

MARCH 2020 PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Members Present: Father Frank, Julie Andrews, Lawton Blandford, Robert Dills, Robbie Doran, Theresa Eze, Jerry Gardner, Scott Phillips, John Russell, Juan Saiz and Colleen Sutton

Members Absent: Clare Charzewski, Matt Gibbons and Maggie Helton

1. Opening Prayer – John Russell

2. Minutes – Colleen Sutton

January 2020 Parish Pastoral Council minutes were read, corrections made and approved by the council.

3. COVID 19 Parish Response – All

1. The church is following the mandate issued by The Diocese and Bishop.
2. The church has been great at communicating the mandate to parish members.
3. All Masses, including daily Mass, in person, have been discontinued as per the mandate.
4. We will not be celebrating, in person, Holy Week, the Easter Vigil, or Sunday's Easter Mass at the church. Father Frank and the parish staff are currently working on details to do this through the live streaming program.
5. For Palm Sunday, the palms will be blessed privately and placed in six locations for parishioners to come by and pick up. The same will apply to the Easter Water.
6. The Easter Egg Hunt is canceled, but families can come by and pick up goodies.
7. It was mentioned that there have been some issues with the live streaming on Facebook Live. This has been corrected with the installation of a wider bandwidth. Masses can be viewed through either the live streaming on our website or through Facebook Live. Past Masses can be viewed on our YouTube channel. Weekly Homilies can still be downloaded through the website too. Parishioners are encouraged to share the links with family and friends.
8. The Stations of the Cross will be live streamed on Fridays at 7:00pm, along with the Praying of the Rosary on Tuesdays at 7:00pm.
9. Some other parishes have begun piggy backing onto our live feeds.
10. A question was asked if we can track how many people are logging onto our website or Facebook Live to view our live streaming? We do know the live streaming has been accessed from other parts of the U.S. and Europe. Those numbers are available, and we will gather that information later.

11. A question was asked about members being able to receive The Anointing of the Sick Sacrament. Currently, parish members can contact the church and the church will provide what they can.
12. Jeanne LaFrancis, Pastoral Associate, is currently working with two families in need. Any members that are homebound, in hospitals, nursing homes, or assisted living facilities can still reach out to Jeanne and she will coordinate what she can to help.
13. The Parish Staff is in the process of transferring all existing programs to an electronic format.
14. The Parish Staff has also begun staggering their hours at the office due to limited office space. (Currently some of the staff share office space).
15. There is also concern about the weekly collection. The Financial Council has estimated that it is possible we could have a shortage of \$75,000 over the next couple of months. Parishioners are being encouraged to sign up through E-Give, to mail, or to drop off their weekly tithes.
16. We are currently not having any group gatherings at the church. Exception being Meals on Wheels. They are still preparing food and are making deliveries.

4. Future Fundraisers – Father Frank

Moving forward, we will not be having our annual Golf Tournament. Instead it will be replaced with a Spring Fling, starting in 2021. We will be working with the group that currently has been managing the St. Michael's fundraising programs. We will have members of this group come by and discuss logistics and finances. We will, however, continue with the BBQ Fundraiser in the Fall.

5. Update on the Security Ministry – All

There are currently no new updates. Lawton will reach out to Deacon Zeke and Matt Helton about attending one of our future meetings.

6. Angel Tree – All

Discussion was held again in reference to gift cards vs. actual gifts for the children. Theresa and/or Julie will reach out to the Chairperson of this ministry. It was mentioned, however, that this past Christmas was how the program was presented to our ministry by the area's community group in charge.

7. St. Katherine Drexel Hall Update – Father Frank

1. The old church pews will be removed on April 6th and the 7th.
2. The pews, along with The Stations of The Cross, are scheduled to be shipped to St. Anne's in Haiti on April 21st.
3. A temporary wall is up. A permanent wall will cost around \$40,000 to \$50,000.
4. The Statue of Mary, that was in the Narthex, will be moved to the front of the Chapel.
5. The Baptismal Font will be removed.
6. The Narthex area of the old church will become a church library.
7. The High School Life Teen and Middle School Edge Programs will be held in the new space being provided in the old church in the future.
8. The Sacristy area will become the printing area for the office.
9. Deacon Zeke and Jeanne LaFrancis will share a space in the current printing area.
10. Chrissy Glisson will move her office into the old Cry Room area.
11. Debbie Seeger will move her office into Chrissy Glisson's old office.
12. Kid-Zone in the MAK Center will become a storage area.
13. The current conference room will remain a conference room.
14. St. Katherine Drexel's picture has been hung.

8. Father Frank's Good News – Father Frank

1. The Easter Program, as mentioned above, is under "reorganization" this year, due to COVID 19 mandate. The staff is working hard to put together a great online program for all.
2. The staff is moving many of the current programs to electronic format for the various ministries and programs.
3. The Confirmation Class will be having their 3rd meeting via webinar.
4. Debbie Seeger and her staff are putting together packets to send home for the First Eucharistic kids and parents to continue their learning process of this Sacrament.
5. Lastly, Chrissy Glisson will be uploading all the music sheets to the website for parishioners to continue participating during the live streaming Masses.

9. Discernment of new Vice-Chair position – All

Changes are being made to this position due to Keith McGuinness resigning. Julie Andrews was nominated and elected to fill the position. Lawton Blandford will move from the Vice-Chair position to the Chairman position. Colleen Sutton remains as Secretary.

10. Roundtable Discussion – All

1. Father Frank will be putting together the Pastoral Transition Reflections Letter soon. Once a draft has been completed, he will forward it to the Parish Pastoral Council for review. It was suggested to please make sure the draft includes how important our various ministries are to the parish. No need to list all the ministries in the draft.
2. Question was asked how to bridge the gap between our Latino Community and us? Is this something for this council to address or another group? We will have to table this discussion at this time, due to the current COVID 19 situation.
3. Continued discussion over the possible shortage in the weekly collection during the current stay at home order. Can only encourage parishioners to please find a way to continue their weekly tithes. We can remind them about the various options on the website and bulletin.
4. Update on the pen sets that are being crafted with the same wood as our new front doors, Northern Appalachian Long Leaf Pine. These pens will be going on sale soon. No exact date known currently.

11. Closing Prayer – Robbie Doran