

Parish of the Holy Eucharist
Holy Martyrs, Sacred Heart, St. Gregory, St. Jude
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POTHE April 23, 2019 Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

TYPE OF MEETING	Pastoral Council Meeting
CHAIRPERSON	Francis Fedrizzi
NOTE TAKER	Annemarie Salzberg
ATTENDEES	<p>Present: Pauline Bergeron, Francis Fedrizzi, Catherine Gentile, Fr. Daniel Greenleaf, Fr. Peter Kasetta, Sharon Leskanic, Deacon Dennis Popadak, Kristine Rogers, Ken Rusinek, Annemarie Salzberg, and Danielle Tracy</p> <p>Absent: Tom Ancona, Amy Carman, Arturo Juarez, and Mike Crowley.</p> <p>Guest: Melissa Bagdon</p>

1. Gospel Reflection - Fr. Greenleaf
 - a. Gospel reading according to John (20:19-31) was read by Sharon Leskanic and members of the council shared reflections on this gospel passage.

2. Approval of the February 21, 2019 Minutes
 - a. A motion to approve the February 2019 minutes was seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved with the following correction: change Foreside Avenue in the header to Foreside Road.

3. Review of the Parish's 2020 Budget – Melissa Bagdon
 - a. The Council Members reviewed the 2020 budget, with Melissa providing information and clarification as needed. Father Greenleaf recognized Melissa's efforts to develop this budget in a timely manner. This allowed time for the Finance Council to review the budget and time for the Pastoral Council to review and vote on the budget, all before the end of April. The Pastoral Council voted unanimously to approve the 2020 budget.

4. Change of Pastor
 - a. Father Greenleaf will be leaving the Parish as of July 1, 2019. The celebration, to honor Father Greenleaf, will be held on June 29, 2019 beginning with 4:00 Mass with a celebration following. The planning committee is looking for more members to help with planning the event.

5. Pastor's Report – Fr. Greenleaf

- a. **Monthly Financial Statement – the Council reviewed the preliminary finance report as of February 2019.**
- b. **New Altar from Sisters of the Precious Blood at Sacred Heart– there is a video, about the altar, on the Parish Facebook page. It will take about a month and a half to complete the project. After the altar is installed, the floor will be redone.**
- c. **Capital Campaign –The staff is working on the numbers for the campaign. The capital campaign will focus on Saint Jude and Sacred Heart. The campaign will start with Saint Jude where plans are under consideration to make the downstairs accessible. Sacred Heart needs work on the roof, windows, stone work and pews. All parishioners will be welcome to donate to the capital campaign.**
- d. **Holy Week Review- Fathers Greenleaf and Kaseta heard many positive comments from parishioners about the week. Overall, the Masses were beautiful and well attended. The “Light Is On” Program for confessions was also well attended.**

Details include the following: Holy Thursday activities at HM were well attended but, less people than last year. Approximately, 160 people enjoyed the dinner and gathering that followed the Holy Thursday service. Leftover food was donated to St. Vincent DePaul. Good Friday Stations of the Cross at HM were not as well attended this year as in previous years. The Veneration of the Cross was very well attended.

HM/550+ attended the 10:30 Mass on Easter. There is not an exact count but, the 8:00 Mass was also well attended. SH/Easter Vigil estimated that 200 people attended; 8:00Mass more people than usual; approximately 300; 11:00 Mass/it appeared that not as many people attended as last year. SG/Easter Vigil had 106 in attendance and 326 attending Mass at 8:30 on Easter Sunday. Approximately, 265 people attended Easter Sunday Mass at Saint Jude.

Considerations: Easter Vigil starting at 8:00pm may be too late for some families and older parishioners to attend. The Council also wondered how much having April Vacation coinciding with Holy Week effected the numbers in attendance

- e. **E Sunday – to promote conservation and the Pope's Encyclical entitled, Laudato si' (On the Care of Our Common Home). Information will be shared in the bulletin over several weeks. The weekend of June 8th & 9th, a card will be placed in the bulletin encouraging people to join e-giving online (to save envelopes) and to provide email addresses to receive an online copy of the bulleting (to save paper). In addition, an E-Waste Collection will be held at Holy Martyrs on June 8th and 9th. Computers, electronics, cell phones, etc can be dropped off at the Church that weekend for collection. St. Gregory and St Jude Churches will also be collection sites, with personal pickup trucks bringing the e-waste to Holy Martyrs after the Masses. No refrigerators, air conditioners or old tv's will be accepted for this collection. Catholic charities will make some money from this event. A (monetary) donation receptacle will also be available.**

- f. **Collection Bags (for the Offertory Collection) – the current collection bags are not as secure as needed. The Diocese is looking for bags that can be recycled. For now, the Parish will return to the lock bags, used previously. The bags need to be numbered and locked. This is part of a system used by the Catholic Church, nationwide.**
 - g. **Bulletin – Weekly Poll – efforts are being made to make the bulletin more interactive for the parishioners. For example, the posting of a question and asking parishioners to answer. With results being posted in the bulletin.**
- 6. CLI Update - Deacon Dennis**
- a. **New displays are up at all the Churches. Six events can be posted at one time. The signs are recommended to be placed in an ideal spot outside the church on the weekends, weather permitting. We have started year 2 of our 3-year cycle for the CLI progress. One hundred Catholic Home Kits were made and distributed prior to Easter (as possible Easter basket gifts). Twenty-one Small Faith Sharing Groups met during Lent. Annie Smith is working on another program. There will be a 24 hours Eucharistic Adoration (from 5pm Saturday to 5pm Sunday) the weekend of Corpus Christi. The Leadership Team at St. Gregory will be invited to visit all the registered families in Lifelong Faith Formation as part of getting to know each other. Hope to have this completed by the middle of June. Other parish leaders will be doing the same at the other churches.**
- 8. Pastoral Business - Fran Fedrizzi**
- a. **The Council will decide, at the May meeting, whether or not to conduct a Pastoral Council Meeting in June.**
 - b. **A welcoming meeting, with Father Tracey, will be held in July.**

Next Meeting Thursday, May 16, 2019 at St. Jude at 6:00pm

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