

# St. John the Baptist Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Facilitator: Greg Dober  
Minutes: Erin Mathia  
Council Members: Jenny Collier, Pat Coto, Greg Dober, Jim Klingensmith, Lisa Koslosky, Erin Mathia, Brian Myler, Rich Myler, Dan Pietragallo  
Others in Attendance: Father Kevin Poecking, Jordan Sonnet (Seminarist)  
Absent: Cindy Vento

## 1. Prayer

The second Pastoral Council Meeting began with prayer led by Greg Dober using the following Gospel reading: Matthew 16:13-20

## 2. Opening Comments (Fr. Kevin)

### **On Mission for the Church Alive**

- The groupings for our parish and the surrounding parishes (Plum, Oakmont, Verona, Penn Hills, and Monroeville) are still unclear
- Two possible groupings are still being proposed

### **School Notes**

- Attendance is down this year, similar to what is occurring throughout the Diocese of Pittsburgh
- Staffing for the 2017-2018 school year is complete
- School is in good financial shape, balanced budget and debt free.

### **School Library Renovation**

- Possibility of using funds from the Berg estate to renovate the school library, which is used by the school and the parish (RCIA meetings)
- Pastoral Council responded favorably to the proposed idea
- Should St John's not be chosen through the On Mission process, resources and materials used could easily be repurposed

### **December 24 Sunday Morning Mass Schedule Change (discussed through email)**

- Proposed changing the December 24, 2017 Sunday morning mass schedule to 8AM and 10AM versus the usual three mass times
- Change is due to having 3 Christmas Eve masses later that evening and the difficulty in getting enough ministers, musicians, and priests for three masses in the morning and three in the evening
- Pastoral Council responded favorably

### 3. July Minutes

- The minutes from the July 3rd Pastoral Council Meeting were approved with an update of the spelling of Pietragallo.

### 4. Email Protocol

- All thoughts and correspondence pertaining to the Pastoral Council should be sent to all members (Reply to All) unless there is something specific that only needs to be sent to Fr. Kevin.

### 5. Miller Lane Property

- The property for sale off of Miller Lane that connects with the St. John's property (collapsing building, on the corner of the parking lot exit) is up for sale
- It went as far as going through a sheriff's sale with no buyer interest shown. As it stands, the bank bought the lien.
- Consideration is being given for St. John's to buy this property if the price is right and the title is clear.

### 6. SWOT Analysis of St. John's

#### Strengths

Cantors † E  
Music Ministry † E  
Strong Catechesis C E  
VBS F C  
Catholic Men's Fellowship C  
Rosary Society E S  
Ladies of Charity F  
24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration †  
Lectors †  
Preaching †  
Accessible F  
Church Community † F  
Young Adult Ministry E C  
Praise and Worship E

#### Opportunities

Plum/Community E F  
Children's Liturgy † C  
Bible Study E C  
Small Chapel †  
Sexuality and the Church C  
Lack of Focus (Annual theme) E

#### Weaknesses

Children's Liturgy † C  
Bible Study C  
Rely on "same people" S  
Losing kids after CCD E C  
Welcoming greeters at mass E  
People leaving after communion †  
"Educate" on the beauty (sanctity) of mass †  
Getting to people outside the church (service) F  
Attendance †  
Low Gluten Host Availability †  
Lack of Women's Fellowship C  
Continual Spiritual Education C  
Social Outreach E

#### Threats

Regionalization F S  
On Mission F S  
Fear † E  
"The World" †  
One Exit (parking lot back up) E  
The inside of the church is not appealing †  
Non-Denominational Churches E

Key (Assessing Pastoral Life – pp 36–38 of the OBOM)

† Eucharist    E Evangelization    C Catechesis    F Formation    S Stewardship

## 7. Council Operating Norms

- Discussed establishing Pastoral Council Operating Norms for St. John the Baptist
- Council members received a copy of Pastoral Council Operating Norms used by another parish
- Members are to review and adapt them as necessary for St. John the Baptist

## 8. Closing Comments , Prayer, and Next Meeting

- In addition to the recently starting Pub Theology sessions for young adults, Father Kevin noted plans for a series intended for adults of any age - Jesus 101 – will be starting soon on Thursday evenings. Childcare will be available for this.
- The new parish website is up and running
- Along with the website redesign, the parish is working on establishing an online calendar of events
- Tonight's meeting was closed with the On Mission for The Church Alive prayer
- Upcoming Meetings

October 2, 2017	November 6, 2017
7:00 PM	7:00 PM
Facilitator: Jim Klingensmith	Facilitator: Lisa Koslosky

### Homework

- Read Developing Long-Range Goals (refer to p. 39 of the OBOM)
- Read over the Pastoral Council Operating Norms making changes as necessary to adapt to the St. John the Baptist Pastoral Council
- Next meeting: October 2, 2017 at 7:00 PM