

**HOLY CROSS/OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS
PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 8, 2022 @ HOLY CROSS PARISH HALL 6:30 PM**

Attending: Amanda Lozy-Lester, Amanual Malik, Bobbi Weigel, Brett Granville, David Cataline, David Kommeth, Deacon Tom Jewell, Donna Jacobi, Donna Petrella, , Father Joseph Martuscello, Father William Coffas, Katie Newhouse, Kevin Foy, Marc Boeh, Maryanne Sutton, Nancy Spoto, Rob Weigel, Amy Mulcahy, Joe DiVincenzo, Jonathan Stoklosa, Mark Tachin, Mary Jo DiNoto, TJ Verzillo,

1) Opening Prayer

2) Approval/Revisions of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Committee approved Meeting minutes from 10/11/22
- Motion to approve by Mark Tachin; Second Motion by Nancy Spoto

3) Chairperson's Conversation

- Bobbi Explained Rules of Members Forum
- Grieving with Great Hope event is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16th
- All were invited to the Zoom meeting for December 14th at 6:30, please reply
- Please contact Maryanne Sutton if you did not receive Zoom meeting invite

4) Youth Reports H/C (Jonathan/Katie)

- The Tweens and teens were very busy last couple weeks decorating and secretly dropping off beautiful pumpkins.
- This weekend is our scavenger hunt to collect for our food shelf.
- Sunday the 20 we will be in school parking lot from 9am until noon collecting coats and outerwear for house of Mercy.
- If you come to Holy Cross you'll see a weekly examination and examples from our tweens and teens of the joyful mysteries of the Rosary by the beautiful painting of our Mother Mary that one of our teens did.

Youth Reports OMOS (Amanda)

- Had two Senior high meetings so far this year
- Ignite has met a few times and is going very well

5) Holy Cross School (TJ Verzillo reported)

- Back to School; 218 students, 46 preschoolers
- No covid restrictions
- Big Event is walk-a-thon, raised money for school
- Adopt a classroom program for \$500 a class, this will help with supplies
- Aquinas gave \$500 to adopt a hallway
- The clergy speaks to students about mass or what's going on in parish once a month
- Penance prep coming up for 3rd thru 6th graders, Confessions are Monday before Advent
- Veteran's Day Prayer Service this Thursday, 11/10/22
- Thanksgiving prayer service 11/22/22
- The school had 11 staff openings at the beginning of the year
- The Parish Council can help by having positive conversations about the school to the Parish

6) Faith Formation – HC and OMOS (Amanuel Malik)

- Combined Family based Program started in September
- They will happen at both OMOS and HC, Amanual is overseeing St Lawrence and St Charles as well

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- They just hired Nicole Loray to serve as Faith Formation Coordinator
- Debbie Chichelli will provide assistance
- Donna Jacobi is part of the Core Team
- We have 8 trained Catechists
- The meetings happen at the last Sunday of the month after the last mass
- Family Faith Formation goals to empower faith in Home
- Our goal is to raise committed life-long disciples of Jesus Christ
- Instruction takes place mostly at home
- They hope to increase in person meetings to monthly to bi-monthly
- They also have Wednesday meetings at night for those who can't make it on Sundays
- The goal to have weekly meetings
- We are using the Word of Life Curriculum
- We are also using the Formed platform for on-line learning
- Sacraments preps in progress, 30 students from HC
- Classes held twice a month at St Charles, in Spring will be at HC
- Ignite is being encouraged with our youth, we have very good participation
- Year one candidates had their first retreat last week
- First Penance and First Communion will start in January
- Confirmation candidates will have a group of 70 kids that will be confirmed
- 2 catechists are teenagers
- Welcomes suggestion on how the program can get better
- The council is the eyes and the ears of the church, and we can help by spreading the word on the Family Faith Formation Program to help the program grow

7) Father Martuscello's Conversation

- Ignite Program is going well
- The program is a relationship-based program youth program. We come together in a fun setting to cultivate relationships with peers and with Jesus Christ
- It's all about Friendship with each other and with Jesus Christ
- Ignite gathers Friday nights twice a month
- Have had great participation from many different parishes
- Gather in gym for recreation and then move into parish Center for snacks and sharing. Then the group goes into church and pray and gospel and small homily with Praise, worship and confessions and Benediction
- This is an attempt to win over their hearts to Jesus and to stay within the church
- They are building a team of youth leaders
- We can help by spreading the word

8) David Cataline's Conversation

- David is promoting National Vocations Week and he is coordinating the Icon of Jesus the High Priest to encourage parishioners to take home the Icon on the First Sunday of the Month
- The school will have icon in one classroom a month
- There will be a vocations Kiosks at each church that will have material on vocations available
- David was invited to McQuaid to speak about vocations to a Theology class
- We can help by Praying for vocations and promoting vocations and sending interested youth to talk to David Cataline

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9) Pastor's Conversation (Father William Coffas)

A) General Overview

- We are performing baptisms, funerals, and ministering to hungry via the Food pantry.
- We have the spirit of collaboration and cooperation working together at both churches
- Father is grateful for the youth participation within the parish
- Thanks to Mary Jo Di Noto a generous, wonderful servant of the church, Thank you Mary Jo!!
- The position is posted on the Diocese website
- Welcome Desk will debut at both churches, 20 minutes before mass and 20 minutes after mass
- OMOS will debut first followed by HC
- This will help parishioners with questions as there are limited office hours at both churches
- Thanksgiving Mass will be at OMOS this year at 9:00 am
- We will have a Thanksgiving Food drive at our 2 food pantries
- The CMA is going well at both churches. We are making steady progress
- Father encourages us to share the message of the CMA to fellow parishioners

10) COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A) Buildings and Grounds- HOLY CROSS (Report submitted by Joe DiVincenzo)

- Processing recommendations from Campus Security Review with Rochester Police are under review, including:
 - Additional automatic lighting fixtures to reduce loitering and undesirable activity
 - Map current security camera coverage and recommend additional cameras as needed
- Recommended additional timely service and snow pile location clauses be added to this year's snow plowing contract with Everblak to rectify issues experienced last year
- Scheduling a time with our new Finance Director to review current Building and Grounds expenses, preventative maintenance plans, and forecasts for future capital expenditures
- Marian Shrine (facing Lake Ave) renovation has been completed

B) Buildings and Grounds-OMOS (Rob Weigel submitted Written Report)

- Two additional surveillance cameras were added to capture images of Lourdes grotto area
- Large cherry tree in cemetery was removed
- Electrical outlet added to sacristy safe to facilitate charging of remote mics
- Snowplowing contract was approved with Everblak as contractor
- Currently cleaning leaves out of cemetery

C) Finance-HC (Kevin Foy submitted a written report)

- Worked with Chris (Parish Finance Director) to finalize Annual Finance Report to Parishioners. We changed a few things to make it easier for parishioners to understand. Will be available at entrances in a few weeks.
- Discussed Electronic Giving---we need to report numbers on a more-timely basis and should promote options more often in the bulletin. Chris to investigate why both parishes use different online options.
- Repairs---It looks like the Parish Center/Offices will need a new roof in the near future. Chris met with our contractor who said that the school boiler may need to be replaced sooner than later. We provided him with some other contractors who he will connect with. Suggested that he also involve parishioner Charlie Kelly as he is a general contractor.
- Reviewed 1st Quarter numbers for Parish and School (7/1/22—9/30/22) which look OK although both have been impacted by increased Maintenance Expenses.
- Discussed the 22/23 Budget and are voting to approve after the fact.

D) Finance-OMOS

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- Met last month Rob Weigel and Brett Granville are trustees, David is Finance Chair
- Working on reporting accurate electronic giving so it is reflected better in the bulletin

E) Backpack Program/Neighbors in Need (Donna Petrella submitted written report)

- a) The Pantry is currently serving approximately 160 families per month. Each family is given food and meat for four days once per month. We are currently in drive through status for the Pantry as it would be impossible to serve this many families on a walk-in basis. The families receive pre-filled bags of food depending on family size (average family is four per household) and visitors choose the meats they want based on what we have available. This has worked very well, and all seem ok with it. I have very dependable volunteers, so we are always fully staffed. We are open three days per month. I have had to do some shopping at local stores as Foodlink has had some limited supplies as of late. We also would like to thank all the parishioners that have donated both financially and with food drop offs.
- b) Backpack - The Backpack program has increased by 70 percent over last year. We are currently delivering food through this program to 120 students at English Village and Lakeshore Elementary on a weekly basis. The pre-packaged plastic bags are meant to supply the student 4 meals over the weekend when they are not at school and receiving meals at school. I am very happy with this increase as we are able to get to the children that are in need of healthy food. These two schools are 85% free and reduced based families that are struggling with the high food costs that we are all experiencing. I have all the volunteers back from the past two years so staffing this outreach has gone very well. Each volunteer picks up the bags at Foodlink monthly, as to not overwhelm the volunteers with a major commitment.

F) Liturgy Committee (Mary Jo)

- 3 RCIA candidates
- The Liturgy of Remembrance was held last weekend and was a beautiful event. There were 160 names read, and a reception was held afterwards
- Christmas Liturgies are currently being planned
- There will be a Christmas Eve midnight mass at HC this year
- One Christmas Morning mass at each church
- New years will have regular masses
- Will have Coffee Hours at OMOS after 8:30 am and currently have one at HC
- We are considering bringing back Children's Liturgy of the Word after the New Year

G) Stewardship/Evangelization (Written Report submitted by Doug Escher)

- Nursing home ministry. We have reached out to Anita Nagle at Holy Cross school for once again having the students create Thanksgiving cards and posters for 270 residents of Shore Winds and Latta Road East and West nursing homes.
- School/Parish outreach. The same with Thanksgiving cards and posters.
- Rosary Crusade. Started planning the follow up to reignite the Rosary Crusade. I threw the "Hail Mary" pass to the Catholic Courier and working with Mike Latona for the potential of a Courier story.
- Ministry Fair- Still researching the Gallup "Growing an Engaged Church" process to best align it with our parish.
- Presented a 20-minute report to the OMOS Men's Club October dinner.
- I presented a process that was given to us from last year's Diocese's stewardship/Evangelization workshop at St. Johns of Rochester. It was what we do, how we do it, and the "Why" we do it.

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11) Members Forum

- No issues discussed

12) Open Forum (Council will not be expected to respond)

- No issues discussed

13) Closing Prayer with members intercessions

14) Executive Session was held

NEXT MEETING-December 14th at 6:30 via Zoom Meeting

Please Note: Please contact Maryanne if you did NOT get an email invite to the ZOOM Meeting