



Parish of Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Thursday, March 11, 2021

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

Opening Prayer: Jacquie Olansen

Pastoral Council Facilitator: Bill Zipparo

Approval of Minutes: Regina Ralston made a motion to accept the minutes of the February meeting and Linda Bamberger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- **Life and Justice Ministry:** The Life and Justice Ministry has been presenting a Lenten Mission of several speakers on Zoom each Monday evening during Lent. This Mission has been very well received.
- **Church of the Resurrection Webcam:** The technology is in place; however, there is a need for individuals who can operate not only the video but the sound as well.
- **Budget preparations/PPP(s):** We are finalizing our budget for the next fiscal year which commences July 1. The Parish received a second draw from the Federal Payroll Protection Program to assist subsidizing staff payroll.
- **Parish Senior Ministry:** Nadine Dempsey stated that a focus group met and is excited about the possibility of social gatherings for an adult community identified as the St. Max Social Club. A lengthy discussion followed regarding the use of indoor/outdoor spaces; COVID and its protocols; and ideas for moving ahead. The group will explore various ideas and present them at the next meeting.

New Business:

- **Easter:** Jacquie Olansen explained that the pantry at the Church of the Resurrection will provide Easter “bags” to the clients the two weeks prior to Easter. There will be no sign ups as these “bags” will be in addition to the client’s regular food orders and will include small hams; potatoes; veggies; eggs and egg coloring and a note from the volunteers.
- **Food Pantry:** Jacquie stated that the number of clients coming to the pantry has decreased significantly and is asking for suggestions as to how we could better inform the community of our pantry. Suggestions included reaching out to Cape and Atlantic County Human Services and the local schools. Also, the idea of an electronic sign so that people driving by would know what was going on at the church. Bill Zipparo volunteered to research this.

Information:

- **Diocesan Reconfiguration:** To date, there has been no impact.
- **House of Charity:** This year the goal is also \$105K.

- ***The Light is On:*** All parishes in the Camden diocese will be open at 7p.m. on Wednesdays throughout Lent for Confessions. In this way, individuals may visit any church they wish to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- ***Stations of the Cross:*** The Stations is taking place at the Church of the Resurrection on Fridays at 7p.m. with live streaming. Regina Ralston reminded everyone of the Stations of the Cross that are also outside behind Immaculata Hall.
- ***Feast of St. Joseph:*** March 19th. March 11th thru March 19th, the St. Joseph Novena will be recited at 3:00p.m., while being lived streamed. All are encouraged to make this nine-day novena.
- ***Palm Sunday:*** March 28th Blessed Palms will be distributed.
- ***Holy Week:*** Holy Thursday, 7p.m; Good Friday, 3p.m.; Tenebrae, Good Friday 7p.m; Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil 7:30 at COTR
- ***Easter Sunrise Mass:*** April 4, 2021, Mass on the beach in Strathmere. A special Thank You to all those who worked diligently to be able to have the Mass on the beach. There will be social distancing; separation of by size of group; all must wear a mask; and all must sign a waiver.
- ***Bishop McHugh Golf Outing:*** May 13th. Cost of \$250 includes golf, lunch, and dinner.

Final Thoughts:

Always good to be with everyone. Thank you for coming out.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 8, 2021 @ 7p.m.

Prayer: Sister Connie

Final Prayer: Father Pete