

Our Lady of Lourdes
Pastoral Council
Minutes
October 11, 2018

In attendance – Fr. Bob, Barbara Diggs, Daisy Lynton, Morina Williams

The meeting opened with a prayer

We decided to put the election of a Chairperson and Secretary on hold until more people were present.

Fr. Bob gave an update on the formation of the Hispanic Comite. The Comite will be paralleling the pastoral council and Fr. Bob will seek input from both councils for major decision about the parish.

The parish website went live this week. There are still many areas that need work but it is a vast improvement over the previous website.

It was decided not to pursue the parish mission statement until we can get more involvement from a wider selection of people from the parish.

We talked about the upcoming blessing for expectant couples and those waiting for adoption which will take place at all the Masses October 20 and 21, 2018.

We talked about the Mass schedule for the Holy Day of Obligation for All Saints Day. There will be a vigil Mass on October 31 at 6pm in English and then a bilingual Mass at 7pm on November 1st.

We then talked about the new bulletin. Fr. Bob has contracted with LPI Bulletin Service. They will be visiting the parish on October 23 to the 26 to solicit advertising for the new bulletin. Fr. Bob asked the council to come up with names of parishioners that own businesses and others that the parish traditionally uses to be approached for buying ads for the bulletin.

It was decided to put to the Hispanic Comite the following schedule for Christmas schedule. There will be a 4pm children's Mass on Christmas eve and the a 6PM midnight family Mass. There will also be one Mass at 10am on Christmas day. The people from Buena Vista Mission Church will be invited to join us at Our Lady of Lourdes for Christmas Masses. A van will be rented to bring those who cannot drive to be a part of the Masses at Our Lady of Lourdes.

What's the buzz:

- 1) It was once again brought up that we need more upbeat music at the 5pm and 10 am Masses
- 2) The bathrooms need attention, especially the odor coming from them
- 3) It was asked if the parish could establish a senior group
- 4) We need another Virtus training for those who want to be greeters
- 5) A lengthy discussion ensued about fundraisers. Fr. Bob would like to pursue this topic a later date
- 6) We talked about the possibility of inviting St. Benedict's parishioners for an evening during Black history month

The next meeting will be November 8th at 7pm in **the parish offices**.