

## Saints Mary and Joseph Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 16, 2020

### Present:

Fr. Marc, Kristen Klecan, Ken Tarara, Lorraine Thompson, Bettie Reddy, Jay Cappello, Steve Barretto, Therese Vallario, Shawn McDonough, and Kim Dexter

Call to order: 7:00

Opening prayer: Fr. Marc

Pastor's Report: Fr. Marc

- Father Marc provided council members with a long list of tasks that have been started/completed since he joined us a couple of months ago.
- A lot of the money needed for this work was donated by parishioners, Knights of Columbus, and friends of Fr. Marc
- The council was asked for feedback on Fr. Marc's plan to eliminate the Sunday evening mass at St. Joseph and add a Sunday 10:00 and Saturday evening mass. Specifically, he was looking for thoughts and opinions on the timing of that evening mass. Council members shared their opinions and referred to mass times that were previously used in the parish or at local churches. It was recommended that 5:00 would be the optimal time as it is later than 4:00, but not too late to interfere if people wanted to go out to eat after mass.
- Steve shared information from the Finance Council:
  - the parish received a very substantial monetary contribution from a friend of Fr. Marc which will help the parish to meet its financial goals.
  - total offertory contributions have trended upwards recently, and are beginning to approach pre-Covid levels.
  - electronic giving continues to increase, and now represents over 25% of the total offertory contributions. It was at only 2% three years ago.

New business:

Volunteers: Kristen

- In noting how much work has been done in the short time Fr. Marc has been here, Kristen brought up that it has been challenging to find volunteers to help. Ken suggested youths, like Boy Scouts, would be an option. However their ages will limit what they can do and do well. It was later suggested that the posting in the bulletin could be more specific to what they need volunteers for, such as painting.
- Shawn mentioned that there have been numerous volunteers signing up to bring meals to Fr. Marc. It is great to see our parishioners being so welcoming to our new pastor.

Closing prayer: Ken

Adjourn: 8:08 pm