

Guardian Angels Pastoral Council Meeting  
Tuesday, September 22, 2020  
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Clergy In Attendance: Fr. John Lendvai, Fr. Andrew Fischer, Fr. Aaron Kriss,  
Deacon Pat Wood

Council Members Present: Dave Wygonik, John Peters, Justine Long-Meyers,  
Mary Ann Urbanski, Mary Beth Danik, Clem Lovasik,  
Stephen Puskar

Secretaries: Joan Cupec, Judy McCullough

Fr. John began with prayer and asked if there were any change to last month's minutes.

## **Review of the last month**

Our last Confirmation was September 9<sup>th</sup>. It went very well.

Since we last met, we have added an 8:00 mass at St. Alphonsus and a 9:30 at St. Ladislaus. We are also adding a 10:00 am Sunday mass at Holy Family beginning on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Our Lady of Perpetual Help has daily mass.

We are opening churches as we determine how to clean and sanitize the spaces as we continue to follow the guidelines of the CDC and our Diocese.

We know that other churches are doing things differently. We cannot control what they do. Our decision is to follow the guidelines we were given, requiring masks, and maintaining the 6-foot distance requirements and requiring names and phone numbers for contact tracing. We know this may be difficult and we do not like any more than you do but we want to keep our people safe.

## **Update**

Due to our financial situation, we have had to make staff reductions. Four employees have been terminated and three full-time secretaries have been hired. Debbie Mialki is our new Office Manager, Heather DeSanto, is our Assistant to the Business the Manager, and Judy McCullough is Communications Coordinator. The new positions begin October 1<sup>st</sup>.

CCD begins on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Students will attend one week on and one week off. The schedule will be Sunday at Most Blessed Sacrament 9:15 am to 10:45 am, Wednesday at Most Blessed Sacrament 6:15 pm to 7:45 pm and then the following Sunday at St. Alphonsus 9:15 to 10:45 am.

There are 27 catechists, 10 teen aides and 4 substitutes. Twelve students will be home schooled.

Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> we will be meeting with the catechists to discuss policies and procedures.

Due to financial constraints, we have also had to terminate Laura Smagala. Heather Wygonik will be running the program on her own.

Guardian Angels Feast Day will be celebrated Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. We will have a prayer service on the lawn followed by a spaghetti dinner and a special gift. So far 40 people have signed up. We want this to be an opportunity for socialization.

We do need help with preparation and clean-up so if you can lend some time it would be appreciated.

We will begin mass intentions on October 1<sup>st</sup>. We will first deal with the backlog of intentions by saying them at weekday and weekend masses and during each priest's private mass.

## **Mission Statement**

Guardian Angels Parish is a Roman Catholic Community with rich historical connections and diverse cultural background which promotes Catholic family life through the celebration of God's word, the Holy Eucharist, fellowship, and charitable service. Empowered by the Holy Spirit and under the protection of our Guardian Angels, we seek to build God's kingdom by our unity of love, participation in the Sacraments, stewardship, and evangelization of all God's people.

## **Deacon's Update**

We will be posting a notice in our bulletin and on the website about needing Greeters to aid in checking people in during mass. Staff can not cover all masses so Greeters are needed. Please consider helping.

There will be a "drive through" Blessing of Animals on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm at Holy Martyrs.

There will be a "Life Chain" on October 4<sup>th</sup> as well, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the Most Blessed Sacrament parking lot. Life Chain is a peaceful & prayerful witness of pro-life individuals standing for 60 minutes praying for our nation and the end of abortion.

We have a brand-new sign for the Administration Office so stop by and take a look.

Deacon has been looking at copier contracts, phone systems, and other items to try and reduce costs.

We are working on providing a dedicated line for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. They will be able to access their messages through their phone. This will take out the “middle-man” of the parish secretaries.

St. Vincent de Paul is not really under our parish, they have their own tax ID number so they are their own entity. We have a St. Vincent de Paul donation envelope every month in our packet. This money is given to the group and they determine how to use it.

Ladies of Charity have also combined. Before the merger, they had a checking account and the checks would have to be signed by Father but now they too have their own tax ID so they can conduct their own business.

The Knights of Columbus from Springdale will be joining with the Knights from Natrona. The Springdale group was initially an offshoot of the Natrona group so they will just be remerging.

## Questions & Answers

How are the phone lines working at the other churches?

- Currently working on those. There are 7 or 8 different phone accounts
- Some of the parish lines will direct you to priest if there is one living there and then for any other concerns, it gives the number to the Administration Building.
- Others, we are working on getting them changed. It is difficult working with some of the companies because if your name is not on the account, they will not talk to you.

How is the merging of the checking accounts going?

- The mass stipend accounts have been merged.
- We are still waiting for PNC to accept the Forgiveness Loan Applications.

How are we communicating with people?

- We are using the website, the bulletin, and Facebook.
- We are sending out 120 bulletins every week to our shut-ins.
- We are looking into placing boxes outside of each of the churches for bulletins so people who do not come to church can still stop by and pick them up.

How are funerals being handled?

- We offer funeral masses at Most Blessed Sacrament at 10 am and 12 noon.
- If the family chooses, we are conducting Blessing Services at the funeral home.

Our next PPC meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm in Patterson Hall.

Fr. Andrew closed the meeting with Prayer.