

CHURCH OF SAINT AUGUSTINE

Parish Council Meeting

February 11, 2019

In attendance: Fr. Bill Cosgrove, Deacon Sam Mobarek, Kathleen Dwyer, Glen Dietrich, Elaine Conover, Jessica Giglio, Louis DiMauro, Fr. Michael Achanyi, Deacon Jim Suchy, Cary Llauro, Lynne DeVuono, Jayan Joseph, Anne Fallon

Guests: None

Excused: Ann Marie Kaczorowski, Ellen Rice

Absent: Charlie Gardella

The meeting started at 7:00 PM in the Church for Eucharistic Adoration. At 7:30 PM the parish council meeting moved to the conference room.

Christ Life (Deacon Jim & Anne Fallon)

- A Meeting was held with past facilitators and participants to gauge interest in organizing the program again.
- There has been a decrease in involvement in the programs. The programs struggle to engage new participants to experience the program and to involve past participants to step up and become facilitators.
- The group suggested surveying adults to find out what they are looking for in parish programming.

Adult Faith Formation:

- There will be several new programs over the next half of the year. Please see the attached brochure for programs in 2019.

Updates from the Pastor:

- Rectory construction is underway, and the inside of the structure has been completely demolished. The project should be completed in 4-6 months.
- 77 families have already made their pledge to the Cardinal's Stewardship Appeal. Approximately \$22,000 has been pledged.

Youth Ministry:

- The Youth Ministry is planning to attend the Annual Steubenville Conference in Queens. Fundraisers will be held to make attending this conference possible for the young people.

Kid's Ministry:

- Kids Ministry continues to search for volunteers to assist with the Sunday School program. Anyone who is interested should contact Anne Fallon.

Ushers:

- The campaign to recruit more ushers has been very successful. 21 people have signed up to become ushers. There will be a commissioning at the end of the month.

Religious Education:

- First Reconciliation and Communion preparations are underway.
- Families who have not been attending Mass regularly during the sacramental years were sent a letter home reminding them of the commitment made at the beginning of the school year and the requirements to receive the sacrament of Communion or Confirmation.

RCIA:

- Candidates in the program are projected to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, Communion, and Confirmation. There will be no baptisms at the Easter Vigil.
- Candidates are r have been invited to a retreat day on Good Friday
- Deacon Sam will invite a family to bring their baby for baptism at the Easter Vigil.

Safety:

- The Catechists and volunteers attended an Active Shooter presentation and training on January 30th. Parish Staff received the presentation on February 13th.
- Glen is looking to form a safety committee to form a plan for church safety.

I Can Only Imagine

A Film Presentation

Wednesday, April 24th at 10am and 7pm
St. Augustine's Parish Center - Conference Room 1
Facilitator - Ellen Rice

Growing up in Greenville Texas, Bart Millard grows up experiencing emotional and physical abuse at the hands of his father. When Bart's father becomes terminally ill, he experiences redemption by embracing his father and rediscovers the love he has for his son. Years later Bart's troubled childhood and mended relationship with his Dad, inspires him to write the song, "I can only Imagine".

This song has brought courage and hope to many. This is the incredible true story of Mercy Me's song which is the basis of the story.



Bible Study

Opening Up The Word

Mondays 10 am - 11:30 am
Lower Church Hall - Zoeller Center

Join us for a Bible Study on the life of St. Paul, by reading the book of Acts, chapters 7 through 28, as well as briefly looking at each of his 13 Epistles. We meet on Mondays at 10:00 a.m. for refreshments, followed by the study at 10:30 - 11:30. We begin the study on Jan. 28, and conclude the season on June 3.

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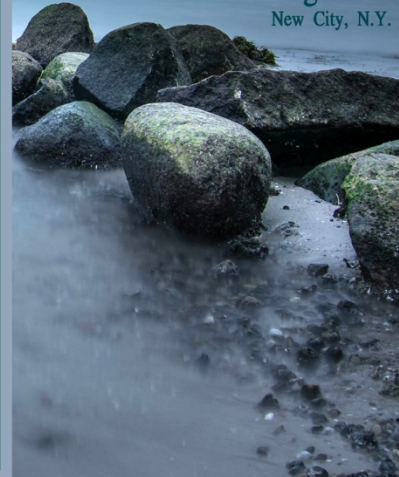
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Saying Yes

Presenter - Paul Citarella

Wednesday, February 27th and March 13th at 7pm
St. Augustine's Parish Center - Conference Room 1

Based on the presentations and book of Father Albert Haase, OFM, we will explore the topic of Saying YES! This continuing presentation will be facilitated on Wednesday evening February 27 and March 13 at 7 PM in the Parish Center by our Adult Faith Formation Team.

This AFF event will continue the conversation on how we can discern what God is calling us to do with our lives. Each of us is called to speak to an ever-deepening "YES" to God but first we need to listen to Him so that we are able to distinguish what He is asking us to do. We will use the videos and writings of Fr. Haase to assist us in making wise decisions in spiritual and everyday life. Please join us for one or both of these very informative, connected but not repetitive sessions. Feel free to attend either or both sessions.

YES



God Isn't Finished With Me Yet

Presenter - Father Bill Cosgrove

Thursday, March 7th and 14th at 10am
Lower Church Hall - Zoeller Center
(Two different presentations)

The Spiritual Graces of Later Life

In later life (after retirement) what is my identity?

Who Am I Now?

How do I make decisions?

How do I handle downsizing?

How do I look back,

look ahead while still living in the present?

Discovering that death is a part of life, how do I prepare for the end of the journey?



Prodigal Son

Presenter - Michael Borges

Wednesday, March 27th at 7pm
St. Augustine's Parish Center - Conference Room 1

An evening of study and prayerful reflection on one of the most beloved stories of the Bible ever. You are invited to learn about the significance of the smaller details in the story that are often overlooked - the inheritance, the pigpen, the fattened calf, and the ring. What was Christ teaching his audience by incorporating all of these details? What new discoveries about this classic story are awaiting you? How might they impact your walk with the Lord?

Cremation Preparation For Burial

Presenters - Deacon Jim Suchy and Holly Nieves - Licensed Funeral Director and Advanced Planning Counselor

Wednesday, April 10th at 7pm
St. Augustine's Parish Center - Conference Room 1

Holly Nieves will discuss the following topics:

- * The cremation process
- * What are your funeral service options with cremation?
- * Crafting meaningful celebration of life services
- * Explanation of a Memorial Mass in the Catholic Church
- * Preplanning

Deacon Jim Suchy will discuss the Church and it's teaching on caring for the earthly remains of the deceased - past and present.