



**Pastoral Council Regular Meeting
St. Elizabeth Room
December 10, 2019**

Present: Fr. Dan Sanders, Fr. Matthew Jacob, Doug Borys, John Clark, James Deguire, Jim Karolewicz, Jim Kochan, Tom Pranic, Joe Russell, Ken Sosnowski

- I. The meeting opened at 07:10 PM with a prayer to commemorate the annual Human Rights Day established by the UN in 1948.

- II. Housekeeping Items
 - a. Approval of November 19 Meeting Minutes – a motion to approve the minutes was made by Doug and seconded by James. The motion passed with unanimous approval.
 - b. **December 17** (6:00 pm): Lumen Christi Christmas Concert “God Bless Our Christmas” will take place at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Grafton.
 - c. Mass of Dedication: **December 22** (2:00 pm). Pastoral Council members are asked to be present at 1:15 to act as greeters. On **December 21**, there will be an orientation to the new worship space for Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers from 12:30 – 1:30 PM and Altar Servers and Lectors from 1:30 – 2:30 PM.
 - d. Christmas Mass Schedule
 - December 24: 3:00 pm Concert; 3:30 pm Mass; 5:30 pm Mass; 9:30 pm Concert; 10:00 pm Mass
 - December 25: 9:30 am Mass; 11:00 am Mass
 - e. New Mass Schedule (beginning December 28 & 29)
 - Saturday: 4:30 pm
 - Sunday: 8:30 am; 11:00 am; 6:00 pm (no 6:00 pm Mass on December 29)
 - f. **January 5**: Lumen Christi Parish Feast Day. There will be hospitality after all masses.
 - g. **January 12**: LC Athletics Fundraiser (2-5 pm) Cedars III Bowling Lanes, Cedarburg. \$50 single/\$100 couple.
 - h. Next scheduled Pastoral Council Meeting is on **January 21**. Rick Tank of the Archdiocese will be attending to discuss the process of identifying Lumen Christi’s new Pastor. He will also come to the “All Hands” Staff meeting on January 22, at 12:30 (lunch) and meeting at 1:00. Pastoral Council members will work with staff to provide input to and review the Parish Profile prior to the meetings. Joe will coordinate follow-up.

- III. Commission Reports and Actions (see attached)

- IV. Pastor Update and Miscellaneous Items
 - a. Church Dedication – Joe provided a document (see attached) on the background of St. Philomena, one of the six saints whose relics will be enclosed under the altar in the new worship space. Fr. Dan educated the Council that while her martyrdom has been accepted, research has been unable to validate the claims of Sister Maria Luisa di Gesu or the specifics of the reason for her death.

- V. Vespers - the meeting closed at 8:00 PM with vespers.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Karolewicz

Commission Liaison Updates for Pastoral Council Meeting on December 10, 2019

- **Stewardship (MaryElise Cervelli)**
 - No new updates.
- **School (Joe Russell & Ken Sosnowski)**
 - No new updates.
- **Human Concerns (Monica Misey and Cathy Liska)**
 - The December Human Concerns meeting is an outing to the Milwaukee Zeidler Center for Public Discussion on the topic of Whiteness: A Dialogue on Race...which also happens to be on Tuesday, December 10, 7-8:30. This came as a result of a guest speaker from the center who came to LC last month to share/lead a discussion on Civility in Conversation.
 - Human Concerns also had an outing to the Damascus Gate Restaurant on Thursday, December 5th. This is a Syrian based dining destination on Mitchell Street, purchased (open as of 1/2019) by a Brookfield physician, staffed and operated by Syrian refugees otherwise unable to secure employment. Human Concerns is considering submission of this enterprise as a Soup and Substance presentation possibility (depending on the 2020 Lenten focus).
- **High School (Ken Sosnowski)**
 - New high school representative is being recruited. Amy Kroll met with potential candidates this past weekend. Ken will follow-up with her re next steps.
- **Building Items (Doug Borys, Susan Arensmeier)**
 - No new updates.
- **Finance (Jon Van Drisse & David Kriete)**
 - Finance Council meeting on December 17.
 - The building project continues to be on time and on budget.
 - E&O continues to track behind budget but that was expected.
- **Deanery Level Items (Doug Borys)**
 - No new updates.
- **Catholic Formation (Susan Arensmeier, Karen Bersch)**
 - CF is in the process of some long-range planning regarding our programs in the coming years. We are focusing on getting families to be a part of their child's education by including them in their child's programming. We are doing this through more family sessions, working on our feeder programs for each group of grades. We also are using outside activities designed to keep kids moving on a positive path in their day to day lives through fun, supervised activities. Some of the activities this month include:
 - A family food pack for House of Peace
 - A Christmas potluck dinner with a service component – making small bags to give to the homeless
 - Gingerbread competition
 - Youth group
 - Advent Prayer Activity with many stations devoted to each of the weeks of Advent
 - Annual angel tree project
 - Sacramental prep is in full swing with Confirmation, RCIA and First Reconciliation. Parents are writing letters and gathering pictures for the January 24-26 Confirmation Retreat and January 5 there will be a meeting to explain further all the requirements that will be met this semester. First Reconciliation is in January and February with an optional retreat for reconciliation families on January 11.
 - We are also beginning the process of inviting parishioners to help us with Vacation Bible Camp. We hope to involve many parishioners with decorations, environment and participation in "The Rocky Railroad". You will start to hear about this in January.

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- Catholic Formation will take a break during Christmas and New Year but returns the first week of January with a full schedule.
- A discussion regarding the plan for Catholic Formation resulted in a request to have Jon Metz and team attend the February Pastoral Council meeting to present the plan and receive feedback.
- **Prayer and Worship (Jim Karolewicz & Jim Kochan)**
 - No new updates.
 - Next meeting will be on January 14 at 6:00 PM.
- **Trustee Level Items (Jon VanDrisse & John Clark)**
 - No new updates.
- **Pastoral Leadership/Staff (Joe Russell)**
 - No new updates.

SAINT PHILOMENA (c.291-c.304)



Little is known about the life of St. Philomena. However, it is believed she was a Greek princess who became a virgin martyr and died at 13-years-old. Remains of a young lady were discovered in May 1802 at the Catacombs of Priscilla on the Via Salaria Nova (Rome) with three tiles reading "Peace be to you, Philomena."

All that is known about St. Philomena's life comes from a Neapolitan nun's vision. Sister Maria Luisa di Gesu claims St. Philomena came to her and told her she was the daughter of a Greek king who converted to Christianity. When Philomena was 13-years-old, she took a vow of consecrated virginity.

After her father took his family to Rome to make peace, Emperor Diocletian fell in love with Philomena. When she refused to marry him, she was subjected to torture. St. Philomena was scourged, drowned with an anchor attached to her, and shot with arrows. Each time she was attacked angels took to her side and healed her through prayer. Finally, the Emperor had Philomena decapitated. According to the story, her death came on a Friday at three in the afternoon, the same as Jesus. Two anchors, three arrows, a palm symbol of martyrdom, and a flower were found on the tiles in her tomb, interpreted as symbols of her martyrdom.

The nun's account states Philomena was born on January 10 and was killed on August 10.

Devotion for Philomena began to spread once her bones were exhumed and miracles began to occur. Canon Francesco De Lucia of Mugnano del Cardinale received relics of St. Philomena and had them placed in the Church of Our Lady of Grace in Mugnano, Italy.

Soon after her relics were enshrined, cancers were cured, wounds were healed and the Miracle of Mugnano, when Venerable Pauline Jaricot was cured of a severe heart issue overnight, were all attributed to St. Philomena.

Other Saints began to venerate Philomena and attributing miracles in their lives to the young martyr, including St. John Marie Vianney and St. Peter Louis Marie Chanel.

Although controversy sometimes surrounds the truth behind St. Philomena's life and sainthood, many believers all around the world continue to see her as a miraculous saint, canonized in 1837.

St. Philomena is the patron saint of infants, babies, and youth. She is often depicted in her youth with a flower crown, a palm of martyrdom, arrows, or an anchor.

Her feast day is celebrated on August 11.

Source: https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=98