

CHURCH OF SAINT AUGUSTINE

Parish Council Meeting

November 19, 2019

In attendance: Fr. Bill Cosgrove, Deacon Sam Mobarek, Charlie Gardella, Kathleen Dwyer, Glen Dietrich, Cary Llaurodo, Elaine Conover, Jessica Giglio, Ann Marie Kaczorowski, Ellen Rice.

Excused: Fr. Michael Achanyi, Louis DiMauro, Jayan Joseph, Deacon Jim Suchy

Vision Report

Beth Rooney

About 4 years ago a parish survey was conducted to determine the needs of the parish and to form a vision for where the parish strived to be in the areas of worship, discipleship, ministry, and outreach. The survey was compiled, and a strategic plan was created. Since the first year, the progress of advancing the strategic plan slowed down.

To ensure a vibrant parish that is focused on cultivating a welcoming parish, the Vision Team (Fr. Bill Cosgrove, Deacon Jim Such, Beth Rooney, and Jessica Giglio) has decided to focus the plan on 4 high level objectives. The parish will be targeting music, children's faith formation, the welcoming experience, and ministry growth.

Each member of the vision team will oversee the work of the task forces. Fr. Bill will proceed working on Music and Worship independently from the task forces while providing updates to the Council. Beth will oversee the Welcoming Experience, Jessica will oversee

Church of Saint Augustine

Strategic Vision Plan 2018-2019

DISCIPLESHIP

The task force for discipleship will target children's faith formation especially for pre-school age children.

MINISTRY

The task force for Ministry will work on engaging the congregation in parish involvement. They will consider targeting specific ministries and assisting with promoting involvement.

WELCOMING EXPIRENCE

The Welcoming Experience task force will review the parish registration process and develop plans for welcoming events and registration events

Discipleship in children's faith formation, and Deacon Jim will oversee Ministry and increased involvement.

The parish council is going to select an implementation team/task force and work on developing a plan to advance that area of the parish vision. They will not be members of the ministry that work on implementing the milestones, rather they will be proposing a plan

that will be implemented throughout the next year. This is going to be a specific and targeted approach. In 2019 a report will be presented to the parish on the progress of

advancing each high-level objective. The task forces will invite the parish leadership involved in each area to ensure a cohesive vision.

Each member of the Parish Council is expected to pick a task force to serve on. During the next Parish Council meeting on December 10, the meeting will start with council members breaking up into committees to start working on tasks. Members of the task force may choose to conduct meetings outside of the Parish Council meeting but it is not required. During the meeting we collected an answer from each member the following were assigned:

TASK FORCE	PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS	VISION TEAM LIASON
Discipleship	Cary Llaurado, Kathleen Dwyer, Lynne DeVuono	Jessica Giglio
Ministry	Ann Marie Kaczorowski, Glen Dietrich, Lou DiMauro	Deacon Jim
Welcoming Experience	Elaine Conover, Ellen Rice, Charlie Gardella	Beth Rooney

Ministry Updates

Music & Worship – The Archdiocese of New York offers a program that trains cantors. 3 of the cantors at Saint Augustine are enrolled in the program and are receiving 10 lessons. Additionally, Fr. Bill has reached out to a potential new music minister. There are also several other potential candidates that have applied.

Social Action Committee- The final blood drive was held on October 21st and collected 42 units. There were many volunteers for the day of the drive, which was great to see. We also had a number of youth volunteers, thanks Jessica! The first blood drive in 2019 is scheduled for April. Jayan has volunteered to coordinate the blood drives and volunteers going forward. A transition meeting will be scheduled in the coming months.

Health Screening – The Life Line screening is scheduled to take place on Thursday, January 17th 8:30 – 5:30. A note will be sent out after Thanksgiving requesting volunteers to primarily greet the people who have signed up and point them to the Zoeller Center.

The Thanksgiving turkey drive was very successful and collected many turkeys. The turkeys were distributed to various organizations in the county including: Catholic Charities, People to People and more.

Adult Faith Formation- During the last month, the Adult Faith Formation team has presented several topics including presentations on gluttony, sloth and the need for exercise, and book discussions on “Return” by Brandon Vogot and “Saying Yes” by Fr. Albert Haas, OFM. Attendance and participation continue to be a concern. Daniel Frescella from the Archdiocese met with AFF on November 14th to discuss past offerings and marketing for future events. We continue to seek ways to make our programs more appealing.

Glen Dietrich and Tom Cappucio (*parish staff- Office Maintenance*) attended a workshop regarding parish safety and security training by Ratio Risk Services and Synergy 911 hosted by the Archdiocese of NY. The workshop covered topics such as active shooting, safety plans, and worship safety coverage. Each pastor has been asked to develop a plan for parish safety. Glen would like to proceed with creating a safety task ministry for the parish were active and retired ununiformed police officers assigned at every Mass to oversee the safety of parishioners during services. These volunteers are trained to know what to look out for in regard to suspicious behavior and are likely attending as parishioners anyway. Fr. Bill will consider options to move forward with parish security after organizing a meeting between Glen and the parish staff.

Deanery Update

Ellen Rice

Update from the Deanery meeting on November 13, 2018. Monsignor Nevis the Dean would like to visit all the parishes in the Rockland Deanery 1x during the year. Parish safety plan was discussed. Each parish is expected to have a safety plan for both the church and the school building in case of an active shooting event. St Anne's/st Paul's have initiated the plan. There is an organization that will come and teach security measures to ushers and teachers. Spirit Day for confirmation students is on Saturday November 17 from 8-12. Blessing of the Crèche at the Palisades Mall is on Saturday, November 24 at 12 noon. There will be a celebration of Solemn Vespers every Sunday in Advent at the Dominican Chapel in Sparkill at 4:45 PM. St. Gregory Barberato in West Haverstraw needs more people to pray at the 24-hour adoration chapel.

The next parish council meeting is on December 10 at 7:00 PM.

Youth Ministry

PROGRESS

- September 16 — Heroes Unite- **17 Youth**
- September 30 — Calling all Superheroes: **21 Youth**
- October 7 — Alzheimer's Walk: **10 youth + families**
- October 21 — Captain America: **17 Youth**
- November 4 — Supergirl: **16 Youth**
- November 18 — Batman: **22 youth**
- November 21- Movie Outing: **22+ Youth (and counting)**

POSITIVES: Youth are developing a relationship with each other and a culture, Youth participate in prayer and praise & worship songs sincerely, young team give the nights teachings through presentations, witness talk & skits

WHAT'S AHEAD

- **12/2-** Self Control & Peace- Fr. Michael hears Confessions
- **12/8** Baking Memories for Kids Service Project
- **12/16-** Christmas Party
- Summer Service Week
- Parent Programming