

SUMMARY OF VIRTUAL PARISH COUNCIL ADVISORY MEETING ON August 8, 2020

Attendees: Bob Flaherty (Vice Chair), Father Rozman, Father Sahd, Deacon Paruso, Rose Baker, Tony Devlin, Rudy Geisler, Sean Matthews, Terri Rosenstein, Dave Schmidt, Gary Scicchitano, Dave Sheranko, Ginny Stack and Mary Vukelich, Bill Alward and Jennifer Erskine. **Absent** was Michelle Serafin (Chair). Parish volunteer Diane Maclay recorded the minutes for the Council. These were summarized for publication by volunteer Barbara Talarico.

Meeting Management: The meeting was held via the zoom video app and was facilitated by the Vice Chair, Bob Flaherty. Mr. Flaherty called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Opening prayers and Scripture readings were led by Rose Baker with Council Members then offering their reflections on the prayers.

Action Items in Progress were discussed: 1. Father Rozman met with specific Council members to develop talking points for the September PAC pulpit talk. 2. SJAA has given approval to have coaches trained to implement Christian centered strategies when working with their sports teams. 3. Because of the pandemic, it is difficult to locate up to date Mass times when traveling. Therefore, the video that Father Sahd was going to record has been placed on hold for the time being. 4. The action item involving making Masses more "child-friendly" will be revisited later. Viewership of the Children's liturgy shows better attendance than before the pandemic. 5. With the help of the Parish Office, Suzanne Bruzga is updating parishioner lists and having volunteers reach out to the homebound giving them updated/additional information.

Clergy and Senior Leadership Team Updates:

- Gazebo Masses have been well attended, as have Sunday Masses in the church. The two center sections of the Church have been almost full for weekday Masses and Friday evening Holy Hours as well. A contract with the Diocesan vendor has been put in place for cleaning and sanitization supplies. A Clorox 360 Machine has been donated by a generous parishioner for use primarily in the school. Cleaning after all Masses is coordinated by Warren Stephens.
- School will open on August 31 with three scenarios: All students in school Monday-Friday, All online instruction on Monday-Friday and a Combination of both. Enrollment is at 480.
- The Religious Education Program will be online for the foreseeable future.
- The next Respect Life Committee meeting is scheduled for August 13. Michelle Serafin is reaching out to parishioners of minority ethnic backgrounds to invite their involvement. The Morningstar Annual Banquet will be virtual this year and will be held on September 3 from 6:30 to 7:00. Interested people should contact Stephanie Diecidue at sdiecidue@supportmorningstar.com for more information.
- Saint Joseph's will not be having an athletic season this fall.
- Eucharistic Devotions will be virtual this year. Eucharistic Exposition and reflection are planned for the afternoon of All Saints' Day which is Sunday, November 1. Weather permitting, the day will end with an evening visit to the Gate of Heaven Cemetery with a candlelight ceremony to pray for the deceased in anticipation of November 2, All Souls' Day.
- Victims of Sexual Abuse by Clergy will be remembered on August 14 with an extended time of Eucharistic Adoration. The evening will include recitation of the rosary with all four

mysteries, benediction, and special requests for healing. This date coincides with the second anniversary of the release of the Attorney General's report.

- All Parish meetings will remain virtual unless it is essential to have a face to face meeting and no communal food will be permitted in Brindle Hall.
- All Parish Advisory Council Members are encouraged to attend the Parish Ministry Summit which will be held the morning of August 22. Members and Ministry personnel should register using the link in the invitation email sent by Mary Vukelich.
- As part of the annual *Parish Life update*, Parish Advisory Council will present a 3 to 5-minute pulpit talk at the indoor weekend Masses on September 19-20. It will connect the parish's response to the pandemic situation to our clearly defined mission and vision; specifically, how we have been able to sustain **worship, growth, service, connections, and giving** during this time. The financial report which is traditionally included in the Parish Life Update will be given the weekend of September 12-13 however, the next weekend's PAC talk will include the topic of finance as it relates to vision (**Give**). The pulpit talk will be posted on Parish social media.

Strategic Planning: The Council continued its work on the established five systems of Worship, Evangelization, Discipleship, Fellowship and Ministry. August's meeting focused on Evangelization and Discipleship:

Evangelization: Council offered several ideas which Father Rozman will discuss with Suzanne Bruzga, Evangelization Coordinator.

Discipleship: Members will be comparing Bible Study to the creation of a Formed program on Zoom and report on their feedback.

Closing: Father Rozman led a prayer to St. Dominic in honor of his Feast Day.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:00 A.M.

Next Meeting Date: September 12, 2020.

Future Items: Next in person meeting TBD – PAC Members need to sign updated By-Laws.

January 16-17, 2021 – Repeat PAC Speakers at all Masses

2023 – Planning to commence for Parish 75th anniversary in 2025.