

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

November 21, 2019

Assisi Room (Rectory)

Members in attendance: Fr. John Dillon, Anna Breece, Anton Handono, Bernie McGuire, Vincent Price, Travis Tomon and Miguel Welanetz.

Others in attendance: Communications Coordinator Melissa Egan

At its meeting on November 21, the Parish Pastoral Council learned that all five parishioners invited to join the consultative body in January 2020 have accepted their appointments.

Fr. John Dillon appointed parishioners Marianne DeAussen, Linda Foster, Ronald Hays, Louise Locke and Leah Vincent to council terms that begin January 1, 2020. The new council members represent a broad swath of parishioners who are both longtime and recent members.

Council members also received an update from Fr. John on the roof replacement of the church and Parish Center. Fr. John reported that construction had temporarily stopped because of some safety violations and construction inconsistencies that Building Committee Member Tom Phelps had observed. Some testing also needs to be completed. In the meantime, Fr. John said that Project Manager Jim Wilson is scoping out the project. Mr. Wilson may also contract with an acoustical engineer to gauge the possibility of changing out the sound system.

Communications Ministry Coordinator Melissa Egan reported that the annual State of the Parish letter had been mailed in time for Commitment Weekend on Nov. 23 and 24, the dates on which Fr. John would formally ask parishioners to establish or renew their Offertory Stewardship contribution. Three parishioners – Mike Rudmann, Trish Olin and Ann Pierre – are scheduled to testify on their ministry service on Commitment Weekend. Parishioners also had received a copy of the Offertory Stewardship Appeal brochure on Nov. 18 or 19, asking them to contribute to the annual offertory appeal.

Anna Breece, the parish's representative for St. Jude Regional Catholic School, also reported on upcoming events at the Catholic school, which include the Science Fair on Nov. 21, International Day on Jan. 31 and the school gala on March 21. She also reported on facility enhancements at the school.

Fr. John reported that Auxiliary Bishop Michael Fisher asked him if the parish could accommodate Fr. William Brailsford, a former parochial vicar at St. John Neumann Parish, to live in the Rectory. Fr. John indicated that Fr. Brailsford could be arriving by late December. Fr. John also reported that Fr. Virginus Osuagwu, a Salvatorian priest, will be helping him out by celebrating two Masses every weekend. In addition, Fr. Gode Iwele, OMI, will occasionally help Fr. John celebrate Masses on weekdays and on the weekend. Fr. John also said there's a possibility St. Francis of Assisi Parish could get a parochial vicar in June 2020.

Fr. John also reported the following upcoming events:

- Feb. 1, 2020: Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and Dance. Fr. John said a member of the Parish Pastoral Council will need to be tapped to work with Special Events Ministry Coordinator Sylvia Jones on that event.
- Nov. 23, 2019: Showing of Gospel of Matthew video in the Gathering Space.
- Nov. 24, 2019: Ecumenical Thanksgiving service in the church.
- Nov. 30, 2019: Christmas Tree Sales begin.
- Feb. 23, 2020: Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory will celebrate the 11:15 am Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Church.

The Parish Pastoral Council meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.