

**JOINT PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, January 13, 2020  
Church of the Assumption – 7:00pm - 8:30pm**

Name	Y or N	Name	Y or N	Name	Y or N
Case, David	Y	LaChapelle, Becky	Y	Riordan, Kevin	Y
Ciaccia, Sandra	Y	LeBeau, Armand	Y	Sriram, Sadhanala Fr.	Y
Diggins, Phyllis	Y	LeBeau, Shannon	N	Thompson, Bill	Y
Dreitlein, Bill	N	Nguyen, Helen	N	Thompson, Jacky	Y
Gonzalez-Smith, Maria	Y	O’Gara, Tom	Y	Volkmar, Keith	Y
Greco, Joe	Y	Parysek, Karen	Y	Walsh, Maura	Y
Heyman, George Fr.	Y	Reitz, Cathy	Y	Warner, Mark	Y
LaChapelle, Paul	N	Reitz, Greg	Y	Walker, Ann-Marie	Y
<b><u>Alternates</u></b>					
Aroune, Jim	N	Anita Raj	Y	Mace, Gerald	N

**Meeting called to order:** Sandy Called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Conflict of Interest for Agenda:** No conflict of interest was identified for this meeting.

**Opening Prayer & Scripture:** Prayer led by Karen Parysek.

**Approval Minutes:** December minutes were approved as submitted.

**Pastor’s Report:**

Tabernacle at Church of the Assumption

- The work on the tabernacle for the Church of the Assumption has been completed and it has been installed in the sanctuary.
- Father George reviewed the four marble features and their significance to our Catholic faith.
  - Baptismal font – this represents our entrance into the faith
  - Ambo – this is where the Word is made real
  - Altar – this is where the sacrifice takes place and Christ is present
  - Tabernacle – this is the reservoir of the eucharistic sacrifice

Finances / Collections

- In mid-March, the Church of the Assumption will start a six-week increased giving campaign with the Sunday Visitor company.
- The Church of the Resurrection chose not to participate in this campaign at this time.

**Brainstorming:**

How do we welcome parishioners?

- Discussed how visitors are identified and welcomed at other churches the PPC members have attended.
  - Visitors have been asked to stand or raise their hands to be welcomed by the community.
  - Some churches have given handouts or a take home gift to visitors.

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- In the past, some new parishioners have been given a new parishioner “basket” that could be delivered to their home by a church / PPC member.
- Reviewed how visitors (and current parishioners) are welcomed at both Church of the Resurrection and Church of the Assumption. Thoughts from this discussion include:
  - Making a conscious effort to say hello to a visitor/ newcomer.
  - Set the expectation of any usher, PPC member, lector, etc. could be participating as greeters rather than simply waiting for the mass to start.
  - There is a need for a planned liturgical strategy for how to greet visitors, parishioners, and newcomers.
  - Creating a culture of welcoming will require deliberate planning and implementation.
- How do we get more people “in the door”? - This has been tabled for ongoing discussions.

**Other concerns / items for the church bulletin** - There was a short discussion on adding a weekly welcome in the Sunday bulletins.

**Next Meeting: Monday, February 10, 2020 at Church of the Resurrection from 7:00 – 8:30 pm**

**Closing Prayer:** Karen Parysek led this prayer.

Respectively submitted,

**Karen Parysek**  
**Recording Secretary**