

St. John the Baptist Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

January 8, 2018 7:00 PM – 9:20 PM

Facilitator: Brian Myler
Minutes: Erin Mathia/Rich Myler
Council Members: Jenny Collier, Pat Coto, Greg Dober, Jim Klingensmith, Lisa Koslosky, Erin Mathia, Brian Myler, Rich Myler,
Others in Attendance: Father Kevin Poecking, Nancy Gimbel (Ladies of Charity)
Absent: Cindy Vento, Dan Pietragallo

1. Prayer

- The sixth Pastoral Council Meeting began with prayer led by Brian Myler using the following Gospel reading: *John 1:35-42*

2. Parish Ministry Conversation (Nancy Gimbel – Ladies of Charity)

Nancy Gimbel attended this evening and gave us a background summary of what is currently going on with the Ladies of Charity.

- Nancy is the current President of the Ladies of Charity for St. John the Baptist
- Ladies of Charity is a worldwide service organization which is broken down into national, diocese, and local chapters
- Ladies of Charity was founded in 1617
- Their works of charity are carried out according to the directives of their founder, St. Vincent de Paul and in the spirit of St. Louise de Marillac and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
- St. John the Baptist has had an active chapter for 20 years founded during the time when Father Joe Mele was pastor.
- Currently there are 30+ active members: they meet on the last Thursday of each month
- Members are able to be invested into the National Group by the Bishop in the spring
- The members of the Ladies of Charity decide what projects that they participate in; current/past projects include:
 - o Cookie sale (raised \$2,200 this past year) – any money not needed to run the ministry at the end of the year is donated to local charities
 - o Angel tree at Christmas time
 - o All Souls reception
 - o Nursing home visitations
 - o Bingo at Ridgewood Place
 - o Cards/gifts to shut-ins
 - o Donate baskets for the festival

- Donate paper products to the local food pantries
- Baby Bottle Drive (raised \$4K-\$5K over the last two years)
- Lenten Project – pray for shut-ins and send cards
- Jail Ministry – donate puzzles, bibles, books, money – distribute gifts before Christmas – talk with inmates
- Prayer Chain – phone and email chain
- Different ideas of submitting prayer requests and informing the parish about submitting prayer requests were discussed – bulletin, link on website, phone number
- The biggest challenge for the Ladies of Charity is communication – looking at ways to open the channels of communication
- The National Association meeting for the Ladies of Charity is being held in this September Station Square
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3. Minutes from last meeting

- Minutes from the December 4, 2017 Pastoral Council Meeting were approved

4. Opening Comments (Father Kevin)

On Mission for the Church Alive

- Father Kevin is attending a meeting on January 9, 2018 to discuss the proposed groupings for our area and the potential changes to the groupings
- The school regionalization meeting (attended by our school advisory board) will be on January 18, 2018

School Of Missionary Discipleship (SMD)

The SMD is an intensive process of formation, consultation, and training offered through the Department of Evangelization and Missionary Outreach to make disciples of Jesus Christ and to “renew the face of the earth.” *(Taken from a handout provided by Father Kevin)*

- Father Kevin offered up St. John the Baptist as a location for the SMD
- Father will be looking for interested people from the area to attend, the first curiosity meeting is to be scheduled in the next few months

5. FORMED Renewal

- Council discussed ways to communicate about FORMED
- Access to FORMED should be easier with the new format and not having to enter a pass code, accessible from the St John the Baptist website
- Council was in favor of renewing the FORMED subscription for the parish for 2018
- There is a need to promote / organize it more also

6. Long-Range Goals/Objectives

- Thoughtful and spirited discussions regarding the development of objectives for the parish long-range goals began

Goal 1: To establish public outreach efforts to the local community (*Social Outreach*)

Currently Offering at St. John's:

- o SAM, Communion calls, Youth Projects, Produce to People, 40 Days for Life, Food Drive Collections, Angel Tree, PSM (Utility bill help), 2nd Collections, Baby Bottle Drive, Intersection, Caroling, Parish School, Hospital Ministry, Ladies of Charity, Parish Festival, Fish Fry, Advertising of Church Offerings, Pet Blessings

Objectives:

- o Create a social role/committee
- o Reach out to homebound and those in need; What can be done for people (Collect Information)
- o "Welcome Wagon"
- o Welcoming package (what the parish has to offer)
- o Establish committee to welcome at Mass and promote offerings (talk to Joe Messina about a church he mentioned)(explore what other churches do in regards to Parish Greeters)
- o More coffee and donuts after mass (potential to do so at other masses?)

Goal 2: To invite others to share in our faith in Jesus (*Evangelization*)

Currently Offering at St. John's:

- o Live streaming of 9:00 am masses, Youth Ministry, Women's Fellowship, CMF, Adoration, Pig Roast, Praise and Worship, VBS

Objectives:

- o Establish an evangelization committee
- o Determine strengths of people
- o Personal testimony (via various means/media)
- o Promote ways to make folks more aware of the power of the rosary
- o Promote personal prayer

Goal 3: To grow our understanding of our relationship with Jesus Christ (Catechesis)

Currently Offering at St. John's:

- Jesus 101, RCIA, Children's Liturgy, CCD, Youth Ministry, Pub Theology, FORMED, Small faith groups, Men's Fellowship, Women's Fellowship, VBS, Men's and Women's retreats, Pre-Cana classes

Objectives:

- Increase participation/use of FORMED
- Mass class – course on the mass
 - Before mass? At Wednesday mass? Record separate mass?
- Create a culture of vocational awareness (Vianney Vocations)
- Allow personal intentions to be offered after regular intentions
- Create an annual parish mission/theme
- Holy hour service once a week with adoration
- Pull homilies from mass video recordings and post them separately online

7. Closing Comments

- Rich Myler is to extend an invitation to Peg Mineo (Bereavement) to speak at the February 5th meeting as part of our Parish Ministry Conversation

8. Closing Prayer and Next Meeting

- Tonight's meeting closed with the 'On Mission for the Church Alive' prayer

Upcoming Meetings

February 5, 2018

7:00 PM

Facilitator: Rich Myler

March 5, 2018

7:00 PM

Facilitator: Jenny Collier

April 9, 2018

7:00 PM

Facilitator: Pat Coto

"Homework"

- Review ideas to determine objectives (refer to page 41 of the OBOM)