

Pastoral Council Update June 2020

Your Parish Pastoral Council met on June 6th at 7 pm. Due to the restrictions, we met virtually through Zoom – it was an interesting experience, but good to “see” everyone and reconnect.

We began with prayer and spent a few moments reflecting on where we are in our lives and how we have heard God speaking to us through this world-wide crisis.

Father Colagreco gave the Council an update on recent staff meeting results about the reopening of public Masses. He also talked about FLOCKNOTE, our new way of communicating with the parish community. He spoke of the need to encourage parishioners to sign up with their email address and cell numbers. He also mentioned encouraging a “buddy” system for persons who have no internet access. We will develop the plan further.

We spent a few moments discussing some questions that had been posed related to the shutdowns. The questions were: 1) What have we learned about “parish” that might help us in the future?; 2) Is there something the parish could have had in place that would have been helpful?; 3) What else could have the parish done?

At each meeting we discuss one chapter of a book we have been reading *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic*. This month we shared insights on Chapter 6.

The Sub-Committee gave a brief report about their recent meeting and discussed the next steps for Focus Groups once the parish is able to meet face to face with people. The emphasis will be on a younger demographic: 25 – 35 years old, college age and high school students.



Our hope is that the Pastoral Council will be able to meet in person at our next meeting in October!

*Seated: Linda Cellucci, Lucia Biddle, Brigid Shank, Meghan DiRosato, Lori Smargiassi
Standing: Jim Murphy, Joe Crimmins, John Loughran, Denis Glavin, Sister Mary Barrar, Maria Mooney, Father Colagreco, Deacon Hilden, Theresa Haggerty, Father Dwyer, George Schaefer*