring their baby Jesus to place on the altar for a special blessing.
- **Christmas Mass Schedule:** There are no changes from last year. Three Masses will be celebrated at 4:00p.m. – St. Casimir, Church of the Resurrection and the pavilion.

Final Thoughts: Looking forward to a happy holiday season; just getting up to speed; glad to be here; lots of holiday season activities; excited about our homework; great headway; we need to continue to work hard; so much going on; it's great.

Action Items:

- **Top Golf:** Jacquie Olansen
- **Drop box/Sarah:** Father Pete
- **Railing:** Father Pete

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 10, 2019 @ 7:00p.m. (**Note: There is no meeting in December**)

Prayer: George Dudzek

Refreshments: Ab Vallese

Final Prayer: Father Pete