

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

December 14, 2020

NOTE - 7pm Start ZOOM Call

MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDEES:Fr. Jim McNulty, Mark Tuttle, John Brady, Denise Brady, Terri Field, Deacon Don, Deb Beaman, Jane DeRoo, Renee Billotto, Elisabeth Johnston, Megan Szczypka Wolschleger, Alex Mager, Sharon Miller

ABSENTEES:Joe Bertrand

- I. OPENING PRAYER – Deacon Don
- II. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES – Approved
- III. CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS – No comment
- IV. FR. JIM’S COMMENTS
 - a. Families of Parishes
 - i. St. Edith in Phase 1 to roll out July 2021 as expected. Planning expected in February 2021 with parish pastors and staff.
 - ii. Playbook provided with recommendations.
 1. Business Manager suggested to lead each family in the future.
 2. Director of Faith Formation
 3. Director of Christian Service
 4. Director of Worship
 5. Director of Evangelization
 6. Director of Family Ministries
 - iii. No big changes expected within the next 6-12 months. Big changes expected within the next 10 years because priest count is expected to reduce from current 250 to 150 total.
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - a. VICARIATE
 - b. CHRISTIAN SERVICE – Denise
 - i. Article previously placed in church bulletin for Loaves and Fishes regarding recent activity at St. Edith.
 - ii. See monthly meeting minutes for further details.
 - c. EDUCATION – Deb
 - i. School is doing well despite a few exposures and has handled it exceptionally well.
 - ii. Religious education is currently following public school trend through mid-January.
 - iii. Increase in enrollment earlier in the school year was given to priority given to parish members.
 - iv. School’s Christmas break is scheduled 12/19/20 to 1/4/21.

- d. EVANGELIZATION – Sharon/ Deacon Don
 - i. Deacon Don is supporting Sharon in her Commission role. Temporarily remove Sharon from email distribution.
 - ii. Welcoming Committee has returned with social distancing practices in mind.
 - iii. Personal stories from fellow parishioners are welcomed.
 - iv. See AOD’s article regarding how to evangelize during the pandemic.
- e. SENIORS
- f. WORSHIP – Jane
 - i. Art & Environment
 - 1. Scheduling to decorate is implement proper social distancing practices.
 - 2. Plan to decorate for Christmas like any other year.
 - ii. Music
 - 1. 1-2 choir members expected to cantor with Heather during Christmas Masses
 - 2. Virtual Christmas concert scheduled for Sunday 12/20. Half will Fr. Jim and Heather singing, and the other half will be sing-along.
 - 3. Ushers continue to take attendance count at weekend Masses.
 - iii. See December commission meeting minutes for further details.
- g. FINANCE – John
 - i. If annual Christmas collection (\$150k+) is same as previous years, budget is good.
 - ii. Fr. Jim has encouraged parishioners to use envelopes for Christmas collection.
 - iii. Online Giving is an option for Christmas collection and should be strongly encouraged, particularly during this Christmas season when less people attend Mass in-person.
 - iv. See monthly meeting minutes for further details.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Christmas Mass weekend
 - i. Sing-ups officially open Sunday 12/20. Monitor sign-ups to determine if/when getting close to capacity, which is 200 (church) plus 50 (hall) per Mass.
 - ii. Newburgh sign has updated to instruct people to go to website for Mass times and to sign up.
 - iii. All Masses except 8:30 AM will be streamed online.
 - iv. Can reading and song lyrics be put on the screen for the online Masses? Terri to follow up with Connie.
- b. Appreciate having Fr. Jim’s homily in the weekly bulletin and suggest continuing to do that going forward.

VII. JANUARY 12, 2021 MEETING – OPENING & CLOSING PRAYER VOLUNTEER

- a. Opening prayer – Denise
- b. Closing prayer – Elisabeth

VIII. CLOSING PRAYER – Terri