

St. Joseph Parish - Cabot, PA

Pastoral Plan 2016

Pastoral Council Mission

The purpose of the Pastoral Plan is to guide St. Joseph Parish and its members on the mission of fulfilling God's Word. The focus of the plan is to promote community, both within the parish and with our neighbors. This plan outlines objectives that will help enhance our parish family and help our Church reach out to those around us.

The plan is to be a living document that directs the support, enhancement, and necessary changes to parish activities in order to keep the parish faithful to its mission. The document will be modified, adjusted and improved as needed for this three-year cycle.

St Joseph Parish Mission Statement:

Founded in 1904 by the Capuchins, St. Joseph Parish is a loving and open community of faith-filled parishioners. Through the Sacraments and Faith Formation our parish witnesses to the Gospel through Worship, Discipleship and Outreach.

2016 Goals

Goal 1: Evangelization

Goal 2: Catechesis

Goal 3: Stewardship

Goal 4: Hospitality



"Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works."

Hebrews 10:24 NLT

YEAR 1 (To begin January 2016)

GOAL 1: Evangelization: To be a welcoming community where we witness, nurture and proclaim our faith.

Objectives

- 1) Introduce idea of personal invitation to ministries.
- 2) Support Christlife Series (Discovering Christ, Following Christ, Sharing Christ).
- 3) Develop program for outreach to the elderly in our parish and surrounding community.

GOAL 2: Catechesis: To build up the church family through Sacred Scripture and Church tradition. (i.e. includes Formation which sustains the foundation laid by catechesis).

Objectives

- 1) Support Youth Ministry/CFF and Adult Faith Formation coordinators with their proposals.
- 2) Pursue parents in CFF programs to become active participants in their children's Catholic faith formation.
- 3) Continue video series on value of the Mass and the Sacraments.
- 4) Create a board of education for AFF and CFF

GOAL 3: Stewardship: Utilizing the talents, time and treasures we have been afforded by God.

Objectives

- 1) Educate ministries/parishioners on the meaning of stewardship.
- 2) Invite heads of existing ministries to pastoral council meetings.
- 3) Develop family faith formation programs with CFF.

GOAL 4: Hospitality: Develop a standard plan to create and nourish companionship and a congenial atmosphere within the parish as well as outreach to the community.

Objectives

- 1) Work with ministries to develop on-going fellowship within the parish community (i.e. community events, picnics, dinners, church tours, etc.).
- 2) Coordinate with cluster parishes to enhance fellowship and cross-collaborative efforts.
- 3) Schedule meeting with Pastoral Councils of cluster parishes.

YEAR 2 (To begin January 2017)

GOAL 1: Evangelization: To be a welcoming community where we witness, nurture and proclaim our faith.

Objectives

- 1) Introduce idea of evangelization to parishioners.
- 2) Encourage parishioners to witness, nurture and proclaim the faith through program offerings.

GOAL 2: Catechesis: To build up the church family through Sacred Scripture and Church tradition. (i.e. includes Formation which sustains the foundation laid by catechesis).

Objectives

- 1) Support Youth Minister/CFF to develop resource guide/handbook for parents of CFF.
- 2) Encourage video series to enhance our Catholic identity by appreciating and understanding the liturgy through the Eucharist.
- 3) Find ways to make the CFF and AFF more visible.

GOAL 3: Stewardship: Utilizing the talents, time and treasures we have been afforded by God.

Objectives

- 1) Challenge parishioners to give one hour per month to the parish community, especially less active parishioners.

GOAL 4: Hospitality: Develop a standard plan to create and nourish companionship and a congenial atmosphere within the parish as well as outreach to the community.

Objectives

- 1) Develop discussion group with aide of the AFF to understand the purpose of "On Mission for The Church Alive".
- 2) Re-evaluate committees to see if they are overlapping, possibly combine to increase participation.

YEAR 3 (To begin January 2018)

GOAL 1: Evangelization: To be a welcoming community where we witness, nurture and proclaim our faith.

Objectives

- 1) Enhance development of existing hospitality/fellowship committee.
- 2) Develop better system of communication within the parish via a technology group.

GOAL 2: Catechesis: To build up the church family through Sacred Scripture and Church tradition. (i.e. includes Formation which sustains the foundation laid by catechesis).

Objectives

- 1) Help CFF develop quality programs for youth to age 21.
- 2) Develop committees in conjunction with CFF to oversee sectors of youth programs to promote youth within our parish.

GOAL 3: Stewardship: Utilizing the talents, time and treasures we have been afforded by God.

Objectives

- 1) Coordinate ministry fairs as needed.
- 2) Develop programs with AFF for youth to emerge as leaders within the parish.

GOAL 4: Hospitality: Develop a standard plan to create and nourish companionship and a congenial atmosphere within the parish as well as outreach to the community.

Objectives

- 1) Develop plans for expansion of church entry area.
- 2) Begin introducing the idea of fellowship opportunities for the new entry area to parishioners.
- 3) Introduce the idea of creating a welcoming presence for existing parishioners and visitors.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are actively seeking ... energetic volunteers from our parish to join in our mission to fulfill these ongoing goals for our Pastoral Plan.

To learn more or to volunteer ... please contact:

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We are grateful for your responses and look forward to working with our many volunteers to carry out the goals of our Pastoral Plan.

*Blessings and Many Thanks,
St. Joseph Pastoral Council*

To fulfill our mission, we are “to know, love and serve God in this life”

I am interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities at St Joseph Parish:

Name

Phone number

E-mail address

Area of interest

This form can be dropped in the collection basket or silver box at the Parish Office.