

JOINT PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Joint Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Church of the Assumption / Church of the Resurrection
Monday, March 8, 2021
Zoom Meeting - 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Name	Y or N	Name	Y or N	Name	Y or N
Aroune, Jim	Y	Parysek, Karen	Y	Alternates:	
Ciaccia, Sandra	Y	Raj, Anita	Y		
		Riordan, Kevin	Y	Mace, Jerry	Y
Gonzalez-Smith, Maria	Y	Volkmar, Keith	Y		
Greco, Joe	Y	Walker, Anne-Marie	Y		
Heyman, Father George	Y	Warner, Mark	Y		
LaChapelle, Paul	N				
LeBeau, Armand	Y				
O’Gara, Tom	Y				

Meeting called to order: Mark Warner called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

No conflicts of interest were identified for this meeting.

Opening Prayer & Scripture: Prayer led by Joe Greco.

Approval of Minutes: The February minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

1. Pastor’s Report

Shared Finance Services with SJR Update

- Bridget Nowak is now our new “shared” Finance Director for Church of the Assumption, Church of the Resurrection, and St. John of Rochester.
- Bridget and her team will oversee the financial administration of the three parishes.
- The Finance Office will be housed on the second floor of the Ministry Center at Church of the Assumption.

44 High Street Update:

- A buyer for the property was found without the use of a realtor.
- The buyer has agreed to purchase the property for the appraised value established by the diocese.
- The property will have to be put back on the tax roll before the sale can proceed.
- The contract is now in the hands of the lawyers. A closing date has not been set as of today.

Columbarium Expansion Update:

- A potential expansion of the columbarium at Church of the Assumption has been looked at by Chris Camilleri and an architect and the project could be done. The columbarium is part of the cemetery corporation.

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- The next step is to get permission from Bishop Matano.

Finances / CMA Update:

- Ordinary (weekly) income is very good at both Church of the Assumption and Church of the Resurrection.
- CMA campaign is currently progressing the same as last year.
- Shortfalls for the CMA campaign are expected at both the Church of the Assumption and Church of the Resurrection.

Returning to Pre-Covid in-church attendance:

- There was good attendance at both churches this past weekend.
- The nation's bishops are fearful that virtual mass may "be enough" for many Catholics.
- Father stressed that being part of the assembly is a vital role in the eucharist, just as much as being a lector or cantor.
- Being part of the assembly is part of the joy in the eucharist.

2. Parish Renewal - Sections 5 & 6

- Discussion of these sections focused on Chapter 25 from Section 6 – Key Ministry Tactics.
- Four aspects of Parish Life were identified for Ministry tactics: Religious Education; RCIA; other sacraments such as marriage and baptism preparation; and key holidays and events such as Christmas and Easter.
- Joe Greco, who has been leading our discussions, suggested that a fifth aspect should be added – the use of technology as an opportunity to welcome and engage current and potential parishioners.
- This idea led to a brainstorming session about the use of technology including Facebook, streaming, and the possibility of developing Podcasts to educate viewers about the history of our faith; expand on readings from the mass; and spread series like Father George's talks about the Muslim religion to a much wider audience.
- The Podcast discussion was enthusiastically embraced by the council members. Jim Aroune has offered to work with Father George, etc. to further discuss and move this project along.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 12 at 7:00 pm via Zoom

Closing Prayer: The closing prayer was led by Joe Greco

This meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectively submitted,

**Karen Parysek
Recording Secretary**