

Saints Mary and Joseph Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes November 12th, 2015

Started: 7:19 Absent was Fr. Bill

Opening Prayer: Steve Barretto

Handout: Fr. Tom handed out the Secretariat for Family, Laity, Women & Youth guide for Infusing the Pastoral Council with the Spirit of Christ. PC members were encouraged to review and utilize the guide to grow in spirituality, wisdom, and discernment.

Old Business:

Progress Report of "old-business" items was distributed by Judi.

NEW BUSINESS:

Spotlight Movie: national release is November 20th. A well-reviewed movie, the Boston Globe Spotlight team did a great job exposing the issues. Bishop Libasci's letter will be in the November 15th bulletin. Our website contains links to the movie trailer, as well as Vatican Radio's response and our bishop's thoughts (and also how the Diocese is working to protect our children).

Meal Share: Therese/Justine - similar to the Consolers meals but Meal Share will provide meals for those individuals receiving chemo, families with a new baby, etc. Hopefully parishioners will call to help with the program, and will also reach out to/for a neighbor in need who may not currently be attending church on a regular basis. There is a website to sign up, a time and date can be selected, and the website will let the home cooks know what the meal should be. There is a need for more cooks to volunteer, even if only once a month.

Opioid Drug Conference: Lisa attended the Salem Coalition meeting held at the Boys and Girls Club on Thursday, November 5th at 9:00 am. Meeting was attended by Fire Department, Police Department, local United Way, Center for Life Management, Salem Chamber of Commerce, Salem Welfare Department, National Guard, and Rockingham Christian Church. Group is just starting the planning process. Lots of opportunity for the church to provide its services to help with this epidemic. This initiative has been named "Stand Up Salem." Notes from this first meeting as well as the CounterDrug Process Flow Plan were distributed.

Action: Lisa will forward invite on to PC members so that they can reach out to Colin Hanlon of the Boys and Girls Club to get on the email invite for future meetings. Will send process flow electronically as well.

Greeters/Ushers/Coordinators: Meeting was held on Saturday, November 7th at St. Julie Hall by Fr. Tom, with Tina and Chris, as well as a very inspirational guest speaker. Good showing and meeting went well. Greeters/Ushers/Coordinators had great ideas and input about how to be welcoming, how to best engage the parishioners, and how to encourage a sense of community.

Action: Notes from the meeting will be sent to Greeters/Ushers/Coordinators, as well as a note of thanks for their devotion, dedication, and thoughtful input.

Sanctuary Time: transformational prayer.

Ministry Weekend: Proposed to invite ministry leaders to serve alternately at Coffee/Donuts at both sites to represent the ministries and encourage volunteerism. This will be a good way to get the information out, but it would be limited to masses serving coffee and donuts.

Tabled for now: Coffee and Donuts at St. Joe's--finding it hard to get folks to go downstairs.

Action: Will revisit in the spring, with hopes to institute coffee/donuts outside at St Joe's.

MQP 9:30 Mass Survey: Survey was distributed at the 9:30 mass on Sunday, November 8th. The choices were: 1) Prefer 9:30, but ok with 9:00, 2) Prefer 9:00, 3) Don't change, won't attend if at 9:00. Instructions were for folks to hang on to the surveys and return back to the church the following week. However, approximately 40 were already returned and the majority of folks were ok with or preferred the 9:30 mass moving to 9:00.

Action: Collect rest of surveys at the November 15th mass and calculate responses. Steve to advise the council of results, as well as parishioner's comments.

Other Business: Please email ideas to Chairperson for consideration next month.

Closing Prayer—Deacon Jay