

# St. John the Baptist Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Facilitator: Father Kevin

Note Taker: Erin Mathia

Council Members: Jenny Collier, Pat Coto, Greg Dober, Jim Klingensmith, Lisa Koslosky, Erin Mathia, Brian Myler, Rich Myler, Dan Pietragalo, Cindy Vento

Others in Attendance: Father Kevin Poecking, Jordan Sonnet (Seminarian)

## 1. Prayer

-The first Pastoral Council Meeting began with prayer/reflection using the following Gospel reading:  
Matthew 11:25-30

## 2. Organizing Plan/OBOM

-Discussed how the work of the Pastoral Council will be communicated to the parish:

- Full minutes will be made available online
- A brief announcement will be made once a month following when a meeting has been held
- Highlights of the meeting will be printed in the bulletin

-Meeting Facilitation/Creation of Agenda

- Greg Dober volunteered to facilitate next meeting
- Facilitation of meetings will continue with council members going in alphabetical order

-Next Meetings

- August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 7:00 PM – Greg Dober (Facilitator)
- October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 7:00 PM – Jim Klingensmith (Facilitator ?)
- November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 7:00 PM – Lisa Koslosky (Facilitator ?)

-Discussed confidentiality for Pastoral Council meetings

- Need to be balanced in sharing, but respectful and united.

-One Body One Mission (OBOM)

-Referenced the graphic for planning for pastoral life (pg 29)

-1. Craft Mission – Current Mission statement will remain:

Saint John the Baptist Parish is located in Plum Borough, Pennsylvania and is part of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh.

As a faith community, we strive to imitate our patron Saint John the Baptist who led others to Christ. We are committed to keeping our faith alive and growing through prayer, sacraments, faith

formation and service. Through evangelization and stewardship we encourage full and active participation of all members.

We hope to reflect the life and love of Christ by strengthening the faith of our parishioners while

reaching out to all God's people.

-2. Assess Parish – Began SWOT Analysis

### 3. Strengths Discussion

- Received handout of chart graphing the strengths of the members of the Pastoral Council according to the Clifton StrengthsFinder
- Father Kevin informed the council of the books available that discuss individual strengths
  - Living Your Strengths
- Training of parishioners in the art of Strengths Finder Small Group Facilitation (Mr. Joseph Cavanaugh)
  - Wednesday August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM – Saint Vincent
  - Greg Dober and Brian Myler will be attending on behalf of the council

### 4. SWOT Analysis

#### Strengths

Good Canters  
Music Ministry  
Strong Catechesis  
VBS  
Catholic Men's Fellowship  
Rosary Society  
Ladies of Charity  
24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration

#### Weaknesses

Children's Liturgy  
Bible Study  
Rely on "same people"  
Losing kids after CCD  
Welcoming greeters at mass  
People leaving after communion  
"Educate" on the beauty (sanctity) of mass  
Getting to people outside the church (service)

#### Opportunities

Plum/Community  
Children's Liturgy  
Bible Study  
Small Chapel

#### Threats

Regionalization  
On Mission  
Fear  
"The World"  
One Exit (parking lot back up)  
The inside of the church is not appealing

### 5. Closing Prayer and Next Meeting

-Closed with the On Mission for The Church Alive Prayer

#### **-Homework:**

-Reflect on the SWOT Analysis for 20 minutes adding to or making changes as necessary (refer to pg 36 of the OBOM – Assessing Pastoral Life)

1. Once after first receiving the minutes
2. Once again prior to the next Pastoral Council meeting

-Next meeting: **August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 7:00 PM**