

Pastoral Council Meeting
Thursday, June 13, 2019

Present were Gail Patrick, Anna Delles, Noel Voos, Theresa Leeson, Dennis Olshfski, Judy Stoffel, Mary Boucher, Jeffrey Hughes, Joseph Drake, Frank Laverghetta, Charles Lynch, Kareta Olshfski and Monsignor Aucoin.

Monsignor led the group with an opening prayer. Monsignor has contacted two firms as potential buyers of the stained glass windows in St. Theresa's and St. Joseph's. One response was received with an offer of \$9,000 to purchase the windows at St. Theresa's. There were questions from council members if this included the replacement of windows. Further, various members felt this offer was very low.

Monsignor would like to see the artifacts, vessels, candlesticks, etc. all moved to a central location and then decisions be made to use them at St. Mary's or if we need to dispose of them. Frank stated that he would like to see the stations of the cross in Theresa moved to Evans Mills, since they were originally at St. Michael's in Antwerp. There was discussion about perhaps erecting outdoor stations or putting them in the parish center.

Discussion of moving pews from St. Joseph's and St. Theresa's to St. Mary's will continue. Prior to any type of move, the floor of St. Mary's needs to be replaced. Monsignor stated that he is not in favor of carpet and several members expressed some ideas as it relates to tile, etc. Also, the disposition of the pews at St. Mary's was discussed and Monsignor mentioned that crosses were made by a parishioner at Holy Family Church in Watertown from some of their old kneelers.

Monsignor stated that he wished to have seating in the upstairs at St. Mary's prohibited since the stairs are very narrow and the handrails are inadequate.

The Parish Picnic on Sunday, June 23rd was discussed. Gail suggested that we use name tags. A sign-up sheet to determine the number of people attending will be placed in each church this weekend, to assist in determining the volume of meat required.

Monsignor will speak with Paul Hornak as it relates to holding the coffee hour after the 9 AM Mass at St. Mary's. There was discussion about paying for the food. Gail suggested we have a jar that people can contribute to the purchase of coffee, pastries, etc.

Faith Formation classes, when they resume in the fall, will be held following the 9 AM Mass at St. Mary's. There was discussion about parents of the students also attending informal classes so they will be aware of the topics being taught to the students. Monsignor stated that most parishes now have a two-year preparation program for confirmation students, perhaps using the program developed by Matthew Kelly.

Monsignor stated that the next meeting date is yet to be determined since he needs to work out a schedule for St. Paul's, etc.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.