

# St. John the Baptist Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

**November 6, 2017 7:00 PM – 9:30 PM**

Facilitator:	Lisa Koslosky
Minutes:	Erin Mathia/Rich Myler
Council Members:	Jenny Collier, Greg Dober, Jim Klingensmith, Lisa Koslosky, Erin Mathia, Brian Myler, Rich Myler, Cindy Vento
Others in Attendance:	Father Kevin Poecking; Jordan Sonnet (Seminararian), Jack Patnik (Catholic Men's Fellowship)
Absent:	Pat Coto; Dan Pietragallo

## 1. Prayer

- The fourth Pastoral Council Meeting began with prayer led by Lisa Koslosky using the following Gospel reading: *Matthew 25: 1-13*

## 2. Parish Ministry Conversation (Jack Patnik - Catholic Men's Fellowship – CMF)

Jack Patnik attended this evening and gave us a background summary and overview of the CMF

- CMF at St. John the Baptist is part of the Catholic Men's Fellowship of Pittsburgh (sponsor of the annual Gathering of Catholic Men) which falls under the National Fellowship of Catholic Men
- The goal of CMF is to assist men on their spiritual journey and to help them define their role as a Catholic man
- The CMF at St. John's started 10 years ago
- They meet every other Saturday morning at 7:30 am, meeting approximately 24 times a year
- Currently, eight to twelve men attend regularly and up to 20 at any given time
- Meeting topics, which run for weeks at a time, are chosen based on interest and accessibility
- The CMF will begin The Mystery of God (6 week program) in January
- The CMF is also looking at the FORMED website for future programs. They are also working on growing the group.
- CMF looks to the Pastoral Council to keep FORMED going as a resource for parishioners at St. John the Baptist and also for encouragement to others to attend
- The possibility of inviting teenage sons to attend with their fathers on a limited basis was discussed

### 3. Opening Comments (Father Kevin)

#### Live Mass Services

- Live streaming of all 9:00AM masses are up and running
- Initial reports have shown up to 100 people accessing the live stream over the last week
- The most popular masses have been the Sunday mass and the Wednesday morning school mass
- Technical difficulties such as uploading past recordings to the parish web-site are being addressed with the web service company
- The following ideas were discussed for possible implementation in the future:
  1. The addition of three flat screen TV monitors:
    - 1. The cry room
    - 2. The loft (former cry room)
    - 3. Entry of church
  2. Reaching out to the local Nursing Homes and helping them to establish a way to view the live masses on Sunday morning on smart TVs or otherwise
  3. Consideration for adding a technology staff position to manage live streaming and upload of masses, advertising (on Facebook and other avenues), and expanding the available technology for St. John the Baptist

#### On Mission for the Church Alive

- The On Mission parish presentation will be held on Sunday November 12, 2017 at 10:00 am in the Annex; Parish Council members are encouraged to attend
- In April, 2018, the Diocese will announce final groupings of parishes and clergy assignments for the new grouping with one administrator and assistants and deacons for the group.
- In October 2018, over the summer new clergy will work with existing clergy in each grouping to determine new Mass times in each Church building. No building closures or mergers are planned during this time.

#### Parish News

- Five or six teens will be representing St. John the Baptist at the National Catholic Youth Conference being held in Indianapolis
- St. John the Baptist Parish and School are currently financially stable – there is no outstanding debt and the budget is balanced.

### 4. Minutes from last meeting

- Minutes from the October 2, 2017 Pastoral Council Meeting were approved

### 5. Pastoral Council Operating Norms

- Changes and adaptations were made by Rich Myler and copies were sent out to the council for review

- Upon review at tonight's meeting the Operating Norms were finalized and approved following three slight changes to be made to the committee section
- Rich Myler will make said changes and email them to the council; the Operating Norms will then be placed on the parish website

## 6. SWOT Analysis and Long-Range Goals

### SWOT Analysis

#### Strengths

Cantors † E  
 Music Ministry † E  
 Strong Catechesis C E  
 VBS (Vacation Bible School) 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  
 RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) C

#### 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

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 (elderly and the poor) E  
 Fostering Vocations C

#### 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

### Long-Range Goals

- Council continued the process of prioritizing parish needs using information from the SWOT analysis
- Thoughtful and spirited discussions regarding the development of long term parish goals continued (see pp 39-40 of the OBOM)
- An overall theme of 'Discipleship' was agreed upon, based on the parish mission statement and following the example of our patron saint, St. John the Baptist
- The following areas continue to be priority for the high level goals
  - o Social Outreach
  - o Sharing the Gospel
  - o Catechesis

## 7. Updates; Closing Comments

- There are no new updates concerning the Miller Lane property – Greg Dober continues to monitor the situation
- Jenny Collier continued a discussion from the last meeting regarding witness talks (a) during mass; (b) posted on the parish website (video); (c) written witness testimonies published in the bulletin
  - o The process and the person in charge of organizing the witness talks needs to be established and determined
  - o To be discussed further and in conjunction with long term goal and objective setting
- Erin Mathia to extend an invitation to Amanda Nicholson (Music Ministry) to speak at the December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting as part of our Parish Ministry Conversation
  - o If Amanda is unavailable (could be a tough time during the Advent season), an invitation will be extended to Nancy Gimbel (Ladies of Charity)

## 8. Closing Prayer and Next Meeting

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

### Upcoming Meetings

December 4, 2017

7:00 PM

Facilitator: Erin Mathia

January 8, 2018

7:00 PM

Facilitator: Brian Myler

February 5, 2018

7:00 PM

Facilitator: Rich Myler

### **"Homework"**

- Come prepared to craft long-range goals; share ideas via e-mail in the meantime
- Develop ideas and objectives for reaching the goals