

Saints Mary and Joseph Parish Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2017

Call to Order: 7:21PM

Opening Prayer: Steve Barretto

Father Tom's Pastor Report:

Reduction of Deficit: Fr. Tom's letter will be published in the June 11th bulletin. The second collection during the last two Sundays of June will go directly toward eliminating the current year's deficit of about \$40,000.

Parish to Parish Grant: Fr. Tom and the Finance Council have applied for \$45,000 in grant money. If awarded, the money will go toward reduction of the debt.

LED Lights: We are looking for a new source to replace the sanctuary lighting at MQP. Current bulbs use 9000w, and we are hoping to reduce consumption to 1500w.

Elementary, Middle, and H.S. Youth Groups: Now meeting on Tuesday nights and Thursday nights and are all growing in numbers.

Children's Giving Program: Looking into ways for kids to feel more involved and to give at the offertory by providing separate envelopes. Kay B. is looking into options.

New Business:

Election of Executive Committee Officers: Chairperson: Steve Barretto.

Vice Chairperson: Jess Miller. Secretary: Dawn Pavlini.

Welcoming Subcommittee Update: Welcome Kit: small bags containing a rosary/prayer. Greeters could possibly hand out to welcome newcomers, or could also be placed in a basket with a sign or in the pews. Exploring options of making bags vs. purchasing/obtain rosaries. (Jess/Lily). Possible ministry opportunity for seasoned parishioners to do at home. Talk of having a quarterly welcome luncheon/dinner for new parishioners. Coffee/Donuts at St. Joe's is going well. Participation has grown. People have commented that they have gone to other parishes and the feeling is not the same, and that they feel very welcome at our parish.

Ministry Collaboration: Brunch for Mass Coordinators on June 11th at Justine's house. A chance for ministers from both campuses to join together. Welcoming opportunity as well as a time for open conversation. Altar Server Pizza Party held on June 6th. Three new altar servers signed-on. There are training days for Altar Servers and Lectors. EM'S will be speaking on the 18th at MQP to attract interest. We will also ask if current EM'S might be willing to serve cross-campus. Possibly have an article in the bulletin that highlights a specific ministry to gain interest and have more participants. Possibly have ministry leaders serve at coffee and donuts.

Social Outreach Committee: "Blessing Bags": Police/Fire Depts. were contacted a while back but they are not allowed to carry in their vehicles. Committee is regrouping. Perhaps Faith Formation or Youth Group can assemble bags. Need to find a good distribution stream. Kristen gave an update on the Family Promise program. The improving economy has helped to diminish the numbers of those in need, and the local program is on hold. The model is being revamped to fit current/future needs.

Youth, Young Adults, Families: Daniela gave an update that the 6:30 Mass (formerly at 5:00) is growing. First two weeks were a bit slow. Kyle would like to have a concert in the fall (Sept) for youth/ young adults and families. Big Church Day Out will be held on Sat. August 19th at 1:00 pm at the Field of Dreams.

Technology Update: New, more powerful wireless routers have been donated and placed within the entire MQP campus. Looking into archiving homilies on the website, starting with audio-only and then adding video. New projector has been physically installed at the St. Joe's campus. Hopefully up and running in one month or so. Sue F. and Steve are looking into a mobile app. Main purpose would be to increase awareness of current activities, to connect parishioners, to encourage participation, and to create an enhanced sense of community.

Pastoral Council Retreat: Scheduled for Sept 15/16th. Fr. Ed Quinnan (Jesuit Provincial Assistant) will be leading the PC at our Saturday morning session. Brainstorm ideas of what the vision of our parish should be: sharing and growing two campuses in one parish; multiple ministries serving the community; attract and engage unchurched & dechurched, etc.

Other Business:

Shared Meal Ministry: Priests are in need of people to cook a meal Monday-Friday. Take them a meal website (www.takethemameal.com) will provide a calendar for parishioners to sign up to assist with this endeavor. Information will be published in the bulletin and posted on the parish website.

L.I. F. E.: (Love, Inspiration, Fellowship, Evangelism). Kyle explained this new liturgy experience targeting youth/young adults. Would be held once a month, beginning in August, on Saturday nights from 7:00 PM-8:00 PM at Salem High School in the new Performing Arts Center. Fr Tom will meet with the bishop for approval.

Reminders To Council Members: Be visible, wear your badge. We are the eyes/ears and tentacles for the parishioners. Be very open to comments, concerns, and suggestions, and take them to the pastor and the pastoral council for consideration and action. Attend masses in surrounding communities to gain insight to what is working for them.

St. Joseph Regional Catholic School: Graduation was held on June 8, 2017. Thirteen graduates. Post photos/video on social media and website. Mary Crouteau has been named as the new Head of School.

Jesuits of the Northeast Province: Ordination of four new Jesuit priests on June 10, 2017.

Closing Prayer at 9:00 PM: Fr. Al