

OLR Parish Council Meeting Summary, December 13, 2018

1. Opening Prayer – Fr. McCullough
2. Attendees: Fr. McCullough, Deacon Steve, Cathy Heaton, Jim Kircher, Kelly Leonard, Dan Starkey, Karen Stewart and Carolyn Williams

3. Schedule of remaining 2018-2019 meetings (4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays), 7:00pm

January 24	February 28	March 28
April 25	May 23	June 27

4. November Meeting Minutes/Summary - Approved
5. “Giving Tuesday” – Success!
  - a. \$46,985 was raised! 60 donors!
  - b. \$1,000 (included above) in Archdiocesan prize money!
  - c. \$25,000 Anonymous donation!
  - d. St Matthias: \$1,380, 6 donors
  - e. St James: \$10,045, 20 donors
6. Pastor Comments – Fr. McCullough
  - a. The Rectory’s property tax status has been changed to “Unoccupied”. This will result in a tax refund of about \$3,000.
  - b. The Syrian Malabar group has moved to St Vivian. This move permitted them to have an earlier Sunday Mass time than OLR.
  - c. The absence of the Syrian Malabar permits OLR to have a Sunday afternoon Spanish Mass with a probable 1:00pm start. Glenmary priests would handle about 2/3 of the Masses, and Fr McCullough would handle 1/3. Spanish missals will be purchased. Parish Council unanimously approved this idea.
  - d. A draft letter was presented and discussed. The final version will be included in OLR’s bulletins. Contents:
    - i. Thanks for the great Giving Tuesday results
    - ii. Explanation of prioritization of the organ project first
    - iii. Decision and explanation of moving the choir to the loft
    - iv. A confessional installation was mentioned, but not specified.
    - v. Acknowledgement that we have much left to accomplish before we can complete the remaining planned renovations (flooring, pews, sanctuary, etc.).
    - vi. A fundraising and development specialist will be utilized to develop and execute a fundraising plan for the improvement noted above.
    - vii. Individual parishioner input was welcomed
  - e. The organ installation is scheduled for completion “before Lent”. Ash Wednesday is March 6<sup>th</sup> this year.
7. Questions / Concerns of Parishioners
  - a. There were several comments received about the Giving Tuesday campaign. Improved communication/explanation would relieve concerns about the minimum \$25 gift (lower is possible with a direct check or cash) and better understanding about “what counts” towards the incentive goals.
8. New Business
  - a. Ministries: The 33-Days to Morning Glory Marian Consecration was completed.
9. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm
10. Closing Prayer – Fr. McCullough