

**HOLY CROSS/OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13th, 2022 @ HOLY CROSS PARISH CENTER 6:30 PM**

Attending: Amanda Lozy-Lester, Amy Mulcahy, Bobbi Weigel, David Cataline, David Kommeth, Donna Jacobi, Donna Petrella, Father Joseph Martuscello, Father William Coffas, Joe DiVincenzo, Jonathan Stoklosa, Marc Boeh, Mark Tachin, Mary Jo Di Noto, Maryanne Sutton, Nancy Spoto, Rob Weigel

Absent: Kevin Foy, Brett Grandville, Dana Jesionowski, Katie Newhouse

1) Opening Prayer

2) Approval/Revisions of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Committee approved Meeting minutes from 05/10/22
- Motion to approve by Amy Mulcahy; Second Motion by Maryanne Sutton

3) Chairperson's Welcome

- Welcome Everyone
- Please notify Maryanne Sutton if you will not be in attendance for future meetings
- Bobbi passed out Calendar of events of the year
- Bobbi requested that members sign up to report on parish committees
- Maryanne passed out the Address list and phone # list for group to update

4) Youth Reports H/C (Jonathan & Katie) & OMOS (Amanda)

As per Donna Jacobi and Jonathan:

- 1) We sent our seniors out with a blessing and gift at a mass at the end of June.
- 2) This summer, our youth group met weekly to work on our rosary project. We've been working on the joyful mysteries and bringing each mystery to life with costumes and pictures. We are discussing how moments in our life remind us of each mystery. We picked out and learned songs that we felt represented that mystery. We even have a dance to one. We are putting this altogether for release on hopefully YouTube and our website in October.
- 3) On 8/4/22, seniors from class of 2023 hosted a successful blood drive. The next blood drive is in January 2023.

Amanda:

- 1) Friday is a general youth group meeting for the Junior High youths
- 2) Cindi is starting a Senior High Meeting on Sunday Nights

5) Pastor's Conversation

- 1) **Finding Healing in the Presence of Christ** is the recommended theme for our two parishes.
 - We need to focus on healing, especially spiritual healing
- 2) Our faith is in person, by being in the actual church people are immersed in the presence of Christ. While livestreaming will be the only option some can use, the rest of our parish family are invited to join us by being present at the Celebration of the Mass. As we return to a new normal in relation to the pandemic, I am considering the following steps for our community of Holy Cross and Our Mother of Sorrows:
 - Live stream ONLY the 4:00 PM Mass and the 5:00 PM Mass.
 - It was suggested that we add a message before the livestreams announcing the masses we will be livestreaming
 - We have 800 people coming to our two churches each weekend.
 - People who can return to in-person celebration of the Mass are invited to join us. For those who, because of physical limitations or health concerns, will be able to use the livestreaming options on Saturday, or prayerfully reflect on the Mass on Sunday.
 - In the past we used livestreaming to connect with parishioners when we could not gather for in-person worship. Two years later most of us can safely be in the Church.
 - The ideal way of celebrating the Mass is not by observing it or watching it. During the Mass we invited to be present for Christ's life Death and Resurrection.

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- We will still offer the option of livestreaming the Mass on Saturday evenings. **However, it should be clear that our efforts to share the Mass in this way are an outreach to the sick and incarcerated.**
- Those who are ministers of Holy Communion (clergy or lay) are given the option to wear a mask while distributing Communion. For the time being, Fr. Coffas will continue to wear a mask at Communion time.
- The congregation and others are encouraged to offer the Prayer of Spiritual Communion silently. The lector will no longer read this prayer during weekend or weekday Masses.

3) General info:

What is the role of a pastoral Council?

- Parish Council works Collaboratory with the pastor
- Advises the pastor on all issues of the parishes

What is asked of each of us on the council?

- Shares opinions on what we are doing well and what we can do better
- Have open, honest feedback

4) CMA

- The letter will go out soon to parishioners and will be in the bulletin
- Father has a CMA meeting is this Thursday
- Formula is based on attendance at mass, # of households, income of geographic region, collections
- Holy Cross has more parishioners than OMOS. 1854 households at Holy Cross and 1323 at OMOS
- Over the past two years, new parishioners at HC are 58 households and at OMOS 40 households

6) Conflict Of Interest Forms

- Mary Jo Di Noto passed out the COI forms for the council to complete
- Once completed, these go to the diocese

7) Parish Council Poster (Amy)

- Parish Council Posters are at entrances at both Parish
- General email/Gmail account address is listed on the posters

8) COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1) Buildings and Grounds- HOLY CROSS-Joe DiVincenzo reported:

- We have had security incidents
- We met with the Rochester Police Dept, and they gave us suggestions to make the campus safer
- We are doing some Preventative maintenance on the campus
- Looking for ways to have parishioners and school families get involved with the Maintenance of the campus

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

- Hall Kitchen Renovation Nearly Completed
- New parking lot lights installed in front parking lot
- Sidewalk in Fatima grotto was replaced
- Lourdes grotto will be completed prior to 9/14 dedication
- Statue of Bernadette ordered for Lourdes grotto. Anticipate 2/23 arrival
- All church chandelier bulbs replaced & new altar side spots installed
- Storage shed for parking lot salt storage will be purchased & installed in back parking lot

3) Finance-HC (Kevin Foy will send a report)

4) Finance-OMOS (Brett does not have a report this month)

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5) Stewardship/Evangelization-HC (Doug Escher submitted written report)

- We have broadened our nursing home outreach. We have new volunteers for Latta Rd & Shore Winds.
- Continuing identifying the activity of ministries to determine who is active.
- The Rosary Crusade continues to grow. We have presented our process to two other parishes.
- We have had the opportunity to research how our parish can help support our school. Thanks to TJ and Anita Nagel we are moving forward.
- We have several other initiatives just starting to discuss. More at a later date.

6) Liturgy Committee (Mary Jo Di Noto reported)

- RCIA is going to begin in October
- Mary Jo will be taking over the collection bags at OMOS
- David will be a lector once a month alternating parishes every month
- Bible study started today at HC, parishioners attending from both churches
- Father Martuscello did an appeal for Altar servers
- We have a youth that will be lector at Holy Cross

7) School Report (Submitted by TJ Verzillo)

- 1) Currently, we have 219 students registered in our School. 47 of those students are in the Pre-K program where we have 3 classrooms.
- 2) The start of the school year went smoothly with the entire student population starting on September 7th. We welcomed many new students and 8 new teachers/staff members. The school community was excited to be met at the school doors by Fr. Coffas, Fr. Martuscello and David Cataline on the first day. It was a wonderful way to start the school year. The overall atmosphere has been positive so far and we are looking forward to a wonderful new school year.
- 3) We have a few events occurring over the next few weeks that are of note:
 - Fr. Coffas and Fr. Martuscello will bless our classrooms on Wednesday, Sept 14th (the Feast of the Holy Cross)
 - This year, Fr. Coffas and Fr. Martuscello will talk to each class monthly about the Mass, Reconciliation, and the Eucharist.
 - I am encouraging families to attend the 10:00 am Mass on Sundays. Students that attend in full uniform at least once a month will receive a dress down pass. I am still working on details.
 - We will launch an "Adopt a Classroom" program where people can donate money to assist in the classroom needs, such as field trip monies, classroom supplies, and other teacher needs. The information will be shared later this month.
 - Our annual Walk a Thon will late October. Details will be shared in the next few weeks.
 - School Masses have been scheduled and our school chorus will be more active this year.
 - One highlight for the Christmas season is a joint effort between the school and parish where the children will be invited to sing Christmas carols before the 4:00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve.
- 4) We look forward to an exciting and rewarding school year where we strengthen the connection between the parish and the school.

8) Music Ministry (Dr Beata Golec submitted written report)

- 1) We have thirteen volunteer cantors who perform weekend and special occasion Masses at HC and OMOS. Four of them are teen / young adult musicians. With a continuous and dedicated volunteer engagement, we do not require professional cantors for weekend Masses unless it is emergency.
- 2) The Bell Choir is led by Julie Shriner and comprises of 11 members. They are scheduled to perform on September 17 – 18 for the Feast Day of our parishes and will perform three more times in October – December. Bell Choir will perform at both churches and the rehearsals are scheduled for both locations.

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- 3) Trumpet players will assist in special liturgies at HC and OMOS on September 15, September 18, December 8, December 24, December 25, December 31, and January 1.
- 4) Adult Choir- The Choir comprising of over thirty members from HC and OMOS will begin its new season on September 10 (rehearsal) and the first performance will be on September 18. The Choir will rehearse weekly and will sing on Sunday's biweekly until we develop a joint repertoire as a newly formed group. The rehearsals will be held on Saturday afternoons with rotating locations. Sunday performances will rotate as well.
- 5) CME-Contemporary Music Ensemble is led by Janis Reed and accompanied by Seth Dalton. The ensemble consists of ten musicians. They will perform on September 17 as the beginning of the new season.
- 6) Resurrection Choir-The Resurrection Choir has resumed its activity on July 15, 2022. The group receives weekly emails (from Beata) and calls (from Marie Ward and Wordene Day at OMOS and from Anne O'Donnell at HC) with the list of upcoming funerals at HC and OMOS. We have had up to fifteen members singing at Masses.
- 7) Instrumentalists- Instrumentalists accompany the 4pm and 8:30am weekend Masses at OMOS as well as special occasions at both locations. We have 2 guitar players, a trumpet player, flutist & a violinist who assist with liturgies.
- 8) Music Director's Professional Development
 - I have completed over one hundred hours of professional development in May and June 2022 by serving on national and international boards of examiners for Advanced Placement in Music Theory (US) and International Baccalaureate in Music (EU).
- 9) Future Concerts (dates TBD)
 - Dr. Jonathan Gonder who is a retired professor and chair of the Music Department at SUNY Geneseo would like to perform a solo recital at OMOS. The concert will be a fundraiser for the Music Ministry.
 - I would like to resume Young Musicians' Concerts in Fall 2022 /Spring 2023. I established these concerts in 2016 and have organized them twice a year until Spring 2020. The concerts were fundraisers for the Backpack Program & for Music Ministry with a goal of purchasing a new grand piano for the Choral Room at OMOS.
 - I would like to invite the Bell Choir, CME, and the Adult Choir to perform a Eucharistic Renewal themed concert in Fall 2022 or Spring 2023. My vision is to have each ensemble perform solo pieces as well as joint hymns with the congregation.
- 10) Rehearsals
 - Adult Choir - Saturday afternoons with Beata (HC / OMOS)
 - Bell Choir - Monday nights with Julie (HC / OMOS)
 - CME – Thursday nights with Janis (HC)
 - Cantors – on an individual base on weekdays and weekends with Beata (HC / OMOS)

9) Closing Prayer with members intercessions

NEXT MEETING-TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11th AT 6:30 PM @ OMOS PARISH HALL