

Guardian Angels Pastoral Council Meeting  
Tuesday, August 25, 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: MaryAnn Urbanski, Mary Beth Danik, Dave Wygonik,  
John Peters, Justine Long-Myers, Dave Kuniak,  
Clem Lovasik, Tom Babinsak

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**

We have had two more First Holy Communions since the last time we met. It went so well that we may continue having multiple dates for First Holy Communion next year.

Nineteen students received Confirmation on Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. There will be two more on September 1<sup>st</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Due to the circumstances surrounding the pandemic, Fr. John officiated the Sacrament for our parish.

The Parish Festival is officially canceled for this year.

- The Ride Vendor said that all his events were canceled because of the restrictions for running the rides.
- Problems with getting the word out since attendance at mass is limited and sending out a mass mailing is cost prohibitive.
- We are not sure people will even attend or if they would be afraid to come out.
- We do not want to put in all the work if the turnout will be negligible.
- Items gathered for the basket raffle will be kept for a later time when having a raffle will be feasible.

Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Feast Day of Guardian Angels. We are currently looking for ideas for a celebration to be held on the weekend. We will need the ideas by September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

A decision has been made on what to do with Mass intentions. We have not had any since the shut down on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Between all the parishes, we have 549 back logged intentions. We have contacted all those with 50<sup>th</sup> anniversaries to schedule those masses first. We will then schedule the rest for the weekend Masses, daily Mass and the priests' private Masses. We will not take new intentions for the time being.

We have been updating the website to try and make it more user friendly and we have received a new template for our bulletin for a fresh look for Guardian Angels Parish.

## **Mission Statement**

Possible mission statements were provided by Fr. Aaron, Fr. Andrew and Justine Long-Meyers. Additional ideas should be submitted to Judy who will compile them and share them with the council for their feedback.

## **Deacon's Update**

We continue to try and maintain safety for our parishioners. We have purchased a machine to assist us with cleaning and found a disinfectant just as effective as the one we are using but at a cheaper cost.

We are working on a way to disinfect fabric. Once it is treated, it is a couple of days before we can use it.

Things change everyday and we are learning and adapting to those changes.

Patterson Hall will be used by St. Joseph High School to provide space for them to spread out.

People have asked about our school building. Currently we will be using it for our CCD program. We will be using individual desks for our children and not tables so they can attend class safely.

## **Questions & Answers**

Why don't we send bulletins out through email?

- We don't have everyone's email address.
- The bulletin is available through the website. You just click on the Bulletin button on the home page and you have access to the bulletin.

How are we staying in contact with our parishioners at this time?

- We update the website regularly.
- We have a notice in the bulletin that if you need to speak with one of our priests or Deacon, please give us a call. We are there for you.
- The Ladies of Charity have remained in contact with those they visit.
- Over 100 bulletins are sent out to our shut-ins every week.

Are priests visiting hospitals and nursing homes?

- We are visiting on an as needed basis.
- Anointings are done.
- There are no “rounds” conducted per hospital policy.
- We have also conducted visits over the phone.

People are standing very close to each other during communion. Should the ushers try to regulate that?

- Yes, we should remind the people to stay further apart and if the ushers are willing, they can direct them.

The church is suffering because of this pandemic. Are people going to come back when this is all over?

- Right now, that is an unknown. We don't know what the future will hold.

Discussion:

- We should invite people back once we open.
- Maybe we could have a group call all our parishioners or go door to door to invite them back.
- We should have a personal contact with each and every family.

Our next meeting will be September 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:00 pm here in Patterson Hall. At that time we will hopefully have a workable form of a Mission Statement.

Fr. Aaron ended the meeting with a prayer.