

Guardian Angels Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 25, 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, Mary Beth Danik, Joan Cupec, Dave Kuniak, Clem Lovasik, Mary Ann Urbanski, and Steve Puskar.

Fr. John began the Pastoral Council meeting with a prayer.

There was a call for retraction of a statement and a parish council member's name from last month's minutes. Fr. John apologized for the inclusion and the April 2021 minutes were amended.

Updates:

The Summer Festival Meeting, held on Monday, May 24th, went well. About 30 people attended. There are two parish groups who have agreed to run a booth. We would like to promote this event as a social event as well as a fundraiser. Please try to encourage people to volunteer, working together our parishioners can get to know each other and develop new friendships.

There was a suggestion that we have a booth filled with information about our church, the organization descriptions, registration forms, and information about our CCD program and Vacation Bible School. Fr. Aaron said he would be more than happy to work at that booth.

Confirmation went very well. It was nice to have the small groups. The Bishop will begin Confirmations again in the fall.

We like the small groups; they are personable, and the focus remains on the children. We will continue to keep First Communion kids in small groups.

On May 31st we will be opening 100%. There will be no sign-ups, no seating restrictions. Masks should be worn if not fully vaccinated or if you are uncomfortable. There will be holy water as you enter the church but there will be no sign of peace and confessions will be continued to be heard in the Most Blessed Sacrament sacristies and not the confessionals.

There is currently no obligation to return to mass. The Bishops of Pennsylvania will be meeting to discuss the situation and will decide as a group when the obligation will be reinstated.

As of June 7th we will have two daily Masses. One at 9:00 am at Our Lady of Perpetual Help and the second at 12:00 noon at St. Alphonsus.

Weekend Masses for the time being will follow the schedule that currently exists. Changes have been considered but as Fr. Brennan is retired, we cannot count on him being here and we have to consider if one of the priests gets sick or is out of town, can two of them cover the schedule?

All churches will be open for weddings, funerals, and baptisms and streaming will continue for the time being.

We will be following new cleaning protocols and will work to have all churches cleaned once a week. Sanitizers will remain in the churches and be available to anyone wishing to use them.

Choirs returned two weeks ago. All organists and cantors are using the same Hymn books.

Father John was asked if he could be reassigned during the process of the parish study. He said, it is unlikely but you never know what can happen. Priests can receive a change in assignments out of the blue.

We are still working on forgiveness for the PPC loans. Three have gone through. Hopefully, they will process the paperwork soon.

We have received notice from the Diocese that we can begin to use Guardian Angels on our checking account. We do not know if the bank will accept the change as we were expecting to receive the notice from the IRS.

Fr. John stated that he would be delaying our next meeting until August and encouraged the council to assist with the Festival.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, August 24th at Patterson Hall.