

**Guardian Angels Pastoral Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, October 26, 2021**  
**7:00-8:00pm**

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

Council Members Present: Dave Kuniak, Justine Long-Meyers, Clem Lovasik, Steve Puskar, Mary Ann Urbanski, Dave Wygonik and Joan Cupec

Fr. John Lendvai opened the meeting with prayer, reflecting Pope Francis' three-year Synodal Journey divided into three phases: Diocesan, National, and Universal.

Correction to the Minutes: Fr. Andrew Fischer attended the Council Meeting on September 28, 2021, but left to answer the hospital call for Last Rites.

**Updates:**

Guardian Angels Parish Feast Day was celebrated on October 3, 2021 at Holy Martyrs with a 12:00 Mass and a brunch following in the social hall. 75 attended the brunch for \$5.00 charge. Fr. John was pleased with the turnout.

The Advent by Candlelight celebration, started in 2013 at Most Blessed Sacrament will take place in Patterson Hall on Thursday, December 16, 6:00-9:00pm. The guest speaker will be Jennifer Antkowiak, Executive Director of Communications & Community Relations for the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Reservations are required. Each round table is decorated by the table's hostess. The hostess brings desserts to share with their individual tablemates.

Guardian Angels Parish finalized Christmas schedule is as follows:

Friday, December 24, 2021

4:00pm MBS, HM, STA and OLOV

6:00pm HF and STL

7:00pm OLPH

Saturday, December 25, 2021

8:00am- STA    9:00am- HM    10:00am-OLOV    11:00-MBS

(No Saturday night Mass anticipating Sunday Obligation 12/25/21)

It was noted that the later the Christmas Eve Mass is scheduled, less people attend the Mass. Additionally, since the Obligation to attend Mass has been reinstated, there has not been an increase in Mass Attendance. Deacon Wood mentioned at least 100 persons are still viewing the streaming Mass online.

Fr. John asked Fr. Aaron to report on his Altar Server program for Guardian Angels. Fr. Aaron is working on getting servers back into the Church. He has contacted the families personally and put notices in the bulletin. He has completed practices with most of the Altar servers. Currently, the servers will not ring the bells at Consecration and holding the Roman Missal for the Celebrant. The Altar servers will set up the Chalice, prepare the Altar and carry the Cross to the Altar. There are four to five new servers with only one sign up for Holy Family and Holy Martyrs. Altar servers will return to the Liturgy November 3, 2021.

Fr. John asked Fr. Andrew to report on the revamping Guardian Angels Senior Programs. Meetings were held in August and October with ten people attending representing many neighbors of the Parish. The November Senior group will participate in Bingo games and bring a dessert to share at Holy Family social hall. In December, the Senior group will work on a luncheon event with Reconciliation. The January event will involve renting a school bus and visiting Churches for Epiphany. The Senior Group will meet in various locations in the Parish.

Fr. John asked Justine Long-Meyers to present the Mercy Fire Prayer Group. The Prayer Group meets Wednesday morning after 9:00am Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Daily Reflections on the Day's Readings, Saint of the Day, Intentions for the Family, World and Community, singing and The Divine Mercy Prayer is the agenda of the Prayer Group.

November 5, 2021 Fr. John, Deacon Wood and Deborah Mialki will be meeting with Rev. John B. Gizler III, Regional Vicar of the Northern Vicariate to facilitate our next steps in The On Mission process in growing Guardian Angels Parish.

Steve Puskar asked about Guardian Angels Parish Faith Formation program. Fr. John said the Program has been running very well for three years due to Heather Wygonik's outstanding organizational acumen. A Sunday Adoration during Advent is planned for the students. The entire Student body participated together in the Rosary last week in all CCD sessions. On December 8, 2021 the Wednesday CCD class will celebrate The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass at 6:30pm.

Deacon Pat Wood reminded the Council of the Importance of keeping current with all Clearances required for maintaining "Protecting God's Children". There is a new module to complete to update your Clearances. Maureen Wood, Safe Environment Coordinator will be sending 300 emails and letters for a reminder.

Deacon Wood still has the Business Manager position open and continues to interview persons of interest. Deacon Pat will train the new person while he assists Fr. John with the On Mission Process.

The Next Pastoral Council Meeting is November 30, Patterson Hall at 7:00pm.

Fr. Andrew Fischer gave the closing Prayer.