

HOLY CROSS/OMOS- PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 14, 2023 @ 6:30 PM VIA ZOOM

Attending: Amy Mulcahy-Schmidt, Bobbi Weigel, David Cataline, David Kommeth, Donna Jacobi , Donna Petrella, Father Joseph Martuscello, Father William Coffas, Joe DiVincenzo, Joe Kehm, Kevin Foy, Marc Boeh, Maria Miles, Mark Tachin, Terri Sharpe, Maryanne Sutton, Nancy Spoto, Rob Weigel

Absent: Amanda Lozy-Lester, Brett Granville, Jonathan Stoklosa, Katie Newhouse

- 1) Opening Prayer with members' intercessions
- 2) Approval/revisions of last meeting minutes, Motion Approved by Nancy Spoto, Second by Mark Tachin
- 3) Chairperson' Conversation
 - Membership Committee for 2023-2024 term
 - We need one or two members from OMOS/HC that oversee process of new member selection for Pastoral Council; Amy Mulcahy, Donna Petrella and David Kommeth
 - We need one additional 3-year member for OMOS to replace Donna Petrella
 - We will pick names on 5/27-5/28
 - We are asking everyone to consider asking someone to nominate for Pastoral Council
 - We need two new people from OMOS
 - Father is asking current members to consider serving as Chair and Vice Chair for next year

3) Youth Reports- Holy Cross (Donna Jacobi)

- There was a diocesan youth retreat held at MOS. 105 teens from throughout the
- We will be meeting again to fill Easter water bottles this week to pass out at masses on Easter. We will be visiting Bivona to take a tour and drop off the stuffed animals and your donations.
- Holy Cross 27th Soup Supper-What a wonderful week preparing for and at the event. All the support of the parish showed such a level of care and love for the teens, their friends, and parents as well as Bivona Children's Advocacy Center. Even through the bad Weather made travel not easy, we had a wonderful turn out. We also sold after each of the Masses. Thank you to everyone's hard work and support. We were I'll be delivering the stuffed animals and donations within the next copy of weeks and touring the facility. God Bless you all.
- Red Cross Drive: Katie Newhouse lead the blood drive this year. We went over our goal by two donations. Great job everyone. Each donation saved 3 lives. You are all heroes.

Youth Reports-OMOS (Donna Jacobi)

- Cindy Lamas is leading delegation of youth attending the National Youth Conference
- We had a Hands of Christ ceremony to honor the youth

5) Father Martuscello' s Update

- Ignite is going very well
- New kids continue to show up

6) David Cataline's Update

- New Scheduling System is up and Running
- Donna P and Joe K will take this over as Administrators from David after he leaves
- He will have another training session in April
- Altar server recruitment
- Easter Vigil is being planned

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7) Community Parish Life Coordinator (Maria Miles)

- Maria Miles and Terri Sharpe are Core Members
- Unites States Conference of Bishops is leading this initiative for US parishes
- This will take a year to roll out at OMOS and HC
- They are looking for other organizations to supply us with Food Cupboard supplies for Babies and mothers (Baby Diapers, Formula, baby supplies, blankets, clothes, etc.)
- Still gathering information and looking into process
- We are working with a cluster of churches; S.t Ambrose, St. John's, and St. James.
- We are doing things together not to duplicate each other efforts (Project Rachel)
- First Innovative is the Diaper Drive. We are preparing donation containers for this drive.
- Looking to have a Coffee Hour to get volunteers
- We would like to have a baby shower for mothers who need baby supplies
- Walk-a-thon to raise money
- We wish to share faith with the mothers'/families that need help

8) Pastor's Conversation (Father Bill)

- We will be celebrating the Feast of the Annunciation on 3/18/23 at 8:00 am and giving out Holy Cards (Praying for Mothers in need)
- We enjoyed a joint Mission for Lent among our 7 parishes of the planning group: Thursday, 2/23 6:30PM at St. Mark's; Friday, 2/24 6:30PM at OMOS Vigil for Vocations (nearly 200 people attended this session); and Saturday, 2/25 8:15AM Mass at St. John's on the Ridge – Bishop Matano offered presentations on the Eucharistic Revival. *“Our Eucharistic Service is grounded in our Eucharistic Adoration.”*
- Update from the Planning Task Force:
 - Task Force Planning among the 7 parishes: considering what will occur when a priest is transferred. Fostering the call: Lay involvement and promoting vocations to Holy Orders
 - We currently have 34 priests under the age of 50: with 80 parishes. We have a total of 133 priests in total
 - **Bulletin Article:** Currently the Diocese of Rochester has 86 parishes within 12 counties stretching from Lake Ontario south to the PA border and from Brockport to Auburn. These parishes are served by diocesan priests as well as a small number of religious order priests and priests from other dioceses. As of September 2022, only 34 of 133 diocesan priests were under the age of 60, while 52 were over the age of 75. The retirement age for priests has been gradually increasing to 75. We have 4 projected ordinations in the next 5 years. Three parishes are led by pastoral administrators (deacons or laypersons) including St. Mark's. More detailed information and the definition of terms are available at <https://holycrossrochester.org/index.php/taskforce> or from your parish office.
- I am proposing that the first weekend of the month we offer the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick after each Mass at HC in the Side Room and in the main body of the church at OMOS – this will allow for more people who are ill or going through treatments to receive the Sacrament of Healing. – “Find Healing in Christ”.
- We are considering getting a Mass League. Those who have passed away could be enrolled in this spiritual league and we will have a Mass once or twice a month for all those who have been enrolled. That would be the Mass intention for the given Mass. This will help address the issue of not having enough available masses for people to select from when a person dies. This is being done at St. Lawrence in Greece with wonderful success. Nicky from the parish offices is looking into this.

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- Wednesday, March 22 we will have confessions from 2PM to 6PM for our Community of HC+OMOS. On that day we will have Adoration at OMOS and not at HC – Just for that day.
- We will be sending a delegation to the NCYC this year in mid-November. The cost is \$1,100 each person. Fundraising will be done to offset this cost.
 - **Monks Bread - April 15-16** Kick off weekend as per below. We will keep orders open at least through the following weekend. Plan is for items to be in parishioner's hands weekend of May 6-7 in time for Mother's Day, May 14.
 - **Stock Weekend - June 3-4** Present NCYC trip to parishioners, options for donating to support the kids on the trip and sell tickets to St. Anthony's Pasta Dinner. If we present the kids at the end of each Mass, I think we might be able to pull off presenting them at all 6 Masses that weekend.
 - **St. Anthony's Pasta Dinner - June 10** after 4pm Mass @ OMOS.
- Fr. Martuscello and I are working on a Vocations Awareness Team for priestly vocations. We are currently working with the Catholic Courier on video presentations highlighting priests in the diocese.
- Deacon Tom Jewell will be at the Masses only when he is preaching. This will allow Deacon Tom to adjust to transitions in his life.
- Looking at our funeral log: **since November 2022, we have done about 53 Funeral Masses** between both parishes. We still have 6 more months to go in this year until November 2023.
- Seth Dalton will be concluding his music ministry in the OMOS+HC Community. He has accepted a position in his home diocese in Taxes.
- The Joint St. Joseph Table is set for Sunday, March 19th, this year it will be at HC, from 11AM to 2PM. We have not had a full table at either of our churches for 3 years now. With Gratitude to
 - St. Joseph for watching over us as he did the Holy Family.
 - With the horrific earthquake in Turkey and Syria, I considering giving a portion to the offerings from the table to the CRS to help with the relief efforts.
- On March 8 Fr. Coffas presented a special talk to three grades in Holy Cross School on St. Joseph and explained why St. Joseph is a wonderful intercessor for us. We also shared with the kindergarten, 1st grade, and 2nd grade some St. Joseph Bread and invited the children to attend the St. Joseph Table in our Parish on Sunday, March 19, 2023, 11AM to 2PM.
- On Tuesday, March 7, 2023, we celebrated a First Penance Service for **40 children from Holy Cross and Our Mother of Sorrows at OMOS**. Father Phil Brockmyre and Fr. Robert Schrader assisted Fr. Coffas hearing confessions. Many adults also received the sacrament. Many thanks to Amanuel Malik, Donna Jacobi and Beata Golec for coordinating this beautiful evening of Mercy.
- There will be a CPR & EAD training for anyone in the OMOS+HC Community, especially for Ushers and Greeters in April. A first Responder from Greece Fire Department will lead this information gathering.
- Parish Life Coordinator for HC+OMOS is Maria Miles mmiles7.mm@gmail.com She will be gathering a group of parishioners to Celebrate Life in our Parish Community of HC+OMOS. This will be focused on advocacy and gathering supplies for those who are in crisis, such as diapers collection for our two food cupboards. Mass for Life on March 25 at 8AM at OMOS. All are welcome!
- Presentation and Prayer: We had 40+ people attend the presentation on Tues. Jan. 31 addressing the parish contribution for bankruptcy and the prayer service that followed.
- The school boiler is working. Steady as she goes. Bids are being gathered for this needed replacement.
- At OMOS the Servant's Desk is working out well. We are hoping to begin offering the Servant's Desk at HC. We need to share with parishioners that this is a helpful way to meet their needs.
- Stewardship opportunities:
 - Bring Holy Communion to the Home Bound – Training January 21
 - Bring Holy Communion to Nursing Homes – Appeal at HC January 14-15 at 5PM, 10AM
- Future: ask for help to set up a HC Cross Homework Help program – parishioners from OMOS and HC volunteer to assist students with their homework assignments.

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- Eucharistic Revival Thoughts
 - Scheduler Pro is being rolled out – There was an overview on Sunday, Feb 19 with ministers from both HC and OMOS

9) COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A) Buildings and Grounds-OMOS (Rob)

- A leak in a main HVAC circulation line caused damage to the church hall conference room ceiling. A portion of the suspended ceiling collapsed. Repairs have been completed.
- Cost estimates have been obtained for the installation of the statue of St. Bernadette in the Lourdes grotto and for sealing of the grotto stonework.
- We are beginning investigation into the feasibility of reactivating sound from our church steeple
- Doing an inventory of Master Keys

B) Buildings and Grounds-HC (Joe D)

- Sent out Quarterly Building and Grounds Committee Report to Council on 3-13-23
- Looking to replace School Boiler
- Security Improvements/Camera Surveillance addition/Access to School issues are being discussed
- This is a large 8-page document so it will not be attached

C) Finance-HC (Kevin)

- Spent time discussing church attendance and ways to improve attendance
- Holy Cross relies on one individual that gives a significant amount to Parish

D) Finance-OMOS (Brett)

- Meeting occurred on 1/30/23
 - Discussion was had to collections.
- There is a continuing shortfall.
- There is some encouraging news as signs show that mass attendance is trending up as are the collections.
- There was continued discussion as to addressing the shortfall - another increased giving campaign or a revamped 2023 Budget.
 - Financial Statements were reviewed.
- Discussion as to the continued decrease in Communis.
- Committee reviewed the Balance Sheet and Income Statement.
 - CMA - goal for OMOS met.
 - Buildings & Grounds.
- List reviewed.
 - NCYC.
- A need for fundraising to offset the cost.
 - Executive Session.
 - Next meeting - 4/24/23 @ 6:30

E) Knights of Columbus (David K)

- Helping with Wednesday Adoration
- Having a re-dedication to the consecration to St. Joseph
- Praying rosary at meetings
- Devoted to Parish Life

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F) OMOS Prayer Shawl Ministry (Bobbi)

- The OMOS/HC prayer shawl ministry has grown and prospered over the course of 2022. Begun in 2014 with 10 people from OMOS, our group now numbers almost twice that including two ladies from HC who joined us this year.
- For all that time our materials have been purchased by individuals in our group, but in June we requested the help of parishioners in providing yarn. For three weeks we collected donations at both our churches and were absolutely overwhelmed by people's generosity. Over 200 skeins of yarn were donated! We are now well-stocked for another year and estimate 75 comfort shawls/lap robes can be crocheted/knitted to share with the community. In addition, some monetary gifts were received. We are so grateful and remember our donors in prayer at every meeting.
- Scarves, hats, and mittens have been made and are distributed through the food pantries at both churches. Knitted knockers are created for women recovering from breast cancer. Additionally, thanks to donations from the now disbanded prayer shawl group at St. Charles, we have baby blankets to give at Baptisms. Shawls/lap robes have been delivered to a wide variety of locations for individuals in need of extra comfort, to our Grieving with Great Hope ministries, to the cancer center at Unity Hospital, to nursing homes including Shore Winds, The Pearl, St. Ann's, Edna Tina Wilson, the Episcopal Church Home, etc.
- Our total output for Jan. - Oct. 2022 is quite amazing: 238 shawls/lap robes, 19 pairs knitted knockers, 49 scarves, 20 pairs mittens, 37 hats, 29 baby blankets
- There will be bulletin announcements in Jan. to remind parishioners of our meetings and we are placing a notice in the St. Charles bulletin inviting anyone interested to join us. They were so generous in passing along their extra yarn and shawls to us.
- Many, many thanks go to all the wonderful women who have donated so much time and their amazing knitting and crocheting talents to make so many creations to bring peace and comfort to those in our community and beyond.

G) HC Social Ministry (Nancy)

- Preparing Easter Baskets
- Meetings for St. Josephs table

H) School Advisory (Father Bill)

- Mass for Father Wheelan this Friday 3/17
- Hearing confessions at school
- Priest at school every week from the staff, talked about St. Joseph

I) Stewardship and Evangelization

- Discussing ways to get people back to church
- Walked thru basement of Church

J) Liturgy (Father Bill)

- Jenny preparing Worship aid
- Working on Easter Services

K) RCIA (Father Bill)

- 2 people will be confirmed at the vigil

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10) Members' Forum

- Please submit Committee Reports in advance NOT day of Meeting
- Father Reef is looking for help cleaning out his room

11) Open Forum-No issues discussed

12) Closing Prayer-Father Martuscello

Executive Session- Not necessary

NOTE: NO APRIL MEETING

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 9th, 2023, 6:30 at Holy Cross Parish Center