



Parish of Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Thursday, January 14, 2021

Members in Attendance: Father Peter Joyce, Sister Connie Trainor, Linda Bamberger, Elizabeth Crowley, Nick Chiccarine, Nadine Dempsey, Nick George, Jacquie Olansen, Marissa Sampson, Ab Vallese, Bill Zipparo

Opening Prayer: Linda Bamberger

Pastoral Council Facilitator: Bill Zipparo

Approval of Minutes: Ab Vallese made a motion to accept the minutes of the November meeting and Nick Chiccarine seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- **Life and Justice Ministry:** Sister Connie showed the article that was in the Star Herald describing the work being accomplished through the Ministry. Elizabeth Crowley provided information about the Lenten Mission which will consist of several speakers on Zoom each Monday evening in Lent. Specific details will be available on the Parish website, in the bulletin.
- **Solar:** Placement of solar panels has been put on hold by the Diocese until the problems on the roof of Immaculata Hall are repaired.
- **Memorial Wall:** The Memorial Wall is under construction.
- **Covid Protocol:** The same protocol is still in place. Very few negative comments have come from the procedures being taken throughout the Parish.
- **Tricia Ciliberto Parish Outreach for Advent:** Contacting parishioners by phone has been well received. Most were pleased to hear from fellow parishioners. This process will be ongoing.
- **Susan Phillips; Youth and Young Adults:** Susan provided detailed information about the Youth and Young Adults Faith Formation Ministry. The Youth is for students in 9th thru 12th grades while Young Adults encompasses ages 18 – 39. Anyone interested in participating or learning more about this ministry may do so on the Parish website, Facebook, or checking the bulletin. Thank you, Susan, for organizing this Ministry.
- **Parish Senior Ministry:** Nadine Dempsey discussed meeting with Anne Marie Perillo along with Regina Ralston to begin the formation of this Ministry. The first step is to organize a focus group to determine how, when, what the seniors would like in this ministry. Linda Bamberger and Jacquie Olansen will work with Nadine and Regina to formulate this Ministry.

Information:

- **Diocesan Reconfiguration:** The Diocese has filed for bankruptcy; no impact to date

- **House of Charity:** Last year's goal was \$105K with \$76K being collected. This year the goal is also \$105K.
- **Christmas Review:** Attendance at the Masses on Christmas Eve was 29% and Christmas Day was 39% of last year. The collection was 75%.
- **Catholic Schools Week:** The week will begin with the 9:30 Mass on January 31st.
- **St. Blasé' Throat Blessing:** Although not individual blessings, the general blessing will be at Masses on January 30, 31, and Wednesday, February 3, 2021.
- **Blood Drive:** January 25, 2021 in Immaculata Hall
- **Cereal Bowl Drive:** February 6 and 7, 2021
- **Knights of Columbus Wings and Raffle:** The Knights will be selling take out of chicken wings from 3-6p.m on February 7 (must order ahead) and the Raffle drawing will take place at 8p.m. (This will be live streamed).
- **Ash Wednesday:** On February 17 ashes will be distributed by sprinkling over the head for those who wish to receive the ashes. Others will obtain the general blessing from the priest.
- **No Lenten Penance Service**
- **Stations of the Cross:** At present, the Stations will take place only at Church of the Resurrection
- **St. Casimir Feast Day:** March 4th. Due to the pandemic, there will not be a celebration
- **Feast of St. Joseph:** March 19th. Beginning March 11 thru March 19, the St. Joseph Novena will be recited at Masses as well as at 3:00p.m. being lived streamed from various parishioners' homes. The Pope has declared this year as the Year of St. Joseph.
- **Palm Sunday:** March 28th. Palm will be distributed
- **Easter Sunrise Mass:** April 4, 2021 Father Pete is hopeful this will occur.
- **Feast Day:** August 14, 2021 As the Feast Day is a Saturday, any celebration will be off the beach.

Final Thoughts:

Looking forward to the Lenten program, lots of good information, future looks great, hopefully 2021 will be better, glad to hear how much is going on despite the pandemic, grateful for the Parish Council taking initiatives

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 11, 2021 @ 7p.m.

Prayer: Linda Bamberger

Final Prayer: Father Pete