



PPC Meeting Minutes
Monday November 9th, 2020, 7-9p
Zoom Conf Call

Present:

Fr Trout, Michelle Hobson, Dennis Valentini, Brian Savage, David and Kathy Olson, Jim Lobus, Bridget Chaney

Prayer:

The meeting opened with CFTK/Seven Steps – thank you for leading us Fr Trout.

Pastor Topics:

- **Parish Survey:** Fr Trout shared high level results from our survey. CAC/Staff/Clergy will be meeting to discuss next steps:
 - St Joes is a very strong, warm, vibrant, and welcoming community
 - Great pride for our Social Justice programs in particular
 - Solid marks for priests/homilies
 - Parishioners are enthusiastic for opportunities to get involved
 - 95% of respondents have attended virtual Masses during the pandemic; 90% at St Joes
 - 35% of respondents have not returned to in-person Masses due to health concerns
 - There is a distinct opportunity to create a sense of “identity” for youths that 60+ clearly has...
 - We need to move from “maintenance” to “mission”

- **Commission Goals/Objectives:** With the great Communications research/work from John Gatti’s team the past year+ combined with the learnings/insights from our Parish survey, it is now time to create by-Commission goals/objectives. These goals/objectives will ensure consistency and alignment across the organization by providing a specific/actionable/attainable path forward – especially as we emerge from our pandemic. This work will be a joint effort between PPC leads and Staff leads, working together across all Commissions with the main goal to grow a community of gratitude and joy. These goals must be centered around the 4 Pillars of our church:
 - Community (building community through authentic friendships)
 - Service/Outreach (the action of helping or doing work for someone – faith in action)
 - Christ-centered teaching (understanding the “why” we do what we do)
 - Liturgy (celebrating together all that our God has given us)

This work will kick off now and continue through the coming months.

Thanksgiving Awards/Mass:

- We aligned on a complete list of all ministries/groups/individuals who will be honored as our “pandemic heroes”:

- **Ministries/groups include:** Food Pantry Team (including Youth that helped with construction), Soup Kitchen Teams, Bread Ministry, Greeter Ministry, Catechists, Bereavement Ministry
 - **Individuals include:** Michael/Nancy Knight (Social Justice), Ron Paulson (Prayer & Worship), Janine Wilson (Accountability), Scott Guziec (Faith Formation), Grace May (Youth), and Gerry Salzman (Community Building). We will also honor Anne Phoenix for the OVERALL AWARD. Fr Trout has already reached out to our award winners so they are aware.
- Thanksgiving Mass will be held on Sunday 11/22 @ 9a. This celebration will include a video presentation (montage) of the leadership work the ministries/groups/individuals have done throughout Covid to ensure St Joe's remains proactive, progressive, and safe in these unprecedented times. Fr Trout has recorded opening and closing segments. The video will only be shown at 9a mass but will be available on our website for our parish to view. We have also reserved 2 pages in the 11/22 weekend Carpenter to highlight/affirm our individual awards winners.

Commission Updates:

Due to time constraints, very brief updates were shared – pls be sure to read full reports attached:

Prayer & Worship (Dennis Valentini):

- As of last week total parishioners attending live mass was 23,400. This includes 6:30 and 8:30 daily mass and 5 separate masses on the weekend.
- Christmas masses have been confirmed:
 - Christmas Eve: 3p Drive-in, 4p church and gym, 6p church and gym, 10:30p church
 - Christmas Day: 7:15 and 10:45 Drive-in, and 9, 10:45, and 12:30 in the church
- Training for new EOM's will take place on November 18th @ 7:30p in the church
- Greeter ministry is thriving – currently 118 trained Greeters. MSP has now launched for re-opening Greeter Ministry
- Two new Bereavement Ministers have completed their training – Eileen Szuba and Maureen McDonald

Community Building (Jim Lobus):

- New Parishioner/Welcoming ministry is back up and running again. There are currently 40 Ambassadors involved. We have had only 49 new families registered this year (expecting 65-70) which is ~ 40% decrease – as expected due to Covid
- Euchre has been “relaunched” virtually via Zoom! There were 20 players for September
- Trivia Night has also been “relaunched” – 2nd Trivia Night November 18th @ 5-6:45p
- Mothers with Young Children are still meeting – topics for November include: How to travel with kids and Family financial planning

Accountability (Brian Savage):

- First 3 months of new Fiscal Year Collections are running ~-8-10% vs prior year. Budget has been resubmitted to the Arch and revised -10% accordingly
- ACA goal was reduced this year from \$193k to \$165k with additional fee of 10% rebate funds
- Revenue projection for commercial property was lowered to ~-15%.

Other:

- 10/5 Meeting Notes were approved – Minutes have been posted to our Parish website.
- Reminder about upcoming Fratelli Tutti presentation on Thursday 11/19 7-9p – pls attend if you are available.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!


The
universal
US
Opening up
Fratelli Tutti

When: Thursday, November 19, 2020, 7 to 9 p.m.
Where: Online


Pope Francis shares in his recent encyclical that there are no "others," no "them," there is only "us." Join us to open up the Holy Father's letter on the move toward global fraternity and friendship and what local parish communities can learn from the experience.

Participate by using the Zoom link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85825712668?pwd=RXFhSFBNRDRadnF6dJlJaG5XRjI0Q>


Our presenters:



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Closing Prayer:

We concluded with a Thanksgiving prayer – thanking our God for his goodness, blessings, great love and care, and asking Him to renew our spirits, fill us with peace and joy, and set our eyes and our hearts afresh on Him.

Upcoming Commission Dates – pls advise if you have any conflicts:

- 12/7/20 – Faith Formation, Youth**
- 01/4/21 – Prayer and Worship, Community Building**
- 02/1/21 – Social Justice, Accountability**
- 03/1/21 – Faith Formation, Youth**
- 4/12/21 – Prayer and Worship, Community Building**
- 05/3/21 – Social Justice, Accountability**
- 06/7/21 – Faith Formation, Youth**