

Saint Teresa of Calcutta Pastoral Council

Meeting Summary: Saturday, 12 January 2019

Location: Education and Meeting Center, Saint Bartholomew Church

In attendance:

Rev. Marcin P. Pluciennik, Steve Surprenant, Marianne Policastro, Nancy Bojarski, Dorothy Brindisi, Toni Mazurek, Linda Bouchie, Carol Kulpa,

Absent: Matt Ryan, Kate Deasy, Kelly Knotts, Evan Shaw-Mumford, Joan Gleason, Dick Borden, Frank Mello, Rosemary Fahey, Ray Dussault

Pastoral Council Meeting Summary was confirmed, no changes.

Old Business:

Steve reached out to the attendees who have not attended multiple meetings, a second follow-up will happen prior to next meeting and then we can determine the next steps.

New Business:

Fr. Marcin provided an update on the upcoming Mass of Reparation: Celebration of new movement. They would like all ages of parishioners to attend. Mass of reparation is a spiritual celebration, not a mass of fixing the past. Fr. Is working to have more contemporary music rather than traditional. Names are expected to be released soon. The archdiocese is researching old files with an independent retired judge. Names will include priests with credible allegations. There will be priests from Manchester included in the list. Survivors of sexual abuse will be included. There are 3 masses and overflow will be considered. Archdiocese has spent ~42M. Our parish is having the first mass on January 27th at 2pm.

There will be an interim priest for 4 months, Fr. Sebastian Koss is from Poland. He has been a priest for 5-6 years, from Naugatuck.

Christmas weekend collections were near 40K. There were 11 masses and very well attended. Six o'clock at both churches should be combined. 10pm mass was packed with many young people. Each mass was different. Both 4 o'clock masses were packed.

Fr. Jim Shanley and Fr. Ryan Learner have been and will be helping with masses.

Fathers dream would be to have one big Christmas celebration will all people together. Including time before for music.

Another dream is for large towns to have one building and one parish to help offset the declining numbers of priest. The workload has not lessened and makes the challenge more difficult to address.

Consider the best use of all the Time, talent and Treasure as a town, many opportunities to come together.

Consider the current mass schedules. Leveraging the time of masses. Fr. Is considering hiring a full-time deacon. Currently, we have a business manager and a HR person who takes leadership to help Fr. Marcin and this keeps him out of the day to day.

Education Component

- a) General discussion on the Parish Strategic Planning Process and Draft Plan
 - a. Tactics will be tied to a staff member and their effectiveness
 - b. At school teacher evaluation includes feedback from the parents and the students.
 - c. Themes for a month, have it with all areas in parish
 - d. Include detail job descriptions (5-6 primary duties including the weight to each of them)
 - e. Intent is to make the programs more meaningful
- b) Steve reviewed the SOWER – strategic plan draft, sent with the meeting preparation materials and hard copy during the meeting
- c) Continued discussion with leadership will build out the tactics and share the goals and objectives with the larger community.

Meeting closed with a prayer and blessing.

Future (Proposed) Meetings:

March 9, 2019

May 18, 2019

September 14, 2019