

CHURCH OF SAINT AUGUSTINE

Parish Council Meeting

February 10, 2020

In attendance: Deacon Sam Mobarek, Louis DiMauro, Glen Dietrich, Ellen Rice, Kathleen Dwyer, Elaine Conover, Deacon Joe Crothers, Deacon Jim Suchy, Anne Marie Kaczorowski, Jessica Giglio, Fr. Bill Cosgrove

Guests: None

Excused: unknown

Absent: Charles Gardella

The meeting started at 7:00 PM in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. After Eucharistic Adoration the council members met for the parish council meeting in the Parish Conference Room.

WARMING CENTER

Deacon Jim Suchy

- Deacon Jim is leading an effort to get parishioners to volunteer at Catholic Charities Warming Center in Pomona. Parishioners can sign up in groups from February to April. Interested parishioners should contact him for more information and a sign-up document
- Several dozen parishioners took sign-up sheets home with them this past weekend.

Deanery

Ellen Rice

- Catholic Charities is requesting assistance with bagging and sorting food at their pantry. Interested parishioners should contact Catholic Community Services of Rockland directly.
- Many of the parishes in the deanery are planning social events.
- Fr. Bill requested that Ellen provide the council with bulletins from the other parishes at the next Parish Council Meeting.

Youth Ministry

Jessica Giglio

- Youth Ministry and the Religious Education office are working closely on developing a program that integrates youth ministry's EDGE program with the faith formation of 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. Planning is underway.

Ushers

Deacon Sam Mobark

- Ushers, Knights of Columbus CYO Basketball, and Greeters completed a CPR instruction presentation in the Church basement to learn how to use the new CPR equipment in the Church.

Deacon Sam Mobark

Jail Ministry

- Deacon Sam continues to visit the jail on a weekly basis to lead a communion service. The number of participants fluctuates depending on how many incarcerated individuals are interested in a Catholic Service.
- Fr. Bill has asked Deacon Sam to find out what resources we can provide the jail with to enhance spiritual life. At the next meeting Deacon Sam will report in rosaries or prayer cards can be given to the incarcerated.

Religious Education

Deacon Joe Crothers

- Religious Education is conducting a drive for baby products to support and benefit Birth Rite of Rockland. Baby products such as diapers, clothing, bottles, blankets, pacifiers, rattles, wipes, bibs, towels, and supermarket gift cards can be dropped off in one of the boxes on the second floor of the school building or in the Religious Education Office.

Hospitality

Elaine Conover & Kathleen Dwyer

- Welcome cards will go out to new parishioners soon. (Kathleen)
- The Hospitality Committee will be assisting the Youth Ministry with the 2020 Soup to Stations program which will run every Friday during Lent before the Stations of the Cross.

Adult Faith Formation

Ellen Rice

- Adult Faith Formation has finalized a list of programs for the spring, there are 1 to 2 events a month.
- One program being offered this spring is a talk given by a holocaust survivor. A full list of programs can be found the upcoming bulletin.

Safety Committee

Glenn Dietrich

- The presenters who facilitated the CPR training session have volunteered to conduct a CPR certification course free of charge at the parish for interested parishioners. The course would last 8 hours and can be done as a one-time session or broken up over two sessions and could certify people in CPR for three years.
- The committee is trying to move forward on the initiative to install cameras in the church and on the grounds of the church property. The price of installation has gone up since the last time the committee received a quote. The committee is planning on having 7 cameras installed when funds are secured.

Kid's Ministry

Anne Fallon

- The second room in the Zoeller Center has been renovated and will now be decorated as the Kid's Ministry room and will be used for the pre-school class held during the 9 AM Mass on Sundays.
- The date for Vacation Bible School this summer is August 10-14. The theme is not yet determined.

Holy Name Society

Lou DiMauro

- The Holy Name society would like to work with Youth Ministry to sponsor a combined event. Lou has reached out to Jessica and plans on bringing some ideas back to the members of the Holy Name Society.

Pastor's Update

Fr. Bill Cosgrove

- The Cardinals Appeal campaign has stated and a goal of \$151,000 has been set for the parish. So far \$19,000 has been pledged.

- The Vision Team (Fr. Bill, Deacon Jim, Jessica, Anne Fallon and Beth Rooney) will be meeting this upcoming weekend to finalize a new plan for 2020 focusing on the strategic plan developed by the parish.
- The parish will be participating in a stewardship program being developed by the Archdiocese. A representative will be coming to the next parish council meeting to present to the council their plans. A new council will be formed to carry out the efforts of this program.
- The construction the rectory garage is nearly halfway completed. A projected completion date of March 2020 is expected.

The meeting concluded at 8:45 PM in Conference Room 1 in the Parish Center.
The next meeting is March 9, 2020