

Guardian Angels Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

7:00 pm-8:00 pm

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

Council Members Present: Dave Wygonik, Tom Babinsack, MaryBeth Danik, Joan Cupec

Dave Kuniak, Mary Ann Urbanski, Justine Long-Meyers,

Steve Puskar, Clem Lovasik and John Peters

Minutes recorded: Joan Cupec.

Fr. John began the Pastoral Council meeting by reviewing today's reading: Genesis 1:20-2:4a and how it relates to the Mission to grow the new Parish.

There were no corrections to last month's minutes.

NEW:

There are four (4) Masses scheduled for Ash Wednesday: 9:00am Our Lady of Perpetual Help 12 noon Our Lady of Victory, 6:00pm St. Alphonsus and 7:00pm Holy Martyrs. Ashes will be distributed after the Homily, sprinkled on top of the head after a general blessing due to the Pandemic Restrictions. Signing up for the Ash Wednesday Mass is required.

Plans for Stations of the Cross are to tape and to list the link on the Guardian Angels website.

FISH FRY UPDATE:

The Guardian Angel Parish Fish Fry is only drive through this year due to pandemic restrictions.

This year, "Friends of the Fish Fry" posters were offered and were printed to defray fish fry costs. \$2000.00 was raised by the February 6 deadline.

Volunteers are still needed for the fish fry. Specific dates and jobs are listed on SignUpGenius on guardianangelspgh.org. Names are not listed on sign up genius. Social distancing and masks will be required at the fish fry. Lastly, Credit and Debit cards will be accepted at the fish fry.

The Guardian Angels Finance Council recently met. Financial reports, snow removal and church utilities were reviewed. Secondly, with the Offertory trending at 40% less, online giving will be introduced again to the Parish. Lastly, snow removal costs have risen due to the heavy snow fall. Lastly, a new Tax Exemption number has not been issued for Guardian Angels and The St. Joseph number is still be used.

Guardian Angels Parish Share assessment is \$171,000. A Parish Share Campaign letter will be sent to the parishioners. After the Parish Share campaign, Parish Census Forms will be bulk mailed in March. A suggestion was made to follow up nonresponses with a call the parishioner instead of another mailing.

QUESTIONS:

Will the Corpus Christi Adoration and Sawdust carpets take place June 7, 2021?

Not this year, planning for future events is tough during the pandemic. Additionally, Bishop Zubik has only approved of fish fries due to pandemic liabilities. Secondly, sawdust should have been already ordered for this year.

Can we offer to schedule Funeral Masses at other Churches in the Parish with an additional fee charged for pandemic cleaning?

Liability and financial concerns will need to be researched before reviewing the suggestion for validity.

Clergy Update:

Father Jack Brennan has officially retired and is in Residence at Saint Alphonsus Rectory. He has offered to help with one weekend Mass, to help with confession and to celebrate Friday daily Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. The role of Parish Chaplain will be shared among the remaining Clergy: Fr. Andrew Fischer, Fr. Aaron Kriss and Fr. John Lendvai. Additionally, Fr. Brennan was an exceptional Chaplain by assisting the Parish celebrating Masses and assisting in Confessions with the Clergy Team.

The current Mass schedule is not permanent and is subject to change based on the number of Priests and the limit of three (3) Masses per priest.

CLOSING:

Fr. John thanked the Pastoral Council for attending and for participating in the discussions. He also reminds us to grow together as a Parish.

Fr. Aaron gave the Closing Prayer and wished all a good Lent.

The next Pastoral Council meeting is Tuesday, March 23 at 7:00pm Patterson Hall