



## **Parish of Saint Maximilian Kolbe**

### **Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, October 10, 2019

**Members in Attendance:** Father Peter Joyce, Josh Barnes, Georgette Costello, Nick Chiccarine, Elizabeth Crowley, Mary Grace Jamison, Jacquie Olansen, Tim O'Shea, Jose Santiago, Ab Vallese, Bill Zipparo

**Opening Prayer:** Father Pete

Father Pete began the meeting by welcoming Nick Chiccarine as our new member and acknowledging all the parishioners attending the open meeting. Father Pete then led the election for Pastoral Facilitator and Recording Secretary. Following the nominations of Bill Zipparo for Pastoral Facilitator and Jacquie Olansen for Recording Secretary, a vote was taken and both individuals were unanimously voted into those positions. Father Pete then turned the meeting over to Bill Zipparo to continue the meeting.

**Pastoral Council Facilitator:** Bill Zipparo

**Approval of Minutes:** After adding Elizabeth Crowley's name to those in attendance, Jacquie Olansen made a motion to accept the minutes of the September meeting and Mary Grace Jamison seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Old Business:**

- **Capital Campaign for the Parish/Community Center:** Project is moving along well. The Capital Campaign is solid. It is hoped that the Center will open with Mass on Christmas Eve. Due to so many activities during the Christmas season, the New Year's Eve party has been deferred with recommendations for a Super Bowl party or Valentine's Day affair.
- **Windows:** In November, the old stained-glass windows will be replaced with plain clear glass and the new stained-glass windows will be installed by Christmas. The two windows on either side of the altar will be moved to the extension area with the center window in that area remaining clear.

- **Community Gathering:** The Communion Breakfast at St. Casimir's will be October 20 following the 8:30 Bilingual Mass. Sister Connie Trainor will be the guest speaker and Joe Mitchell will make a presentation on the "Border Mission". Jose Santiago is organizing the breakfast.
- **Reaching the Margins:** Georgette Costello provided information regarding the trip to the border. The group has had several meetings with Sister Connie since returning from their trip and are in the process of formulating several initiatives: Educate parishioners; develop a Spanish/English exchange; and become more supportive of the immigrant population. The theme of the pilgrimage is "Share the Story".
- **House of Charity:** Inserted in the Bulletin for the weekends of October 19/20 and October 26/27 will be "input cards." These cards will provide parishioners an opportunity to state why they do or do not give to the House of Charity. This came as a suggestion to attempt to determine why the number of families participating from the parish have continued to decrease.
- **All Souls Mass:** Since all Souls Day is on a Saturday this year, the Mass for the deceased members of our parish, and any others who wish family members to be remembered, will be held during the 4:00 Mass. It is requested that we respectfully make seating available to those individuals who have lost someone this year as 84 families were invited to attend.
- **Parish Youth Survey:** Josh Barnes stated that the questions have been finalized and the process has been coordinated with Agnes Bross and the Catechists.

### ***New Business:***

- **Advent Mission:** Donna Britt will lead the Advent Mission with the focus to be on an Advent journey with Mary. It will take place three (3) weeks leading up to Christmas and concluding one (1) week after. The format this year will be to host in the homes, at coffee shops, or wherever the individual groups choose enabling those on the mission to go out into the parish.
- **Parish Center Enhancements:** The Council discussed "enhancements" for the new Parish Center. Following input from the council members and those attending the meeting, a motion was made and seconded that Father Pete identify enhancements for the building that were not originally listed in the design information and place the list in the bulletin. Anyone wanting to be a benefactor for these items would contact Father Pete. It was further stated that Father Pete have the authority to change the list as needed. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Stewardship Accounting:** A copy of the Financial and Stewardship Report was provided to all in attendance. A discussion ensued regarding gift card expenses

and revenue. It was stated that more parishioners be encouraged to purchase the gift cards as there is no cost to those buying such and the church obtains 5 – 10 percent on each sale.

- ***New Crucifix at COTR:*** A question was raised regarding the new crucifix. Father Pete stated that the prior crucifix was damaged. The new one now is the same as the one over the Altar and in the food pantry area.
- ***Thanksgiving Baskets:*** The Church of the Resurrection Food Pantry will be providing all items needed for a Thanksgiving meal on Monday, November 25 between 1:30 and 5:00 p.m. The Food Pantry at St. Casimir will provide Thanksgiving meals on November 25, 26, and 27.
- ***Retreat by the AC Nuns:*** The Nuns who provide for the homeless in Atlantic City will be hosting a retreat at Church of the Resurrection, Saturday, December 7 from 10:00 to 2:00. Maggie Reigns and the Ladies Auxiliary are coordinating the retreat.

### ***Information:***

- ***Communion Prayer Breakfast: October 20 following 8:30 Mass at St. Casimir***
- ***St. Casimir Christmas Bazaar: November 14, 15, and 16***
- ***Ecumenical Prayer Service: November 24 at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cape May Baptist Church, Marmora. Soup – 6:00 p.m. Preaching – 7:00 p.m. Father Pete will be preaching***
- ***Thanksgiving Baskets distribution at Church of the Resurrection: November 25 between 1:30 and 5:00 p.m.***
- ***Thanksgiving Baskets distribution at St. Casimir: November 25, 26, and 27***
- ***New York City Trip: December 6***
- ***Retreat by AC Nuns: December 7 from 10 – 2p.m. at Church of the Resurrection***
- ***Advent Penance Service: December 10 at 7:00p.m. at Church of the Resurrection***
- ***Bambinelli Sunday: December 15***

### **Action Items:**

- ***Missionary disciples: All***
- ***Communion Prayer Breakfast: All***
- ***Photo of Ministries: Tim O'Shea/staff***
- ***Railing at St. Casimir: Father Pete***
- ***Survey of Youth: Jose Barnes/Mary Grace Jamison/Nick Chiccarine***

**Final Thoughts:** Grateful to be here; welcome; beautiful to see we are achieving goals; engaging the public, congratulations to all; thanks to everyone for their hard work; thanks to the Holy Spirit; thank you to the community for a good turnout; thanks for letting me back; thanks for allowing me to again be facilitator.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, November 7 @ 7p.m. (**Note: This is the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month**)

**Prayer:** Anita McMahon

**Refreshments:** Jacquie Olansen

**Final Prayer:** Father Pete